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NEWS DIGEST

2536 Kanal State Land Retrieved In Reasi

SRINAGAR: The district administration in Reasi has retrieved 2536 kanal state land during the month of November 2021 by conducting a sustained anti-encroachment drive across the district, officials said Wednesday. As per Revenue department, the anti encroachment drive was carried out by Tehsildars to vacate the state land and Roshni Land in different parts of the district, they said. **More on P10**

Khanabal School Renamed After Ravi Jee

SRINAGAR: The district authorities in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Wednesday renamed a higher secondary school after an armed forces personnel who was killed in the line of duty. The government higher secondary school (GHSS) was renamed as Shri Ravi Jee HSS at a ceremony presided over by ADC Anantnag, Gh Hassan Sheikh, an official spokesperson said. Speaking on the occasion, he said, the ADC said that Ravi **More on P10**

Ladakh Reports 38 New Covid Cases

LEH: With 38 fresh cases, Ladakh's COVID-19 tally has climbed to 21,578, while the number of active cases of the infection has gone up to 276 in the Union Territory, officials said on Wednesday. Ladakh has reported a total of 214 deaths due to the viral disease -- 156 in Leh and 58 in Kargil -- since the outbreak of the pandemic last year, they said. Twelve patients were cured and discharged from various hospitals in Leh. The total number of recoveries has gone up to **More on P10**

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Pak Militant, Aide Killed In Pulwama Gunfight

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Wednesday claimed to have achieved a major success by killing Yasir Paray, an IED expert of Jaish-e-Mohammed group, and his Pakistani associate in an encounter in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

Police, army's 44RR and the personnel of CRPF 183 Battalion on Wednesday launched a joint cordon and search operation (CASO) in Qasbayar area of the district on the basis of specific input about the presence of militants, a police spokesperson said.

During the search operation, he said, the holed-up militants were given an opportunity to surrender as soon as their presence got ascertained.

"However they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter," he said.

In the ensuing encounter, the police spokesperson said, two militants of JeM were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter.

He identified the killed militants as Yasir Paray of Qasbayar, an IED expert and **More on P10**



File Photo

Traffic Cop Shot At In Downtown

A traffic policeman on Wednesday was attacked and injured by suspected militants in Rajouri Kadal area of the Old City here, officials said. The traffic cop identified as Muhammad Abdullah was regulating traffic along the busy crossing in Rajouri Kadal area when suspected pistol-borne militants fired upon him, officials said. Abdullah, they said, received bullet injuries in the surprise attack. The injured traffic cop was removed to SMHS hospital for treatment. According to the reports, Abdullah is a resident of Kangan in Ganderbal district.

"Terrorists fired upon & injured a traffic police personnel **More on P10**

6 AS PER POLICE RECORDS, BOTH THE KILLED terrorists were part of groups involved in planning and executing terror attacks on security establishments and civilian killings."

Militancy Down After Art-370 Revocation: Govt

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The number of militancy-related incidents in Jammu and Kashmir during a period of 841 days after special status of Jammu and Kashmir was revoked dipped to 496 from the 843 cases reported in a same span of time prior to the abrogation, the government informed Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said during April 16, 2017 to August 04, 2019, 843 militancy-related incidents were reported in Jammu and

Kashmir in which 86 civilians and 78 army personnel were killed.

During the period August 05, 2019 to November 22, 2021 (841 days after the abrogation), 496 militancy-related incidents have been reported from Jammu and Kashmir in which 79 civilians and 45 army personnel have been killed, he said.

"The overall statistics shows that there has been decline in terrorist attacks on civilians and army in Jammu and Kashmir," Rai said.

In response to a separate question, Rai said during the last 12 months **More on P10**



DENUDED TOSA MAIDAN: KO lens man Abid Bhat captures vandalism unleashed on green gold in the picturesque meadow.

Covid Cases Shoot Up, 234 More Test Positive

SRINAGAR: As many as 234 more people, including 89 travellers tested positive for coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday while one more fatality was reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to the officials, 118 fresh cases of virus were reported from Kashmir Valley while the remaining 116 were detected from various districts of Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected by the virus in J&K to 337086.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 63 new cases of coronavirus, Baramulla 28, Bandipora, Ganderbal and Kulgam 6 each, Kupwara 5, Budgam 3 and Pulwama 1. The **More on P10**

Covid Orphaned Children Of Kashmir Up For Sale

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: How would you react as an adoptive parent living in Kashmir, if you found out that the baby you had recently adopted, with or without "proper" paperwork, was actually a trafficked child?

This scenario is not as surreal as it sounds. In a shocking and unprecedented incident, children who were orphaned in Kashmir due to Covid-19 are up for sale by a valley based NGO in Indian markets, according to an investigative report that has sent shockwaves in Kashmir.

According to an India Today investigation report, one Asrar Amin who ran an NGO, "Global Welfare Charitable Trust" in the valley, that



FIR Filed, Fact Finding Panels Formed

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday filed a case in connection with the alleged illegal adoption and 'sale' of Covid orphans by a Valley based NGO in Indian markets. In a swift action over the report claiming that Covid orphans were being "sold", an FIR was registered at the Police Station Pampore against the alleged culprits on the directions of the Mission Director ICPS, an official spokesperson said. **More on P10**

claims to be working for children and family welfare has

been selling such orphaned children in Indian markets.

When India Today's SIT reporters probed him at a hotel in Delhi, he offered Covid orphans under his care for Rs 75,000 a child.

"We have so many orphans with us. But if one wants a Covid orphan, there's no problem," he said. "Kashmiri children are really beautiful, Mashallah!" Amin demanded Rs 1.50 lakh for a pair of Covid orphans. "So two children can be adopted for Rs 1.50 lakh, right?" asked the reporter.

"Yes. I am not taking this money for myself. It's for my trust," the NGO head replied. "You must be adopting a child for some reason. There's no need for paperwork in that situation. But if you still insist, you can do it," he said.

"But what **More on P10**

Tempers High In Cold Desert Over Interfaith Marriage

LBA Shoots Letter To LG, Allege Girl Forcibly Married; Converted
Auqib Javeed

SRINAGAR: Tension is brewing one again in Zaskar are of Kargil district after a Buddhist girl connected to Islam and married a Muslim man from Kargil.

According to reports, dozens of Buddhists on Wednesday in Zaskar came on roads and held a protest march against

the alleged conversation.

On 01 December, the Ladakh Buddhist Association wrote to LG Ladakh Radha Krishna Mathur alleging that a Muslim youth from Padum Zaskar has what they call 'forcibly' married to a Buddhist girl.

The Association has demanded that the girl should be recovered and handed back to the family otherwise there are apprehensions of communal disturbances in the region.

The people has threatened to create a stir **More on P10**

33 Custodial Death Cases In J&K In 5 Yrs: MHA Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Ministry of Home Affairs Wednesday informed the parliament that a total of 33 custodial deaths have taken place in Jammu and Kashmir in the last five years.

The queries were raised in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday in the ongoing winter session of parliament which include the details of custodial deaths during the last five years and the steps taken by the Government to rectify the situation.

The Minister of State (MoS) in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Nityanand Rai responded to the queries in the house.

In a written reply in the parliament, the **More on P10**

AZAD TELLS CENTRE

'Bring Bill To Restore Statehood, Job, Land Safeguards'

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Apprehending loss of "jobs and land" to non-locals till the Supreme Court rules in a petition challenging the abrogation of Article 370, senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Wednesday asked the government to bring a bill in Parliament and restore Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

Without naming National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah who recently criticised the Congress' silence on Article 370, Azad said although the case is before the Supreme Court, he had opposed the move as "unconstitutional" in Parliament several times



as the leader of the opposition.

He asked all parties to unite and put pressure on the government to announce the much delayed assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir within a **More on P10**

Shaping Dreams By Moulding Clay

Kashmiri Youth Strives To Revive 'Dying' Glazed Pottery

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: A 26-year-old commerce graduate from Srinagar is aiming to revive the age-old but 'dying' art of glazed pottery in Kashmir after learning it from an octogenarian, who he claims is the only person alive to know the art.

Mohammad Umar Kumar, a resident of Ishber area of Nishat here, has now involved his family in the craft and he also teaches the skill to few youths in a bid to keep it from waning into obscurity.

Glazed pottery, known as



Dal Gate pottery, is unique to Kashmir. Originally, glazed tiles in deep green, blue, brown and

ochre were made in the valley. This craft later got bifurcated to tableware and vases made in red, green and blue glazes.

Once famous and sought-after, this art, like many other art forms in Kashmir, is slowly dying as not many from the new generation in the valley are willing to 'get their hands dirty'.

Kumar's family has been into pottery for several years now, but he took upon himself to wade into a rather different territory and take up the mantle of reviving the glazed pottery the art form lost to **More on P10**

Govt Discounts Fresh Migration Of KP Families

Says Part Of 'Movement Of Officials', Winter Break In Edu Institutes

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government on Wednesday said the recent migration of 115 Kashmiri Pandit families, mostly women and children, from Kashmir to Jammu was a "part of movement of officials" and due to winter vacations in educational institutions.

Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai was responding in the Rajya Sabha to a question by Naranbhai J

Rathwa of the Congress who asked the government whether many Hindus and Sikhs were leaving Srinagar due to rising worries about their safety among other details.

"In October, 2021, approximately 115 Kashmiri Pandit families, mostly women and children, living in Kashmir have moved to Jammu region. These families are of government employees, many of whom, move to Jammu in winter as part of movement of officials and the winter vacation in education institutions," Rai said in a written reply.

He said an ex-gratia of Rs one lakh is paid to the next of kin of the **More on P10**



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Administrative approval:- Accorded.

Note:- The above-mentioned work shall be mandatorily completed during the current financial year 2021-22.

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 date given below:-

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| 1. | Date of issue of Tender Notice | 30.11.2021 |
| 2. | Period of downloading of bidding documents | 30.11.2021 |
| 3. | Bid submission Start Date | 30.11.2021 |
| 4. | Bid Submission End Date | 07.12.2021 |
| 5. | Deadline for receiving the Hard copy (Original e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt and EMD) | Hard copy to be submitted by the successful bidder (L1) only within seven days after Financial evaluation. |
| 6. | Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) | 08.12.2021 at 11.00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar |

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt (Non-refundable) along with bid security declaration certificate as per format (Annexure A), failure to do so shall render the bidder as Non-Responsive.

1. First lowest bidder has to submit Performance security Deposit 3% of allotted cost. In shape of CDR/FDR/BG (BG validity should be 45days more than bid validity days i.e. 120+45=165Days) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).

2. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority)

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

48.The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

49.All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

50.The Employer can cancel the NIT/LOI/ALLOTMENT at any stage without any reason.

No:- LD/ 4698-4705
Dated:- 30-12-2021.

DIPK-13915/21

از نیابت سند یوگام با اجلاس سعید فیاض احمد نائب تحصیلدار سند یوگام
درخواست مخاطب : عادل حسین ولد غلام محمد ساکنہ سند یوگام
بغرض حصول بیک وارڈ اریا RBA سرٹیفکیٹ
استہوار برآمد آگاہی برخاص وعام
معاملمندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول بیک وارڈ اریا سرٹیفکیٹ
دفتر بذمہ پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے
عیان ہے کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔
نمبر شمار نام و ولدیت رشتہ پیشہ مزدوری
1- غلام محمد باپ 65 سال
2- سکین بانو ماں 55 سال
3- عادل حسین شیخ پسر 27 سال
4- روی جان دختر 28 سال
5- مشتاق احمد پسر 28 سال
سایان کا کنبہ 05 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی اعتراض
ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار
گرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
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نائب تحصیلدار۔

از نیابت ساکام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو منسٹر بیت درجہ اول ساکام
درخواست مخاطب : بشیر احمد ولد کریم کاس ساکنہ چوگام (شانارڑ)
بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ
استہوار برآمد آگاہی برخاص وعام
معاملمندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذمہ
پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے
کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔
نمبر شمار نام و ولدیت عمر پیشہ مزدوری
1 بشیر احمد ولد کریم کاس 50 سال مزدوری
اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 01 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی
اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش
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از نیابت ساکام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو منسٹر بیت درجہ اول ساکام
درخواست مخاطب : منظور احمد ولد بشیر احمد چوگام (شانارڑ)
بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ
استہوار برآمد آگاہی برخاص وعام
معاملمندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذمہ
پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ
سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔
نمبر شمار نام و ولدیت عمر پیشہ مزدوری
1 منظور احمد ولد بشیر احمد چوگام 33 سال مزدوری
2 گلشن ذبیحہ منظور احمد 30 سال
3 کلثوم دختر منظور احمد 05 سال
4 عابدہ ولد منظور احمد 02 سال
اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 04 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی
اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے
معیار گرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
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از نیابت ساکام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو منسٹر بیت درجہ اول ساکام
درخواست مخاطب : محمد عظیم چوگام ولد لطیف چوگام ساکنہ چوگام (شانارڑ)
بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ
استہوار برآمد آگاہی برخاص وعام
معاملمندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذمہ پیش کیا ہے جو
کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔
نمبر شمار نام و ولدیت عمر پیشہ مزدوری
1 محمد عظیم ولد محمد یعقوب چوگام 45 سال مزدوری
2 نسیمہ ذبیحہ محمد عظیم چوگام 40 سال گھریلو کام
3 شہینہ دختر محمد عظیم چوگام 15 سال گھریلو کام
4 محمد عظیم ولد محمد عظیم چوگام 13 سال گھریلو کام
5 سہیلہ دختر محمد عظیم چوگام 10 سال گھریلو کام
6 سہیلہ دختر محمد عظیم چوگام 08 سال گھریلو کام
اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 06 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی اعتراض
ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار گرنے
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از نیابت ساکام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو منسٹر بیت درجہ اول ساکام
درخواست مخاطب : عاقب شریف آفرین جان، حلقہ جان اولاد، محمد شریف بھگت ساکنہ ہلیرہ ہامہ
بغرض حصول RBA سرٹیفکیٹ
استہوار برآمد آگاہی برخاص وعام
معاملمندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول RBA سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذمہ
پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ
سائل کا کنبہ پندرہ سالوں سے وہ ذمہ سکونت پذیر ہے۔
نمبر شمار نام و ولدیت عمر پیشہ مزدوری
1 محمد شریف ولد عبداللہ بھگت 48 سال مزدوری
2 حفیظہ ذبیحہ محمد شریف بھگت 45 سال گھریلو کام
3 ممتازہ جان دختر محمد شریف 22 سال گھریلو کام
4 عاقبہ شریف پسر محمد شریف 20 سال گھریلو کام
5 آفرین جان دختر محمد شریف 18 سال گھریلو کام
6 شمس جان دختر محمد شریف 16 سال گھریلو کام
اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 06 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی اعتراض
ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیار گرنے
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از نیابت ساکام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو منسٹر بیت درجہ اول ساکام
درخواست مخاطب : سہیلہ احمد ولد چوگام و شہینہ احمد ولد چوگام چوگام (شانارڑ)
بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ
استہوار برآمد آگاہی برخاص وعام
معاملمندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں ساکنان نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر
بذمہ پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں
ہے کہ ساکنان کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔
نمبر شمار نام و ولدیت عمر پیشہ مزدوری
1 بشیر احمد ولد محمد یعقوب چوگام 55 سال مزدوری
2 نسیمہ ذبیحہ بشیر احمد چوگام 50 سال گھریلو کام
3 محمد عظیم ولد بشیر احمد چوگام 25 سال مزدوری
4 شہینہ احمد ولد بشیر احمد چوگام 21 سال گھریلو کام
5 زایدہ ذبیحہ محمد عظیم 23 سال گھریلو کام
6 اقرار جان دختر محمد عظیم 02 سال کم سن
اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 06 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی
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از نیابت ساکام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو منسٹر بیت درجہ اول ساکام
درخواست مخاطب : عبدالکریم ولد ابراہیم گوجر چوگام ساکنہ ہلیرہ ہامہ
بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ
استہوار برآمد آگاہی برخاص وعام
معاملمندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر بذمہ
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کہ سائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔
نمبر شمار نام و ولدیت عمر پیشہ مزدوری
1 عبدالکریم ولد داما دمرزا گوجر 62 سال عمر سیدہ
2 حفیظہ ذبیحہ عبدالکریم گوجر چوگام 58 سال گھریلو کام
3 چاہید احمد ولد عبدالکریم چوگام 38 سال مزدوری
4 وفا جان دختر عبدالکریم چوگام 26 سال گھریلو کام
5 عابدہ جان دختر چاہید احمد 06 سال گھریلو کام
6 زینب جان دختر چاہید احمد 03 سال گھریلو کام
7 عابدہ جان دختر چاہید احمد 32 سال گھریلو کام
8 کوشر جان دختر چاہید احمد 01 سال گھریلو کام
اس طور پر سائل کا کنبہ 08 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی
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The critical dates of NIET NO: 38 e-Tendering/2021-22 Dated: 05/11/2021, issued under endorsement NO: SMC/EELRWD/2602-2611, Dated:-05/11/2021 are now rescheduled as under;

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| 1. | Documents down-load date | 05/11/2021 04:00 PM to 02/12/2021 04:00 PM |
| 2. | Date & Time for submission of Bids online | 05/11/2021 04:00 PM to 02/12/2021 04:00 PM |
| 3. | Technical Bid Opening date | 03/12/2021 02:00 PM |

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POSTS AT SKIMS Aspirants Stage Protest, Demand Final Selection List

Srinagar, Dec 01 (KNO): The aspirants, who have applied for different posts at SK Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), staged a protest on Wednesday, demanding issuance of the selection list.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), scores of aspirants assembled here at Srinagar's press enclave to press for their demands.

