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Kashmir Witnessing Peace, Investment Post Art-370: Shah Repeats 'Chronology' Of Delimitation, Polls And Statehood

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NEW DELHI: Article 370 was in place for decades but was there peace in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Home Minister Amit Shah asked Saturday, asserting that the 2019 abrogation of the Constitutional provision has ushered in peace, good business investment and an influx of tourists.

Shah made these remarks during an interaction at the HT Leadership Summit here, referring to a statement by former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah who had said that the government will not be able to bring peace in the union territory until Article 370 is restored.

"There was Article 370 for the last 75 years. Why was there no peace? If there is a relation between peace and Article 370, was the Article not in place in



1990? It was there in 1990 why there was no peace? Even if we include figures of targeted killings, we are not even close to 10 per cent. This means there is peace, Shah said at the event where he also delivered the keynote address.

Earlier in his address, Shah said no one believed that Article 370 and Article 35-A could ever

Talks Only With Those Who Believe In Indian Constitution: LG

Observer Monitoring Desk

Ruling out any possibility of dialogue between the government of India and the separatist leadership, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Saturday that only those who believed in the Indian Constitution were the stakeholders in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Earlier, those who disrupted peace and fomented separatism in Jammu and Kashmir were provided medical treatment by flying them in special planes. The days of soft separatism are over. Now, talks will happen with only those who believe in the Indian



Constitution," Sinha said. He was replying to a question on who would centre talk to in J&K, in a popular show Agenda Aaj Tak, at Le Meridien, New Delhi on Saturday. When asked to spell about the stakeholders in J&K, the LG said that it were the people of

Kashmir Braces For Fresh Snow Spell



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SRINAGAR: The intense cold wave conditions eased in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday as the minimum temperature improved at most places in the Valley, where weather department has predicted another snow spell from Sunday.

Jammu and Kashmir is most likely to receive snowfall from Saturday night till Monday evening, with the

main activity on Sunday, the MeT said.

It said snowfall is most likely to commence from late Saturday night, increasing gradually in intensity and spatial distribution with the peak on Sunday.

The plains in Kashmir are likely to receive light (two to three inches) of snowfall, whereas higher reaches of J&K are likely to receive moderate snowfall (up to six to seven inches),

NEWS DIGEST

Govt Suspends 3 PWD Engineers

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Saturday suspended three officials of the Public Works Department, a day after they were arrested by CBI for allegedly accepting a bribe from a contractor in Udhampur district. Superintending

Lashkar 'Militant' Held In Budgam

SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday claimed to have arrested a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant in central Kashmir's Budgam district. Abdul Hamid Nath of Pethzangam Beerwah was arrested by a joint team of police, army's 2RR and 62RR and the personnel of CRPF 79 Battalion from Poshkar

Bear Captured In Kulgam

SRINAGAR: The wildlife officials on Saturday captured a black bear in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. The villagers in Sopat Tangpora spotted a bear roaming around a non-functional water tank of Jal Shakti department and instantly informed the wildlife department officials about it,

Ladakh Logs 27 Cases, 1 Covid Death

LEH: Ladakh reported 27 fresh cases of coronavirus and one death due to it in last 24 hours, officials said on Saturday. The fresh cases pushed the overall virus tally in the Union Territory (UT) to 21,669 and active cases to 311. The sole death was reported from Leh district on Friday, which took the overall death toll in the region since

Veteran Journalist Vinod Dua Dies At 67



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NEW DELHI: Veteran journalist Vinod Dua, who started his career with Doodardshan in the black-and-white era and went on to make his mark in the digital space in the decades that followed,

Cop Escapes Unhurt In Militant Attack

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A railway policeman on Saturday had a close shave after suspected militants fired shots at him in Awantipora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

According to reports, an unknown pheran-clad militant appeared in Dogripora village of the Awantipora on Saturday evening and fired shots towards a railway policeman when he was entering a tea stall. Though the cop escaped unhurt in the attack, additional reinforcements of police and CRPF quickly reached the area to nab the attackers.

Over 80% Women Undergo C-Sections In J&K Hospitals

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: The latest round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) has flagged another worrying trend, revealing that more than 80 percent of women in Jammu and Kashmir undergo a Caesarean section (C-section) at private health institutions.

The report has also created strong apprehensions among the natives that the process of normal delivery is no



longer normal in private hospitals in J&K as 82.1% of the women in the erstwhile state have given births by undergoing C-section. Notably, several of J&K's nutritional indicators have worsened since the fourth round of the NFHS, which was held in 2015-16. But the erstwhile

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Centre Flags Rising Covid Cases In J&K



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NEW DELHI: The Union health ministry on Saturday asked the Jammu and Kashmir administration to take necessary steps under the

'Test-Track-Treat-Vaccinate-Covid Appropriate Behaviour' strategy to control the spread of COVID-19 and reduce fatality. The move comes in view of rising cases of the infection,

LG Calls For Intensive Testing, Containment

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday asked the district administrators to intensify awareness campaigns and strict enforcement of Covid protocol, masking, and social distancing. The LG passed these directions while chairing a review meeting on Covid-19 situation in J&K in which preventive measures to be implemented against the emerging scenario were discussed, an official spokesperson said. While chairing the meetings

J&K Logs 202 New Covid Cases

Over 200 more people, including 64 travellers tested positive for coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, while no Covid-19 related death was reported during the last 24 hours. According to the officials, Kashmir Valley registered 114 new cases of novel coronavirus while 88 others were detected from various parts of the Jammu division, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 337646. In the Valley,




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Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Urban Development Agency Of Kashmir (UDAK) Habitat CENTRE Bemina By Pass E-Mail udakeojk@gmail.com Phone: 0194-2490259 Fax: 0194-2590259 No: UDAK/SEP/NULM/TFC/1012-20 Dated: 04-12-2021 PUBLIC NOTICE All those candidate sof District Srinagar & Ganderbal who have applied for providing of Financial Assistance under Self Employment Programme (SEP-I/SEP-G) of National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) Through Urban Development Agency Kashmir (UDAK) Srinagar, for the year 2020-21 should present themselves before the Task Force Committee on the date & time given below for screening/recommendations of the loan cash in the office of the Chief Executive Officer Urban Development Agency (UDAK) 4th flood Habitat Centre Bemina bye-Pass, Srinagar to finalize their cases as per the guidelines of NULM Scheme The candidates are requested bring along themselves all related documents in Original.

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از نیابت ساگام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ دیپاول ساگام درخواست منجانب: محمد اقبال کاس ولد نوری ساگام برض حصول ST مرقفیت۔ اشتہار برآء گاہی برخاص وعام۔ معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں ساگل نے ایک درخواست برض حصول ST مرقفیت دفتر بذیل پیش کیا ہے جو کذیر کا روٹی ہے۔ پیواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ کاس ولد نوری ساگام کا کنڈیڈ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

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Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING ANANTNAG E-Tender Notice No:209 of 2021-22 Dated: 27-11-2021 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory Of J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore Short term e-Tender NIT No: PHE/MDNS/NIT/E-31 of 2021-22 For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, sealed e-tenders in two covers are invited from experienced, reputed and registered firms/ genuine manufacturer/ authorized distributors/ dealers/ workshop holders / SSI Unit holders for the following work:

Admin Flags-Off Shikara Race At Dal Lake

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 4: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Saturday flagged-off a Shikara Race here in world famous Dal Lake.

While, the Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary participated in the event through virtual mode.

The Shikara Race was organized by Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura to promote tourism in Jammu & Kashmir, in which over 100 Shikaras participated in this race.

The Race commenced after the flag-off by DC, Srinagar and winners including Mohammad Yaqoob Bhat, 1st; Mohammad Altaf Sheikh, 2nd and Abdul Razak Sheikh, 3rd position were rewarded during felicitation ceremony presided by Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Dr. Anshu Kataria and other members of the Group were also present on the occasion.

NC Censures BB Cantt For Serving Tax Warrants To Residents

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Provincial Vice President Kashmir and In-Charge Constituency Sonwar Ahsan Pardesi on Saturday took strong exception to serving of warrant regarding paying property taxes by Badami Bagh Cantonment Board (BBCB), which falls under the Ministry of Defense, to the residents of Batwara, Shivpora, Indra Nagar and partly Sonwar in Srinagar.

In a statement, censuring the Badami Bagh cantonment board authorities for serving warrant order which amounts to attachment of properties to the residential and commercial units within its jurisdiction, Ahsan Pardesi said National conference strongly condemns unwarranted order issued to the residents of localities including Shivpora, Batwara Indra Nagar and partly Sonwar who have



received warrant orders from the Board which has caused unrest and mental agony among the inhabitants of these areas.

While expressing his displeasure at the decision, he said such a move would only add to

the miseries of locals, who have snapped their strength to make such out-of-pocket expenditures due to the undergoing economic downturn induced by the deluge of 2014 and Covid-19. The locals households and traders it is germane to mention had suffered due to the ravaging impact the deluge of 2014 incurred on them.

"On behalf of residents of Batwara, Shivpora, Indra Nagar and partly Sonwar. I appeal to hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to look into the matter and do the needful to give respite to the locals residing there," Pardesi said in the statement.

Pardesi said LG Sinha had last year said that the JK administration would not impose any property tax on the people. "It was clearly mentioned by LG Sahab that no such tax would be levied by the incumbent JK administration. Why are the localities within the jurisdiction of BBCB being singled out," he argued.

DC conducts Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Khimber

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Continuing its endeavour to bring Administration to the door steps of the people particularly living in distant areas of the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Saturday conducted an extensive tour of Khimber.

The Deputy Commissioner presided over a Public Grievance Redressal Camp under ongoing Public Outreach Programme for on spot resolution of public issues.

District Development Council, Khimber, Kaiser Ganjee, other PRI members and a large number of people of Khimber and adjoining areas attended the Public Grievance Redressal camp.

Chief Planning Officer Srinagar, District Programme Officer, ICDS, General Manager, DIC, Chief Education Officer, Assistant Commissioner Panchayats, District Panchayat Officer, Block Development Officer, District Social Welfare, Assistant Commissioner Labour and other District Officers were also present

on the occasion.

During the Grievance Redressal Camp, local DDC member, PRI representatives, scores of public delegations, individuals projected various issues and demands before the Deputy Commissioner including augmentation of Water supply scheme, speedy issuance of Revenue Extracts, early commissioning of Tribal Research Institute and Primary Health Centre Khimber, Veterinary Center, Fire Station, Road Widening from Gasoo to Khimber, upgradation of Middle School Taikiya Sangreshi, besides providing a Social Welfare Center in the area.

The DC after giving patient hearing to the grievances and demands of the public, sought on the spot response from the concerned District Officers present during the Grievance Redressal camp.

He also assured them that all genuine demands and issues projected by them will be taken up with concerned authorities on priority. The DC also gave on the spot direction to the concerned officers for time bound redressal of the public issues.

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3.	Data Manager	BCA from recognized university Experience: More than 2years Age: upto 45 years	02	02
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- 1082 - Ramon Berenguer II, Count of Barcelona is assassinated
- 1301 - Pope Boniface VIII's degree Auscultati fili (only nominee)
- 1360 - The French Franc is created
- 1408 - Emir Edigu of Golden Horde reaches Moscow
- 1448 - Bishop Jona of Moscow chosen as metropolitan of Kiev/Intoxication
- 1456 - Earthquake strikes Naples; about 35,000 die
- 1492 - Christopher Columbus discovers Hispaniola (El Espanola/Haiti)
- 1602 Giulio Caccini's "Euridice" premieres in Florence
- 1741 - Russian princess Elisabeth Petrovna grabs powers
- 1757 - Battle of Leuthen: Prussian army beats Austrians
- 1804 - Thomas Jefferson re-elected US President, George Clinton Vice President
- 1912 - The Triple Alliance among Italy, Austria, and Germany (originally signed in 1882) is renewed for six years, beginning in 1914, a move inspired by instability in the Balkans
- 1941 - Soviet anti-offensive in Moscow drives out Nazi army
- 1950 - Sikkim becomes a protectorate of India
- 1955 - The American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merge and form the AFL-CIO.
- 1957 - President Sukarno of Indonesia expels all Dutch people.
- 1958 - The Preston bypass, the UK's first stretch of motorway, opens to traffic for the first time. It is now part of the M6 and M55 motorways.
- 1959 - Intikhab Alam bowls Colin McDonald with 1st ball in Tests
- 1960 - Ghana drops diplomatic relations with Belgium
- 1971 - Libya nationalizes British Petroleum concession
- 1977 - Egypt breaks off diplomatic relations with Syria, Libya, Algeria, Iraq & South Yemen
- 1990 - British Indian novelist Salman Rushdie appears in public for 1st time in 2 years after Iran called for his assassination
- 1990 - Iraq announces willingness to speak with US about resolving the Persian Gulf crisis
- 1993 - Astronauts begin repair of Hubble telescope in space
- 2008 - Human remains previously found in 1991 are finally identified by Russian and American scientists as those of Tsar Nicholas II
- 2013 - 52 people are killed and 167 are injured in a militant attack on a defense ministry compound in Sana'a, Yemen
- 2016 - Malta becomes the 1st country in Europe to outlaw conversion therapy

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER HORTICULTURE P&M CONST.DIV.SGR.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

FRESH e-NIT No.57 of 2021-22 DATED:04-12-2021

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor J&K UT, tenders are invited by Executive Engineer, Horticulture (P&M) at Rajbagh by e-tendering mode on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of work	Adv cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of Tender documents	Time of completion	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1	Maintenance of Assets Horticulture (P&M) Office building at Rajbagh (Balance Work)	5.40 lacs	300/-	20 days	CEE/ DEE	CAPEX

Position of AAA/Ts: -Accorded.
Position of Funds: - Assured/Available.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04-12-2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	04-12-2021
3.	Bid submission Start Date	04-12-2021
4.	Bid Submission End Date	10-12-2021 upto 4:00 Pm
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	11-12-2021 at 11:00 Am

Note: - As per circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat finance department:

A) Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e tenders is dispensed with the same and should be obtained from the bidders who is declare first lowest (L) after opening of financial bids.

B) first lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR /FDR within (02) two days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.

C) All bidders must have to upload Card Verification Certificate issued by Concerned Authority. Deposit Head (HPM)

The Horticulture Planning and Marketing Division does not have sanctioned deposit Head. The Allotted agency should produce FDR @ 10% of running bills which shall be treated as bill deposit and shall be released after DLP is over as per the procedure.

- All bidders have to submit bid security declaration form instead of earnest money deposit (EMD) as per the secular of finance department (bid security declaration form is as Annexure A below
- 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
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury challan to be credited into revenue head 0401(nonrefundable) in favour of Executive Engineer HPM (Tender Inviting Authority)
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
- The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer.
- All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)
- Rebate/free of cost tender shall be not entertained, the tender shall be out rightly rejected by the tender opening authority.
- The CDRs in respect of un-successful bidders shall be released only after depositing of Treasury Voucher in original (as cost of tender document) in the office Executive Engineer HPM.
- The work shall not exceed beyond the allotted cost.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Horticulture (P&M) Construction Division Kashmir Srinagar

No. EE/Horti/P&M/2021-22/1660-62
Dated: -04-12-2021 DIPP-14218/21

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Executive Engineer, Gulmarg Development Authority Tangmarg

Expression of interest for engaging of landscape Architect/Architect/Consultant for providing of DPR's and Drawing etc.

Expression of interest is invited for & on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT for providing consultancy services from reputed Architects/ consultancy agency/ company duly registered with the council of Architects/any other statutory body, for hiring their services for drawing project design & allied services for the following proposed projects in Gulmarg and around: -

- Development of Park near Market.
- Development of Eco Park at Botapathri Gulmarg.
- Plantation of early spring plants / trees in retrieved land patches in Gulmarg and Tangmarg.
- Preservation of Maharaja Palace as heritage site.
- Development of Eco-friendly entertainment facilities in Children Park for children.
- Re-construction of Beacon Hut as per Master Plan.
- Development of Park near Gondola

The bides will be opened on same day or next working day in case of holiday with the following details.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	02.12.2021
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	03.12.2021 10.00 AM to 08.12.2021 04.00 P.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	03.12.2021 from 10.00 AM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	08.12.2021 04.00 P.M.
5.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids(Online)	09.12.2021 at 4.00 pm in the office of Executive Engineer GDA Tangmarg

The scope of work includes contouring with ETS, Conceptual Architectural Designs Layouts for all the components, Landscaping Designs for the Development/Improvement of the area & other related facilities for the Complex. Architects/agencies / companies of repute who have executed 03 projects of similar nature during last 5 years with consideration for environment may submit their offers. The interest's bidder shall submit his offer and other relevant proposals along with following details: -

- Company Profile/ Agency Profile with detail of the projects executed by them during last three years.
- Copy of Registration with Council of Architects/registrars of companies or any other relevant competent authority
- Income Tax return for last three years with audited certificate as per enclosed format.
- The rate shall be quoted in terms of percentage of the Total cost of work and shall be quoted for each work separately.
- The BOQ uploaded shall be accepted on percentage basis.
- The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason thereof.

No:- GDA/Divn/2858-59 Dated: 01-12-2021 Sd/= Executive Engineer Gulmarg Dev. Authority DIPP-NB-5582/21

From KO Archives

Ikhwanis attack CRPF post, woman killed, 5 hurt

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A woman was killed and five other civilians were injured when a group of counter-insurgents hurled a grenade towards a security picket manned by the central reserve police force (CRPF) followed by firing at Anantnag today. In a swift response, the CRPF personnel apprehended the Ikhwanis and handed four of them to the police after a thrashing.

According to a report, passenger bus bearing registration No JKE/8867 was about to leave the Anantnag bus stand for Chowgam(Devsar) at about 4 p.m The passengers included five Ikhwanis who were perched at its rooftop They were identified as Muhammad Hanief Rather of Mondial, Muhammad Amin Dar of Lalan, Manzoor Ahmad Dar of Devsar, Khurshid Ahmad of Munawarabad, Srinagar, and Feroz Ahmad of Bomthan.

Quoting eyewitnesses, the agency report said the Ikhwanis hurled a grenade towards the Goodview hotel where the CRPF 95 battalion has a camp. They followed it by discriminate firing. However, the grenade missed the intended target and exploded on the road side injuring six civilians. Of them, a woman, Jawa-hira w/o Saif-ud-din of Churat, succumbed to her injuries.

Others injured in the incident were identified as Jamila d/o Muhammad Ismail Bhat of Bona Devsar, Jalal-ud-din Kumar of Kahlii Trfal, Ghulam Hasan Shah of Babapora, Bonagam, Qazi-gund, Farida w/o Muhammad Ismail Shah of Churat and Abdul Rasheed Hajam of Sopat, Qazigund.

Reports said the CRPF personnel immediately swung into action and arrested all the five counter-insurgents. After giving them a sound beating, they handed over all but one to the police. However, they took Feroz Ahmad with them.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 05 DECEMBER, 2000)

Dozens Arrested In Pakistan Over Lynching Of Sri Lankan Man



Agence France-Presse

SIALKOT, PAKISTAN: Up to 120 people have been arrested in Pakistan after a Sri Lankan factory manager was beaten to death and set ablaze by a mob who accused him of blasphemy, officials said on Saturday.

The vigilante attack has caused outrage, with Prime Minister Imran Khan calling it a "day of shame for Pakistan". Few issues are as galvanising in Pakistan as blasphemy, and even the slightest suggestion of an insult to Islam can supercharge protests and incite lynchings.

The incident took place on Friday in Sialkot, a district in central Punjab province, about 200 kilometres (125 miles) southeast of the capital Islamabad.

Zulfiqar Ali, a police official in the area, told AFP: "Rumour spread in the factory that the manager had torn down a religious poster and thrown it in the dustbin."

Police spokesman Khurram Shehzad said up to 120 people had been arrested, including one of the main accused.

Tahir Ashrafi, a religious scholar and special representative of the prime minister on religious harmo-

ny, confirmed the arrest and told AFP that workers had complained of the manager being "very strict".

"Police experts are investigating this case from various angles, including that some factory workers played a religious card to take revenge on the manager," Ashrafi said.

Shehzad said raids are continuing.

Crowd watched
Several gruesome video clips shared on social media showed a mob beating the prone victim while chanting slogans against blasphemy. Other clips showed his body set ablaze, as well as the overturned wreckage of what was said to be his car.

Many in the mob made no attempt to hide their identity and some took selfies in front of the burning corpse.

Hasaan Khawar, a spokesman for Punjab government, told reporters on Saturday around 800 to 900 people -- some of them armed with sticks -- were dragging the body of the manager.

Khawar said a post-mortem examination of the body had been done and the body would be handed over to the Sri Lankan Embassy in Islamabad.

Taliban Bans Forced Marriage Of Women In Afghanistan

Agencies

The Taliban has issued a decree barring forced marriage in Afghanistan, saying women should not be considered "property" and must consent to marriage, but questions remain about whether the group that returned to power in mid-August would extend women's rights around work and education.

The decree was announced on Friday by the reclusive Taliban chief, Hibatullah Akhundzada -- who is believed to be in the southern city of Kandahar. "Both (women and men) should be equal," said the decree, adding that "no one can force women to marry by coercion or pressure".

The decree did not mention a minimum age for marriage, which previously was set at 16 years old.

The group also said a widow will now be allowed to re-marry 17 weeks after her husband's death, choosing her new husband freely.

Widows
Longstanding tribal traditions have held it customary for a widow to marry one of her husband's brothers or relatives in the event of his death.

The Taliban leadership says it has ordered Afghan courts to treat women fairly, especially widows seeking inheritance as next of kin. The group, which came to power in August, also said it had asked government ministers to spread awareness about women's rights across the population.

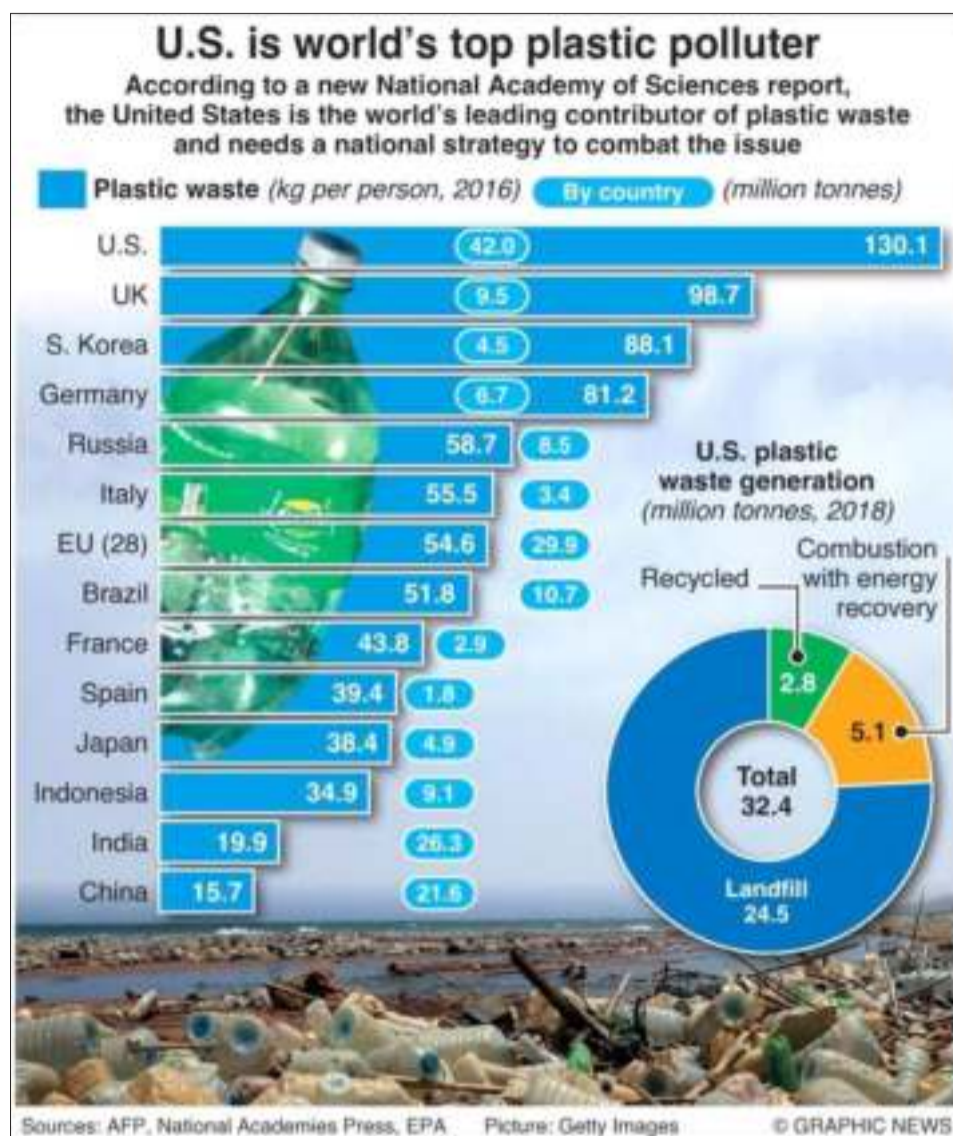
The development was hailed as a significant step forward by two leading Afghan women, but questions remained about whether the group would extend women's rights around work and education.



"This is big, this is huge ... if it is done as it is supposed to be, this is the first time they have come up with a decree like this," said Mahbouba Seraj, executive director of the Afghan Women's Skills Development Center speaking from Kabul on a Reuters Next conference panel on Friday.

The international community, which has frozen billions of dollars in funds for Afghanistan, has made women's and human rights a key element of any future engagement with Afghanistan. Seraj said that even before the Taliban took over the country on August 15, Afghan politicians had struggled to form such a clear policy on women's rights around marriage.

"Now what we have to do as the women of this country is we should make sure this actually takes place and gets implemented," said Seraj.



Omicron Spreads To 38 Nations, No Deaths Reported, Says WHO

Agence France-Presse

GENEVA: The Omicron variant has been detected in 38 countries but no deaths have yet been reported, the WHO said on Friday, as authorities worldwide rushed to stem the heavily mutated Covid-19 strain's spread amid warnings that it could damage the global economic recovery.

The United States and Australia became the latest countries to confirm locally transmitted cases of the variant, as Omicron infections pushed South Africa's total cases past three million.

The World Health Organization has warned it could take weeks to determine how infectious the variant is, whether it causes more severe illness and how effective treatments and vaccines are against it.

"We're going to get the answers that everybody out there needs," WHO emergencies director Michael Ryan said.

The WHO said on Friday it had still not seen any reports of deaths



related to Omicron, but the new variant's spread has led to warnings that it could cause more than half of Europe's Covid cases in the next few months.

The new variant could also slow global economic recovery, just as the Delta strain did, International Monetary Fund chief Kristalina Georgieva said on Friday.

"Even before the arrival of this new variant, we were concerned that the recovery, while it continues, is losing somewhat momentum," she said.

"A new variant that may spread very rapidly can dent confidence."

A preliminary study by researchers in South Africa, where the variant was first reported on November 24, suggests it is three times more likely to cause reinfections compared to the Delta or Beta strains.

The emergence of Omicron was the "ultimate evidence" of the danger of unequal global vaccination rates, Red Cross head Francesca Rocca said.

South African doctors said there had been a spike in children under five admitted to hospital since Omicron emerged, but stressed it was too early to know if young children were particularly susceptible.

No Evidence Yet Omicron More Severe Than Other Variants: Singapore

SINGAPORE: There is currently no evidence to suggest that symptoms associated with the Omicron variant of COVID-19 are different or more severe than those of other variants, or that current vaccines and therapeutics would be ineffective against the new variant, according to a news report citing Singapore's Ministry of Health (MOH).

Channel News Asia reported that the ministry said two more people infected with Omicron variant travelled through Singapore to Malaysia and Australia.

More data and further studies on Omicron are needed, the Ministry of Health said adding that

it is expecting to see more such cases being reported globally in the coming weeks.

"Should the Omicron variant be more transmissible than Delta and become the globally dominant variant over time, it is a matter of time before it establishes itself in Singapore," the Ministry of Health said on Friday.

"But the additional measures will help to buy time to learn more about dealing with Omicron, and to continue with our booster programme to strengthen our collective resilience for better protection against this new variant."

Ministry of Health said it might

need to introduce or adjust its measures "at short notice" in response to the "fluid" situation.

On Omicron infections transmitted through Singapore's Changi Airport, Ministry of Health said the first case travelled from Johannesburg on November 27 on a Singapore Airlines flight, and arrived here the same day for his transit flight.

The passenger then travelled to Sydney on another Singapore Airlines flight arriving on November 28.

The New South Wales Ministry of Health in Australia on Friday confirmed he was a positive case, the Ministry of Health said in a statement on Friday. -PTI

Russia Planning Ukraine Offensive With Up To 175,000 Troops: Report



Agence France-Presse

WASHINGTON: Russia is orchestrating a multi-front offensive involving up to 175,000 troops as soon as next year, The Washington Post reported Friday, as Ukraine warned that a large-scale attack may be planned for next month.

Moscow's plans "involve extensive movement of 100 battalion tactical groups with an estimated 175,000 personnel, along with armor, artillery and equipment," a US administration official told the Post on condition of anonymity.

While the Pentagon told AFP it would not comment on intelligence matters, it said it was "deeply concerned by evidence that Russia has made plans for aggressive actions against Ukraine."

"We continue to support de-escalation in the region and a diplomatic resolution to the conflict in eastern Ukraine," Pentagon spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Tony Semelroth said.

Russian forces are currently massing at four points, with 50 battlefield tactical groups deployed in addition to the fresh arrival of tanks and artillery, the Post said, citing an unclassified US intelligence document.

Movement to and from the border is meant to make any tactical moves murky and cause uncertainty, the Post said, citing its sources.