They said that they have applied for different posts in SKIMS on 25 December last year, saying that the merit list has already been declared on

5th Oct 2020 while the selection list is still awaited.

The protesting aspirants said that they have been facing immense hardships in absence of the selections list, adding that the two-month delay in declaring the final selection list is adding to the miseries of the candidates.

We appeal the Lieutenant Governor led administration and other concerned authorities to look into the matter at an earliest and ensure that the final selection list is made public, they said—(KNO)

10-Day Online Peace Edu Prog Begins At KU

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: An online Peace Education Programme (PEP) started at the University of Kashmir on Wednesday.

The 10-day programme has been organised by The Prem Rawat Foundation (TPRW) in collaboration with KU's Department of Social Work (DoSW).

Head DoSW Dr Shazia Manzoor said the programme is aimed to help participants explore the possibility of personal peace and to discover inner resources and tools for living.

She said 1.5-hour long lectures will be held covering 10 topics including Peace, Appreciation, Inner-Strength, Clarity, Understanding, Dignity, Hope and Contentment.

Dr Shazia expressed her

gratitude to Vice-Chancellor Prof Talat Ahmad for nominating the DoSW for this enriching collaboration with the TPRW.

The inaugural session of the programme was held Wednesday during which Dr Javaid Rashid from DoSW gave introductory remarks about the PEP while Dr Shazia delivered a welcome address.

From the TPRW, Poonam Sherawat and Tanuja Vashishta talked about the aims and objectives of the programme.

100 PG students from various KU departments will be attending the PEP, which will lay special emphasis on key topics in the backdrop of concerns and challenges thrown by the Covid19 pandemic.

OMICRON

Admin Sets Up 3 Special Quarantine Centers In City

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar:--Srinagar administration has set up three special quarantine centers for international guests in the wake of the outbreak of a new virus variant—Omicron, officials said Wednesday.

A senior official of the district administration said that three special quarantine centres have been set up for the foreign guests in Srinagar district.

“Marriage hall at Sanathnagar area of city and two hotels with all facilities have been converted into quarantine centers. After undergoing Covid tests

Marriage hall at Sanathnagar area of city and two hotels with all facilities have been converted into quarantine centers. After undergoing Covid tests at the Srinagar international airport, international travelers

will have to stay for eight-hours mandatory quarantine at these centers,” the official said.

He said in case any traveller tests positive for the Covid-19 or the new virus mutant, he/she will be shifted to DRDO Covid hospital for special treatment.

The Srinagar administration has taken this step in the wake of the spread of a new virus variant—mutated Omicron.

Kashmir is all set to witness international tourist arrival in the wake of onset of winter and the activities to be conducted by the tourism department including adventure tourism etc—(KNO)

SMHS Faces Syringe Shortage, Patients 'Forced' To Buy From Outside

Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar: Owing to the shortage of syringes at Shri Maharaja Hari Singh Hospital (SMHS) Srinagar, the patients are forced to buy syringes from the market for the last four days, attendants said on Wednesday.

Attendants while talking with the news agency, said that since the last four days they have been forced to buy syringes from outside which is taking a toll on patient-care.

“On one hand the government is making tall claims of the Ayushman Bharat scheme and on the other, the poor patients admitted in the premier health care institute of J&K are being asked

to procure the essential items from the open market,” said an attendant.

He said that since the last four days, they have been requesting authorities to avail syringes but nothing has been done on ground.

Attendants requested concerned authorities to look into the matter at an earliest so that patients can heave a sigh of relief.

Meanwhile, Principal GMC Srinagar Dr Samia Rashid while acknowledging that there is shortage of 5 ml syringes in the hospital since the last four days said that the supply comes from Jammu and Kashmir Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (JKMSCL) and 5 ml syringes

aren't available there.

“They (JKMSCL) haven't given us 5 ml syringes, from where we will bring them, despite that we have bought 25,000 syringes from our pocket money and what else can we do,” she said.

JKMSCL General Manager for Kashmir division Majid Mirab said that the hospital has the availability of 5 ml syringes and can purchase syringes themselves as well.

“They are already purchasing 25 percent of the stock themselves. The hospital authorities haven't communicated with us in this regard and whatever was the annual demand we have already given it to them,” Mirab said—(KNO)



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It is notified for the information of all the concerned that the last date for submission of innovative proposals related to products, processes and services from the students or individuals of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir for development of potential startups, has been extended upto **6th December, 2021 (3:00 pm).**

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NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for information of all the stake holders in general and concerned examinees in particular that the examination of Physical Education subject of ongoing Higher Secondary Examination Part-II (Class 12th) Session Annual Regular 2021, scheduled on 04th of December 2021 has been postponed and shall be held on 11th of December, 2021.

However, examination of rest of the subjects shown below shall be held as per the already scheduled date, time and venue.

| Day& Date | Science | Arts | Home Science | Commerce |
|----------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| 04-12- 2021 Saturday | Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Islamic Studies Electronics | Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Islamic Studies Travel, Tourism and Hotel management English Literature | Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Islamic Studies Travel, Tourism and Hotel management | Computer Science Information Practices Environmental Science Functional English Islamic Studies Travel, Tourism and Hotel Management |

No: F/USE/HSE-II/KD/21
Dated: 01-12-2021

**Joint Secretary
Examinations, KD**

DIPK-NB-5523/21

Public Notice

I have lost the RC & Permit of my vehicle bearing Regd No: JK03B-7470, Permit No: 2357/MC/Ang. 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 ARTO Anantnag within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Waheed Ahmad Bhat
S/o Mohammad Ramzan Bhat
R/O Qazibagh Anantnag

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my Discharge certificate of class 8th issued by Govt High School Babapora Zoonimar. 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 above mentioned school within a period of seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Shabnum W/O Showkat Hussain
D/O Sheikh Mohd Amin Peer
R/O Babapora Zoonimar Sriangar

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Subject :-Conduct of 2nd physical up-gradation / allotment (Mop-up) round of counselling for admission to Post-Basic B. Sc Nursing Courses-2021.
References: (i) Notification No. 114-BOPEE of 2021 dated 22-10-2021.
(ii) Notice No. 076-BOPEE of 2021 dated 30-10-2021.

**Notification No. 134-BOPEE of 2021
Dated:-30-11-2021**

Consequent upon receipt of short fall from various institutions/ Colleges, the Board has decided to conduct 2nd physical up-gradation / allotment (Mop-up) round of counselling for admission to Post-Basic B. Sc Nursing Courses-2021 on 6th December 2021. Now, it is hereby notified for information of all the eligible concerned candidates that the Board shall conduct this said Physical Round of Counselling for candidates who are willing / desirous to participate in this counselling which shall be held as per the following schedule:

| Date | Counselling Schedule | Remarks |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 06-12-2021 (Monday) | Rank 01 To Rank 701 | Including all categories candidates. |

Notes:

- Candidates shall have to report at BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar physically for registration/attendance & fulfillment of other formalities between 09:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. ranks wise on 06-12-2021 for their counselling.
- Candidates are advised to bring along their Domicile Certificate Issued by the Competent Authority & other relevant Certificates/documents as applicable to be presented at the time of Counselling.
- The candidates who have been allotted a college / institution during First round of counselling and have joined against their allotted seat(s) and are interested to upgrade shall have to bring the fee deposition receipt for verification purpose.
- The candidates who have missed 1st round of counselling due to one or the other reason or the candidates who have opted CAN / SNA are also eligible to participate in this round of counselling.
- The Board reserves the right to notify any changes as may become necessary in view of any technical difficulty or the reasons beyond its control.
- All the candidates who will report for physical counselling at BOPEE offices Jammu/ Srinagar are advised to adhere strictly to the SOP's / guidelines issued by the Government of J&K from time to time regarding COVID-19.
- The seat matrix shall be uploaded separately in due course of time before counselling.
- For latest updates related to the counselling and availability of seats, the candidates are advised to remain in touch with the website of the BOPEE (www.jkbopee.gov.in).
- Any candidate who may not be able to attend the counselling personally owing to a valid reason can authorize a person (through Authority Letter on prescribed format) from his/her family member to participate in the counselling on his/her behalf at BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar on the day/date of counselling as per his/her Rank.
- The candidates who may be provisionally selected for these courses are advised to contact concerned College/Institute for admission and other requisite formalities.
- The candidates who have been allotted college/institute during 1st round of counselling but failed to join the respective college/institute with in due date fixed by the Board shall not be eligible for this (2nd) round of counselling.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in the Information Brochure, Notifications and Notices issued by the Board in this regard from time to time.

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DIPK-NB-5491/21

No. BOPEE/Exam-16/2021 Dated: 30-11-2021

**(Dr. Sunil Gupta)
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This Day In History

- 1790 - Austrian army occupies Brussels.
- 1804 - Napoleon Bonaparte is crowned Emperor of France in Paris.
- 1805 - Napoleon defeats Russians & Austrians at Austerlitz.
- 1840 - William Henry Harrison elected the 9th President of the United States of America.
- 1899 - US & Germany agree to divide Samoa between them.
- 1914 - Austria army occupies Belgrade Serbia.
- 1927 - Paleontologist Davidson Black announces to the Geological Society of China that the ancient human fossils from Zhoukoudian, China are a new species which he has named 'Sinanthropus pekinensis' (now known as 'Homo erectus').
- 1942 - World's 1st self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction occurs in Chicago Pile-1 (world's 1st nuclear reactor) at the University of Chicago, overseen by Enrico Fermi.
- 1952 - First human birth televised to public (KOA-TV Denver, Colo).
- 1961 - Fidel Castro declares he's a Marxist & will lead Cuba to Communism.
- 1968 - US President Richard Nixon names Henry Kissinger security advisor.
- 1969 - Boeing 747 jumbo jet 1st public preview (Seattle to NYC).
- 1971 - Soviet Mars 3 is first to soft land on Mars.
- 1971 - United Arab Emirates (Trucial States) declares independence from UK.
- 1971 - Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujaira, Sharjah & Umm al Qaiwain form United Arab Emirates.
- 1971 - Zayid bin Sultan Al Nahayyan of Abu Dhabi becomes President of UAE.
- 1974 - Soyuz 16 launched into Earth orbit for 6 days
- 1976 - Fidel Castro becomes President of Cuba, replacing Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado.
- 1981 - Spanish government requests membership of NATO.
- 1982 - 1st permanent artificial heart successfully implanted (U of Utah) in retired dentist Barney Clark; lived 112 days with Jarvic-7 heart.

From KO Archives

Pak go-ahead to Hurriyat for talks with India

AGENCIES

ISLAMABAD: In a significant move of far-reaching import, Islamabad today proposed the Hurriyat Conference hold talks with India and Pakistan separately to pave the way for three way talks and announced that it's armed, forces would observe "maximum restraint" along the Line of Control (LoC) with immediate effect.

“With immediate effect Pakistan armed forces deployed along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir will observe maximum restraint in order to strengthen and stabilize the cease-fire,” foreign secretary Inam ul Haq announced at a press conference here. Haq proposed that APHC should hold talks with India and Pakistan separately to pave the way for three way talks. Haq extended

invitation to the Hurriyat executive committee to visit Pakistan during the month of Ramadhan to prepare the ground for three way negotiations and urged India to do the same to settle the Kashmir issue peacefully in accordance with the will of the people of Kashmir.

Haq urged Indian government to allow APHC leaders to visit Pakistan for consultations. Haq reiterated Pakistan's commitment to respect and support the Kashmiri's inherent right of self-determination.

Haq said Pakistan “does not exercise any control” on militant groups fighting against Indian rule in Kashmir, when asked if Islamabad would ask them to curb their activities.

India should also hold consultative talks with the APHC, so that the dispute could be resolved “in accordance with the will of the people of state,” he said.

“We are not asking APHC to work as a mediator. Its executive committee should meet both governments to discuss ways to initiate a process of dialogue”.

To add credibility to its claim for a peaceful settlement the Indian government should end “repression in Jammu and Kashmir, release all detainees and respect the fundamental rights of the Kashmiri people, he said.

(Kashmir Observer, 02 December, 2000)

Germany Reports Over 400 Covid Deaths, Highest Since Mid-February



Agencies

BERLIN: Germany reported the highest number of deaths from coronavirus since mid-February on Wednesday as hospitals warned that the country could have 6,000 people in intensive care by Christmas, above the peak of last winter.

The Robert Koch Institute, Germany's state infectious disease agency, reported 67,186 new cases on Wednesday, up 302 from a week ago, and 446 deaths - the highest daily figure since February 18, bringing the overall deaths to 101,790.

However, the seven-day incidence rate per 100,000 fell for a second day to 442.9 people, from 452.2 people on Tuesday.

Germany's federal and regional governments agreed on Tuesday to take action to counter the fourth wave of COVID-19, including stepping up the vaccination campaign and restricting contact, especially for unvaccinated people.

Already criticised by scientists for acting too late, the lead-

ers agreed to take firm decisions on Thursday on proposals such as forcing customers to show proof of vaccination or recovery in shops and limiting numbers of people at big events.

Gernot Marx, president of the DIVI association for intensive care medicine, warned that the country could still have 6,000 people in intensive care by Christmas regardless of what measures are now decided by politicians.

That compares with a previous high of 5,745 coronavirus patients in intensive care on January 3. Germany also has fewer beds available now due to a shortage of nursing staff.

"The situation is really becoming increasingly tight," Marx told ZDF television, calling for the government to consider a temporary lockdown. "We need to save the clinics from collapse."

Four people in southern Germany have tested positive for the Omicron COVID-19 variant even though they were fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, the public health office in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg said.

WHO Warns Against "Blanket" Omicron Travel Bans As Nations Shut Borders

Agence France-Presse

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND: The World Health Organization has warned blanket travel bans will not prevent the spread of Omicron, as more countries rushed to impose curbs and the first cases of the new Covid strain were detected in Latin America.

In the week since the new virus strain was reported by South Africa, dozens of countries around the world have responded with travel restrictions -- most targeting southern African nations.

But the World Health Organization warned Tuesday that "blanket" travel bans risked doing more harm than good, just as Canada expanded its restrictions.

In a travel advisory, the WHO warned the bans could ultimately dissuade countries from sharing data about the evolving virus.

But it did advise that unvaccinated people vulnerable to Covid-19, including over-60s, should avoid travel to areas with community transmission of the virus.

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said it was understandable for countries to seek to protect their citizens "against a variant we don't yet fully understand".

But he called for the global response to be "calm, coordinated and coherent", urging nations to "take rational, proportional risk-



WE'RE GOING TO LEARN A LOT MORE in the next couple weeks about the lethality of this virus, about how much it spreads, what we have to control it, etcetera,"

reduction measures".

The likely futility of broad travel restrictions was underscored as Dutch authorities reported that Omicron was present in the country before South Africa officially reported its first cases on November 25.

The new variant -- whose high number of mutations the WHO believes may make it more transmissible or resistant to vaccines -- was found in two Dutch test samples from November 19 and 23, with one having no travel history.

So far, well over a dozen countries and territories have detected cases, including Australia, Britain, Canada, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy

and Portugal.

Latin America reported its first two cases Tuesday -- in people who travelled from South Africa to Brazil -- and a first case was confirmed in Japan, one day after it barred all foreign arrivals.

However, US President Joe Biden said the travel bans on just the southern African nations would stay in place, without referencing the other places where Omicron has been detected.

Asked how long travel restrictions that took effect Monday on South Africa and seven other southern African countries would remain, Biden said it "kind of depends".

Does Omicron Defeat Vaccines? No Sign Of That Yet, Says Oxford

Bloomberg

There's no evidence existing vaccines won't provide some protection against the omicron variant, the University of Oxford said as scientists scramble to assess the new Covid-19 mutation.

"Despite the appearance of new variants over the past year, vaccines have continued to provide very high levels of protection against severe disease and there is no evidence so far that omicron is any different," the university said Tuesday.

Drugmakers are rushing to test their shots and therapeutics against omicron amid signs it could spread more quickly and evade vaccine protection due to the high number of mutations it displays. Companies and scientists have all said it will take some weeks before the true impact is known, with



little data to go on so far.

AstraZeneca Plc, which co-developed the Covid vaccine with Oxford, said Friday it was testing the shot and already conducting research in countries such as Botswana where the variant has been identified. Oxford has the "tools and processes in place" to swiftly tweak the vaccine to target omicron if needed, it said.

Pfizer Inc. said it will know in

the next two to three weeks how well its vaccine holds-up against omicron, while Moderna Inc.'s top executives reiterated that the variant's many mutations suggest new vaccines will be needed.

The head of Europe's drugs regulator told the European Parliament Tuesday it's not known if adaptations will be necessary, but it would take the agency three to four months to authorize a new version from the start of development.

The omicron variant has spooked scientists because of the high number of mutations it has, many more than the highly-transmissible delta variant. The majority of the changes are to the virus's spike protein, which it uses to enter cells and has been the target of the current crop of authorized vaccines, adding to the concerns.

Astra shares traded 0.9% lower at 2:40 p.m. in London.

This Iranian Video Game Wants You To Help Keep George Floyd Alive

Agencies

Iran's Basij militia has unveiled a video game whose hero is George Floyd, the Black man who was murdered by a white police officer in the US last year.

Iran's Saheb News, which is close to the Basij -- a volunteer militia loyal to the establishment -- said the game was presented on Tuesday during a digital production conference it held in Tehran.

"Today, the only place where the United States can still present its defeats as victories is on the internet," Basij head Gholamreza Soleimani, who was present for the event, was quoted as saying.

In the "Nejat-e-Azadi" (Defend Freedom) 3D game, developed by the Basij's IT department, the player must overcome obstacles and side-step enemies across 30 levels of difficulty.