US President Joe Biden earlier in

the day said he was preparing fresh policies to halt any Russian plans to invade Ukraine after both Washington and Kiev reported that Moscow had massed troops near its border.

Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksiy Reznikov estimated that Russia has around 100,000 troops near the border. Russia denies any military build-up.

"The most likely time to reach readiness for escalation will be the end of January," Reznikov said.

Following a visit with his Russian counterpart on Thursday, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Washington had "deep concerns about Russia's plans for renewed aggression against Ukraine." He warned Moscow of "serious consequences" if Russia "decides to pursue confrontation."

Biden and President Vladimir Putin are due to hold a video call to discuss the rising tensions, both sides confirmed Friday.

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Nearly 2 Years After Covid Outbreak, This Island Reports Its First Case



Agence France-Presse

WELLINGTON: The Cook Islands on Saturday recorded its first case of Covid-19 since the pandemic began, as the South Pacific country edges toward reopening its borders to tourists.

The nation of around 17,000 people has one of the highest vaccination rates globally, with 96 percent of the eligible population double-dosed.

The virus was detected in a 10-year-old boy quarantining after arriving on a repatriation flight with his family on Thursday, Prime Minister Mark Brown said in a statement. The boy was

believed to have flown in from New Zealand.

"We have been preparing ourselves for the time we reopen our borders. Our testing regimes have shown the value of that preparation by catching this case at the border," Brown said.

The island nation, which shut itself off from the world when the pandemic hit, has announced plans to resume quarantine-free travel with New Zealand on January 14.

A short-lived travel bubble with New Zealand was paused earlier this year when an outbreak of the virus emerged in Auckland.

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No:- GDC/Estt/Ref./Class-IV/File-85/5616-24

Dated:03-12-2021

Subject:- Selection list of Class-IV posts of Union Territory/Divisional/District Cadre of J&K-appointment thereof.

NOTICE

Regarding the subject cited above, whereunder, you were appointed as Class-IV under Open Merit (OM) Category in Government Dental College, Srinagar vide Government Order No. 669-JK (HME) of 2021 dated: 22-10-2021 issued under endorsement No. HD-Cord/142/2021-02 dated: 22-10-2021, you were directed to join the department within a period of 21 days from the date of issuance of order but you did not join this Institution within the stipulated time.

Now, therefore, with reference to communication issued by Health & Medical Education Department Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar vide No. HD/Coord/142/2021-02 dated: 30-11-2021, you are hereby given final opportunity to join this Institution within week's time positively from the date of issuance of this notice and in case you failed to join within the extended stipulated period, your appointment shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio without any further notice.

Sd/-

Administrative Officer,
Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Srinagar.

DIPK-14229/21

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_151243_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 tender / bids in electronic format on website www.jktenders.gov.in	09 Dec 2021 1000hrs.
(b)	Opening of Bids at NCC Camping Ground Nagrota Jammu	09 Dec 2021 1200hrs
(c)	PNC at NCC Camping Ground Nagrota, Jammu	09 Dec 2021 1200hrs
(d)	Last day of Delivery of Items	12 Dec 2021

DIPK-14124/21

Gang of Burglars Busted in Budgam, 7 Arrested: Police

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: Police in Budgam solved a burglary case by arresting seven accused persons involved in the commission of crime and recovered stolen property worth lakhs of rupees. "On 01/12/2021, Police Station Magam received a complaint from one person namely Mansoor Ahmad Sheikh son of Ghulam Nabi Sheikh resident of Batpora Kanihama regarding burglary at his workshop 'Mansoor Automobiles' located at Agrikalan Magam," a police spokesman said in a statement.

Accordingly, police said that a case under FIR number 254/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Magam and a special team headed by SHO PS Magam was constituted to investigate the case.

"During the course of investigation, the special team zeroed in on some suspects and they were called for questioning. During questioning, one of the suspects namely Imran Hassan Mir son of Manzoor Ahmad Mir resident of Kakarpura Mirgund Pattan confessed his involvement in the commission of crime. The team also recovered stolen property from the premises of his residential house which he had concealed in a tin shed."

He also confessed the role of his two more accomplices who had hatched the criminal conspiracy and actively participated

in the commission of crime. Both the accused persons identified as Yawar Abbas Malik son of Ashiq Hussain Malik resident of Lashkar Mohalla Nishat and Aijaz Ahmad Malla son of Ghulam Mohammad Malla resident of Dewar Parihaspora were subsequently arrested, police said.

"The investigating team also learnt about involvement of another accused person namely Syed Akther Shah, son of Syed Mustafa Shah resident of Parihaspora Pattan and on his disclosure stolen property which he had concealed at his workshop near Shadipora Crossing was recovered. Following more leads, the investigating team arrested two more accomplices of this burglary gang identified as Pervaiz Ahmad Guroo son of Ab. Ahad Guroo resident of Narayan bagh Ganderbal and Irfan Hussain Sofi son of Muzafar Ahmed Sofi resident of Dab Ganderbal and recovered stolen property which they had concealed at their workshop at Dub Ganderbal."

Furthermore, the team arrested one more accused person identified as Zulfikar Ahmad Dar son of Ghulam Hussain Dar resident of Chenabal Mirgund Pattan who was also part of the crime and had used his vehicle Maruti-800 bearing registration number PB10AG-9210 for the commission of crime. The vehicle was also seized from Wushan Kangan Ganderbal, police said.

Free Medical Camp Held In North Kashmir's Yakhmanpora

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A free medical camp cum awareness programme in regard to control and containment of covid-19 was organized at Yakhmanpora village in Singhpora block of North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Saturday.

The camp was organized by District Ayush Office Baramulla in collaboration with Idara Is-

lamic Library Imam Khameeni (H.Z) Yakhmanpora Regd.

During the camp 114 patients including old aged, pregnant ladies, lactating mothers and children were given free medicines and immune boosting drugs.

Idara is thankful to medical and para medical staff of AYUSH, Health and wellness centre Mirgund and all those who helped in making this camp a success.

Restore J&K's Statehood Before Assembly Election: Azad

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The real 'Jehad' is to fight against poverty and unemployment, rather than against any leader, party or religion, senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday. Addressing a public rally here, he reiterated the demand for restoration of statehood of Jammu and Kashmir before assembly elections, saying the bureaucracy is no match to popular rule in fulfilling the aspirations of the people.

He said the people of the country are suffering due to the price hike of essential commodities and the Congress has been fighting over it within and outside parliament.

Jehad (holy war) is not fighting against another religion. The real 'Jehad' is to wipe out poverty and unemployment which is our biggest enemy, rather than any leader or party, Azad said.

The former chief minister said that he does not consider any leader or party as his enemy.

There has been a spurt in the prices of fuel and other daily use items including vegetables and pulses. The domestic gas was available to the people for Rs 400 during the Congress rule, but now the price has gone up nearly three times, bringing misery to the commoners, Azad said.

He said he is a less politician and a more reformer as I believe there is a need for reforms to end the evils of discrimination and maltreatment.

There are some who are dividing the people on the basis of religion, which I view as a mental sickness. I, as a chief minister of J-K, never differentiated the people on the basis of religion and region and treated everyone equally, Azad said, adding the people are precious to him and he was ready for any sacrifice for them.

Azad claimed the present government is not treating everyone equally and is taking anti-people steps like evicting people from their land which they have been possessing for decades together.

The Congress leader said the people of J&K are suffering as there is no alternative to the democratic government.

The bureaucracy is no substitute for the popular government. We cannot hold them responsible for their failure to mitigate the sufferings of the public. They are not meant to visit far-off places and listen to the public as they are constitutionally assigned the job of working in offices, Azad said.

Raising the demand for early restoration of statehood followed by assembly elections, the Congress leader said the people of J-K need a democratic government and not central rule, which is going on after the fall of the previous government in 2018.

COVID Vaccination For Children Crucial As Omicron Spreads: DAK

Observer News service

SRINAGAR: With Omicron appearing to spread much faster than previous strains of the virus, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Saturday called for vaccinating children against Covid-19.

"Amid Omicron variant threat Covid vaccination for children becomes crucial," said DAK President and Influenza expert Dr Nisar ul Hassan in a statement.

"Till now, Covid-19 has caused mild symptoms in children. But in South Africa where

Omicron variant is now dominant strain, there has been increase in hospital admissions among young kids," he said.

The DAK President said the country is seeing a rise in severe Covid infections in children less than 5 years of age.

"Researchers believe lack of vaccination among children may be the result of increase in hospitalization," he said.

"That makes Covid vaccine vitally important for children," he added.

"While most of the elderly and adults have been vaccinated, children have not been in-

cluded in the vaccination drive yet," he said adding it is unjust to allow kids to take on great burdens during the pandemic but not give them the opportunity to benefit from a vaccine.

Spokesperson DAK Dr Riyaz Ahmad Dagga said vaccinating children will protect them from getting Covid and can also help keep them from getting seriously sick even if they do get Covid-19.

"Covid-19 vaccine is required for children to return to classrooms and is important for ensuring safe learning environment in schools," he said.

CBK Charge Sheets Man For Drawing Family Pension Of Deceased Wife Illegally

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The crime Branch Kashmir (CBK) on Saturday produced a charge sheet against a person for allegedly drawing family pension of his deceased wife Naseeb Kour illegally even after his re-marriage.

"The Crime Branch Kashmir produced chargesheet in a case under FIR number 03/2014 under section 420, 468, 471 RPC of P/S CBK before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Srinagar against the accused Omkar Singh S/o Balwant Singh R/o Harduchaman Rafiabab Baramulla for illegally drawing family pension of his deceased wife Naseeb Kour even after his re-marriage," said statement of the

Crime Branch. Pertinently, the CBK had received a complaint from one Balbir Kour alleging therein that one Omkar Singh is illegally drawing family pension of his deceased wife, Naseeb Kour even after his re-marriage.

"Consequent to the complaint a preliminary enquiry under PV No: 02/2013 was initiated. During probe, it substantiated that accused Omkar Singh had knowingly and fraudulently drawn an amount of Rs 2.91 lacs as family pension in the name of Naseeb Kour, even after his re-marriage and accordingly the case under FIR number 03/2014 U/S 420, 468, 471 RPC was registered at P/S Crime Branch Kashmir and investigation set into motion."

LG Sinha's Talk Show Evokes Good Response

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The monthly radio talk show of Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is being well received by people.

Many people especially youth of J&K have voiced their suggestions through the programme and those ultimately have found their mention in LG Sinha's monthly radio talk: 'Awaam Ki Awaaz'.

Faisal Yousuf Gilkar, who is from southern Anantnag district

of Kashmir, is among hundreds of youth, whose suggestions were acknowledged by LG Sinha himself. Gilkar believes that such platforms give confidence to youth of J&K and boost 'our morale to work for the betterment and development of the region.'

"It is matter of great honours for me to get mentioned in monthly radio talk Awaam Ki Awaaz; and getting featured in such platforms gives confidence and boosts our morale to work for the betterment and development of UT of J&K," Gilkar said.

GDC Sogam Organizes Mushaira

Observer News Service

KUPWARA: One-Day Intra-College Mehfil-e-Mushaira (Poetry Recitation in Kashmiri, Urdu, English, and Pahari languages) was organized by GDC Sogam (Lolab), Kupwara on 4th December 2021. The Mushaira was organized by Cultural Committee, Debates & Seminar Committee (D&S), in collaboration with Department of Kashmiri and IQAC of the College

with the objective to provide a platform for students who possess the talent of poetry and creative writings in different languages.

Prof. M. Shafi Lone (Principal, GDC Sogam) was the patron of the event. The event was coordinated by Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Kumar (Convener, College Cultural Committee) and Dr Tauseef Ahmad Paray Assistant Professor Islamic Studies. Prof. Javid Hasan moderated the event and proposed the vote of thanks.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR.
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RURAL ENGINEERING WING BARAMULLA.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (Re Tender)

NIT No: - 244/Xen/Rew/Bla/2021-2022 Dated. 01/12/2021 (Re Tender)

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

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA/TS	Position of Funds
1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10
1	Construction of Anganwadi centre Building at ward No 03 P/H Parpanpilla Under ADP (PRI) Block Parpanpilla	11.62	600	60 days	BEE, CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded	Allotted
2	Construction of Anganwadi centre Building at ward No 11 P/H Parpanpilla Under ADP (PRI) Block Parpanpilla	11.62	600	60 days	BEE, CEE DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded	Allotted

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

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4	Bid Submission End Date	08-12-2021 up to 6:00 PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 09-12-2021 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.
- The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:07.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance deptt)that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat. In the event of inadequate response to a tender ,participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted.
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/ receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein name of work and NIT No. (Copy enclosed) in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender inviting Authority).
- 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 Responsivebidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.
- All The Bidders has to submit Bid Security Form instead of Earnest Money as per the Circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration form is as per Annexure "A" below)
- The 1ST Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3 % of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms.
- if the bidder quotes his bid exceeding the tendering cost, His bid will be automatically rejected.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if-
 - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 - Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
 - Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "BiddersManual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
 - To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.
 - The earnest money in favour of un-successful/ non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original, irrespective of Hard copies, failure of submission of tender document fee by the bidder using site shall entail him for blacklisting.
- The tender/ bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill requirements as laid down in NIT.
- All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

Executive Engineer.
REW Baramulla

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GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SRINAGAR
HEALTH & MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Solution for blood storage & real time management of blood Inventory based on RFID
LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL

Reference: -

- NIT published on a portal of Procurement vide No :- 52 OF 2021 Tender ID : 2021_HME_142919_1.
- Proprietary article authenticated by Head of the Department of Pathology GMC .

That Government Medical College & Its Associated Hospitals is / are in process to upgrade the Pathology / Hematology Department by way of installing above mentioned software for Blood Bank Management System as claimed by the manufacturer and further authenticated by HOD Concerned , the item specified are proprietary in nature , detail of which is mentioned below :-

The features of blood storage & real time management of blood Inventory based on RFID are :-

- It should help to encode / write donor information on passive RFID tags for storage of red blood cell and inventory management.
- The system should have a facility to encode the Phenotypic details in the labels
- The system should have the capability of encoding the RFID labels tag with required information (i.e. Donation no., expiration date & blood group). Reading, writing and overwriting RFID labels should be possible at any time during the blood product life cycle.
- An RFID label Encoding device should be part of the solution to write and read required information in the RFID chip.
- Bench-top RFID readers should be proposed for RFID-labelled blood bags distribution and reception
- It should be used/evaluated in premier medical institute blood bank in India (AIIMS / PGI/SGPGI) for specifically blood inventory management. Evaluation / performance certificate to be provided.
- List of users in India using the system for at least one year. Minimum 02 users to be provided.
- Should be compatible and can be interfaced with the data and information management software.
- Should be CE/US FDA approved

Part B : Smart storage devices for Inventory Management in real time:

- The System should provide to the Data Management System, individual storage location for human Red Blood Cells bags in easily accessible storage modules.
- It should be compatible to RFID based inventory software for inventory updation and giving real time stock
- It should be compatible to RFID smart tag used for RBC inventory management and locate RBC in real time
- The system should be compatible with a wide range of commercially available blood bank storage cabinets blood bank refrigerators (+4 °C)
- Installation of RFID Storage devices should be reversible upon need with no impact on cabinet integrity
- Installation and maintenance of RFID Storage devices should be included in tenderer's proposal
- RFID device for Red Blood Cells bags storage should have certification from a least one international recognized agency (i.e.C.E. Mark, FDA, CFDA, ...)
- The smart storage device should provide information in real time - local and remote monitoring
- The smart storage device should display indication of free locations in refrigerators for placing new inventory.
- It should have facility to update the inventory automatically and provide information in real time without manual count.
- Company should also have modules in the complete solution for platelet inventory management, transportation, and safety at patient bedside module & ensuring full traceability of red blood cells vein to vein supporting the expansion.
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- Should be CE/US FDA approved.