The aim of the game should be to rescue Floyd from American police, a high ranking commander in Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Brigadier General Mohammad Reza Naghdi, told Iranian tv.

"I thought if we want to have a message to the international audience, we should design a game in which Iranians free this oppressed American from under the knees of American police," Naghdi said.

over the past five years.

Social restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic "have disrupted the supply of goods, leading to shortages and higher prices," said Upasana Dutt, head of worldwide cost of living at The EIU.

"We can clearly see the impact in this year's index, with the rise in petrol prices particularly stark," she said, while central banks are expected to raise interest rates cautiously, reducing inflation.

The average inflation figure does not include four cities with exceptionally high rates: Caracas, Damascus, Buenos Aires and Tehran.

The Iranian capital rose from 79th to 29th place in the ranking as US sanctions have pushed up prices and caused shortages.

Damascus was ranked the world's cheapest city to live in.

This year's data was collected in August and September as prices for freight and commodities rose and shows that on average prices rose 3.5 percent in local currency terms -- the fastest inflation rate recorded

Lifting Sanctions Key To Reviving Iran Deal: China Daily



Agencies

BEIJING :- With the resumption of talks aimed at reviving the 2015 Iranian nuclear deal, there is an opportunity to save the nuclear non-proliferation agreement, as both the United States and Iran have shown a greater willingness to keep it alive.

The hard-won deal was left on life support after the US withdrew from it in 2018 and re-imposed unilateral sanctions on Iran.

That the talks, which commenced in Vienna, Austria, on Monday (Nov 29), could happen at all shows all parties involved are still optimistic that dialogue can break the impasse.

To give this positivity some cause for celebration, the two parties concerned should try and heed each other's concerns and make efforts to meet each other half way.

Iran's new negotiating team has set demands for the revival of the nuclear agreement, including the removal of all US sanctions, a verification mechanism for the removal of the embargo, and guarantees from Washington that future administrations will not breach the deal.

As the one responsible for the original deal's collapse, the US should lift all sanctions against Iran and third parties in order to show goodwill. Iran, on its part, should comprehensively fulfill the obligations it agreed to in the 2015 deal.

Lifting the sanctions against Iran can serve as a touchstone for the US administration's sincerity in rejoining the international deal. It could also help ease tensions between the US and the Islamic Republic and even win Iran's cooperation over global crude oil prices as the US is now keen to curb its serious inflation by driving down crude oil prices.

As party to the Iran talks, China has always been committed to upholding the comprehensive Iran nuclear agreement and intensively communicated and coordinated with Russia, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, the US and the European Union to promote the resumption of the negotiations.

As long as the parties concerned engage in the negotiations with good faith and a constructive spirit, there is hope that the ongoing negotiations can come to some arrangement.

NEWS MAKERS

Not Paris Or Singapore, This Is Now World's Most Expensive City

Agence France-Presse

LONDON: Tel Aviv is the world's most expensive city to live in as soaring inflation has pushed up living costs globally, according to a survey published on Wednesday.

The Israeli city climbed five rungs to score top place for the first time in the authoritative ranking compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

The Worldwide Cost of Living Index is compiled by comparing prices in US dollars for goods and services in 173 cities.

Tel Aviv climbed the rankings partly due to the strength of the national currency, the shekel, against the dollar, as well as increases in prices for transport and groceries.

Paris and Singapore came joint second, followed by Zurich and Hong Kong. New York was in sixth, with



Geneva in seventh.

Rounding off the top 10 were Copenhagen in eighth, Los Angeles in ninth and Osaka, Japan, in 10th.

Last year, the survey put Paris, Zurich and Hong Kong in joint first place.

"It Was Scary": How South African Scientists Spotted Omicron Variant



Agencies

On Friday Nov. 19, Raquel Viana, Head of Science at one of South Africa's biggest private testing labs, sequenced the genes on eight coronavirus samples - and got the shock of her life.

The samples, tested in the Lancet laboratory, all bore a large number of mutations, especially on the spike protein that the virus uses to enter human cells.

"I was quite shocked at what I was seeing. I questioned whether something had gone wrong in the process," she told Reuters, a thought that quickly gave way to "a sinking feeling that the samples were going to have huge ramifications".

She quickly picked up the phone to her colleague at the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) in Johannesburg, gene sequencer Daniel Amoako.

"I didn't quite know how to break it to them," she recalls. She told Amoako, "To me, it looks like a new lineage."

The discovery of the Omicron variant in southern Africa has caused global alarm, with countries limiting travel from the region and imposing other restrictions for fear it could spread quickly even in vaccinated populations.

Amoako and the team at the NICD spent the Nov. 20-21 weekend testing the eight samples which Viana sent them, all of which had the same mutations, he told Reuters on Tuesday.

It was so bizarre that Amoako, his colleague Josie Everatt and other colleagues also thought it must be a mistake. Then they remembered that over the week, they'd noticed a sharp rise in COVID-19 cases, of the sort that might indicate a new mutant.

In addition, Viana had been alerted to an oddity in the sample earlier this month by a colleague - an S-gene dropout, one of the mutations that now distinguishes the new Omicron variant of the coronavirus from the globally dominant Delta one.

The only common variant with that feature was Alpha, "and we hadn't seen Alpha (in South Africa) since August," Everatt recalls thinking as they tested the samples.

By Tuesday, Nov. 23, after testing another 32 from around Johannesburg and Pretoria, "it was clear," Amoako said.

"It was scary."

Burning Questions

On the same Tuesday, the NICD team informed the department of health and other labs across South Africa doing sequencing, which later started coming up with similar results.

Twitter Prohibits Sharing Of Personal Photos, Videos Without Consent

Agencies

Twitter Inc said on Tuesday it will not allow sharing of personal media such as photos and videos on its platform without the consent of the person.

The social media company's privacy policy already prohibits sharing of other people's private information such as phone numbers, addresses and IDs.

"When we are notified by individuals depicted, or by an authorized representative, that they did not consent to having their private



image or video shared, we will remove it," Twitter said in a blog post.

The microblogging site's co-founder Jack Dorsey stepped down as the chief executive of the company on Monday, handing over reins to its technology chief Parag Agrawal.

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Subject: Conduct of allotment counselling (physical) for admission to M.Sc. Tech courses-2021 at SKIMS, Sura, Srinagar.

Reference: i) Notification No: 96-BOPEE of 2021 dated 25-09-2021.

ii) Notification No: 125-BOPEE of 2021 dated 12-11-2020.

**NOTIFICATION No: 135-BOPEE of 2021
DATED: 01-12-2021.**

In pursuance of Notification No. 125-BOPEE of 2021 dated 12-11-2021, where under the Board has notified Provisional Merit list of candidates, who have applied for admission to M.Sc Technology Courses 2021 and they have been advised to submit their objections/deficient documents physically at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar up to 17-11-2021. In response to this, the Board received objections/documents which were examined and the merit list was accordingly updated which forms Annexure "A" to this Notification and is available on official website of BOPEE www.jkbopee.gov.in only. However, the application form of candidate namely Ardieba Jan D/o Rasheed Dar is rejected due to non-submission of qualifying marks card/certificate.

Now, it is hereby notified for information of all the eligible concerned candidates that the Board shall conduct Physical Round of Counselling for candidates who figure in Annexure "A" and shall be held as per the following schedule: -

| Date | Counselling Schedule |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Tuesday, 07-12-2021 | Rank 01-166 |

Notes

- Candidates shall have to report at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar physically for registration/attendance & fulfilment of other formalities between 09:30 A.M to 10:30 A.M on above day/date.
 - Candidates are advised to bring their Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority along with other relevant Certificates/documents as applicable which are to be presented at the time of Counselling.
 - The Board reserves the right to notify any changes as may become necessary in view of any technical difficulty or the reasons beyond its control.
 - All the candidates who will report for physical counselling at BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar are advised to adhere strictly to the SOPs/guidelines issued by the Government of J&K from time to time regarding COVID-19.
 - The course wise eligibility shall be decided during the counselling by the experts from SKIMS, Sura, Srinagar.
 - The seat matrix shall be uploaded separately in due course of time before counselling.
 - For latest updates related to the counselling and availability of seats, the candidates are advised to remain in touch with the website of the Board (www.jkbopee.gov.in).
- The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in various Notifications/Notices issued by the Board in this regard from time to time.

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DIPK-NB-5522/21

No: BOPEE/Exam-21/2021

Dated: 01-12-2021

(Dr. Sunil Gupta)
Controller of Examinations J&K
BOPEE

UN Demands Release Of Khurram Parvez

KO News Service

SRINAGAR: The United Nations on Wednesday sought release of Kashmiri human rights activist Khurram Parvez and asked for amendment in Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and a probe into the Hyderabad civilian killings.

"We are deeply concerned at the arrest of Kashmiri human rights defender Khurram Parvez' under Indian counter-terrorism legislation, the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA)," UN Human Rights Office spokesperson Rupert Colville said in a statement issued on Monday.

The UN has raised concern over civilians killed by security forces in the course of anti-mil-

itancy operations including in Hyderabad recently, and disposal of their bodies in secret.

Parvez, who has now been in custody for more than a week, is accused of terrorism-related offences. "We are unaware of the factual basis of the charges. He is known as a tireless advocate for families of the disappeared and has been targeted before for his human rights work. In 2016, he was detained under another controversial law, the Public Safety Act, for two and a half months after being prevented from travelling to the Human Rights Council in Geneva. He was released after the Jammu and Kashmir High Court declared his detention illegal," Colville said.

Court Sentences Man To 3-Years Jail For Accident Caused By His Minor Son

Aqib Ahmad

SRINAGAR: Special mobile magistrate (Traffic) Srinagar Shabir Ahmad Malik as per the judgment, a copy of which lies with GNS.

As per Section 199A Motor Vehicle Act 1988, when the offence under the Act is committed by a juvenile, the guardian of such juvenile or the owner of the motor vehicle shall be deemed to be guilty and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

"Since, the accused (man) has pleaded guilty and does not want to avail the opportunity to defend himself, as such there is no need to proceed further with the

trial," said Special mobile magistrate (Traffic) Srinagar Shabir Ahmad Malik as per the judgment, a copy of which lies with GNS.

"Therefore, keeping in view the facts and circumstances and the statement of the accused person wherein he pleaded guilty, the accused person is accordingly convicted for the commission of offence under section 199A

M.V Act and I propose to sentence him to three (3) years simple imprisonment and twenty five thousand rupees (25,000) of fine."

However the Special mobile magistrate (Traffic) gave benefit of probation to the violator, underling that the offence committed by him does not involve any moral turpitude and the violator has not been previously convicted. GNS

RTI Through Online Mode For Transparency

Guest Author

SRINAGAR: THIS is in reference to a writeup published in your esteemed paper titled as "Information under RTI through Online mode" by Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat. The Govt officials are in a habit of denying information and when these officials retire they are on the forefront of using the Right to Information Act (RTI). This is my personal observation during the last several years. Govt of India has not only destroyed the institution of RTI in J&K, but it is our own officers and bureaucrats from Kashmir who keep denying information and take citizens for granted but when these bureaucrats and officers retire they use the same law to get information on pensionary benefits etc. I am

not only criticizing officers but even the clerical staff in Govt offices never want to share information with people as they think Govt documents and records are their inherited property.

Author has rightly said that digitization of the RTI process is need of the hour. By moving from one post office to another in search of a Postal Order or sending an application by registered post or speed post seems totally absurd when Govt claims to be inching towards digital revolution. I appeal to the Commissioner Secretary General Administration Department and Secretary Information Technology to sit together some day and discuss this issue seriously. Govt must receive and take applications through a digital mode now.



THE PICTURESQUE TOSAMAIDAN here in Central Kashmir's Budgam district has been completely disfigured by unscrupulous elements while those who are at the helm of affairs in the Forest Department are allegedly unaware about the loot of green gold that is going on at a massive scale.

Where Is Peace, Development Promised After Abrogation Of Article 370: Omar To GoI

Agencies

JAMMU: National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah Wednesday expressed dismay over the "autocratic style of governance" of the BJP led central government stating that where was the peace, development, transformation that was promised post Article 370 roll-back in J&K.

He also said that if he is proven wrong, he will pack his bags and remain silent.

Omar on a week-long tour of Chenab Valley region comprising Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a rally in Bhaderwah, Omar said, "Where is peace, development and transformation in Jammu and Kashmir that was promised by the BJP government post Article 370 roll back in J&K. The situation is alarming. The unemployment has gone beyond control and the labour class is starving for want of jobs and the poor people who had been sustaining their livelihood on small chunk of land that was given to them by previous governments' through Roshni Acts while following lawful procedures is being snatched from them in a dictatorial manner bringing them back under the open sky."

As per news agency, Omar said that the National Conference is committed to fight for restoration of the special Status and statehood for Jammu and Kashmir till the ultimate goal is achieved.

Asking people what change they have witnessed on the ground since August 2019, he said, "If you report any im-

NC First Political Party To Ally With BJP: Lone

KO News Service

SRINAGAR: Maintaining that demand for restoration of the Article 370 will never end, Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone on Wednesday said National Conference was the first political party from Jammu & Kashmir to ally with the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Talking to a group of reporters here, Lone said that Omar Abdullah was the first politician from Kashmir to ally with BJP for power. "Yesterday I felt really bad for what they (NC) said about the late Mufti sahib, for allying with the BJP. They made it look like they have never made an alliance with the BJP themselves. The first one to be with BJP here in Kashmir was Omar Abdullah himself, everyone knows so," Lone said.

Lone was referring to the period when Omar Abdullah

was minister of state for external affairs and commerce in BJP-led governments between 1999 to 2002.

Terming Omar Abdullah as the biggest charlatan of Kashmir, Sajad said that he has no moral authority to blame others for disempowerment of Kashmiris as people have seen how announcements for imposition and relaxation of curfew were made by the Union Home Secretary in 2010 when he was in power. "We have already seen when you were in power during 2010, young teenagers were being killed on streets. The Union Home secretary made announcements for relaxation of curfews and not you. We also saw your role when resolution for internal autonomy was passed. You should have resigned after the autonomy resolution was rejected but you did not," he said.

provement, I'll stay silent and I'll not come again to seek votes for my party. Keep religion, caste, creed and regional politics aside and ask yourselves if there has been any improvement in our lives. If the answer is negative, we have to set the accounts straight at the time of voting," he said, cautioning people to remain vigilant against polarisation attempts ahead of the polls.

He said if he was proven

wrong on his claims, "he will pack his bags and remain silent."

"National Conference is not fighting for its own interests but our struggle is for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. We are fighting for the restoration of our rights for which we have been divested on August 5, 2019 and our firm resolve is to keep fighting till we attain our goal," he thundered from the stage.

Ten Houses Guttred In Fire In Tulail Bandipora

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BANDIPORA: At least 10 houses were gutted in a massive fire in Tatri-Kilshay village of Tulail in Gurez area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district late last night, officials said on Wednesday.

An official told Kashmir Observer that at least 10 residential houses were completely gutted in the fire that broke out on the intervening night of Tuesday-Wednesday in the village.

Several families were rendered homeless, losing all their belongings in the blaze, they said.

They said that the fire erupted from one of the residential houses in the village and engulfed the surrounding houses within no time.

"The cause of the fire is yet to be known. There was however, no loss of human life reported in the incident," officials said.

Meanwhile, a police official said that they have taken cognizance of the matter and have started an investigation to ascertain the actual cause of the fire.

The locals meanwhile urged the district administration for immediate compensation and

relief to the affected families.

"All our belongings have been burnt to ashes. We are seeking help from the administration," they said, adding that they will not be able to describe how difficult it is to build a new house in this remote area.

Some videos of the fire showing local families struggling to put down the flames during midnight have gone viral on social media.

Meanwhile the district administration in an official handout said that as per the preliminary reports from the field, 14 structures, comprising 10 families, have been completely damaged.

"The exact details of damages/families affected including partial damages, if any, shall be shared separately in due course of time," it said, adding that the Sub Divisional Administration of Gurez is on job to assist the affected families.

They said that additional immediate relief consisting of blankets, utensils, food kits and cash assistance has been dispatched through a district team headed by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Bandipora.

LG Orders Immediate Relief For Tulail Fire Victims

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JAMMU: Expressing deep anguish over the fire incident at village Kilshay of Tulail in Sub Division, Gurez, which razed several houses, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has directed the district administration Bandipora to conduct an on-the-spot assessment and provide immediate relief to the affected families.

Acting on the directions, the district authorities have immediately supplied Blankets, Sustenance Kits (Cooking Oil, Pulses, etc.), Household Utensils and immediate cash assistance of Rs 1.50 lakh (15000/- to each family), besides every pos-

sible support shall be extended to the families. Temporary rehabilitation/ shifting shall also be arranged wherever required.

Further, a relief of Rs 1.10 lakh to each affected family whose residential structure has been completely damaged shall be released tomorrow under SDRF norms. The Lt Governor has directed the district administration to ensure each family is properly looked after and further support for building new houses should be extended to the affected families.

Senior Sub Divisional Administration officers are also stationed on the spot for the assistance of the affected families.

Workshop on 'The Art of Writing a Research Paper' begins at IUST



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AWANTIPORA: One-week Workshop on 'The Art of Writing a Research Paper' commenced at Islamic University of Science and Technology on Wednesday. The event being organized by the Department of Management Studies will focus on guiding the scholars through various stages of publication of a research paper – selection of the broad area, identification of research gap, design

of research approach and methodology, presentation of results, submission of a paper to the journal, creating revisions and responses to reviewer comments.

While addressing the participants, Dr. Asif Iqbal Fazili, Head Department of Management Studies, highlighted the growing significance of research in the contemporary academic arena besides underscoring its nuances in the backdrop of the New Education Policy, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DEE Class Contract card from R&B Office, if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Super Intending Engineer (R&B) Circle Baramulla /Kupwara within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

NAME: MOHAMMAD SULTAN GANIE
S/O:- GH AHMAD GANIE | R/O-KOHALINA (AUJ)

NOTICE

This is to inform to general public that in my son's name has been wrongly recorded as Mohammad Zackariya of class 2nd grade, Section is Jasmine, whereas in my G. D. Goenka Public School, Sadrabal, Srinagar has been mentioned as Peerzada Mohamad Zackariya Shah. Now I am applying for its rectification of name of my son in school records and want every detail same as mentioned in my school records regarding this if anybody is having any objection he/she may contact to the G. D. Goenka Public School, Sadrabal, Srinagar within seven (07) days after no objection will be entertained.

Javaid Iqbal,
F/o: Peerzada Mohamad Zackariya Shah

Happy Birthday

Zaynab Suhail Shah
(BIRTHDAY ON 1 DECEMBER)

I send to you, my precious daughter, birthday wishes of love, hope, and cheer, for today, as well as the coming year. You mean the world to me and I am so very thankful to have you as my wonderful daughter. Have a great day, my dear!

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TOURISM, GULMARG

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Subject:- Boarding & lodging of foreign snow safety officer for the winter sports season 2021-22 at Gulmarg.

Quotation

Quotations are invited from registered hotels of Gulmarg which are in the vicinity of Gondola for the boarding & lodging of a foreign safety officer to be engaged by Tourism Department for the winter sports season 2021-22. One double bed room, on single occupancy with full meals and other facilities like heating, running hot & cold water & Wi-Fi internet facility is required. Besides, the hotelier has to provide a hall at least once in a week to the snow safety officer for briefing/ awareness classes of the ski patrol team/ skiers.

Terms & Conditions:-

- The quoted rates should be as per day basis and should reach to the office of the undersigned upto 06-12-2021 (04:00 PM). The quotations will be opened on 07-12-2021(12:00 PM) in presence of the bidders and tender opening committee of this office.
- The offers of hoteliers which are far away from Gondola will not be accepted, in view of timely opening/ closing of the ski resort and the rescue gear which has to be carried daily.
- No compromise will be made on the quality and hygiene of the services.
- The payment of service provided by the hotelier will be made only when the funds are available with this office and quality service is provided to the snow safety officer.
- In case of any dispute, the Director Tourism Kashmir shall be the arbitrator.
- This office reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

No.- Gen/195/Adtg/791
Date:- 30/11/2021
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Sd/-
Dr. Javid-Ur-Rehman (KAS)
Assistant Director Tourism Gulmarg

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, KASHMIR

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Subject: - Change of title name in the Registration certificate of the Travel unit running under the name & style "M/s Pasban-E-Haram Tour & Travels".

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Whereas, Mr. Tanveer Ahmad Bangroo, proprietor of the Travel unit namely M/s Pasban-E-Haram Tour & Travels has approached this office for change of title name of his Travel unit M/s Pasban-E-Haram Tour & Travels to M/s Transparent Tour & Travels under the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, the Travel unit is registered with this Department under the Registration of Tourist Trade Act/Rules under Registration No. Reg/T/1837/199/DTK/72/L-9 dated 27-11-2017. The Registration Certificate is renewed up to 31-03-2021.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before the request for change of title is considered in favour of M/s Pasban-E-Haram Tour & Travels, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection if any. The same should reach this office within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in the local newspaper. No objections beyond period of 7 days will be entertained and changes in the Registration records shall be made under rules.

No: Reg/T/1837/1271/DTK
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K O V I E W

Militancy And Article 370

Former J&K minister Omar Abdullah on Monday slammed the centre for “revival of militancy” in Kashmir. He said the new militancy was the result of the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 which, according to him, had angered the youth forcing them to take up arms. Significantly, the former chief minister said the militancy was now made up of local youth, ruling out Pakistan's role in fomenting it as the union government believes. Omar, who is also the vice president of National Conference said the centre had lied that the militancy will end post Article 370 purge. Recalling his rule from 2009 to 2015, Omar claimed that the militancy had been wiped out from several areas and his government had even started discussing the removal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA). Omar is right. During 2011-12 onwards, there certainly was a drawn debate about the withdrawal of the AFSPA from districts like Budgam and Ganderbal. The debate had been initiated by Omar himself and for a while it seemed to resonate with the union home ministry then led by P Chidambaram then. But somehow the debate didn't reach its logical conclusion after the defence ministry then under A K Antony put its foot down.

Now, after the withdrawal of Article 370, Kashmir has become an altogether different place. The militancy, while it may not have revived, has continued unchanged. The number of militants in Kashmir continues to hover around 200, same it has been over the last six years. This despite the fact that over the last two years, the security forces have achieved greater success in the operations against militants and at one time it had appeared a distinct possibility that the militancy was on its way out.

But going by the rise and fall of militancy over the past three decades, such a prospect is unlikely to come about. The militancy in Kashmir has often risen from the ashes. Never had it come so close to extinction as by 2013 during Omar's rule when the Valley had a little over hundred militants, only a small number of them locals. But from 2014 onwards the number started rising again. In 2018, the most violent year in a decade, 271 militants were killed but it still didn't make any difference to the ground situation. J&K administration as also the union government can still take comfort in the fact that the largescale public protests have been reigned in. But this is so because the government has been forced to maintain a comprehensive security domination in the Valley which is not the same as normalcy. And for true normalcy to take root, the government has to embark on engagement and political outreach in Kashmir.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Follow The Science

Countries around the world have begun taking precautionary measures against the Omicron variant of the novel coronavirus. The detection of this variant by South African medical authorities and their alacrity in passing on information about the mutants on the pathogen's spike protein have given governments precious time to take safeguards. Responses have been far swifter compared to earlier this year when the Delta variant began to make its presence felt. There are indications that the world has learnt valuable lessons in preparedness from the nearly two-year-long confrontation with the virus. Even then, the variant has dispersed to several countries and authorities in different parts of the world are showing signs of panic. Some of the alarm is understandable. But given that the data about the variant doesn't yet convey the magnitude of the threat it poses, the best recourse would be to remain unflinching about Covid protocols while the scientists and medical experts do their job.

Early reports from South Africa do indicate that though highly transmissible, Omicron's symptoms are relatively mild but this is early days and the guard cannot be lowered. The knowledge on whether those infected with the new variant had comorbidities or age-related infirmities is scanty. There is anecdotal evidence of breakthrough infections caused by Omicron. But even Delta has shown that it can infect the vaccinated — though in such cases, it rarely becomes virulent. December 2021 is a distance from March 2020 — close to 50 per cent of the adult population in the country has received both shots of the vaccine and serosurveys have indicated that a high proportion of Indians have already been exposed to the virus. The extent of immunity this will confer against the new variant isn't known.

So, while authorities have done well to bolster surveillance at airports, they must also make sure that there is no let-up in the general levels of testing and contact tracing. Covid control authorities in India would, therefore, do well to emulate their counterparts in South Africa — and other parts of the world where Omicron has found its way — with respect to genome tracing.

Indian Express

Caring For Karewas

Kashmir's Geological Treasure Under Severe Threat. Karewas Be Declared As Heritage Sites



THE GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE explored constructing railway tracks on pillars as was done in case of Delhi Metro. Instead, Railway engineers chose to fill almost 170 kms of valley with huge muck and clay to create railway tracks. A beautiful hillock at village Khanda in Chadoora tehsil of Budgam was also destroyed in the process

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO SEE
our national heritage plundered. The Government must immediately call upon NHAI to ensure no soil excavation is done around Karewas during Ring Road construction. Let us protect and preserve this geological treasure from further destruction

Damage Done

Due to massive urbanisation, the Karewas of Kashmir are under severe threat as they are being razed to ground and bulldozed. Since the last two decades, approximately 30% of Karewas in Pulwama and Budgam have been razed to the ground, which is a plunder of these geological formations. The Karewas could have been developed as a tourist attraction but authorities at helm have never even thought of giving them legal protection by declaring them as heritage sites.

According to Prof Khurshid Ahmad Parray in a research article published in Current Science Volume 100, number 6 dated March 25th 2011, geological research done in various parts of Kashmir valley by several geologists has revealed that several fossils were found in upper reaches of Budgam. As per the studies undertaken by Godwin Austen 1864, it is reported that fish scales were found in

Karewas of Goggee Pathri and upper mountain areas of Liddermud and Yusmarg. As reported by Paterson (1940), an elephant species called Elephas hysudricus (now extinct) were found in Karewas of Pulwama and Budgam areas. The article further says that fossils of Sivatherium giganteum (extinct species of Giraffe) have been found in Samboora karewas near Pampore. This implies the importance of the geological treasure that is being ignored and exploited.

With similar concerns, noted geologist of Kashmir Prof Abdul Majid Bhat, who has carried out seminal research work on Khonmoh fossil park has also expressed reservations with the destruction of Karewas and he too has been demanding that Government initiate necessary legal frameworks to declare Karewas as heritage sites.

Many activities have contributed to the damage done to the Karewas. The impact and fall out is quite evident.

The authorities seem to be least bothered about undertaking a massive crackdown against the soil excavators who are now operating in the broad daylight across several areas of Budgam, Pulwama and Pattan areas. The Karewas of central Kashmir's Budgam district are under the threat of extinction as due to ceaseless soil excavation since the last more than 2 decades now. An estimated 30 to 40% of the Karewas in Khansahib, Budgam and Chadoora areas alone have been razed to ground after continuous plunder by huge soil excavating machines and JCBs.

The destruction of Karewas began in the mid 1990s after the Qazigund Baramulla railway project was started in Kashmir. Massive soil excavation work was taken up in Pattan, Pulwama and Budgam Karewas. Hundreds of trucks and other load carriers were pressed into work by various construction firms who were given contracts for this Railway project to carry the clay for creating elevated railway tracks. The karewas of Pulwama and Budgam initially became the direct target.

Huge excavators thus plundered the karewas by luring farmers who owned land there. The muck which has been used for making elevated railway tracks from Qazigund to Baramulla has largely been built from the material obtained from the Karewas.

The Government could have explored constructing railway tracks on pillars as was done in case of Delhi Metro. Instead, Railway en-

gineers chose to fill almost 170 kms of valley with huge muck and clay to create railway tracks. A beautiful hillock at village Khanda in Chadoora tehsil of Budgam was also destroyed in the process.

The continuous soil excavation from the Karewas and felling of trees in forests leads to extensive siltation of Jhelum river which then causes massive floods due to rise in the water level.

Chadoora, Hyathpora and Nagam Karewa which used to be famous for best quality almond orchards have been vandalized as demand for clay is increasing day by day. The farmers are equally responsible for this mess as they welcomed construction firms to bulldoze their karewas for petty gains.

The saffron cultivation done on thousands of hectares of the Karewa land especially in Pampore, Samboora, Parigam, Kaisermulla, Sarai Khampora, Kuzweira, Kultreh and a number of other villages in Pulwama and Budgam has come down drastically. In Wadipora and Kultreh villages, the Karewas were vandalized by brick kilns as well as dozens of such kilns were set up in these areas. Clay from these karewas is used to make bricks thus defacing these beautiful plateaus.

Urgent Call for Action

There is great apprehension that Karewas of Budgam and Pulwama will be destroyed further as work on Srinagar Semi Ring Road has already been started. A major portion of Karewa land around Ichgam, Ichkoot and Budibagh has been demolished. The government has completely ignored the dire need of an environmental impact assessment document for the public, so that people would know what kind of measures National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) will take to cause minimum environmental disaster. We can't afford to see our national heritage plundered. The Government must immediately call upon NHAI to ensure no soil excavation is done around Karewas during Ring Road construction. Let us protect and preserve this geological treasure from further destruction.

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Conscious Winter

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

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

Therefore, it is important for us to use energy efficient alternatives. Additionally, we must also check reckless

use of these appliances. For instance, we must regulate the number of geysers we use. Perhaps, we can only use one and ensure that we switch it off well in time.

We can also be careful about the use of electric blankets and switch them off before going to bed. This will not

only save electricity but is also a safe use of such appliances.

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

Jawad Muhammad

OMICRON: Vaccine Nationalism Will Only Perpetuate The Pandemic

As Wealthy Nations Continue Hoarding Vaccines, New Dangerous COVID-19 Variants Will Continue Emerging.

Fatima Hassan

YOU CANNOT IMPOSE RIGID

policies or build high enough walls to keep the consequences of vaccine inequality out. We need to pull out all of the stops and remove every barrier to vaccine production – and intellectual property is first among them. We need solidarity and cooperation, not knee-jerk travel bans



The United Kingdom and wealthy European nations are in a panic. Unsurprisingly, hoarding huge swaths of the global vaccine supply has enabled the emergence of dangerous new variants of COVID-19. And once again, rich countries are punishing the victims of global vaccine inequality by slamming shut the borders to anyone from southern African nations. Of course, the Omicron variant, as the World Health Organization has named it, has not exclusively been found in Southern Africa. Cases have been discovered in Asia and Europe, including in the UK, but the Global South is being blamed for it, while the means to deal with COVID-19 have been kept from it. This is perfectly fitting with how rich countries have dealt with the pandemic.

At each stage of their response, hopes for collaboration have been junked. Western nations have hoarded – and even binned – vaccines rather than donate them on scale, or on time. For more than a year, the UK and European Union have blocked a proposal from South Africa and India to suspend intellectual property on COVID-19 technologies including vaccines. Most countries in the world recognise this is crucial for scaling up vaccine pro-

duction to levels needed to end this pandemic. But to leaders like British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, propping up pharmaceutical monopolies is more important.

Just seven percent of people in Africa are fully vaccinated and recent data shows only one in four health workers in Africa are fully protected. This is not just morally grotesque, but also dangerous: it creates a breeding ground for new variants.

Timing matters in this pandemic. As Professor Sarah Gilbert of the University of Oxford has warned, stopping transmission in every corner of the world is vital to stop the virus from evolving – and mutating dangerously.

As in all parts of the world, African governments have made mistakes in this pandemic. Indeed, my organisation in South Africa, the Health Justice Initiative, has been vocal about our government's errors, including on vaccine contract transparency.

South Africa also had to contend with serious political violence in mid-2021 and the government has changed health ministers twice in 12 months. This has been compounded by devastating job losses and a hunger crisis, worsened by often irrational travel bans.

But South Africa's lingering apartheid-era health system, enduring

levels of poverty, and year-long inability to obtain decent amounts of vaccines on time meant the government faced an impossible task. For the better part of 2021, with limited global supplies siphoned by the Global North, South Africa was dripped vaccine supplies.

AstraZeneca was at first one of the few vaccines trickling into Africa. But disinformation from Pfizer board member Scott Gottlieb questioning the jab's efficacy and safety, exacerbated by EU leaders, also led to mistrust in the vaccine. Its use was then paused in many African countries, and halted in South Africa, with the emerging Beta variant and Indian export restrictions also factors.

The African Union negotiated a new deal with Johnson & Johnson, via Aspen Pharmacare, a company in South Africa. But most of the 220 to 400 million vaccines promised have still not been delivered. Worse, when it mattered most, during our devastating third wave in South Africa, Johnson & Johnson actually exported millions of vaccines that were filled and finished in South Africa, to highly vaccinated nations in Europe and North America.

In August, with the South African government and Cape Town-based biotech company Afrigen, the WHO started building the first

global manufacturing hub to produce mRNA vaccines and share them with the world, dispelling the racist notion that Africa is unable to safely manufacture vaccines. Shamefully, Moderna and Pfizer have refused to share any knowledge with the hub.

So African scientists are having to reverse-engineer the process themselves, which could take some time. Sensing a PR crisis, these companies are trying to bypass the hub with parallel partial licensing deals. Far from benevolence, these deals seem designed to undermine the WHO's efforts.

Along the way, the litany of delays, misinformation, and the secrecy of corporate vaccine contracts with broad indemnification against liability clauses, have fuelled mistrust of vaccine companies – aided by an increasingly well-oiled anti-vaccine movement and politicians seeking to score points.

We need a different way of doing things. More than 100 states have been pressing for at least a year for an emergency suspension of intellectual property rights on technologies crucial to end the pandemic. The waiver would make it easier for South Africa and other countries to produce vaccines, especially to scale up supplies for everyone and save lives. But it has been blocked repeatedly by the UK and EU countries, for no good reason.

In contrast, South Africa has consistently been a constructive global partner in the pandemic – with hundreds volunteering for vaccine trials and its advanced scientific surveillance systems helping to discover new COVID-19 variants quickly.

If we do not want COVID-19 to continue exacerbating the racist and colonial world order, we need change. And believe it or not, it would benefit the UK and Europe, too. Because you cannot impose rigid policies or build high enough walls to keep the consequences of vaccine inequality out. We need to pull out all of the stops and remove every barrier to vaccine production – and intellectual property is first among them. We need solidarity and cooperation, not knee-jerk travel bans.

The author is a human rights lawyer and Director of Cape Town-based Health Justice Initiative. The article was originally published by Al Jazeera

Whether it's athletes on a sporting field or celebrities in the jungle, nothing holds our attention like the drama of vying for a single prize. And when it comes to the evolution of artificial intelligence (AI), some of the most captivating moments have also been delivered in nailbiting finishes.

In 1997, IBM's Deep Blue chess computer was pitted against grandmaster and reigning world champion Garry Kasparov, having lost to him the previous year.

But this time, the AI won. The popular Chinese game Go was next, in 2016, and again there was a collective intake of breath when Google's AI was victorious. These competitions elegantly illustrate what is unique about AI: we can program it to do things we can't do ourselves, such as beat a world champion.