Part C :Data & Information Management software

- The system should provide management & monitoring of inventory for each storage cabinet based on RFID
- The system should provide real time update on local RBC inventory
- The system should provide the complete information of each Red Blood Cells unit and its precise location within a given Storage Device.
- The system should have automated monitoring & recording of Blood products movements
- The system should provide a standardized interface protocol to be used by a third-party software Editor for all necessary information download and upload.
- It should provide threshold alerting for products to avoid wastage
- It should provide remote and local management of blood products
- It should provide information about stock movement and provide alert if products are kept for long duration outside the refrigerators
- The system should help in providing information in real time about shelf-life management of blood products
- The system should provide indication of empty spaces in refrigerators for placing new inventory
- The system should be able to connect rfid enabled multiple refrigerators and able to provide stock update in real time about all refrigerators & specific rfid enabled refrigerators
- The system should have advance search option to help in fetching specific Rh phenotypes blood products
- The system should be capable to communicate with 03rd party blood banking software
- It should be used/evaluated in any premier medical institute blood bank in India (AIIMS / PGI/SGPGI) for specifically blood inventory management. Evaluation / performance certificate to be provided.
- List of users in India using the system for Minimum one year. Minimum 02 users list to be provided.

In this connection objection (if any) from the Firm / company manufacturer/ marketing division dealing with such blood storage & real time management of blood Inventory based on RFID capable of same specifications in single unit (As intended from the above specifications) regarding proprietary nature of the above item shall be communicated on the mail address mentioned below , within three days from the date of its publication , after which the claim of the company who has claimed the proprietary ship of the item (s) shall be accepted.

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Twitter Talks



"I have always wondered what kind of charity warrants clicking pictures of human misery and circulating them for publicity! Why do we forget that however miserable a person's condition might be, dignity remains every human being's basic right"

@rather_shagufta

"Winter vacations for Kashmir where many students haven't seen how their school looks like since 2019. There's a 5 year old in my family who got admitted to school in 2019 and never got to attend classes. Only wears uniform to appear for Zoom"

@meenwhile

"The uncle has passed away in deep pain, so have passed away our hopes from the life saving institutions, they are slaughter houses who dope people in the name of healthcare but could not provide an ICU to us for days. May no one suffer like us"

@zahidibnahad

ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Truth Before Reconciliation

Unheard in the din of everyday life in Kashmir is pain unfathomable by conventional standards. This idiom of loss defies expression, and finds resonance only in shared experience. However hard one may try to simulate the feelings of countless Kashmiris whose loved-ones have been snatched by unseen hands, never to be heard of again, one cannot get the sense of the voids left in their lives, or the pain of permanent separation they have been

Pratap Park with the memorabilia of their lost loved-ones for the chance attention of some stray press photographer portrays a disturbing reality about our society – that collectively we have abandoned this unfortunate tribe to its misery, and would rather that even the occasional blink of its pain on our horizons disappeared for ever.

If anything in Kashmir merits a concerted and massive campaign to unearth the truth, it is the fate of the innumerable disappeared, who, more often than not, have fallen victim to state agencies. The kin of the missing cannot be left alone to fight, on the one hand, a battle against their agony, and on the other, a battle for justice.

The chief minister's call for truth and reconciliation smacks of rank opportunism. His first port of call should have been to convince the central government to remove the contrived procedural and legal barriers that shield wrongdoing by the forces. As of now, many cases against servicemen are pending because prosecution is barred by misapplied laws even after the nation's premier investigating agency has issued clear indictments.

To ask the kin of the missing to reconcile with perpetrators about whom nothing is known till date is to expect the rage of angels to subside. Given the ruler's primary duty to his people, and his commitment to truth in the philosophic sense, the chief minister should urge the government decisively towards revealing how and why so many Kashmiris have disappeared without trace. And at whose hands. The chief minister should concentrate on the truth, and leave reconciliation in the hands of God.

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living with for years. The plight of the families is not even a sideshow in Kashmir's daily life, as their regular protests in Srinagar hardly cause a ripple in the even flow of normal life. The forlorn sight of cruelly mutilated families gathering in the

Local Lenses, Foreign Frames

Are We Becoming Perpetrators Of Outsider's Gaze?

M Miftah

REDUCING A HIGHLY SACRED

space for the believers to an aesthetic prop for the brand' storytelling' and content for social media feeds, is problematic. It is just the legacy of the Orientalist Gaze, we are propounding and manifesting in our local spaces, without the desire to engage and create a mutual dialogue of interest

Today's is an age of images and Kashmir has been participating in the culture of quick-clicks as well. The valley has controversially been a favourite of foreign frames. This trend has now found new participants from among young Kashmiri photographers.

Coming from Downtown Srinagar, sacred spaces like Dargahs, Khanqahs, Imbaras, local temples, gurdwaras and Astaans serve as not just places of worship for us an active space in the public sphere where one engages with our environs and circumstances in terms of social, political, religious and the cultural. Primarily, these are intimate spaces for healing in the context of our fractured past and turbulent present. When these sacred healing places are invaded in the name of art, storytelling by woke and socially conscious 'Kashmir-centric brands and picturisation of a 'Happy Valley' fallacy, we display a systemic conscious callousness towards our own indigenous spaces that hold reverence for large sections of our brethren. We 'other' our own familiar spaces by approaching them with the lens of strange, faraway and unfamiliar.

Are we becoming perpetrators of the outsider gaze? The imagination of 'Kashmir' and sacred spaces, being deliberately chosen, placed and framed by the photographer and brands in a manner that divorces them from their historical, religious, social and cul-



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the juxtaposition of a revered graveyard, doing campaign shots in the inner sanctum of the women's section of Khankah Maula, using persons from socially underprivileged sections as backdrop for a 'bright heavily embellished traditional outfit' and staging shots of veiled women in public spaces, is reimagining spaces and people without an ounce of respect and ignorance of the stake in the community they are photographing.

tural context creates her rather than savour and respect her.

Recently, a whirlwind of politics, hate and criticism revolved around the recent photoshoot of a model in the courtyard of Gurudwara Sahib Kartarpur, Pakistan. It is relevant as it raises a very relevant question of sensitivity, sacredness and the 'gaze'. Are we being too judgemental? What is so problematic? It's just a photograph? Isn't it a positive connotation, spreading awareness, increasing visitation?

Just a small sample of the flood of questions being raised and coming to our mind, isn't it! The primary con-

cern remains excitation and the 'way we view or engage' with a space. Reducing a highly sacred space for the believers to an aesthetic prop for the brand' storytelling' and content for social media feeds, is problematic. It is just the legacy of the Orientalist Gaze, we are propounding and manifesting in our local spaces, without the desire to engage and create a mutual dialogue of interest.

Similarly, re-visualising a couple relaxing against the juxtaposition of a revered graveyard, doing campaign shots in the inner sanctum of the women's section of Khankah Maula, using persons from so-

cially underprivileged sections as backdrop for a 'bright heavily embellished traditional outfit' and staging shots of veiled women in public spaces, is reimagining spaces and people without an ounce of respect and ignorance of the stake in the community they are photographing. Doesn't this amount to violation of intimate spaces and undermining the dignity of the believers and subjects as we caricature them to suit our commercial and artistic interests?

Retellings and reimaginings of the same accounts, stories and circumstances under a more glossy, glittery and fashionable name sells rather than the authentic, true and blatant accounts which remain hidden away in the attics of the booksellers.

An image of the 'East' and Kashmir in particular has long existed in the Western and South Asian imagination through literature, art, cinema and photographs. A reinforcement of the existing stereotypes through visual storytelling, literature and business interests, is a representation of the values and ideals of the narrator, indicative of an inherent bias and detachment in their work. The socio-cultural identity and background of the narrator, whether consciously or subconsciously, inevitably helps shape his or her telling of the story and which parts they will blot out from 'public memory' forever.

Sharbat Bibi, who has recently been granted asylum in Italy is yet another case in point. How does Steve McCurry's photograph of Sharbat Gula, the 'Afghan Girl' in 1984 come across as problematic and oppressive? She is forced to unveil her face in front of a stranger, the photographer, so that he can capture the haunting image of her to be splashed across the world stage for close to five decades, under a different story, one that suits McCurry's interest, rather than her own of fear and discomfort to being exposed to a stranger. He continued to earn millions from the photograph till recently when he was pressured to share some portion of the proceeds with Sharbat Bibi. In an age, where our local talented visual storytellers are openly using the template of Steve McCurry as inspiration, are we headed to an idea of an exotic, unrealistic, phantom known as Kashmir.

It is time we question our idea of aesthetic perfection over the realities of the places we represent in our work. In a world of increasingly interwoven networks, myriad audiences and increased public exposure, we must attest to our responsibilities as a brand, a photographer, a content creator, a filmmaker or a storyteller.

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When The Horde Is At The Gate

Jyoti Dalal

The mounting majoritarianism visible in politics is a characteristic feature of the times we live in. This force, manifest in riots, pogroms and lynching, preserves itself through narrow, intolerant groups, which are essential for it to expand. The unflinching faith that majoritarianism demands from individuals has to be mediated through these groups. Its force and effect would be nullified if it were to function through individuals. To be able to develop a response to majoritarianism, it becomes essential to have a grip on these groups. Sigmund Freud's Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego, written almost a century back, acquires importance in understanding the popularity of these narrow, closed groups.

Being primarily dependent on charged emotions, these groups are high on the affective domain and low on the cognitive one, notes Freud. It is for this reason that a mob has to rely on the emotions of its members and has to keep them alive through repetitive recitations of hate-filled slogans and catchphrases. This reveals the challenge of a reasonable engagement with a group with a mob-like mindset. As members of a closed group, individuals operate below their intel-

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relationship between this inability to think and the evil that can be witnessed around us. She pointed to the complete lack of thinking in the context of Nazi Germany, where groups took an organized, bureaucratic shape, Without confronting themselves with moral and intellectual questions, the people involved with the execution of Jews carried it out like a task that needed completion

lectual levels. Freud notes how a group does not expect its members to exercise their critical faculties. In fact, cerebral individuals go against the strength of the group. Seen as a threat, they are ousted at the very first signs of disagreement with the group. Expected to function in the most rudimentary form, individual members have to fuse their will and thinking capacity with those of the group.

Hannah Arendt identified an important relationship between this inability to think and the evil that can be witnessed around us. She pointed to the complete lack of thinking in the context of Nazi Germany, where groups took an organized, bureaucratic shape. Without confronting themselves with moral and intellectual questions, the people involved with the execution of Jews carried it

out like a task that needed completion. Furthermore, riding high on emotions and low on thinking makes these groups susceptible to violence, as is evident during riots and pogroms. Such toxic constituencies are intolerant of delays between desire and its fulfilment: they have to immediately attain whatever they desire, and this can be seen in the violence perpetrated by the mob.

The hypnotic effect of these groups on individuals is strong enough for them to lose grip on their own will and thoughts. Freud unravels the mechanism by pointing out that the group incites the primal, repressed, aggressive instincts of individuals, which, otherwise, are kept in check. This release finds individuals succumbing to the violent aggression within. The capitulation to the tempting, violent force is fanned by

other group members who undergo similar emotions.

The presence of a leader is essential for these groups. Freud mentions the herd and horde instincts. As an obedient herd, members of the group submit to the master who demands absolute obedience. This collective surrender to the leader brings to the fore a common affect that serves the purpose of binding disparate individuals together. This conspicuous need for obedience and the presence of a leader are common to majoritarian constituencies as well as to cults formed by new-age gurus.

If this century means fragmented, individual lives with broken emotional ties, ironically it also stands for strong affiliations that individuals experience with groups that, at times, even surpass the bonding within the family. By promising certainty in these distinctly uncertain times, these groups acquire appeal that goes beyond human rationality and will. Any response towards these closed groups and the precarious times we are living in has to be located in our thinking, taking us back to the Kantian affirmation of Sapere aude – having the courage to think, lest we stand witness to the decay of the human condition as well as that what makes us human.

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Students Without Schools



KO Web Desk

Students in Kashmir have been away from schools since the Abrogation of Article 370. In the communication blockade that followed, they couldn't even access educational resources online. After the situation started to cool down, students returned to school albeit briefly. This was because of the unprecedented and unaccepted worldwide lockdown on account of the covid-19 pandemic. This affected education to a large extent but Kashmir students who had already been away from school, had it harder. Even now, two years into the pandemic, schools haven't been fully operational. Some students have only attended offline exams and this has been their only trip to school. While students from Higher secondary school did get a chance to attend schools physically, younger ones have found themselves without any functional knowledge of what it truly means to go to a school.