But what if this framing obscures something vital – that human and artificial intelligence are not the same? AI can quickly process vast amounts of data and be trained to execute specific tasks; human intelligence is significantly more creative and adaptive.

The most interesting question is not who will win, but what can people and AI achieve together? Combining both forms of intelligence can provide a better outcome than either can achieve alone.

This is called collaborative intelligence. And this is the premise of CSIRO's new A\$12 million Collaborative Intelligence (CINTEL) Future Science Platform, which we are leading.

Checkmate mates

While chess has been used to illustrate AI-human competition, it also provides an example of collaborative intelligence. IBM's Deep Blue beat the world champion, but did not render humans obsolete. Human chess players



collaborating with AI have proven superior to both the best AI systems and human players.

And while such "freestyle" chess requires both excellent human skill and AI technology, the best results don't come from simply combining the best AI with the best grandmaster. The process through which they collaborate is crucial.

So for many problems – particularly those that involve complex, variable and hard-to-define contexts – we're likely to get better results if we design AI systems explicitly to work with human partners, and give humans the skills to interpret AI systems.

A simple example of how machines and people are already working together is found in the safety features of modern cars. Lane keep assist technology

uses cameras to monitor lane markings and will adjust the steering if the car appears to be drifting out of its lane.

However, if it senses the driver is actively steering away, it will desist so the human remains in charge (and the AI continues to assist in the new lane). This combines the strengths of a computer, such as limitless concentration, with those of the human, such as knowing how to respond to unpredictable events.

There is potential to apply similar approaches to a range of other challenging problems. In cybersecurity settings, humans and computers could work together to identify which of the many threats from cybercriminals are the most urgent.

Similarly, in biodiversity science, collaborative intelligence can be used to make sense of massive numbers of speci-

AI Takeover?

Cecile Paris

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Laying the foundations

We know enough about collaborative intelligence to say it has massive potential, but it's a new field of research – and there are more questions than answers. Through CSIRO's CINTEL program we will explore how people and machines work and learn together, and how this way of collaborating can improve human work. Specifically, we will address four foundations of collaborative intelligence: collaborative workflows and processes. Collaborative intelligence requires rethinking workflow and processes, to ensure humans and machines complement each other. We'll also explore how

it might help people develop new skills that might be useful across areas of the workforce

situation awareness and understanding intent. Working towards the same goals and ensuring humans understand the current progress of a task

trust. Collaborative intelligence systems will not work without people trusting the machines. We must understand what trust means in different contexts, and how to establish and maintain trust

communication. The better the communication between humans and the machine, the better the collaboration. How do we ensure both understand each other?

Robots reimaged

One of our projects will involve working with the CSIRO-based robotics and autonomous systems team to develop richer human-robot collaboration. Collaborative intelligence will enable humans and robots to respond to changes in real time and make decisions together.

For example, robots are often used to explore environments that might be dangerous for humans, such as in rescue missions. In June, robots were sent to help in search and rescue operations, after a 12-storey condo building collapsed in Surfside, Florida.

Often, these missions are ill-defined, and humans must use their own knowledge and skills (such as reasoning, intuition, adaptation and experience) to identify what the robots should be doing. While developing a true human-robot team may initially be difficult, it's likely to be more effective in the long term for complex missions.

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Someday Soon, Smartwatches May Know You’re Sick Before You Do

Silke Schmidt | Science News For Students

We’ve had weather forecasts for decades. Forecasting our near-term health is far tougher. Yet knowing early that we may be coming down with the flu or COVID-19 could be immensely helpful. The good news: Wearable technology, such as smartwatches, is beginning to provide just such early warnings.

Jessilyn Dunn is a biomedical engineer at Duke University in Durham, N.C. She was part of a team that analyzed heart rates and other data from wearable devices. The smartwatch-like systems contain sensors. These collect data — lots and lots of them — that can point to health or disease.

Dunn’s team asked 49 volunteers to wear sensor-laden wristbands before and after they received a cold or flu virus. At least once per second, these wristbands recorded heart rates, body movements, skin temperatures and more. In nine out of every 10 recruits, these data showed signs

of developing illness at least a day before symptoms emerged.

The researchers described their findings September 29 in JAMA Network Open.

This early warning, says Dunn, can help nip infections in the bud. It may head off severe symptoms that otherwise would send vulnerable people into hospitals. And knowing you’re sick before you have symptoms can warn you to lay low so you can reduce the chance of spreading your disease.

However, these systems aren’t yet ready for the real world, notes virologist Stacey Schultz-Cherry. She works at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. “This is exciting but also very preliminary,” says Schultz-Cherry. “Much more work is needed before this approach can be rolled out on a larger scale.”

Sifting through mountains of data

The researchers gave 31 of the 49 recruits nose drops with a flu virus. The remaining people

were exposed to a common cold virus.

Trials where volunteers agree to receive a virus are unusual, notes Schultz-Cherry. They also can be dangerous. So the researchers made sure the volunteers were healthy and would not give the flu to others. (Doctors also checked in on them frequently during the trial.)

Dunn’s group wanted to compare the sensor data from infected and noninfected people. But deciding who was infected “involved a substantial debate within our team,” notes Emilia Grzesiak. She’s a data scientist who worked on the project while at Duke. The team’s final decision? Recruits were infected if they reported at least five symptoms within five days of receiving the virus. A PCR test also had to detect the virus on at least two of those days.

Recruits started wearing the wristbands before they were exposed. This provided baseline data while the volunteers were healthy. The sensors continued to collect data for several days after the exposure. Some data were measured more

than 30 times per second. That means the 49 recruits had up to 19 million data points each, notes Grzesiak. A computer sifted through these mountains of data in search of patterns that signaled emerging disease.

For that sifting, the computer needed an algorithm. Grzesiak developed those step-by-step instructions. Her algorithm tested all possible combinations of sensor data and time points. It looked for the biggest difference between infected and noninfected people. One example of a winning combo: Summing the average heart rate 6 to 7 hours after virus exposure and the average time between heartbeats 7 and 9 hours after exposure. (The actual best model was more complex.)

Grzesiak used some of the data to build a computer model. She tested its predictions in the remainder of the data. Then she repeated this process many times. Her final model accurately predicted infections nine times in every 10.

One challenge is that many viral infections have similar symptoms. In fact, many things other than viruses trigger the same symptoms. Examples, Schultz-Cherry notes, include food poisoning, asthma or seasonal allergies. Similarly, heart rates respond to things that have nothing to do with infections. Examples include exercise and scary movies.

What’s more, in real life, we don’t know who was exposed to some virus and when. So that tell-tale post-exposure time window won’t be known. Potentially infected people might be those whose data exceed a certain value in any two-hour window. But Dunn’s team has not yet tested how well the prediction model would work in this setting.

Could such a system one day point to people coming down with COVID-19? Maybe, says Benjamin Smarr. He’s a bioengineer at the University of California, San Diego. Similar technologies, he notes, are being developed elsewhere to provide early warnings of that infection.

(GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)
(UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CITY ROADS
(SMC) DIVISION SRINAGAR.

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS.
NIT No:- E-NIT/66/CRD/SMC/SGR/2021-22 DATED: 01-12-2021.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for below mentioned work:-

| S. No | Name of Work | Advt. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) | Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.) | Time of completion | Class of Contractor | Major Head of Account |
|-------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1 | Upgradation of road surface of Khushipora to Aban Shah HMT by way of providing and laying of WBM Grade 2 nd . | 3.50 | 200/- | 8 Days | DEE Class | Devolution Grants M&R (Savings) |
| 2 | Improvement Upgradation of road at Zaffron Colony Pampore by way of providing and laying of WBM Grade 2 nd in patches and stretches. | 2.89 | 200/- | 7 Days | DEE Class | Devolution Grants M&R (Savings) |
| 3 | Improvement Upgradation of Naaz Colony Pantha Chowk Srinagar by way of providing and laying of WBM Grade 2 nd in patches and stretches. | 2.26 | 200/- | 6 Days | DEE Class | Devolution Grants M&R (Savings) |

Position of AAA: Accorded.

Authorization Issued By : Accorded vide Commissioner SMC's order no. SMC/PLG/2021-22/1199-1203 DATED: 05-10-2021

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

| | | |
|----|--|---|
| 1. | Date of Issue of Tender Notice | 01-12-2021. |
| 2. | Period of downloading of bidding documents | FROM 02-12-2021 10:00 A.M TO 08-12-2021 10:00 A.M |
| 3. | Bid submission Start Date | 02-12-2021 |
| 4. | Bid Submission End Date | 08-12-2021 UPTO 4:00 P.M |
| 5. | Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) | 09-12-2021 at 11:00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar. |

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of introducing Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar (tender receiving authority), by simply uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan Receipt and bid security Declaration as per format attached.

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 Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar., (Tender receiving authority).

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

3. As per the circular issued by the Govt. of Union Territory of J&K Finance Department vide No.A/Misc(2018)-III-895/1 dated 22.12.2020.

(a) All the bidders have to submit bid security declaration instead of bid security deposit (Earnest money) which shall be duly signed by the bidder with full residential address, Card registration details & active Phone / Cell Nos. Form of bid security declaration attached as Annexure-A.

(b) The lowest bidder (L1) also called the successful Bidder has to produce a performance security amount equal to 3% (Three percent) of the contract value in the shape of CDR / FDR immediately after the opening of financial bids, but prior to fixation of contract. The same shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period (DLP).

(c) In case of abnormally low bids, the tender inviting Authority reserves the right to ask from the bidder for additional performance security with the approval of the next higher Authority which shall be binding upon the bidder in such case.

4. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws/ modified his bid during the period of validity etc, the Department is at liberty to suspend the bidder for one year or as shall be deemed suitable by the tender inviting Authority. Same shall hold good if the bidder fails to produce performance security within the specified time.

5. The successful bidder (L1) shall have to furnish hard copy of the uploaded documents viz Registration card duly renewed, Valid GST Registration, PAN Card, GSTR-3B etc. along with Treasury Challan Receipt & Bid security declaration form (Annexure-A) in original.

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

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

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

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

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

8 (f) Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.

| DOC-1 | DOC-2 | DOC-3 | DOC-4 |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| CLEAR SCAN COPY OF CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION CARD DULY RENEWED. (2021-2022) | CLEAR SCAN COPY OF TREASURY CHALLAN | Scanned Copy of:- 1. PAN Card 2. Copy of GSTIN Registration 3. GSTR-3B Return of previous Quarter | CLEAR SCAN COPY OF BID SECURITY DECLARATION FORM (ANNEXURE – A) duly signed (Refer para 5(a) - (b) above) |

(g) The bidder should upload all the necessary documents details given above in One "01" No. PDF file.

(h) All the bids online shall be open in light of Finance Department communication O.M No: A/24 (2017)-651 Dated: 07-06-2018 and No. A/Misc(2018)-III-895/1 dated 22.12.2020.

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

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

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

9. Price escalation and Taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder (item rate basis or %age rate basis whatever the case may be) entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work unless otherwise, specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

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

11. All bidders shall upload the information and documents with their bids such as Copies of original documents defining constitution / legal status, place of registration and Principal place of Business, GST Registration and PAN Card.

20. The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT and SBD.

NIT/66/CRD/SMC/SGR/2021-22/e-tendering/
DATED:- 01-12-2021.

Executive Engineer,
City Roads (SMC) Division,
Srinagar.

DIPK-14009/21

NCC GROUP HEADQUARTERS SRINAGAR

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER FOR ITEMS REQUIRED FOR PREPARING OF LINE AREA BY NCC CADETS OF NCC DTE JK&L DURING RDC 2022

1. For and on behalf of Group Commander , NCC Group Headquarter, Srinagar, e-tenders (short term tender) are invited under two bid system i.e. technical bid and financial bid from registered / reputed companies / firms / individuals/ societies etc. for providing goods shown against each:-

| Ser | Particulars | E tender No. | Tender inviting authority |
|-----|---|------------------|---------------------------|
| 01 | Items required for preparing of Line Area by NCC Cadets of NCC Dte JK&L | 2021_SE-149879_1 | NCC Gp HQ Srinagar |

2. Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information eligibility, specification , bill of quantities (B.O.Q) Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / download from the web site www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

| Ser | Event | Date |
|-----|---|----------------------|
| (a) | Last date for submission of tender / bids in electronic format on web site www.jktenders.gov.in | 05 Dec 2021 1030hrs. |
| (b) | Opening of Bids at NCC Camping Ground Nagrota Jammu | 06 Dec 2021 |
| (c) | PNC at NCC Camping Ground Nagrota, Jammu | 06 Dec 2021 |
| (d) | Last day of Delivery of Items at Delhi | 20 Dec 2021 |

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NCC Group Headquarters
NCC House Goglibagh
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DIPK-13990/21

NCC GROUP HEADQUARTERS SRINAGAR

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER FOR KITTING OF NCC CADETS FOR RDC 2022

1. For and on behalf of Group Commander , NCC Group Headquarter, Srinagar, e-tenders (short term tender) are invited under two bid system i.e. technical bid and financial bid from registered / reputed companies / firms / individuals/ societies etc. for providing goods shown in BOQ:-

| Ser | Particulars | E tender No. | Tender inviting authority |
|-----|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 01 | Kitting of NCC Cadets for RDC 2022 | 2021_SE-149440_1 | NCC Gp HQ Srinagar |

2. Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information eligibility, specification , bill of quantities (B.O.Q) Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / download from the web site www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

| S No | Event | Date |
|------|--|----------------------|
| (a) | Last date for submission of retender / bids in electronic format on website www.jktenders.gov.in | 07 Dec 2021 1030hrs. |
| (b) | Opening of Bids at NCC Camping Ground Nagrota Jammu | 07 Dec 2021 1100hrs |
| (c) | PNC at NCC Camping Ground Nagrota, Jammu | 07 Dec 2021 1600hrs |
| (d) | Last day of Delivery of Items | 12 Dec 2021 |

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DIPK-13989/21

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) LANDSCAPING DIVISION
KMR. ENGINEERING COMPLEX, RAJBAGH, SRINAGAR

TENDER NOTICE
NIT No. e-53/2021-22/LSD/Srinagar/Jammu
Dated: -01/12/2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, 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 | Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) | Cost of T/ Doc. (Amt in Rs.) | Earnest Money/ Bid Security (Amt in Rs.) | Time of completion | Time & Date of Opening of tender | Class of Contractor | Head of Account |
|-------|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1. | Supply of labours for maintenance of plantation on central verge for all sub divisions of landscape division. | Rs. 1.50Lacs | Rs. 200/- | Bid Declaration Certificate | Working Season | 08.12.2021 at 11.00AM | "DEE" | MH 3054 M&R (Srinagar) |
| 2. | Facelifiting beautification of entry point (towards left side) at Darbagh Eidgah Harwan Srinagar. | Rs. 2.39Lacs | Rs. 200/- | Bid Declaration Certificate | 15Days | 08.12.2021 at 11.00AM | "DEE" | MH 3054 M&R (Srinagar) |
| 3. | Upgradation of Satelite Park by way of Levelling of field and Extension of Tile path at Alamdar Colony Chari Sharief. | Rs. 3.00Lacs | Rs. 200/- | Bid Declaration Certificate | 15Days | 08.12.2021 at 11.00AM | "DEE" | MH 3054 M&R (Srinagar) |
| 4. | Upgradation of central verge from Sekidafar to Soura (Buhulachpora) by way of replars to concrete block and shifting of tree guards. | Rs. 4.00Lacs | Rs. 200/- | Bid Declaration Certificate | 20Days | 08.12.2021 at 11.00AM | "DEE" | MH 3054 M&R (Srinagar) |
| 5. | Renovation and Repair of Existing Drain by way of stone pitching, Base concreting & Iron trash cover at Mehmood Gami Park at Dooru Anantnag. | Rs. 4.99Lacs | Rs. 200/- | Bid Declaration Certificate | 25Days | 08.12.2021 at 11.00AM | "DEE" | MH 3054 M&R (Srinagar) |
| 6. | Development Renovation of Park in front of PHC Delina on National Highway at Baramulla by way of providing garden benches, railing and tube well for irrigation system incl. tile path (Phase 2nd) | Rs. 6.00Lacs | Rs. 300/- | Bid Declaration Certificate | 25Days | 08.12.2021 at 11.00AM | "CEE & DEE" | MH 3054 M&R (Srinagar) |
| 7. | Development of central verge of NTR Road by way of grill fencing from RD 750 towards Narbal Market. | Rs. 7.40Lacs | Rs. 300/- | Bid Declaration Certificate | 30Days | 08.12.2021 at 11.00AM | "CEE & DEE" | MH 3054 M&R (Srinagar) |

Position of Funds: -Available.

Administrative approval: -Accorded.

Note: - The above-mentioned work shall be mandatorily completed during the current financial year 2021-22.

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 date given below: -

| | | |
|----|---|--|
| 1. | Date of Issue of Tender Notice | 01.12.2021 |
| 2. | Period of downloading of bidding documents | 01.12.2021 04.00 PM |
| 3. | Bid submission Start Date | 01.12.2021 from 04.00 PM |
| 4. | Bid Submission End Date | 07.12.2021 up to 04.00 PM |
| 5. | Deadline for receiving the Hard copy (Original e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt and EMD) | Hard copy to be submitted by the successful bidder (L1) only within seven days after Financial evaluation. |
| 6. | Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) | 08.12.2021 at 11.00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar |

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan or Treasury challan/receipt (Non-refundable) along with bid security declaration certificate as per format (Annexure A), failure to do so shall be render the bidder as Non-Responsive.

1. First lowest bidder has to submit Performance Security Deposit 3% of allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG(BG validity should be 45days more than bid validity days i.e 120+45=165Days) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).

2. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Landscaping Division, Rajbagh, Srinagar (Tender receiving authority)

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

a. Extension of time shall be also admissible in the event of temporary suspension of work.

48.The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

49.All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

50.The Employer can cancel the NIT/LOI/ALLOTMENT at any stage without any reason.

No :-LD/ 4714-21

Dated:- 01-12-2021.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
R&B Landscaping Division,
Rajbagh, Srinagar

DIPK-14000/21

Handicrafts Exhibition Kick starts at Noida, Amritsar



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Continuing its participation in the physical fairs the Department of Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir Wednesday started two physical exhibitions at Greater Noida and Amritsar (PITEX).

The Department has nominated exporters, Unit Holders and artisans of the valley to HGH India 2021 Expo and Amritsar. At India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR and Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar. The fairs assumes special significance in view of the physical participation of the buyers that have arrived to Greater Noida and Amritsar for the first time after the gap created by COVID-19, Pandemic.

The Kashmir Handicrafts Exhibition at Greater Noida will continue till 3rd of December 2021 and the Participants from Kashmir are expected to do a good business. From the Kashmir region crafts like Pashmina, Sozni, Wood Carving, Crewel, Paper Machie would be on display and sale.

The Department of Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir is also sponsoring the participation of the artisans, Cooperative Societies and Unit Holders in various other fairs like Delhi Haat, Amritsar (PITEX) and Suraj Kund Mela. This has become necessary in view of the fact that the inventory of the Handicrafts and Handloom products which failed to reach the destinations due to COVID-19 Pandemic has got swelled to a greater extent.

The Department of Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir has in the month of November sponsored 150 artisans for their participation in India International Trade Fair that concluded successfully on 27th November.

To celebrate the nomination of Srinagar City as UNESCO craft city the Director Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir Mahmood Ahmad Shah disclosed that the Department is also organizing a 4 day mega event at New Delhi to be followed by Exhibition at Dili Haat and participation as THEME STATE in Surajkund Mela.

IAL Meets WANPOSH e-Rickshaw Delegates



Observer News Service

PULWAMA: A delegation led by the CEO of wanposh e-Rickshaw company Tanvir A. Malik along with Mrs Anita Sengupta and other members met IAL President Haji Muzaffer regarding introduction of e-Rickshaw & e-Cart services within IGC Lassipora. Bashir Ahmad (VP), Muhammad Shafi (Gen. Sec.) and Sarwar Malik (Fin.Sec.) were also present in the meeting.

Jammu and Kashmir's largest industrial estate IGC Lassipora introduced new-age battery powered e-rickshaw vehicles. The CEO of Wanposh company is offering the brand assurance of quality and performance. E-rickshaw vehicles can result in better savings. In addition, unlike motorized vehicles, when

rickshaws are introduced they emit no air pollution, waste no fuel, and make no noise. E-Rickshaws provide the most efficient way to move labours or goods to a short to medium distance within industrial growth centre, Lassipora.

In a statement President -IAL said that introduction of e-Rickshaw within our estate will provide employment to locals and underprivileged who lost their source of livelihood during the coronavirus pandemic. It will also provide a means of convenience to employees working within the estate to reach to their workplaces on time.

Financial Secretary IAL said initiative is aimed at generating employment opportunities as well as to make IGC Lassipora "self-reliant" estate in J&K.

November GST Mop Up At Rs 1.31 Lakh Cr; Second Highest Since Roll Out

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in November grew 25 per cent to Rs 1.31 lakh crore -- second highest since its implementation -- indicating economic recovery with normalisation of business activity and increased compliance, a finance ministry statement said on Wednesday.

This is the fifth month in a row that the revenues from goods sold and services rendered was over Rs 1 lakh crore.

"The gross GST revenue collected in the month of November 2021 is Rs 1,31,526 crore of which CGST is Rs 23,978 crore, SGST is Rs 31,127 crore, IGST is Rs 66,815 crore (including Rs 32,165 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs 9,606 crore (including Rs 653 crore collected on import of goods)," the statement said.

CGST refers to Central Goods and Services Tax, SGST (State Goods and Services Tax) and IGST (Integrated Goods and Services Tax).

The revenues for the month of November 2021, are 25 per cent higher than close to Rs 1.05 lakh crore Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue in November 2020, and 27 per cent higher over November 2019 revenues.

"The GST revenues for November 2021 have been the second highest ever since introduction of GST, second only to that in April 2021, which related to year-end revenues and higher than last month's collection, which also included the impact of returns required to be filed quarterly. This is very much in line with the trend in economic recovery,"



the ministry said.

In October 2021, the revenues were at Rs 1,30,127 crore, while in April 2021 it was the highest at Rs 1,39,708 crore.

The recent trend of high GST revenues has been a result of various policy and administrative measures that have been taken in the past to improve compliance. GST, which substituted a host of indirect taxes like excise duty, service tax, VAT, was rolled out on July 1, 2017.

A large number of initiatives undertaken in the last one year like, enhancement of system capacity, nudging non-filers after last date of filing of returns, auto-population of returns, blocking of e-way bills and passing of input tax credit for non-filers has led to consistent improvement in the filing of returns over the last few months, the ministry added.

ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said collections may dip in December 2021, as suggested by the deceleration in the daily average e-way bill generation in the first three weeks of November 2021.

"We expect Central GST collections to rise to Rs 5.8 trillion in FY2022, exceeding the FY2022 BE by Rs 50,000 crore," Nayar added.

Deloitte India Partner M S Mani said the increase in col-

lections across major states ranging from 18 to 30 per cent-age plus points to an economic revival across states, accompanied by an increase in collections from import of goods.

Tax Connect Advisory Services Partner Vivek Jalan said, data analytics and investigations by GST officers seem to give a clear indication to trade and industry that robust compliances is the way ahead under GST.

Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co Partner Rajat Bose said the collections of November are indicative of a robust economic growth. "The collections should continue to see a rise in the months to come, if we don't see another COVID wave in the country," Bose said.

The finance ministry on Wednesday revised downwards the GST collection figures for April, May and June.

Earlier the figure for April was over Rs 1.41 lakh crore, May Rs 1.02 lakh crore and June Rs 92,849 crore, respectively.

The revised numbers of current fiscal stands at April Rs 1,39,708 crore, May at Rs 97,821 crore, June (Rs 92,800 crore), July (over Rs 1.16 lakh crore), August (over Rs 1.12 lakh crore), September (over Rs 1.17 lakh crore), October (over Rs 1.30 lakh crore) and November (Rs 1.31 lakh crore).

Income Tax Refunds Of Over Rs 1.29 Lakh Cr Issued Between April-Nov 2021

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The income tax department on Wednesday said it has issued refunds of over Rs 1.29 lakh crore in 8 months of the current fiscal.

This includes Rs 16,691.50 crore worth refunds to 79.70 lakh taxpayers for Assessment



Year 2021-22. "CBDT issues refunds of over Rs 1,29,210 crore

to more than 1.15 crore taxpayers from 1st Apr 2021 to 29th November 2021," the I-T department tweeted.

Of this, income tax refunds of Rs 42,981 crore have been issued to over 1.13 crore individual cases, and corporate tax refunds of Rs 86,228 crore issued in 1.93 lakh cases.

Bank Unions Threaten Two-Day Nationwide Strike Against Proposed Privatisation Of PSBs

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), an umbrella body of nine unions, has given a call for a two-day strike from December 16 to protest against the proposed privatisation of two state-owned lenders.

In the Union Budget presented in February, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the privatisation of two public sector banks (PSBs) as part of its disinvestment plan.

The government has already privatised IDBI Bank by selling its majority stake in the lender to LIC in 2019 and merged 14 public sector banks in the past four years.

The government has listed the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021, for introduction and passage during the current session of Parliament.

In view of this, UFBU has decided to oppose the move for privatisation, All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA)

General Secretary C H Venkatachalam said in a statement.

Strike notice for December 16 and December 17, 2021, has been served by UFBU on the IBA, he said.

In a developing country like India, where banks deal with huge public savings and they have to play a leading role to ensure broad-based economic development, public sector banking with social orientation is the most appropriate and imperative need, he said.

A Beginner's Guide To How Cryptocurrencies Work - Part 2

Charlotte Hu | Popular Science

So how are other cryptocurrencies different from Bitcoin?

Many modern cryptocurrencies derive from the Bitcoin model. For example, Litecoin is in many respects similar to Bitcoin, but the puzzle component was slightly altered. They replaced the mining algorithm (called SHA-256) that's used in Bitcoin with a function called Scrypt, which they claim takes less energy to run. On the other hand, the creators of Bitcoin Cash branched off from a team that was working on Bitcoin to make a Bitcoin-esque cryptocurrency that can process more transactions per second.

Ethereum, however, takes a different approach. Its blockchain has an added feature called "loops," which allows it to repeatedly run a piece of code, and engineers can program on top of it. Ethereum uses a mechanism called a "gas" that charges the person who initiated the transaction a fee to run a programming instruction. The program burns up the "gas" as it runs, and when it's out of gas, the program either completes or terminates.

Developers can build a cryptocurrency on top of Ethereum (like the stablecoin DAI), create mortgages, or unique non-fungible tokens, since they're all pieces of code. "All of those are pieces of code that are extensions of Ethereum transactions," says Christin.

Ethereum is also credited with the nifty innovation of integrating smart contracts onto their blockchain. Ethereum's developers describe these as code scripts that "perform some actions or computation if certain conditions are satisfied," comparing the logic of the code to how a "vending machine" works. If a digital art NFT lives inside a smart contract, for example, the artist can create a royalty schedule that accrues a fee every time the art is transferred on the blockchain.

Or, as another example, imagine walking into a bank and asking to borrow \$10 million for the day without telling anyone your name. "Somebody's going to be reaching for a red button under a desk somewhere," says Ari Juels, a professor of computer science at Cornell Tech. "But you can actually do something like this on a blockchain."

You would borrow money using a smart contract, and you

use it to do whatever you want to do. Typically, it's used for arbitrage, where you buy and sell tokens at profit. Then, you pay back the loan, and all of that is contained in a single transaction. "The way that blockchains work, if you fail to pay back the loan, the whole transaction can just be aborted," Juels says, "which means that it's as though you never borrowed the money to begin with."

Proof-of-work, proof-of-stake, and other forms of "consensus"

Now, to peel back the curtains some more: To keep any cryptocurrency system running, there has to be a way to release new coins into the network, along with a way of maintaining the public ledger that tracks where all the new coins come from and where they go.

But since these cryptocurrencies are all meant to be peer-to-peer, there's no one entity that does all this, the way a traditional bank does. Instead, the responsibility of running the system falls to the whole network of participants, which is why they have to come to a form of consensus about whether transactions are valid or invalid. Each transaction made on the blockchain needs to be verified. A batch of transactions make up a block, and several blocks make up a chain.

"The blockchain provides you with a different trust model," says Juels. "The rules are very well defined and transactions can be executed in a rigorous, programmatic way."

There are a variety of methods used by different cryptocurrencies to accomplish those two standard tasks. Proof-of-work is the process used by most cryptocurrencies, including Bitcoin and Ethereum, to do this. Although all users get to check if the transaction was good in the end, only one user can be elected to lead the validation, add the transaction to the blockchain, and receive a reward. These rewards are how new currencies get released into the system. This operation is also known as mining. But first, the users, called miners, have to compete against each other to solve a cryptographic puzzle whose difficulty is proportional to the number of people trying to solve the puzzle. The puzzle is created by an algorithm. The only way to solve it is to try many different numbers, and powerful computers or processors can try more numbers quicker so are more likely to get the correct answer.

1st Death Anniversary

LATE SYED SAJAD HUSSAINI

R/o Hyderia Colony Sector- 16 Khameini Chowk, Bemina

It has been a year since you passed and your presence is always missed.

Not a moment goes by that we don't remember you or cherish your memories. You were our inspiration and will always be... We miss you is a small word that I can express... but word comes short for a gentleman like you. You were one and only my Baba

THROUGH

SYED AKHTER HUSSAINI AND FAMILY

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Gist of Fresh e-NIT No. 26 to e-NIT No.25 OF 2021-22 Dated: 23/11/2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of J&K, Executive Engineer, Flood Mechanical Division Baramulla, invites tenders by e-tendering mode on item rate basis from established and accredited Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) or their Authorized representatives/Mechanical Contractors for the following item of work in two covers.

| S. No | Particulars of the work | Qty. | Estimated Cost ("Rs" in Lacs) | Cost of tender document (In Rs.) | Earnest money In Lacs | Exemption Allowed | Bid Validity | Time of Completion of work |
|-------|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | 8 | 9 |
| 1. | Supply, installation, testing and successful commissioning of 3 phase Horizontal Hydraulic Hose crimping machine for Workshop of Flood Mechanical Division Baramulla (Establishment of Mechanical Workshop at FMD Baramulla) | 01 Complete Job | 5.35 | 500.00 | 0.11 (Bid Security declaration) | No | 180 days | 20 days |

KEY/CRITICAL DATES:

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|------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| i | Publish Date | 01/12/2021 at 1400hrs |
| ii | Document Down load/sale start Date | 01/12/2021 from 1400hrs. |
| iii | Clarification start date | 01/12/2021 at 1400hrs |
| iv | Bid submission start date | 01/12/2021 from 1400hrs. |
| v | Clarification end date | 07/12/2021 upto 1600 hrs |
| vi | Pre-bid Meeting date | 13/12/2021 at 1200 hrs |
| vii | Bid submission end date | 17/12/2021 upto 1600 hrs |
| viii | Date and time of Bid opening | 18/12/2021 at 1400hrs |

The bid uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on scheduled date and time or any other date convenient to the tender opening authority in the office of the Executive Engineer, Flood Mechanical Division, Baramulla.

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in PWD Form No. 25 & 33.

No: FMDB/TS/1929-38
Date: 01/12/2021
DIPK-14011/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Flood Mechanical Division
Baramulla

J&K TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

TOURIST RECEPTION CENTRE SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING e-QUOTATION

Notice Inviting e-Quotation No.JKTDC/GMO/4524-29

Dated: 30/11/2021

Expression of interest through e-Quotation is invited on behalf of Managing Director, Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC) to outsource Nishat Kiosk on "as is where is basis", owned by Jammu And Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation for "Operation and Management" for a period of 03 years from registered and reputed agencies having sound financial background having minimum 03 years' experience of running managing Hotels/Restaurants on minimum reserve bid value

| S.No. | Name of the Unit | Minimum reserve bid value | Agreement period | Annual Hike 10% |
|-------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Nishat Kiosk | 2.00 lacs | 03 years | 10% |

Interested parties/ agencies may apply through e-quotation together with documentary evidence in support of their experience and competence to run hotels/ restaurants supported by valid documents i.e. PAN,GST,IT, & proof of up to date clearance of Taxes & professional tax registration (States wherever applicable), etc. in the event of e-filing intending bidder download/upload the tender documents from/to the website www.jktenders.gov.in directly with the help of Digital Signature Certificate as per tender schedule:

| | | |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| 1 | Date of publishing of tender notice | 30.11.2021 1:00 PM |
| 2 | Date of downloading of bidding documents | 01.12.2021 10:00 AM |
| 3 | Bid submission Start Date (online) | 03.12.2021 10:00 AM |
| 4 | Cost of EO Bid Document (Nonrefundable) | Per Establishment Rs. 1000/- |
| 5 | Earnest Money (EMD) | Per Rs.50000/- |
| 6 | Bid submission End Date (online) | 23.12.2021 04:00 pm |
| 7 | Deadline for receiving the Hard copy (original DD&EMD) with all relevant documents and samples | 24.12.2021 upto 04:00pm |
| 8 | Opening of technical bids | 27.12.2021 11:00 am |

The interest parties/agencies who intend to visit the above mentioned sites can visit during working hours before submitting their offer.

Sd/-
General Manager (Ops)
Kashmir

DIPK-NB-5478/21

6 Passengers From 'At-Risk' Countries Admitted To LNJP, Samples Sent For Genome Sequencing

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NEW DELHI: Six people who flew into Delhi from 'at-risk' countries, including the UK and the Netherlands, on Wednesday have been admitted to the Lok Nayak Hospital after four of them tested positive for COVID-19 and two showed

symptoms, officials said.

Their samples have been sent to the National Centre for Disease Control for genome sequencing to ascertain if they have the new variant, Omicron, they said.

All six people have been admitted to the LNJP Hospital, where a dedicated ward has been set up for

isolating and treating such patients, the officials added.

"Four flights originating from Amsterdam and London and carrying 1,013 passengers landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport between 12 night and 6 am.

Of these passengers, four have tested positive," a source said.

Three patients travelled on a flight from Amsterdam that carried 372 people. The fourth patient travelled with 176 others on a flight from London. All are Indian nationals, he added.

An official at the LNJP Hospital said two more travellers who tested negative but have Covid-like

symptoms have been brought to the hospital.

A total of six patients are in the hospital at present, he said.

Gauri Agarwal, Director, Genestrings Diagnostics, the laboratory conducting Covid-19 tests at the airport, said, "We are running approximately close to 2,000 tests per day.

We are also ensuring utmost care in handling the samples."

According to the Centre, the countries designated as "at-risk" are European countries, including the UK, and South Africa, Brazil, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Hong Kong and Israel.

Liability Of Father To Maintain Child Continues Till The Son Attains Age Of Majority: SC

Agenceis

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday said that in a dispute between husband and wife the liability and responsibility of the father to maintain the child continues till the son attains the age of majority.

The top court, which exercised its plenary power under Article 142 to confirm the divorce

decree awarded to the husband and wife by the family court and the High Court directed that the child be provided Rs 50,000 maintenance by the father.