Kashmir Observer got in touch with our readers to see how they've encountered the phenomena of "Students Without Schools". This is what they had to say:

"I have two kids. One of them only went to school once. She only has her winter uniform. The situation never let her wear those smart tunics that I always wanted her to wear for summer. The elder one went to school for a good amount of time up till the 6th grade and now he's only started with his adolescent life. It's scary having them at home with their phones in hand. Even without them, it feels like making them susceptible to social anxiety if they do not interact with their peers"

Huzaifa S, Parent

"It's like a joke on us. For the most part of our kids growing up, we tried to keep them away from their gadgets. Now, as fate would have it, this was how they could keep in touch with their education. It's heartbreaking watching them study as these squares on the screen and not have the opportunity to look at their peers, admire their body language, appreciate them and applaud them as they answer questions. We've had a pretty traumatic school life. I wanted my kids to be supportive fellow students and spread kindness. With them at home, all this seems far fetched"

Newsheen Showkat, Parent

"In Kashmir, younger kids are often taught by their cousins at home, in addition to them taking their regular classes. I remember teaching my younger cousin when she was in Kindergarten and she was very receptive to lessons. In fact, she was quite keen on completing her homework after returning from school. When schools closed in 2019, I wasn't around. Cut to 2021, my cousin struggles with her lessons. She has forgotten things she had learnt in Kindergarten. Their attention span is very fickle and even when all of our family is putting in hours to get her to cope up, it is difficult. Unfortunately, we've now had to drop this barely 10 year old girl for tuitions"

Mehar M, Engineer

"Students participate actively in classroom activities which are not possible in the online classes. Social skills are not fully enhanced in online classes as peer interaction is imperative for that. And more importantly, the students are becoming victims of digital addiction as the whole day is spent on laptops and phones. That is affecting their physical health as well"

Bhat Mehreen, Student

"Due to covid-19, schools all over the world remained closed for nearly two years. Children have rarely been to school which affected their studies. The world shifted to online mode of education, however education remained affected. The school as we know is not only about becoming literate. In school, we become



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educated which includes things like discipline, management, and ethics and so on. The online mode can't educate a person. This is clearly visible from the behavior of our children who are spending more time on useless stuff on the internet and have become more rowdy in these years. Also, online classes gave them an excuse to have a phone at an early age which opened doors of evils for them. The corruption of the web is known to all of us and the young children don't have the management skills to use these things properly. As a result, we are witnessing a detrimental impact on moral values and ethics among the young generation"

Mirza Arsalan Rafiq, Student

"It has had a ruinous effect on students and caused a lack of personality development. Health issues have increased due to more screen time. It has affected the moral and behavioral development of children. As they have become cocooned to their phones and confined to their houses, this has resulted in anger issues as well. This has been very daunting and disappointing of an experience"

Tahir Nisar, Parent

"Covid-19 pandemic has widely changed the global scenario and has affected almost every nook and corner of the world in one way or the other. One of the worst affected sectors is the education sector. Schools have been compelled to go for the online teaching methods. But imparting education has not met the real essence and motive of providing education to the students. Although it was a need of an hour to shift to online mode of teaching for the safety of both teachers and students but there are some drawbacks of online teaching as well which include the lack of direct communication between the teachers and students, motivational crises, lack of Socio- psychological connect etc imparting education through online mode"

Hilal Ahmad Dar, Research Scholar Kashmir University

"The sudden transition from offline to online mode of teaching is not that effective. School is an important social domain and it plays an important role in the social, intellectual and psychological development of a child. It provides an environment for effective learning. A special bond is created between a teacher (role model for a child) and a student (who imitates his teacher) in the classroom"

Maheen Amin, Teacher

"As a teacher, we've seen two patterns unfolding. When we teach a younger class of say the 3rd standard, it is difficult to keep their attention for 40 minutes. A student of 8th standard is easier to teach because they know what is expected of them in a classroom setup, even as it is digital. The younger ones have suffered the most. Sometimes when I volunteer to teach kids from my family, I make sure I make them do things we would do in school. I even ask them to sing"

Shakira Khan, Teacher

"I was my cousin's go-to for clubs to join, speeches at morning assemblies and sports pep talk. My younger cousins haven't had the chance to join any of these. They have their report cards, yes. But they don't have certificates from painting competitions. They don't have a sport that they like. They don't know if they're talented in singing and dancing. They don't know if they'd be able to run cross country runs. They haven't heard the morning prayer hymns. It's even worse with nuclear families. Kids don't have anyone to spend time with. Thankfully, I live in a joint family setup and we have some lawns where kids can play. I have now seen kids buying bicycles and skateboards. They hold painting competitions among themselves in our lawns. It's a positive sight but deeply unsettling. I wish they have the chance of going to school soon"

Suzain Punjabi

UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Construction Division

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc in shape of E-Challan (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Time and Date for Submission of E-Tender.	Date & Time of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor
1	Balance work for 04-Storeyed Boys Hostel at Zakura Campus.	Rs. 64.52 Lacs	Rs.1600/-	05-Months	03-12-2021 to 18-12-2021 (6.00 PM)	20-12-2021 (11.30 AM)	"AAY"

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the web site www.kashmiruniversity.net / www.jktenders.gov.in.

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FRESH TENDER NOTICE
E-NIT No TTD-07 of 2021-22
Dated:- 03/12/2021

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

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	M.H
1	Restoration of damaged approach road surfaces to newly Bus stand Parimpora connecting NH-44 by way of GSB filling G-II in patches /stretches	Rs.2.99 lacs	Rs.200/-	15Days	"DEE"	District Capex

Position of AAA Accorded vide DDC Srinagar's order No:- 230/DDCS OF 202 DDCS/Dev/Plan/21-22 /4591-97 Dtd: 10/11/2021 Position of TS =Accorded Position of funds: Partly Available
The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, 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	04-12-2021
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 04-12-2021 11:00 AM to 09-12-2021 04.00 PM
3. Bid submission Start Date	04-12-2021 from 11:00 AM
4. Bid Submission End Date	09-12-2021 upto 4.00 P.M
5. Date & time of opening of Bids	10-12-2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Truck Terminal Division Srinagar

Submission of Performance Security (PS) Within 7 days of receipt of LOA. (The bidder has to provide 3% of advertized Cost as Performance Security within 7 days after opening of Financial Bid)

Note:- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploaded soft-copy any short fall if any found in the soft copy tender shall be rejected
Note: As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Sectt. Finance department vide No.OM No.A/24(2017)-651 dtd. 07-06-2018 which reads as under:-
a) Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of E-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids.
b) The Cost of tenders should be collected by uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan/Receipt.
1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) and BID Securing Declaration On Stamp Paper Duly notarized in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Truck Terminal Division Srinagar showing clearly the name of work along with NIT No. & S.No. failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly.
No: TTD/NIT/2137-46
Dtd:- 03-03-2021

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
R&B Truck Terminal Division
Srinagar
DIPK-14245/21

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir
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Subject: - Change of Location in the Registration certificate of the Travel unit under the name & style M/s Al-Hussain Tour & Travels.

Public Notice

Whereas, Mr. Yaseen Mustafa Ali S/o Haji Mustafa Ali R/o Hassan Abad, Srinagar Kashmir has approached this office for change of location of his Travel Unit running under the name and style "M/s Al-Hussain Tour & Travels" from Barbarshah near Floor mill, Srinagar to Khonakhan, Nai Sarak, Dalgate, Srinagar under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas the unit is registered with this department under Registration No.:- Reg/1165/DT/22/L-8 dated 13-01-2012 and is renewed upto 31-03-2024.

Whereas, the applicant has submitted Registration Certificate, Site Plan of new location, Rent Deed, in support of his claim. The Travel unit was inspected on 01-11-2021.

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

Sd/-
Deputy Director Tourism,
Registration
(Kashmir)
No: Reg/782/1275/DTK
Dated:- 02.12.2021.
DIPK-14266/21

از نیابت ساگام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول ساگام درخواست منیاب :- رقیب احمد ولد عبد اللہ ساگام ساکنہ چولگام (شانارز) - پٹواری
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان صدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست منیاب حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ - پٹواری
حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن کا کنبہ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	منظور احمد ولد عبد اللہ ساگام	45 سال	مزدوری	6000/=
2	نذیرہ زوجہ منظور احمد ساگام	40 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	مسرت دختر منظور احمد ساگام	09 سال	زیر تعلیم	

اس طور پر ساکن کا کنبہ 03 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر ہی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
نائب تحصیلدار۔ RNA

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)
Tele/Fax: 0194-2433590, 2437647 (Srinagar); 0191-2479371, 2470102 (Jammu)
Website: www.jkbopee.gov.in E-mail: coejakbopee@gmail.com, helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com

Subject: Provisional selection list of eligible candidates for admission to B.Sc Nursing / B.Sc Paramedical / B.Sc Technology Courses 2021: (Up-gradation/allotment 2nd round of physical counselling thereof).

Reference: Notification No. 130-BOPEE of 2021 dated 22-11-2021.

Notification No. 137-BOPEE of 2021
Dated: 04-12-2021

Pursuant to Notification No. 130-BOPEE of 2021 dated 22-11-2021, the Board conducted 2nd round of up-gradation/allotment (physical) counselling of eligible candidates who have applied for B.Sc. Nursing / B.Sc. Paramedical / B.Sc. Technology Courses 2021 from 25-11-2021 to 03-12-2021 at BOPEE office, Srinagar/Jammu simultaneously. The candidates who participated in the said counselling and have been upgraded/ allotted seats as per their merit cum preferences are hereby provisionally selected for admission to B.Sc. Nursing / B.Sc. Paramedical / B.Sc. Technology Courses 2021 in various colleges of UT of J&K as per Annexure 'A' to this notification which is available on website of the Board www.jkbopee.gov.in only. The candidates are advised to report to their respective allotted colleges/institutions from 06-12-2021 to 14-12-2021 upto 4:00 P.M positively along with the following documents/certificates:-

1. Marks card of 10+2.
2. Date of Birth certificate of 10th class.
3. Domicile certificate.
4. Category certificate if any.
5. Medical fitness certificate.
6. Any other certificate/document as required by the college authorities.

It shall be sole responsibility of the colleges/institutions to ensure proper check and verification of documents/eligibility as per Indian Nursing Council (INC) / Paramedical Council guidelines before the candidates are allowed for admission and in case of any discrepancy in the requisite documents the same shall be reported to the J&K BOPEE for further course of action under rules.

In order to complete admission process within the prescribed cut-off date (14-12-2021) the Colleges/Institutions shall keep their admission counters open even on holidays/off days and designate Nodal Officers to facilitate the candidates to complete the admission process well in time. However, the candidates should in their own interest avoid waiting for the last date to complete the admission formalities since delay has the potential of causing hardships to the candidates only.

Important Notes

1. The admission of the candidates is purely provisional and shall be cancelled in case any information furnished by any candidate proves to be false/fabricated, and action as warranted under law shall be initiated against such candidate(s).
2. The concerned college/institutions shall ensure that, any person with disability, if selected, in open merit or some other reserved category, constitute a Special Medical Board to assess such candidates and make recommendations based on which colleges shall take further necessary action. In case any such candidate does not fulfill the bench marks of eligibility, he/she shall not be admitted to the course/college and the matter shall be reported to the J&K BOPEE.
3. For fee/documents required for admission in the College/Institute, the provisionally selected candidates are advised to contact concerned College/Institute before the last date of admission as fixed by the Board (14-12-2021).
4. Pursuant to the circular No. JKPMC-21/131/7386-7456 dated 13-09-2021 issued by the President, J&K Para Medical Council, Jammu, the Heads of the institutions are advised to release the documents/fee in favour of the upgraded candidates who are shifting from one institution/College to other in the aforementioned Courses without any loss of time.

The Heads of the Colleges/Institutions are requested to furnish the shortfall, if any, to the Board through e-mail at helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com, coejakbopee@gmail.com on 15-12-2021 upto 3:00pm.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in notifications/notices issued by the Board from time to time in this regard.

E & O
No: BOPEE/Exam-06/2021 Dated: 04-12-2021.
DIPK-NB-5598/21

(Dr. Sunil Gupta)
Controller of Examinations
BOPEE

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2	نذیرہ زوجہ منظور احمد ساگام	40 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	مسرت دختر منظور احمد ساگام	09 سال	زیر تعلیم	

اس طور پر ساکن کا کنبہ 03 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر ہی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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Subject: -Change of location and inclusion/retirement of one partner in the Registration certificate of M/s Culture & Nature Expeditions Tours and Travels."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, this office has received an application submitted by Mr. Nasir Shah proprietor of the Travel unit namely "M/s Culture & Nature Expeditions Tours and Travels" wherein he has requested this office for change of location of their Travel unit from Level 2, Gulnoor Complex, Dr. Sethi Crossing, Gogji Bagh, Srinagar to Shah Tower, Masjid Square, Abi Guzar, Srinagar and inclusion of one partner namely Mr. Yasir Shah S/o Mr. Nasir Shah R/o Kursoo, Rajbagh, Srinagar in the Registration certificate of the said Travel unit under J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act/Rule.

Whereas, the unit is registered with this Department under the Registration No:- Reg/T/197/637/DT/55/45/L-4 dated 25-10-1997 in the name of Mr. Mohammad Yaqoob Khan . The Registration certificate is renewed up to 31-03-2021.

Whereas, the applicant along with his application has submitted Registration Certificate, Revenue Papers of new location.

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

No: Reg/197/1274/DTK
Dated: 01.12.2021
DIPK-14265/21

Sd/-
Deputy Director Tourism,
Registration
(Kashmir)

از نیابت ساگام با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجاول ساگام درخواست منیاب :- رقیب احمد ولد عبد اللہ ساگام ساکنہ چولگام (شانارز) - پٹواری
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نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	رقیب احمد ولد عبد اللہ ساگام	43 سال	مزدوری	6000/=
2	پارسا زوجہ رقیب احمد ساگام	40 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	یاسر احمد ولد عبد اللہ ساگام	18 سال	زیر تعلیم	
4	یاسینہ دختر رقیب احمد ساگام	14 سال	زیر تعلیم	
5	سمیرہ دختر رقیب احمد ساگام	09 سال	زیر تعلیم	
6	حمیدہ دختر رقیب احمد ساگام	05 سال	زیر تعلیم	

اس طور پر ساکن کا کنبہ 06 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر ہی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
نائب تحصیلدار۔ RNA

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نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	عبد اللہ ولد یو ساگام	70 سال	مزدوری	4000/=
2	رفیقہ زوجہ عبد اللہ ساگام	65 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	الفت دختر عبد اللہ ساگام	18 سال	گھریلو کام	

اس طور پر ساکن کا کنبہ 03 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر ہی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
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معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان صدر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست منیاب حصول ST سرٹیفکیٹ - پٹواری
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نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	غلام رسول ولد عبد اللہ ساگام	پنشنر		
2	عظمتہ زوجہ غلام رسول ساگام	گھریلو کام		
3	سجاد احمد ولد غلام رسول ساگام	زیر تعلیم		
4	زابد احمد ولد غلام رسول ساگام	زیر تعلیم		

سائل کا کنبہ 04 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر ہی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
نائب تحصیلدار۔ RNA

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نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	شوکت احمد خان ولد محمد یعقوب خان	46 سال	زمینداری	8000/=
2	محمد یونس شوکت احمد خان	42 سال	گھریلو کام	
3	فیضان احمد خان ولد شوکت احمد خان	17 سال	زیر تعلیم	
4	زابد خان ولد شوکت احمد خان	13 سال	زیر تعلیم	

اس طرح سائل کا کنبہ 04 افراد پر مشتمل ہے اور کنبہ میں کوئی سرکاری ملازم موجود نہیں ہے اور سائل کے پاس حد بڑھانے کے 7 کنال آرمی موجود ہیں۔ اس طرح سائل کے کنبہ کی سالانہ آمدنی تمام ذرائع سے تقریباً 336000 روپے ہے۔ سائل RBA سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے کی خواہش رکھتے ہیں۔ اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد اس وقت کے اندر اندر اپنا اعتراض دفتر میں پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
نائب تحصیلدار۔ RNA

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نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	عمر	پیشہ	آمدنی
1	نبی احمد ولد عبد اللہ ساگام	65 سال	مزدوری	4000/=
2	محمد شرف ولد نبی احمد ساگام	25 سال	مزدوری	4000/=

اس طور پر ساکن کا کنبہ 02 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر ہی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔ معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
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Wrestling Association Anantnag
Photographs of Winners of the Wrestling Tournament held at Multipurpose Sports Complex Bijbehara Anantnag. RNA



Annual Stamp Duty Rates Preparation Underway For Upcoming Year In Kashmir

Observer News Service
SRINAGAR: Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Pandurang K Pole on Saturday emphasized to the Deputy Commissioners of Kashmir Division to continue the existing stamp duty rate on land and make no change to the current rate.