It also noted that the estranged couple has not been staying together since May 2011 and therefore it can be said that there is an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage between them.

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Pak Militant

his associate Abu Furkan alias Ali Bhai, a resident of Pakistan.

"As per police records, both the killed terrorists were part of groups involved in planning and executing terror attacks on security establishments and civilian killings," the police spokesperson said.

Parray, he said, figured among the list of most wanted militants operating in the valley as he was a highly trained IED expert. Besides other "terror crimes",

Parray, he said, was also instrumental in motivating and recruiting the youth to join militant folds and other criminal activities.

The police spokesperson further said that Parray was also involved in carrying out an IED attack at Atrihal in which two soldiers of army's 2RR were killed and 17 others injured.

"He was also involved in an attack on Police Naka at Pichoo Pulwama in which HC Anoop Singh of IRP 10th Bn attained martyred and injuries to other police personnel. He was also involved in barring people from participating in democratic activities, besides issuing death threats to DDCs, BDCs, Panchs, Sarpanchs, other political workers and police personnel," he added.

Giving more details of the killed militants, the police spokesperson said that Abu Furkan was active in Kashmir valley since 2018 figuring among the list of top 60 militants and used to operate in Pulwama and Pakharpora area of Budgam.

"He was involved in various terrorist activities, recruitment of local youth into JeM terror folds and mentoring active terrorists of JeM. He was responsible for providing capabilities on fabrication of IEDs," he said.

"Moreover, he along with terrorist Yasir Parray were the main conspirators of Avandgund Rajpora VB-IED in which 50Kg IED laden Santro Vehicle was recovered and defused by Police and security forces. They were also involved in killing of a civilian Azad Ahmad Dar resident of Kangan Pulwama," he added.

The police spokesperson claimed recovery of incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including 2 AK-series rifles, 2 pistols from the site of encounter.

"All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation. Police has registered a case under relevant sections of law and investigation has been initiated," he added.

Traffic Cop Shot

who was busy in regulating traffic at Rajouri Kadal, #Srinagar. He has been shifted to hospital. Area has been #cordoned off. Further details shall follow," police posted on its official Twitter handle.

Soon after the attack, police and CRPF reached the spot and launched a search operation to nab the attackers.

Tempers High

in the region in case alleged conversion of a Buddhist girl to Muslim was not stopped.

The people were demanding that the girl should be "recovered" and handed back to the family otherwise there are apprehensions of communal disturbances in the region.

This is not the first time that the tension between the two communities have erupted, in 2012, the authorities had to impose curfew for several weeks after some Buddhist families living in Padum area converted to Islam. Buddhist leaders objected to the conversion and asked Muslim leaders not to accept these families.

The Ladakh Buddhist Association has alleged that the sole motive of interfaith marriage is forceful conversion. It said that inter-community forceful conversion through 'allured' marriages in

The Association has claimed that communal riots are bound to happen in the region if administration fails to recover the girl.

However, the council of the couple Advocate Ismail told Kashmir Observer that the girl has willingly accepted Islam and married on her own wishes with the Muslim man.

On 26 November, the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh ordered protection to the couple after they had apprehension of harassment.

The couple, according to the court order, had entered into the marriage out of their "own free will and consent".

"The statement has been recorded before the judicial register of this court in front of their council," the order reads.

The court directed police to provide security cover to the couple and act in strict accordance with law laid down by the Supreme Court

The court noted that both "petitioners" are "major" and marriage has been solemnized in strict accordance with prevalent laws.

"If there is any case/FIR against any of the petitioner(s), police may go ahead with the investigation under rules and take it to its logical conclusion," the order reads.

The court further noted that "disposal of instant writ petition will not validate or confirm petitioners' marriage or their age/majority, which, however, is subject to fulfilment of requirements as envisaged under prevalent laws," it reads.

Covid Cases

twin districts of Anantnag and Shopian reported no new cases of Covid-19.

In the winter capital, officials said that Reasi district reported a maximum of 88 new cases of virus, among them 87 travellers. Jammu, they said, reported 20, Udhampur, Rajouri and Kishtwar 2 each and one new case each in Poonch and Doda districts. No fresh cases were registered in Kathua, Samba and Ramban districts.

"Moreover, 171 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 26 from Jammu Division and 145 from Kashmir," they said.

Also, officials said, one more person succumbed to coronavirus in Kashmir Valley on Wednesday, taking the death toll to 4477 persons—2185 in Jammu and 2292 in Kashmir.

Covid Orphaned

if there's a problem tomorrow?" the reporter asked.

"That's my headache. I'll handle. I'll say you never met me. I don't know you," Amin replied. Mannan Ansari, who manages a placement agency in Delhi's Taimoor Nagar, admitted being a baby broker as he placed Covid orphans up for illegal adoption.

"Is there a child up for adoption, a child who lost parents to Covid?" the undercover reporter asked Ansari. "I will help you," he answered.

As the conversation progressed, Ansari let his hair down. He not only advised illegal adoption but also offered an infant whose father died from Covid.

"Just a couple of days ago a woman from Sarita Vihar thought about it," Ansari said, adding she wanted to give her child for adoption. "They were asking for Rs five lakh. It was a six-month-old child," he continued.

"Fatherless?" the reporter inquired. "Yes, fatherless. No need for any paperwork. Just do some minor formality so that they don't demand the child back. Just do a mutual agreement for that."

The SIT probed further and found another NGO operator from Pampore in Kashmir offering newborn Covid orphans, some even lifted from hospitals, for adoption.

Aijaz Ahmad Dar of the Noble Foundation nonprofit told India Today's investigative reporters in New Delhi that he would involve hospital doctors in stealing the orphaned newborns.

"Suppose there's a newborn. We'll get that baby lifted right away," he said. "Like a Covid orphan, a newborn whose mother died from Covid in the hospital?" the reporter investigated.

"That's what I am saying. We'll take some gynaecologists, some MD (qualified doctor), whom I know, in confidence. We'll ask them how much money they would want if there's a death," Dar said. "We'll talk to them to give us an orphan who has lost his/her mother. We'll tell them not to send the baby to any orphanage but give it to us. We'll update. God willing, we'll have a child whose parent died from Covid."

He demanded Rs. 10 lakh for such a child. "How many orphans are you in contact with in general?" asked the reporter.

"At least 500-600. From eight to ten years in age," Dar replied.

As the investigation has revealed many shocking details about such orphanages and their work, many people who had adopted children from such NGOs will be trying to find a closure to the one big nagging question: How did their adopted children end up in that orphanage? Were they trafficked? Were they orphaned? Were they abandoned?

FIR Filed, Fact

Also, he said, the Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda has taken up the issue with IGP, Kashmir, in order to ensure immediate action in the matter and initiate legal course of action under relevant laws.

In addition, the official spokesperson said that Mission Director, ICPS J&K, Shabnam Kamili, has issued instant orders to Child Welfare Committees to meet Covid orphans personally which have already been identified by the department and uploaded on different online portals of Government of India and submit a report to the Directorate of ICPS within a day's time.

"Further, fact finding committees were also constituted for Jammu and Kashmir divisions in order to ascertain the number of orphans/ Covid orphans and their well-being in all the districts of J&K," he added.

Militancy Down

from December 2020 to November 2021 (up to November 26), 14 militants have been apprehended and 165 militants have been killed.

He said during last year, October 2020-21, 32 government forces and 19 Jammu and Kashmir police personnel were "martyred".

The minister said a total of 251 militancy-related incidents have been reported between October 2020 and October 2021.

Rai said the incidents of infiltration and militant attacks have decreased significantly since 2018 in Jammu and Kashmir.

In 2018, 143 incidents of 'Estimated Net Infiltration' were reported from Jammu and Kashmir which had dipped to 141 in 2019, 51 in 2020 and 28 (up to October 30, 2021, the data provided by the minister in his response showed.

In 2018, 417 militancy incidents were reported in Jammu and Kashmir which had decreased to 255 in 2019, 244 in 2020 and 200 (up to November 21, 2021, it showed.

Coldest Night

of minus 5.2 degrees Celsius, dropping from minus 3.3 degrees Celsius 24 hours earlier.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district also recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.6 degrees Celsius. The famous ski resort was the warmest place in the valley last night.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 3.5 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded minus 3.3 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag recorded a low of minus 1.8 degrees Celsius.

The MET Office has said the weather will most likely remain dry but cold till December 3.

A weak Western disturbance is likely to hit the region towards the weekend, the officials said, adding the precipitation will end the dry spell of weather in the valley.

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.

33 Custodial

minister said that a total of 33 cases under custodial deaths have been registered in Jammu and Kashmir in the last five years.

Giving a year wise breakup of the figures, the minister informed that 7 cases were registered between 2016-17 followed by 4 in 2017-2018, and 8 in 2018-19 and 5 in 2019-2020.

He informed that 2 cases with police and 7 judicial cases were registered between 2020 to 2021.

As per the written reply the details filed were received from the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) during the last five years.

The minister said that as per the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India, 'Police', 'Prison' and 'Public Order' are state subjects.

"It is for the respective State Governments to take action in every crime. The Central Government does not intervene directly in these matters, but does issue advisories from time to time, while the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issues guidelines and recommendations to be followed by the States/UTs in all cases of custodial deaths", the minister said.

He also said that in addition, workshops/seminars are also organized by NHRC from time to time to sensitize officers in the State Governments for better protection of human rights and particularly protection of rights of persons in custody.

'Bring Bill To Restore

week after the restoration of statehood.

"Chief ministership for me is meaningless at this moment when we have the biggest issue of safeguarding our land and jobs. The case with regard to Article 370 is pending before the Supreme Court and nobody knows when its judgment will come but till then we cannot wait and see our jobs and land go to people not from Jammu and Kashmir," Azad said, addressing a party convention in the border district of Poonch.

He said the prime minister and the Union home minister have already promised the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, and therefore, the government should bring a bill in Parliament for this and also include in it constitutional safeguards to protect land and jobs of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Azad said elections can happen immediately after the winter ends as the security situation has improved.

Besides the apex court, only the BJP-led government can reverse its decision.

"I do not see it good to make any false promises to the people. We cannot promise that we will form the next government at the Centre with 300 MPs and will do it (revoke the August 5, 2019 decision)," the veteran Congress leader said.

All opposition parties need to stand and press for elections soon after the end of the winter as a popular government alone can address the issues being faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

"Former prime minister Indira Gandhi used to say that we need to take more care of the border residents as they are the ones who are standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our forces to safeguard the country and also suffer the major brunt in case of shelling and firing," Azad said.

Paying tributes to the people and the security forces, he said the government of the day should serve the people of border areas with an open heart.

Appealing to the people to reject political

parties seeking votes in the name of religion, the Congress leader said, "Let the people decide who they should vote for based on the report card of the government."

He also lauded the people of Poonch district for maintaining brotherhood and communal harmony.

"We are proud of our nation which is based on secularism and binds people of different faiths together. There is complete harmony among various communities," Azad said.

"People doing politics on the basis of religion, region, creed or caste have no right to govern the public," he said, adding, "People can be won over by love and not by the use of power."

Kashmiri Youth

modernisation.

We have been involved in pottery, but I took this art just to revive it. This art was there 70 years ago but it has almost died in Kashmir, Kumar told PTI here.

Only one person knew this art. He is an 80-year-old who lives in Khanyar locality here. I thought this art would die after him. But, I will not allow that. All my family members are helping me. I have told them that even if we run into losses, we will not let the art die, he said, adding, it took him about eight months to learn the ropes.

Kumar manufactures various items, including decorative ones, and prepares the glazed colour himself. He uses waste glass, lead in used battery cells and powdered waste copper metal in his craft.

He said the demand for glazed pottery items was so huge that he was finding it difficult to keep up.

I am the only one in Kashmir who is doing it. I have got offers from Bengaluru who want to market it internationally, but I cannot do it all by myself, he said.

He said the customers are delighted to see the finished products and the feedback has been wonderful.

Customers are surprised to see this art when they visit here. They wonder how this art has come alive once again. I have worked so hard for it. I will do anything to revive this art. Customers send me photos and I can make anything," he said.

Kumar said a social media post by the popular 'Kral Koor' the pottery girl of Kashmir as Saima Shafi is known as, has helped generate a lot of goodwill.

I am getting a lot of positive feedback. Shafi had uploaded a picture on her Instagram account and the post received a lot of positive comments saying that at last someone was trying to revive the art, he said.

In the post, Shafi thanked Kumar for carrying forward the legacy.

She asked Kumar to stay strong and never quit, saying, He will be the backbone of younger generation potters

She also put out a request to the youngsters to take the first step of learning pottery from local potters and that in the coming times, it is going to be a big industry in Kashmir. I promise you won't regret taking pottery as profession.

Talking about his plan, Kumar said, I want to restore this art to how it was in the yesteryears. We had glazed tiles decorate the outer walls of

our houses. I want to make that happen again.

He also teaches the art to seven students at a centre set up by Jammu and Kashmir's Department of Handicrafts. While he said its director Mehmood Shah has helped him a lot, he believes there should be more support.

The government should support us more. There is a need to revive the age-old arts in Kashmir which have now become extinct. That will help us save our identity and culture. The new generation does not know much about these arts. There is a need to show them those arts. Few more centres need to be opened for teaching purposes, he said.

Govt Discounts

civilians killed in militancy-related violence under an existing scheme of the Jammu and Kashmir government.

"In addition, Rs 5 lakh is given under the 'Central Scheme for Assistance to Civilian Victims/Family of Victims of Terrorist/Communal/ LWE Violence and Cross Border Firing and Mine/IED Blasts on the Indian Territory," he said.

The minister said a robust security and intelligence grid is in place to ensure safety of the minority community in Srinagar.

"In addition to group security in the form of static guards, day and night area domination and patrolling is being carried out in the areas where the minorities reside, besides proactive operations against terrorists," he said.

In October this year, militants targeted a prominent Kashmiri Pandit chemist M L Bindroo, a Sikh government school principal, a Hindu teacher hailing from Jammu and some roadside vendors from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

2536 Kanal State

Giving tehsil-wise details, the officials said that in Arnas 260, Thakrakote 443, Reasi 192, Bhomag 88, Thuroo 508, Mahore 500, Pouni 402 kanal 9 marlas and in Chassana 143 kanal 4 marla land was retrieved.

"The State land was retrieved from the illegal possession of encroachers by the Revenue Department on the direction of Deputy Commissioner Charandeep Singh, " the officials added.

Khanabal School

Jee made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

"He said that academic institutions are formative instruments for future generations, adding the teachers must impart the highest standards of education," the official spokesperson said.

He further said that the ceremony was also attended by CEO Anantnag, staff and students of the school.


"Cultural events on themes of sacrifice and nationalism were organised with zeal and fervour," he added.

Ladakh Reports


20,088 in the Union Territory, the officials said. All the 38 fresh cases were reported in Leh, they said, adding that a total of 1,451 sample reports in Ladakh were found to be negative in a 24-hour period.

Of the 276 active COVID-19 cases in the Union Territory, 255 are in Leh and 21 in Kargil.

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
MEDICAL OFFICER BUDGAM



SCREENING TEST NOTICE

It is notified for the information of all the concerned that the written Test of candidates who have applied for various categories under National Health Mission, Budgam in response to our advertisement No: CMOB/NHM/21-22/1764-69 dated 25-08-2021 & No: CMOB/NHM/21-22/1770-75, dated: - 25-08-2021 shall be held as per schedule given below.

| S. No. | Day & Date of Screening Test | Venue | Category of Post |
|--------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Friday, 3 rd December, 2021 at 11:30 A.M. | Govt. Girls Hr. Sec. School Budgam. | Jr. Staff Nurse (District Level) from sr. no 01-100 |
| 2 | Friday, 3 rd December, 2021 at 11:30 A.M. | Govt. Boys Hr. Sec. School Budgam. | Jr. Staff Nurse (District Level) from sr. no 101-306 |
| 3 | Tuesday, 7 th of December, 2021 at 11:30 A.M. | Govt. Boys Hr. Sec. School Budgam. | Jr. Staff Nurses (Block level), Dialysis Technician & ISM Pharmacist |

Chief Medical Officer
Budgam

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Wushu Association Holds Selection Trials In Shopian



Observer News Service

SHOPIAN: As many as ten players were selected for National level Martial Arts Championship during trails organised by Wushu Association Shopian. The selected included both boys and girls from different schools.

The Senior National Championship will be held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, the Junior National Championship will take place at LPU, Jalandhar, Punjab, and the Sub-junior National Championship will be held at Calcutta.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Mushtaq Ahmed Simnani said that the need of the hour is to give boost to sports activities and assured the players that the District Administration would provide them each and every possible help so that the young generation could get rid of the bad habits.

Wushu Association Shopian also thanked their General Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, Kuldeep Handoo for his support.

IRP- 11th BN's Inter-Coy Volleyball Tournament Concludes



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: An Inter-Company Volleyball tournament which was organised by IRP 11th Battalion Anantnag culminated on Wednesday at DPL Grounds, Anantnag.

DIG South Kashmir Abdul Jabbar, IPS was the chief guest on the function who distributed trophies and medals among players of winning team and the runner up. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasised on the need for continuing such type of sports activities in future as well.

A total 08 teams participated in the tournament and a lot of enthusiasm and positive spirit was witnessed among players and spectators during this tournament. Commandant IRP 11th Battalion Anantnag SSP Sandeep

Mehta (JKPS) deliberated on the occasion, stressed the players and jawans to keep up physical endurance with sports and other physical exercises.

He encouraged the players and Coy Commanders of the Battalion by appreciating their sportsman spirit and interest that this chilling winter did not affect their morale. He said that many more such events will be organised in future as well. Huge number of Spectators including civilians witnessed the event. The final match was played between C and F coy, which was won by C-Coy with a score of 2-0.