He was chairing a preparation meeting for revision of market value guidelines & rules and revision of rates for upcoming calendar year 2022. Annual stamp duty rates preparation process is underway for the upcoming year in the Kashmir Division.

He said covid affected the economy and slumped the growth which necessitates the need to keep the existing rate of stamp duty. However, he directed for correction of aberrations or any mismatch in previous rate schedule and clearance of variations, if any, in any village or area.

Besides, he directed for including those areas in the upcoming year rate list which were

left out or missing in the previous list while preparation of market value and stamp duty.

Meanwhile, he also enquired from district officers about NHIA land acquisition awards under new act, multiplication rate, so-latium and other financial values.

Except, Deputy Commissioners of Ganderbal, Pulwama and Shopian who had proposed no change in stamp duty for upcoming year starting from January 2022, other Deputy Commissioners had suggested 2-5 % increase in the stamp duty rate. However, Div Com said that rate should commensurate with economy and stressed on no change in existing stamp duty rate.

The meeting was attend by all DCs of Kashmir Division, Chief Conservator of forests; additional Inspector General of Registration; Chief Engineer, R&B; Chief Town planner, Kashmir; Regional Director Survey and Land Records; Deputy Commissioner Stamps; Joint Director Agriculture, Kashmir; and other officers.

Lot Of Unhealthy Speculation On Crypto Taking Place: FM

Press Trust Of India
NEW DELHI: Asserting that a lot of speculation is taking place on cryptocurrencies, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday, December 4, 2021, said these speculations are not "healthy at all."

Her comments come against the backdrop of the government preparing to come out with legislation to regulate cryptocurrencies.

Speaking at the HT Leadership Summit, the Finance Minister said there is certainly a well-consulted bill that is coming in Parliament after the Cabinet nod.

"There is a lot of speculation...that's not healthy at all," she said in a reply to a question if she thinks that a lot of unregulated speculation is taking place on crypto.

The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021, has been



included in the Lok Sabha Bill-Part II for the introduction in the ongoing Winter Session.

The bill seeks to create a facilitative framework for the creation of the official digital currency to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Bulletin said.

It also seeks to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies in India, however, it allows for certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency and its uses.

Earlier this week, Sitharaman in the Rajya Sabha while replying to a series of questions had said the new bill takes into account the rapidly changing

dimensions in virtual currency space, and incorporates features of the earlier bill that could not be taken up.

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

She had said the government, RBI and Sebi have been cautioning people about the cryptocurrencies that could be a "high risk" area and "more can be done" to create awareness.

On the economic growth, Sitharaman at the HT Leadership Summit said, the GDP number this year would be very encouraging and India would emerge as the fastest-growing large economy in the world.

J&K Bank Launches mPay Delight

It Will Delight Our Customers And Make Their Transactions Safer And Easier: CMD



Observer News Service
SRINAGAR: To make daily transactions of its customers more secure and easier, J&K Bank Saturday launched its revised and refurbished Mobile Banking App - mPay Delight - for the Public.

CMD, R K Chhibber unveiled the app in presence of Executive President Sunil Gupta, Presidents, and Vice Presidents besides other senior Bank officials here at the Bank's corporate headquarters. All the Zonal Heads along with other officials also joined the launching ceremony through video-conferencing mode.

Speaking on the occasion, the CMD said, "Through its timely and efficient application in banking, technology has not only revolutionized the customer-experience but has democratized the entire financial landscape by empowering people irrespective of their status and location. And success in today's business largely revolves around the effective use of technology platforms"

"Today I feel really delighted to launch 'J&K Bank mPay Delight' officially - markedly an improved version of 'J&K Bank mPay'. I believe it will delight our customers and make their daily banking transactions safer and easier while providing them a range of services like payment of utility bills & donations, service requests and other important accounts related information", he added.

While appreciating the entire IT team along with other verticals involved in the successful development and launch of Bank's mPay Delight, CMD urged upon the participants to keep excelling in every sphere to sustain the competitive edge of the Bank across all domains especially in core operational geographies. "Mobile banking is one of the important competitive planks which adds immense value to the highly personalized products and services of the banks, therefore, we must keep improving our products and services", the CMD said.

Earlier, after introductory remarks by the President IT Narjay Gupta a detailed presentation on the features and future enhancements of mPay Delight was made on the occasion by the IT department.

Notably, available on Google Play Store & Apple store, J&K Bank mPay Delight app has been made more user friendly, vibrant and easier to use with biometric fingerprint authentication for faster and more secure Logins.

IT Deptt Organises Awareness Programme Regarding ITR, GST In Bandipora

Observer News Service
BANDIPORA: In continuation to its outreach programmes across the UT of J&K and Ladakh, the Taxpayers awareness campaign, 'Mulaqaat' was held Saturday in Bandipora district.

Principal Commissioner MP Singh was the chief guest on the occasion while Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad was also present on the occasion.

The officers of Income Tax Deptt and GST deptt interacted with the taxpayers, GST registered business community and members of Panchayat Raj Institutions. The objective of the programme was to take feedback and concrete suggestions from the stakeholders and listen to their grievances besides spread-

ing awareness amongst the taxpayers regarding Income Tax Slab rates and other issues with regard to GST.

Principal Commissioner of Income Tax further emphasised that economic development without financial discipline cannot bring self respect among people. He said the first step towards financial discipline is to pay their due taxes and file their ITRs which are a very essential process. He reiterated that there is no scope of any bias or harassment any more under the new transparent and accountable tax regime.

He further spoke about the Faceless scheme under which all scrutiny proceedings would be conducted online to ensure smooth compliance and transparency of the proceedings.

Verinag Festival Held At Tourism Park Kashmir's Tourist Circuit: Director

Observer News Service
VERINAG (ANANTNAG): Department of Tourism in collaboration with District Administration Anantnag Saturday organised a day long festival at Tourism Park, Verinag.

The festival was jointly inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Dr Piyush Singla, Director Tourism GN Itoo.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that Verinag is an important tourist destination and constant efforts are being made to enhance the destination with modern state of the art tourist infrastructure.

Dr Singla said such festivals are instrumental in boosting the tourist footfall and hoped that more such festivals will be organized at other tourist destinations of the district. He lauded the artists for their



brehtaking performances.

Director Tourism Kashmir in his address said that Verinag offers scenic beauty at par with other major tourist destinations. He appealed to the tourists to visit Verinag and experience the serenity and hospitality of the place. He said the Department is planning to link Verinag with the tourist circuit of the valley.

During the day long festival programmes like a cycling event which involved participation of school children from Verinag were held. The race was held from Verinag to Doooru. A painting competition and tug of war with participation of local children was another highlight of the event.

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE SRINAGAR

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NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for information of all the eligible candidates who have applied for engagement against the positions of Data Entry Operator and Multi-Tasking Staff for establishment of Viral Research and Diagnosis Laboratory (VRDL), under the Scheme of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Govt. of India in Govt Medical College, Srinagar for a period of one year on the consolidated remuneration in response to this Office Advertisement Notice No 23-GS of 2021 Dated. 18-10-2021, that their written test will be held on 11-12-2021 (Saturday) at 11:30 AM in Govt. Medical College, Srinagar as per the details given below:-

S. No.	Name of the Position	Venue
1.	Data Entry Operator	From Roll No 70001 to 70073 Lecturer Hall No. 01 GMC, Sgr. From Roll No. 70074 to 70147 Lecturer Hall No. 02 GMC, Sgr.
2.	Multi-Tasking Staff	From Roll No. 60001 to 60153 Auditorium GMC, Sgr.

The eligible candidates are advised to visit our Official website i.e. www.gmcs.edu.in to download their admit cards/Roll numbers w.e.f 09-12-2021 (Timing 11:00 AM) to 10-12-2021.

On the actual day of examination i.e. 11-12-2021 the candidates shall report at the venue of the examination one hour before the commencement of examination along-with the following Identity proofs:-

- Photo ID card issued by the competent authority like Aadhaar card, Driving License and'
- One passport size photograph.

No candidate shall be permitted to carry the Mobile Phone, Laptop or any other electronic device in the examination Hall.

No. GS-MC/VRDL/DEO/MTS/2439-47
Dated: 04.12.2021
DIPK-14250/21

Prof. (Dr.) Samia Rashid
Principal/Dean

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL IRRIGATION DIVISION SRINAGAR. NEAR J&K BANK ZALDAGAR

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Sub:- Retender corrigendum to this office e-NIT No. 30 OF 2021-22, Dated: 08-11-2021 mentioned work:-

Part-1:- Creation Of Conference/ Meeting Hall At Mechanical Circle (I&F.C Deptt) Gogjibagh, Srinagar.

Ref:- JK Government official e-Procurement portal Tender ID No's:- 2021_IFC_146917_1

RE-TENDER NOTICE

In view of disqualification of bidders, the above mentioned subpart to this office above referred e-NIT for the subject work is hereby retendered with the following revised critical dates:-

i	Publish Date	02/12/2021 at 1600 hrs
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	02/12/2021 from 1600 hrs
iii	Clarification start date	N.A
iv	Bid submission start date	02/12/2021 from 1600 hrs
v	Clarification end date	N.A
vi	Bid submission/ Document Download/sale end date	14/12/2021upto400hrs
vii	Date and time of Bid opening	15/12/2021 at 1400 hrs

Rest of the terms and conditions shall remain un-altered as laid down in the original e-NIT.

Sd/-No. MIDS/Ts/ 4089-94
Dated:- 02-12-2021
DIPK-14090/21

Executive Engineer,
Mechanical Irrigation Division
Srinagar

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, (JAL SHAKTI) PHE, MECHANICAL RURAL DIVISION, SGR.

GIST of Short Term e-Tender.

Short Term E-N.I.T. No:- PHE/MRD/TS/ 72 of 12/2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited in two cover system from approved and eligible Contractors registered for similar nature of works with J&K Govt., Railway and other State/Central Government Organizations for the following work:-

Sr.	Nature of Work	Name of the Water Supply Scheme	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Doc.	Time of Completion	Programme
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
A	Providing, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 30KVA Voltage Stabilizer	Hanjigund Chadoora Budgam	0.58	GST Reg. of Electrical/ Mechanical Nature of work	100/=	07 days	NABARD (Distt. Sector)

Critical Dates/Information.

1.	Publishing Date	02-12-2021 (5:00 PM)	
2.	Period of Downloading of Bids	02-12-2021 (5:00 PM) to	10-12-2021 (5:00 P.M)
3.	Period of Submission of bids	02-12-2021 (5:00 PM) to	10-12-2021 (5:00 P.M)
4.	Date of opening of Tender/Timing	13-12-2021 at (11:00 A.M)	
5.	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar		
6.	Document Cost : Non-Refundable in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt shall be deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar (The firm shall specify the e-NIT No. & name of work for which applied)		
7.	Bid Validity Period: 180 Days		
8.	The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on www.Jktenders.gov.in		
09	Instead of EMD the firm has to furnish "Bid Security Declaration", format of the declaration is mentioned in the Bid Document		

Note: The tenderer who is declared as L1 after opening of price bid will deposit 3% of the Estimated cost of the work in shape of CDR/FDR before allotment is issued in his favour.

No: -PHE/MRD/TS/2088-93
DT: -02-12-2021
DIPK-14113/21

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Rural
Division Srinagar.

SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RIGHT RIVER WORKS DIVISION

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER No. 11 of 2021-22

Dated: 29.11.2021

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders are invited (two cover system) on item rate basis from registered/approved Civil Contractors/ reputed firms for the below mentioned work.

S.No.	Name of the Work	Adv. cost in lacs	Approval No./ Whether Technical sanction accorded	Class of Contractor	Cost of tender document	Time of Completion
1	Construction of Operation Theatre and 02 Structures for Dog Kennels at Shuhama under ABC-ARV programme (pre-fab structure)	183.82	667-SMC of 2021 dated: 04.05.2021, order No. CE(R&B) K/TS/793 of 2021-22 dated: 12.11.2021	Class AAY/ Super AAY class/ Civil Contract Firms	Rs. 10000/- (To be deposited in Municipal Account no. 021601020000007Jk Bank Branch Dood Ganga Balgarden Srinagar	3-4 months

The NleT consists of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract, Bid Security Declaration format in Annexure "A" and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the date schedule given below. (Bidders are requested to write their contact number on B.O.Q and Bid Security Declaration format as per Annexure "A")

S.No.	Particulars	Date from to
1.	Date of issuance/ Publication of NIT	29.11.2021 at 4:00 PM
2.	Date of Downloading of bid documents for said NleT	01.12.2021 at 11:00 AM
3.	Date of uploading of bid document / bid submission starts	01.12.2021 at 04:00 PM
4.	Date of Pre-bid meeting	07.12.2021 at 02:00 PM in the office of the Joint Commissioner (works), SMC at Central office Karan Nagar Srinagar
5.	Date of uploading of bid document/ bid submission Ends	17.12.2021 at 04:00 PM
6.	Date of Technical Bid opening	20.12.2021 at 11:00 AM
7.	Date of Financial Bid opening	Date shall be communicated after Technical Bid Evaluation

Read with Standard Bid Document.

No: SMC/EERRWD/2462-2472
Dated: 29.11.2021
DIPK-NB-5557/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Right River Works Division,
Srinagar Municipal corporation

SC To Examine If POCSO Cases Can Be Quashed On Basis Of Compromise Between Accused And Victim

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has agreed to examine a legal question of whether Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act cases can be quashed on the basis of compromise between the accused and the victim.

The apex court issued a notice on the appeal filed by the Kerala government against the order. The accused in this case, a teacher by profession, was booked for offences under sections of the POCSO Act that pertain to those, being on the management or staff of an educational institution or religious institution, commit sexual assault on a child in that institution.

offences punishable under Sections 9(f) and 10 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, has been quashed only on the basis of a compromise being carried out between the parties which according to him is not permissible in view of the judgment of this court," the bench said.

"Issue notice, returnable in eight weeks. In the meanwhile, there shall be stay of impugned order dated August 26, 2019, until further orders in reference to the aforesaid FIR and let the petitioners may undertake investigation pursuant thereto," it said.

Panel Recommends Common Entrance Test By DU For Admission To Undergraduate Courses

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: A nine-member panel constituted by Delhi University Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh has recommended that the varsity hold a common entrance test to ensure 'substantial objectivity' in the admission process, amid a controversy erupting over the high number of cent percent scorers from the Kerala Board getting admission to the varsity.

The committee formed under the chairmanship of Dean (Examinations) DS Rawat was supposed to examine the reasons for over and under admissions to undergraduate courses, study the board-wise distribution of admissions in all undergraduate courses, suggest alternative strategies for optimal admissions in undergraduate courses and examine OBC admissions with reference to the 'Non-Creamy Layer' status.

Overall, there have been 28,892 (61 per cent) admissions of female applicants and 18,413 (39 per cent) admissions of male applicants. The committee analysed the data of admissions which are cut-off based and saw that among the 39 such boards, it showed the highest intake of students from the CBSE (37,767), followed by the Kerala Board of Higher Secondary Education (1,890), Board of School Education, Haryana (1,824), ISC (1,606) and the Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan (1,329).

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Kashmir Witnessing

be abrogated, and he referred to a conversation with his English professor who had been maintaining that the promise of removing Article 370 by the BJP will be passed on as it is to the next generation.

"I am happy that Prime Minister Narendra Modi abrogated Article 370 from the Constitution on August 5, 2019. Kashmir is at peace now, investment is taking place, tourists are visiting and Jammu and Kashmir is gradually looking to stand united with the rest of the country," Shah said.

Article 370, a temporary provision in the Constitution, gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir while Article 35-A prohibited people from the rest of India to buy properties in the erstwhile state.

Both provisions were abrogated on August 5, 2019 and the state was divided into two Union Territories -- Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Shah said a common statement was issued against him and Prime Minister Narendra Modi that curfew was imposed for so long in J&K and Internet services were blocked in Jammu and Kashmir.

"When I went there and asked youths if we had lifted curfew, who would have lost lives? There was initial silence but then they said on video conference they would have been killed. Then I asked whom did Modiji save by imposing curfew. They said they were saved. Then I said the people of the country have to decide what do people, who oppose curfew, want," he said.

On the demand of J-K political parties that elections should take place after statehood is restored, Shah said Parliament has passed the act that elections will be followed by delimitation exercise.

"First delimitation will take place, then elections will be held then the process to restore statehood will begin. I have said this many times. Now they know that this will be the chronology so they want to create political dispute by demanding the opposite," he said.

Shah said the kind of development that is taking place under the lieutenant governor's administration, the improvement in the law-and-order situation, influx of tourists, improvement of the union territory in social sector schemes show that a lot of things have changed for good in a small time frame.

"I am hopeful that the people of Kashmir welcome this change and I appeal to all political parties to be part of the political and democratic process," he said.

Shah said world will now be distinguished pre-Covid and post-Covid era with big changes coming in all the areas globally.

"In India, it is crucial for us to think if we are ready for these changes. World is watching closely. Are we ready for the preparation needed for us as a Nation -- people, government, economic segments," he said.

The Home Minister said it was a good fortune that India received a form of stability after decades of coalition politics at the centre in 2014.

"For a long time there were coalition governments with no party enjoying clear majority. My own party was in government for six years and we too had to take along a number of political parties. The ill-effects were visible on administration, economy and future. Ten years before 2014 were like a bad dream when country was battling 'policy paralysis' at the centre. There was corruption and lack of decision-making," he said.

Without taking name of the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Shah said he headed a Cabinet in which the prime minister was not treated as a PM and every minister thought he was the prime minister.

"Like this, PM office was also compromised and the prestige of the country went down in the world. That time, Indian people elected the NDA government with clear majority under Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said.

Talks Only With

the erstwhile state or even political parties because they too are part of 'Janata'

When asked that many mainstream parties are claiming that Kashmir is being controlled on gunpoint and peace is being enforced, Sinha said that the army deployment has not increased but when a killing takes place the government is blamed for being unable to provide security.

"If we say that we will secure the places which did not have the dominance of forces and which supplied oxygen and fertilisers to terrorism, are we committing a crime by demanding five companies of forces?" he said.

"However, I give assurance that neither the forces nor the CAPF or the Jammu and Kashmir Police would be used against an innocent person. And, if something happens, law will be used against those people [in the forces] as well. I am saying it in public," he added.

When asked about the alleged Hyderabad encounter, the LG said the probe is underway

and the report is expected to be submitted in the next three days.

"If an innocent person has been killed, I assure that the guilty won't be spared," he said.

On November 15 two businessmen, a helper and an alleged militant were killed by government forces in an alleged encounter that sparked massive outrage. Though families claimed that the three slain men were militant workers, the families contested the claims and staged protests. Following uproar, the LG administration ordered a time-bound magisterial probe.

When asked about corruption, the LG said that where there are humans, there would be corruption. However, he quickly added that the use of technology will bring transparency and his administration is moving towards that system.

Responding to a question on the prevailing security situation after the killings of migrant workers, Sinha said, "I am assuring the nation that you come here. You are welcome here. Your security is our responsibility."

To substantiate his argument that the situation is better, the LG said that if one compares the tourist influx of eight years it has increased. In July, he said, 10.50 lakh tourists came to Jammu and Kashmir.

"The number increased to 11.28 lakh in August. It crossed 12 lakh in September and in November 13.46 lakh tourists visited Jammu and Kashmir. Number of flights arriving in Srinagar has increased. Hotel bookings have increased," he added.

On the return of Kashmiri Pandits, Sinha said that the prime minister's package aimed at building 6,000 homes and creating jobs is not the destination but just a beginning.

"We are taking measures that will show results soon. Not right now, but in three months after snowfall ends, things will be clearer. The nation would know then the return of Kashmiri Pandits will be a reality," Manoj Sinha said.

The LG also said that the government has ensured a free, fair and transparent recruitment process in the Union Territory, due to which ordinary street vendors children have become officers.

"However, no person will avail the benefit of government schemes or a government job who indulges in anti-India activities or promotes militancy," he said.

Replying to a question about the conduct of assembly polls in J&K, the LG said that the Union Home Minister has said it in Parliament and the Prime Minister from the Red Fort that election would take place after delimitation.

Kashmir Braces

weather officials said.

They said some places in the higher reaches may receive heavy snowfall.

Light to moderate rain is also likely at most places of Jammu region, they added.

The officials said the wet spell may cause temporary disruption of traffic on passes like Sadna Top, Zojila, Sinthan Top, Mughal Road and Ramban-Banihal axis.

It may also affect the power supply on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the minimum temperature rose at most places of the Valley Friday night.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 0.7 degrees Celsius Friday night, up from minus 2.4 degrees Celsius the previous night, officials said.

The officials said Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 2.0 degrees Celsius, up from minus 4.1 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district also recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.2 degrees Celsius.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 1.3 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded minus 0.4 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag recorded a low of minus 1.1 degrees Celsius.

Kashmir has been witnessing dry but cold weather over the past few weeks. 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.

Veteran Journalist

died in Delhi's Apollo hospital on Saturday. He was 67.

The last rites of the pioneering television journalist, who was hospitalised with Covid earlier this year and lost his wife, radiologist Padmavati 'Chinna' Dua, to the virus in June, will be performed at the Lodhi crematorium here on Sunday, his daughter and actor-comic Mallika Dua said.

Vinod Dua, who had been admitted to Apollo's intensive care unit, was suffering from chronic liver disease, hospital sources said.

"Our irreverent, fearless and extraordinary father, Vinod Dua has passed away. He lived an inimitable life, rising from the refugee colonies

of Delhi to the peak of journalistic excellence for over 42 years, always, always speaking truth to power.

"He is now with our mom, his beloved wife Chinna in heaven where they will continue to sing, cook, travel and drive each other up the wall," Mallika Dua wrote on her Instagram Stories.

Vinod Dua was a pioneer in Hindi broadcast journalism with stints in Doordarshan and NDTV and eclectic interests ranging from politics to cooking. He hosted the popular food programme "Zaika India Ka" for NDTV that saw him exploring distinct food cultures of different cities and towns in India.

He also anchored "Jan Gan Man Ki Baat" for The Wire Hindi.

Vinod Dua and his wife were in a hospital in Gurgaon when the second Covid wave was at its peak. The journalist's health had suffered ever since and he had been in and out of hospitals.

The couple is also parents to elder daughter Bakul Dua, a clinical psychologist.

Earlier this week, on Monday, Mallika Dua said her father's condition was "beyond critical".

"... he was moved to the Apollo Hospital ICU last night where he can be cared for better. He remains extremely critical and fragile. He has been a fighter his entire life. Uncompromising and relentless. His family is the same when it comes to him," she added in her Instagram post on Tuesday.

Vinod Dua, who had a degree in English literature from Hans Raj College and later obtained his master's degree in literature from the University of Delhi, had won many laurels over the years.

In 2008, Vinod Dua was honoured with the Padma Shri for journalism.

He was also the first electronic media journalist to receive the Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Award.

Cop Escapes

As per CCTV footage of the incident, a militant took out a weapon and fired indiscriminately as soon as the railway cop entered a tea stall. Thereafter he runs away. After some time, a number of people come out of the tea stall.

A police officer said that the railway policeman was "safe".

"After attack, militants went inside Dogripora village. The village has been cordoned off and searches are underway," the officer added. (With GNS inputs)

Over 80% Women

state has hit a major demographic milestone when the percentage of C-sections being carried in J&K increased at an average of 7 percent across the health facilities, according to the latest survey conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare between 2019 and 2021.

The data in NFHS 2019-20, the fifth in the series, show that among private and public health facilities, the highest c-sections were being carried out at private facilities where the percentage of C-sections was recorded at 82.1 percent in NFHS-5 that is relatively high compared to 75.5 percent in NFHS-4. The worst figures for C-sections in private health facilities for NFHS-5 was recorded in urban J&K where the rate stood at 91.0 percent and for rural J&K, the percentage was recorded at 74.4 percent.

The official data further suggests that J&K has ranked third in overall C-section births in India and also accounted for the second majority of deliveries in private health facilities through C-sections succeeded by West Bengal (83 percent).

The report has also revealed that C-sections birth in public health facilities in J&K has also increased from 35.5 percent in NFHS-4 to 42.7 percent in NFHS-5. In this category, too, the rate was relatively higher in urban areas (50.9 percent) compared to rural J&K (40.2 percent). As per data, the overall rate of births delivered by caesarean section in J&K was recorded at 41.7 percent that has increased 8 percent from NFHS-4 data that suggest the rate in 2015-2016 recorded at 33.4 percent.

Lower segment Caesarean Section (LSCS) or simply C-Section is the surgical delivery of a baby through incisions in the abdomen and the uterus. In recent years, Kashmir has witnessed a hysterical rise in C-Section rates as more women are backing the wrong horse by opting for surgery to deliver the baby.

As per an RTI (Right to Information) filed by the rights activist M M Shuja recently disclosed that out of the total 20,329 deliveries carried out in five months--from April 01 to August 31, 2020--in Kashmir, at least 8,677 were conducted through C-Section.

These numbers put the overall percentage of C-Section in Kashmir at over 42.68 percent, against the WHO-recommended 10-15 percent which itself raises a serious alarm bell against the vicious state of health affairs in J&K.

Centre Flags Rising

weekly positivity rates and weekly deaths in

some districts.

Referring to a letter sent to all states/UTs on November 27 in the context of the new Omicron variant, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan on Saturday said all states have been advised to undertake enhanced surveillance of international travellers, monitor emerging hotspots, prompt contact tracing of positive people, besides sending all positive samples for genome sequencing, early identification of cases and review of health infrastructure preparedness, and most importantly to focus on IEC and community sensitisation.

In a letter addressed to the additional Chief Secretary, department of health and family welfare, Vivek Bhardwaj, he pointed out that Jammu and Kashmir, has reported 4,806 new cases in the month ending December 3, with a few districts such as Kathua, Jammu, Ganderbal and Baramulla showing an increase in the previous week.

Giving a detailed break-up of cases, Bhushan says that Covid-19 cases witnessed alarming spike of 726.53% between 19 Nov to 25 in Kathua district when just 49 cases were registered during this period.

Similarly, Jammu witnessed an increase of 53.81%, Ganderbal 22.33% and Baramulla 21.84% between the third week of November to the last week of the month.

"In this context, required necessary steps to control the spread of infection and reduce fatality need to be taken as per the ongoing strategy of Test-Track-Treat-Vaccinate-Covid Appropriate Behaviour to keep the situation under control," he underlined.

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will continue to provide requisite support to states/UTs in the ongoing and collective efforts against COVID-19, he added.

LG Calls For

of Covid Task Force and DCs, SPs, he said, the LG observed that since WHO has declared Omicron as a 'Variant of Concern', the health officials and people must be more proactive.

According to the official spokesperson, Sinha said that intensive testing, containment, and enhanced surveillance are required in areas reporting higher cases. He directed the Health officials to ensure utilization of full capacity of RT-PCR testing and vaccination.

"Exhorting the Divisional commissioners for strict implementation of the testing and quarantine of travelers from foreign countries, the Lt Governor asked them to deploy Nodal officers for monitoring all international arrivals and proper testing of travellers," he said.

"The DCs were directed to intensify awareness campaigns and strict enforcement of Covid protocol, masking, and social distancing," he added.

The LG, as per the official spokesperson said that proper awareness at panchayat level should be organized with the help of members of PRIs. He termed the Covid Appropriate Behaviour as absolutely essential and critical, especially with the reports of new mutation.

During the meeting, he said, Sinha directed the Deputy Commissioners to bring the number of due second doses to zero.

"Instructions were also issued to the Superintendents of Police for ensuring strict following of CAB, and imposing fines for violation of covid protocols," he added.

J&K Logs 202

officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 49 cases of coronavirus, Baramulla 18, Budgam 12, Bandipora 11, Ganderbal 9, Pulwama and Kupwara 6 each and Anantnag 3. Twin districts of Kulgam and Shopian reported no new cases of infection.

In the winter capital, officials said, Reasi district reported a maximum of 61 new cases of Covid-19, all of them travellers. Jammu, officials said, reported 15 fresh cases, Doda 6, Rajouri 4 and one new case each in Kathua and Samba districts. No cases were detected in the four districts of Udhampur, Kishtwar, Poonch and Ramban.

"Moreover, 179 Covid-19 patients were recovered during the time, 36 from Jammu Division and 143 from Kashmir," officials said.

Also, they said that the death toll due to the pandemic remained 4479 in J&K--2185 in Jammu and 2294 in Kashmir, as no fresh fatality was reported from the UT during the last 24 hours.

Govt Suspends

engineer Hilal Ahmad Sheikh, technical officer PK Koul and junior engineer Sanjay Koul, all of PWD (R&B), Circle Udhampur-Reasi,

were placed under suspension by the government through an order issued by Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary to the government, on Saturday.

"Pending enquiry into their conduct, the engineers are hereby placed under suspension in terms of Rule-31 (1) of Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965, with immediate effect," reads the order.

On Friday, the CBI took the trio into custody followed by searches at their residence and office premises. The trio, according to the agency, had received a bribe of Rs 1.5 lakh from a building contractor at Reasi in Udhampur.

The accused had demanded a bribe of Rs 3 lakh for processing the file related to technical sanction of the project, the CBI spokesperson said Friday.

Lashkar 'Militant'

area of the district during a search operation based on a specific input about the movement of militants in the area, a police spokesperson said.