Ct. Faheem Ahmed was adjudged "Man of the Series" and was given a special trophy. Besides medals and appreciation letters were also distributed among the winning team.

South Africa Captains Assure India Of Bio-Secure Measures

India is set to tour South Africa from December 17



Press Trust of India

JOHANNESBURG: The South Africans, including white-ball and red-ball captains Temba Bavuma and Dean Elgar, on Wednesday expressed full confidence in their cricket board's bio-secure measures ahead of the India series later this month.

Doubts over India's tour of South Africa cropped up after a new COVID-19 variant -- Omicron -- was detected in the rainbow nation last month. However, the BCCI has said that the tour is on for now with the first Test scheduled here from December 17.

The South African team has been part of eight bio-secure environments (BSE) since the COVID-19 outbreak last year including home series against England, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

According to Cricket South Africa's (CSA) Chief Medical Officer, Shuaib Manjra, the board has "instituted world class standards and measures to ensure that all players, staff and officials are protected within this environment." "Our main focus was to safeguard the cricket biosphere by managing strict entry standards and limited movement outside of its cordon," he said in a statement.

Manjra has emphasised that the BSE has met the highest standards set by the national

government and CSA.

"What we have implemented at our BSE is a cordon sanitaire which offers full and continuous protection to all individuals who respect and abide by our very demanding guidelines and rules," added Manjra.

"Playing cricket in a BSE was a massive challenge for everyone involved in the game," commented Proteas white-ball captain, Bavuma.

"Everything changed, from the length of our stays in hotels, to how we train and play. We weren't even allowed to hi-five or hug each other when we celebrated wickets that part was easier to remember for some, more than others," he chuckled.

Bavuma said playing in bio-bubbles has been tough and the CSA needs to be commended for its work.

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"I'm confident that our BSEs are of the highest safety standards and the protocols are set not only with the everyone's physical well-being, but mental health in mind," Bavuma concluded.

Test captain Elgar echoed Bavuma's sentiments. "It's hard to believe that we've been working in these BSE conditions for a year now, but anyone who has been affected, either directly or indirectly by the COVID-19 virus, knows that this is a necessity if we want to continue playing cricket."

"It takes a toll on a player mentally and yet this team continues to produce good results and make progress that's something that I personally don't think is being spoken about enough."

"The measures that have been put in place and the hotels have been chosen take into account the teams' physical and mental health needs."

"We don't know how much longer we'll be operating like this, but it's gratifying to know that when tours come around the health and safety of all involved is top priority," Elgar said.

ICC Test Player Ranking: Rohit, Kohli & Ashwin Retain Spots

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli continued to be best-placed Indians in the batting chart, while off-spinner Ravichandra Ashwin also held on to the second spot among bowlers in the latest ICC Test Player ranking release on Wednesday.

While Rohit (5th), Kohli (6th) and Ashwin retained their spots, pacer Jasprit Bumrah slipped one place to the 10th position.

Save Ashwin, all the other three players were not part of the first Test against New Zealand which ended in a draw in Kanpur on Monday.

Debutant Shreyas Iyer's Player-of-the-Match effort of 105 and 65 helped him enter the batting rankings in 74th position, while opener Shubman Gill (up six places to 66th) and Wriddhiman Saha (up nine places to 99th) also made notable progress after notching half-centuries in the first Test.

Ravindra Jadeja is up two places to 19th among bowlers with five wickets in the match and is also up one place to second among all-rounders. Ashwin is the third-ranked all-rounder and 79th among batters.

For New Zealand, Tom Latham's knocks of 95 and 52 placed him back in the top 10 among batters as he goes up from 14th to ninth.

Kyle Jamieson is ninth among bowlers, his three wickets in each innings resulting in a gain of six places. Tim Southee has gained 15 rating points to reach within one point of second-placed Ashwin (840) after his eight-wicket match haul.

The latest weekly update also includes the first Test between Sri Lanka and the West Indies at Galle, which the hosts won by 187 runs and the opening Test be-



tween Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Pakistan fast bowler Shaheen Afridi made it to the top five for the first time in his career after a fine show in the first Test which his side won by eight wickets.

The 21-year-old left-arm bowler, who grabbed seven wickets including a haul of five for 32 in the second innings of the Chittagong Test, has moved up three places to fifth position after overtaking James Anderson, Kagiso Rabada and Neil Wagner.

Shaheen's new-ball partner Hasan Ali jumped five places to a career-best 11th after finishing with a similar seven-wicket match haul that included a five-for in the first innings.

Among batters, Abid Ali may have missed out on a century in each innings but his scores of 133 and 91 helped him shoot up 27 slots to a career-best 20th position, while Abdullah Shafique enters the rankings at 83rd with scores of 52 and 73.

For Bangladesh, Mushfiqur Rahim is up four places to 19th with scores of 91 and 16, while Liton Das has moved up 26 places to a career-best 31st position after accruing 114 and 59.

Left-arm spinner Taijul Islam has progressed two places to 23rd after an eight-wicket match haul that included seven scalps in the first innings.

Sri Lanka, whose win in their first match of the ICC Test Championship put them on top of the table, also had some improvements after the Galle Test.

SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

GIST TO NIT No.71 of 2021-22

Dated:-01/12/2021

For and on behalf of Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation tenders are invited from Dealers of Automobile Spare Parts/Distributors or Authorized Dealers for the following items :-

| S. No. | Name of the work | Quantity | Total value of the work (Rs.in lacs) | Time period of supply |
|--------|--|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Supply of ignition coil for corporation outboard motor(Mercury Marine 25Hp model 2007) as per sample | 01No. | Rs.21.000/- | 10 days |

The details terms and conditions of which can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division Srinagar Municipal Corporation, from 01-12-2021. to15-12-2021.

No.SMC/EEM/2024-27
Dated: 01/12/2021
DIPK-NB-5524/21

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MECHANICAL DIVISION
SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir ROYAL SPRINGS GOLF COURSE, SRINAGAR NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 31 of 2021-22 Dated: 30.11.2021

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

| S No | Name of work | Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs) | Earnest Money/ Bid Security (In Rs) | Cost of Tender Document (in Rs) | Time of Completion | Class of Contract |
|------|--|------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Repair/ Restoration of Stair in various fairways 10 th , 12 th & 14 th at RSGC Srinagar | 8.99 lacs | 17980/- in shape of CDR/ FDR in favour of Executive Engineer RSGC | 900/- Non refundable in shape of DD in favour of Secretary RSGC or Bank Challan SB-0229040100012341 | 20 days | DEE/CEE |

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:-

- All Bidders have to upload Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
- Intending bidders shall upload scanned copies of concern documents.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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

| | | |
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| 1 | Date of Issue of Tender Notice | 30.11.2021 4:00 PM |
| 2 | Period of downloading of bidding documents | From 30.11.2021 To 07.12.2021 (4.00PM on wards) |
| 3 | Bid submission Start Date | 30.11.2021 4:00 Pm on wards |
| 4 | Bid Submission End Date | 07.12.2021 upto 03:00 |
| 5 | Date & time of opening of Bids(Online) | 08.12.2021 at 11:30 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer RSGC Srinagar |

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender documents in shape of demand draft in favour of the Secretary Royal Springs Golf Course Cheshmashahi Srinagar and Earnest Money/ Bid Security in Shape of CDR/ FDR pledged to Executive Engineer RSGC Cheshmashahi Srinagar (tender receiving authority)
- Payment shall be made to the agency as and when funds are available with the department.
- Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
- Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement with 20 days after fixation of contract.
- Suppliers/Dealers/ Contractor/ Interested persons/ parties who participates in bid should be registered for the respective class of contract with document proof thereof.
- Copies of Original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of business.
- Scanned Copy of GST in registration and latest clearance certificate, Form GST3B i.e latest clearance certificate, form GST3B of the preceding month to the issuance of the NIT registration enlistment card with latest renewal of PAN No.
- All bidders shall upload bank challan, /DD
- All bidders shall upload bid security declaration form.

No: RSGC/EE/2021-22/234-36

Dated: 30 / 11 / 2021

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Executive Engineer
Royal Springs Golf Course
Srinagar

| GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR | | | | | | | | | |
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| OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION CHADOORA | | | | | | | | | |
| NOTICE INVITING FRESH TENDERS | | | | | | | | | |
| NIT No. 176 of R&B/ 11321-31 of 2021-22 | | | | | Dated: 30/11/2021 (E-tendering) | | | | |
| Due to poor response fresh tenders are invited For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt, CPWD, Railways and other State / Central Governments for the following works:- | | | | | | | | | |
| S.No | Name of Work | Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) | Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees) | Time of Completion (days) | MH of Account | AA NO. & DT | TS NO & DT | Class of Contractor | |
| 1 | Construction of Drain near Masjid Sharief (Sunny) Alipora, Ward No. 6 MC CHADOORA | 0.65 | 200.00 | 05 | IDMT | Accorded | Sanctioned | DEE | |
| 2 | Construction of Lane/ Drain from Main Road via Ashiq Mir to Putkuil, Ward No. 02, MC Chadoora. | 0.99 | 200.00 | 05 | IDMT | Accorded | Sanctioned | DEE | |
| 3 | Construction of Retaining Wall near House of Ab Gani Shah at ward No. 09 at MC Charisharief. | 0.62 | 200.00 | 05 | IDMT | Accorded | Sanctioned | DEE | |
| 4 | Construction of Solid Waste Management Facility at MC Chadoora. | 60.58 | 1600.00 | 60 | Solid Waste Management | Accorded | Awaited | AAY | |
| 5 | Repairs to Existing Foot Bridge at Natipora by way of Providing and Fixing of Chequered Plates in patches on the foot bridge. | 0.50 | 200.00 | 03 | 3054 M&R | 3054 M&R | 05/TS/Estt/ 3054 | DEE | |
| 6 | Restoration / upgradation of road from CFC building to Govt. Middle School Negoo via Dhoba by way of construction of cement concrete retaining wall / drain. | 3.98 | 200.00 | 10 | 4059 D/S | 46-DDCB OF 2021 DT 26/06/2021 | 08/TS/DS/ 4059 | DEE | |
| 7 | Construction of Drain (Man Hole Chambers) from House of Mohd Yousuf Wani to Main Road Ward No. 04, MC Chadoora | 0.14 | 200.00 | 03 | IDMT | MC/CHD/2021-22-27 OF 2021 DT. 24/09/2021 | 01/TS/Estt/ IDMT OF 09/2021 | DEE | |
| 8 | Construction of Tile Path from House of Aas-sadullah Waza to Rafiq Ahmad Waza at Ward No. 9, Chadoora | 0.12 | 200.00 | 03 | IDMT | MC/CHD/2021-22 /27 OF 2021 | Sanctioned | DEE | |
| 9 | Construction of Wooden Panelling in Ceilings to President Office Chamber including Construction of Attached Washroom at Municipal Committee Office (Charisharief) | 1.03 | 200.00 | 10 | IDMT | MC/CH/2021-22/1241-45 DT 10/09/2021 | Sanctioned | DEE | |

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender receiving authority).

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| 1 | Date of Issue of Tender Notice | 30/11/2021 |
| 2 | Period of downloading of bidding documents | 30/11/2021 |
| 3 | Bid submission Start Date | 30/11/2021 upto 4.00 PM. |
| 4 | Bid Submission End Date | 07/12/2021 |
| 5 | Date & time of opening of Technical Bids | 07.12.2021 at 4.10 PM in the office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Chadoora. |

- All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in into acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

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

- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (The date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/ submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found fake/ not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/ bidder shall be blacklisted for participation in this division for a period of five years besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.
- Price escalation and Taxes:- The %age quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

No: 11321-31
DT: 30/11/2021

Executive Engineer
R&B Division Chadoora

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Comedian Kunal Kamra Says His Bengaluru Shows Cancelled After Threats

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MUMBAI: Comedian Kunal Kamra on Wednesday said his upcoming stand-up shows, scheduled to be held in Bengaluru, have been cancelled after the organisers received threats.

The cancellation of Kamra's shows come just days after another stand up comedian Munnawar Faruqui was denied permission to perform in the city with the police calling him a "controversial figure".

Kamra, who has criticised the BJP-led NDA government over a number of issues in the past, posted a sarcastic statement on Twitter to inform his followers and detractors about the cancellations of his shows that were to be held in the city in the coming days. "Hello Bangalore people. I'm happy to inform that my shows in Bangalore which were scheduled over the next 20 days have been cancelled. They've been cancelled for two reasons.

after Faruqui, it proves that the "ruling class" is at least trying to "oppress with equality".

"For those on Twitter that have been wondering how 'A Kamra goes on to perform while a Farooqui has had to quit comedy' we can find solace in the fact that the ruling class is at least trying to oppress with equality. "Maybe if we continue down the road of equal oppression, we would get to a point of equal liberation, in a post climate change era," he said.

He further listed five steps to get a comedian's show cancelled.

"If they use this method & a show is not cancelled I'll give up being a stand up comedian. Step no 1 - Inform police that there could be violence. Step no 2 - Inform venue owner there could be violence. Step no 3 - Inform artist that if he/she/they will be coming there will surely be violence. Step no 4 - Remind the venue of what could happen if the artist manages to do a show

DGCA Postpones Resumption Of Scheduled International Flights From Dec 15



Agenceis

NEW DELHI: Aviation regulator DGCA on Wednesday decided to postpone the resumption of scheduled international

flights from December 15 citing "evolving global scenario" in the wake of the emergence of the new COVID variant.

Last month, the government decided to normalise

international flight operations.

Scheduled international flights to and from India remain suspended since March 2020 following the coronavirus pandemic.

Yashwant Sinha Admitted To Hospital With Severe Back Pain

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: Former Union minister and Trinamool Congress leader Yashwant Sinha was admitted to the state-run SSKM hospital here after he complained of severe back pain, hospital sources said on Wednesday.

The octogenarian politician was taken to the SSKM hospital on Tuesday where he is undergoing treatment at the Woodburn Block, they said.

A team of four doctors is supervising the treatment of 84-year-old Sinha who is "at the moment a bit better", they said.



"He is better now. We are keeping a constant watch on him," a senior doctor of the SSKM hospital said. PTI

Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal To Receive \$1mn Annual Salary

Agenceis

NEW DELHI: Parag Agrawal, who has recently been named as the CEO of microblogging platform Twitter, will receive an annual salary of USD 1 million along with other perks and bonuses.

The India-born executive - who succeeds Jack Dorsey in this role - served as Twitter's Chief Technology Officer since 2017, and has been responsible for the company's technical strategy.

He joined the company in 2011 as a software engineer, leading efforts on scaling Twitter Ads systems, as well as reaccelerating audience growth by improving Home timeline relevance.

"...Agrawal will receive an annual salary of USD 1,000,000 and will continue to be a participant in the company's executive bonus plan with a new target bonus of 150 per cent of his annual base salary. Under the terms of the Offer Letter, in December 2021, the Board will grant to Mr Agrawal restricted stock units (RSUs) with a grant date face value of USD 12,500,000," a regulatory filing by Twitter to the US SEC, said.

The filing added that the RSUs will vest in 16 equal quarterly increments (each being 6.25 per cent of the grant) starting February 1, 2022,

subject in each case to Agrawal remaining an employee of Twitter through the applicable vesting date.

In April 2022, the Board will grant Agrawal performance-based RSUs (PRSUs) with a grant date face value of USD 12.5 million. The performance goals for those PRSUs will be determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board on or before the grant date. Agrawal, 37, holds a bachelor's degree from IIT Bombay and a PhD in computer science from Stanford University.

According to previous filings, Dorsey had earned USD 1.40 in 2019 - flat from the year before - as the co-founder believes in "Twitter's long-term value creation potential".

On November 29, Dorsey had announced that he is stepping down from his position, and named Agrawal as his successor. Dorsey will remain on the Board until his term expires in 2022.

Agrawal has joined the growing list of India-born CEOs of tech companies that includes names like Sundar Pichai (Google), Satya Nadella (Microsoft), Arvind Krishna (IBM), Shantanu Narayen (Adobe CEO) and Rangarajan Raghuram (VMware). The US-based microblogging platform counts India among its major markets with an estimated 1.75 crore users.

No Record Of Farmers Who Died During Agitation, Says Centre

Agenceis

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Wednesday said it has no record of farmers who died during the agitation against the farm laws.

In its response to a question on whether it proposes to provide financial assistance to the kin of farmers who died during the agitation, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare replied in the Parliament that it has "no record in the matter and hence the question does not arise."

On the third day of the winter session, the Leader of Congress Party in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury raised the issue of the death of farmers during the protest against farm laws.

Meanwhile, farmers' unions have



demand compensation from the Centre for the families of those farmers who died during the agitation.

Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait reiterated that the farmers' agitation will continue as the government has not accepted their demands.

"Over 50,000 cases registered during the agitation should be withdrawn. MSP guarantee should be enacted. Farmers who have lost their lives should be compensated. These are our main issues. Government should talk," Tikait said ANI.



"Firstly, we didn't get special permission to seat 45 people in the venue that can seat more. Secondly, threats have been made to shut down the venue if I were to ever perform there. I guess this is also part of the Covid protocol & new guidelines. I suppose I am seen as a variant of the virus now," the comedian said.

Kamra said now that his shows have also been cancelled

despite the threats.

"Step no 5 - Be ready with celebration memes that show your victory and togetherness in missing the point. You can also apply this formula to an artist that you don't agree with, you don't find funny or don't like their art..."

Besides Kamra and Faruqui, comedian Vir Das also faced several complaints and online trolling for his 'Two Indias' monologue in the US recently.



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