He said incriminating materials including a pistol and 1 magazine, 5 pistol rounds and 1 Chinese grenade were recovered from his possession.

As per police records, the police spokesperson said that Nath was active since Feb (LeT) and was associated with Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). "A case under relevant sections of law stands registered against him in the Police Station and investigation has been initiated," he added.

Bear Captured

reports said Saturday. A team of officials, reports said, reached the spot and captured the bear.

The bear, according to the reports, was later shifted and released in Wildlife sanctuary Sedow in the neighbouring Shopian district.

Ladakh Logs

the outbreak of pandemic to 215, the officials said. Leh has recorded 157 deaths for its 18,014 cases. The rest 58 deaths have been reported from Kargil, which has logged 3655 cases till date.

Officials said a total of 2024 persons were tested for COVID in the UT on Friday. Among the positive, 26 were reported from Leh and one from Kargil.

Leh in particular has witnessed a spurt in coronavirus cases since the beginning of November, registering seven deaths and 671 cases prompting the authorities to reimpose various measures including night curfew and banning gathering of five or more persons. Schools have also been closed.

On Friday, nineteen patients were discharged from a hospital in Leh and two others in Kargil, taking the number of recovered patients in Ladakh to 21,143, which is 97.6 per cent of the total caseload.

There are 311 active cases - 286 in Leh and 25 in Kargil, the officials said



DC Srinagar Flags-Off Shikara Race At Dal Lake



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Saturday flagged-off a Shikara Race at Dal Lake here.

While Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary participated in the event through virtual mode.

The Shikara Race was organized by Aryans Group of Colleges, Rajpura to promote tourism in Jammu & Kashmir, in which over 100 Shikaras participated in this race.

The Race commenced after the flag-off by DC, Srinagar and winners including Mohammad Yaqoob Bhat, 1st; Mohammad Altaf Sheikh, 2nd and Abdul Razak Sheikh, 3rd position were rewarded during felicitation ceremony presided by Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, Anshu Kataria and other members of the Group were also present on the occasion.

While addressing the participants of the event, Shahid Iqbal said that Kashmiri youth have great potential in every sphere to lead the nation.

He said Tribal Affairs Department & Skill development Mission, J&K will always support Aryans JK students whenever they will be taking initiative for the betterment of society. He applauded the sense of creative abilities in Aryan Group and hoped the Group will continue its endeavor for overall development and well-being of society.

The DC Srinagar also spoke on the occasion and appreciated the participants and organizers for holding such events. He said youth of J&K have inherited sports potential and if adequate platforms are provided they can bring laurels for the nation at National and International level Sports competitions.

Inter-Zonal District Level Road Race Held At Kulgam



Observer News Service

KULGAM: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Kulgam on Saturday organized an inter-zonal district level annual road race in which students from six zones of the district participated.

The participating students ranging in the age groups of U-19, U-17 and U-14 took part in the road race flagged-off from Main Road Chawalgam Bypass to Mini Sports Stadium Kulgam.

Present on the occasion were District Youth Service and Sports Officer, Ghulam Hassan Lone and other officers and officials of the department.

Later Prizes were distributed among the top performers.

IND VS NZ 2ND TEST

Ajaz Patel Makes History: 3rd Bowler To Take All 10 Wickets



Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Mumbai-born left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel on Saturday entered the record books as he became only the third bowler in the 144-year-old history of Test cricket to take all 10 wickets in an innings on the second day of the second Test against India here.

Patel, who had migrated to New Zealand with his parents back in 1996, ended the Indian innings with figures of 47.5-12-119-10 to equal England great Jim Laker and Indian legend Anil Kumble, who had achieved the rare feat in Test cricket.

The 33-year-old Patel, who is playing in his 11th Test, had only two five wicket hauls and a best match haul of seven wickets before Saturday's feat. He bowled four separate spells of 24-10-57-4, 5-0-16-0, 6-0-16-2, 12.5-2-30-4 and got his 10th and final wicket in the form of Mohammed Siraj, who tried a slog and was caught by another player of Indian origin Rachin Ravindra.

Patel got a standing ovation from the team as the umpires handed him the coveted ball while leading his team off the field.

Incidentally, Patel is the second player after Douglas Jardine, who has played against India in his city of birth.

"The stars have aligned for me to do it in Mumbai," Ajaz Patel said after achieving the rare feat of scalping all 10 batters in an innings at the city of his birth.

The 33-year-old Patel had migrated to New Zealand from Mumbai with his parents back in 1996.

"Honestly, it's surreal and to be able to do that in my career is pretty special. The stars have aligned for me to do it in Mumbai," Patel said after his feat.

Ajaz went on to perform a sabbat after achieving the 10-wicket haul.

"Quite a special occasion for me and not just me but my family. Unfortunately for me, they're not here because of Covid. I'm in very illustrious company with Kumble sir as well."

India is in a commanding position at the end of day 2 after bowling New Zealand out for 62 runs in 28.1 overs. The Kiwis trail India (who made 325 in their first innings) by 263 runs.

BAN vs PAK 2nd Test

Babar Azam Steadies Pakistan With Unbeaten 50



Agencies

DHAKA: Captain Babar Azam struck a fifty to help Pakistan make steady progress against Bangladesh before bad light forced early stumps on the first day of the second Test in Dhaka on Saturday.

Play did not resume after the tea break, with Pakistan, who chose to bat, on 161-2 as Azam hit an unbeaten 60 off 99 balls.

Number three Azhar Ali was accompanying Azam on 36 not out when play was suspended.

The duo put on 91 runs in their unbroken third-wicket stand after Bangladesh left-arm spinner Taijul Islam removed both openers in the morning session.

Azam led the batting charge hitting seven fours and a six so far, and brought up his 19th Test fifty after rain briefly halted the game.

Islam earlier ended a 59-run opening partnership when he bowled Abdullah Shafique for

25 runs through the gate, before Abid Ali chopped one onto his stumps after knocking up 39 runs including six boundaries.

Islam could also have dismissed Azhar if the third umpire had not given him the benefit of the doubt.

Bangladesh reviewed the not out call from the on-field umpire and with the ultra-edge showing an inconclusive touch of the ball to bat, the decision could not be overturned.

Pakistan lead the two-Test series 1-0 after winning the first Test in Chittagong by eight wickets.

The visitors fielded an unchanged squad from the first Test while Bangladesh handed Mahmudul Hasan a Test debut and brought in Shakib Al Hasan and Khaled Ahmed in three changes to the team.

Saif Hassan, Yasir Ali and Abu Jayed were dropped from the opening Test.

India Curtails South Africa Tour, To Play T20Is Later

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: The Indian cricket team's tour of South Africa will go ahead with some changes to the schedule which will not feature T20 Internationals as planned earlier, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on Saturday, ending the speculation surrounding the series after a new Covid variant triggered anxiety.

India are now scheduled to play three Tests and three ODIs during the tour, which will start with the first Test in Johannesburg on December 17. The team was also supposed to play four T20 Internationals which will be rescheduled.

Shah's statement came as the BCCI officials met for the Board's Annual General Meeting here. "BCCI has confirmed (to the) CSA that (the) Indian team will travel for three Tests and three ODIs. The remaining four T20Is will be played at a later date," Shah said in a statement.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION GANDERBAL NOTICE INVITING TENDER CIVIL WORKS

SINGLE COVER SYSTEM (upto Rs. 2.50 Crores)

EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl/e-tender NIT No. 254 of 2021-22 issued under endorsement No.17179-86 Dated:02.12.2021
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on item rate/Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S.No.	Name of the Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of R/wall at Astan Nar Nilnag Urpash From H/o. Chandni Khan under ARD	Rs.2.42 Lacs	Rs.200/=	Bid Security Declaration as per format	10-Days	ARD	DEE
2.	Clearance of Berm/Drain at Various spots from Pandach to Beehama Main road with allied items under ARD	Rs.2.68 Lacs	Rs.200/=	Bid Security Declaration as per format	10-Days	ARD	DEE
3.	Upgradation of road b.w.o G-II and G-III at Baba Mohalla Buderkund near H/o. Fayaz Ahmad Baba under ARD	Rs.2.48 Lacs	Rs.200/=	Bid Security Declaration as per format	10-Days	ARD	DEE
4.	Construction of R/Wall and upgradation of road at Channar-B Gutlibagh with allied items under ARD	Rs.3.29 Lacs	Rs.200/=	Bid Security Declaration as per format	15-Days	ARD	DEE
5.	Restoration of Kalaspati Rayil road b.w.o P/L Cross Drainage pipes and Other allied works (Balance portion) Under District Sector	Rs.12.00 Lacs	Rs.600/=	Bid Security Declaration as per format	15-Days	District Sector	DEE/CEE/ BEE

Position of AAA:- Accorded, Position of funds:- Available.

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	02/12/2021 from 2.30PM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	02/12/2021 from 2.30 PM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	08/12/2021 upto 4.00PM, 09/12/2021 at 10.00 A.M in the office of Executive Engineer R&B
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	Division Ganderbal

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Ganderbal.

Note:- The Date of Treasury Challan must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date. Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-responsive. 2.1 The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Ganderbal within 07 (seven) days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond DLP.

2.2 Note:- All bidders shall submit the uploaded Treasury Challan in Original before issuance allotment.

3. 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 (tender receiving authority).

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

5. The earnest money shall be forfeited If-

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

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

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

6.(A). Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

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

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

6.4 Bids will be opened online as per times scheduled mentioned in Para-1.

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

6.6 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including Bid Security Declaration, tender documents fee in terms of soft copies and all other documents required as per NIT with technical bid. No document (s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained for technical evaluation in the form of hard copy. However in case of any clarification the bidders all have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

15.4 Secured Advance: No secured advances admissible.

15.5 Schedule of Payment:- The payment schedule shall be fixed after award of contract in favour of successful bidder, on the basis of availability of funds and value of work executed, shall be determined by the Engineer.

No.17179-86

Dated:-02-12-21

DIPK-14119/21

Sd/-

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E-NIT No: SKIMS MC 05 OF 2021 Dated 03-12-2021

SUBJECT: Notice inviting e-tenders for outsourcing of SKIMS Medical College-Hospital Car Parking lots for the year 2021-2022. E-tenders are invited for and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir for the following Car parking areas at SKIMS Medical College-Hospital Bemina, Srinagar to be outsourced for the year 2021-22 and to be reckoned from the date of issue of allotment order against realization of parking fee indicated against each type of vehicle for a period of one year to be submitted under Two Bid Cover System- Cover I 'Technical Bid' & Cover II 'Price Bid'. The tender documents are available at www.jktenders.gov.in.

Location of Car Parking Area	Type of vehicles	Parking fee for each entry per vehicle	Minimum reserved bid price
Car-Parking in front of OPD SKIMS MC Hospital (Round the Clock) for General Public.	Four wheeler (Light Motor Vehicles), Two/ three wheeler	Rs. 20/- Rs. 10/-	Rs. 13.35 Lacs (Rupees Thirteen Lac Thirty Five Thousand only)
Car Parking in front of Principal Office (9.00 am to 6 pm except Sundays) for Staff vehicles only	Two/ Four wheeler only	Free	

S.No.	Nomenclature	Schedule
1	Tender Publishing Date	06.12.2021
2	Clarification start date	11.12.2021
3	Last date of Clarification if any	20.12.2021 (up-to 04:00PM)
4	Tender Download Start Date	08.12.2021
5	Bid Submission Start Date	09.12.2021
6	Bid Submission End Date	28.12.2021 (up-to 02:00PM)
7	Technical Bid Open Date	31.12.2021

PROMINENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Parking lot in front of Principal office to be run from 09:00am to 06:00pm exclusively for staff vehicles of SKIMS Medical College free of cost every day in the said parking lot to facilitate the performance of their duties during the currency of the contract and the approved agency/contractor shall only charge public vehicles in front of OPD SKIMS MC Hospital at approved rates during this period.
- During evening/ night hours staff vehicles to be parked free of cost in the OPD Car parking.
- It is advisable that intending tenderers should go through the contents of detailed tender document/terms and conditions before quoting of rate/amount/bid and prior to it should visit all the parking sites in their own interest.
- The bidders shall have to offer their bids beyond the minimum reserve bid.
- The successful bidder shall have to pay accepted bid amount in single installment to deposit in the Accounts Section SKIMS Medical College Bemina Srinagar within 10 days before issuance of contract/allotment order and produce the deposit receipt of the bank to Estates Officer SKIMS Medical College, Bemina Srinagar for proper handing over of parking lots officially to the allottees.
- No conditional quotation shall be accepted. All terms and conditions given above shall form part of the allotment order/Agreement.
- Institute authorities reserve the right to reject any tender or part thereof without assigning any reason.
- All disputes are subject to Srinagar Courts.
- SKIMS Medical College is not bound to accept the highest one bid and may reject any bid without assigning any reason, the decision of the Technical Committee shall be final.
- Note:- The tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed e-NIT.

No.: SKIMS-MC-362-2021/680

Dated: 03-12-2021

DIPK-NB-5566/21

Sd/-

Principal,

SKIMS Medical College,

Bemina, Srinagar

Elon Musk's Starlink To Apply For India Licence By End Of January

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NEW DELHI: Starlink, the satellite internet division of billionaire Elon Musk's rocket company SpaceX, will apply early next year for a commercial licence in India to provide broadband and other services, its country head said on Friday.

"We hope to have applied for a commercial license on or before 31st January 2022 (unless we hit some major roadblock)," Sanjay Bhargava, Starlink Country Director, India at SpaceX said in a LinkedIn post.

If the company can roll out its services by April, it aims to have 200,000 Starlink devices in India by December 2022, it said in a presentation posted by Mr Bhargava. The company has previously said it expects 80% of these devices to be in rural areas.

Starlink is one of a growing number of companies launching small satellites as part of a low-Earth orbit network to provide low-latency broadband internet

services around the world, with a particular focus on remote areas that terrestrial internet infrastructure struggles to reach.

Its competitors include Amazon.com's Kuiper and OneWeb which is co-owned by the British government and India's Bharti Enterprises.

While Starlink has already received over 5,000 pre-orders for its devices in India, it has not begun any services.

Even so, the Indian government, last week, advised people against subscribing to Starlink as it does not have a license to operate in the country. It also warned the company, ordering it to refrain from taking bookings and rendering services.

Starlink has stopped taking pre-orders for its devices, according to its website, citing "pending regulatory approval".

Last month the company registered a local unit, Starlink Satellite Communications Private Ltd, paving the way for it to begin doing business in the country.

Depressed Over Covid, Doctor 'Kills' Wife, Children In UP's Kanpur

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KANPUR (UP): Apparently depressed over Covid-19, a 61-year-old doctor allegedly killed his wife and children to "liberate them and remove all their troubles in a moment" at their apartment in Kalyanpur here, police said on Saturday.

Sushil Kumar, head of the department of forensic medicine at a private medical college, left behind a letter mentioning that he was suffering from an incurable disease and also that "Covid-19 will not spare anyone".

On Friday evening, Sushil texted his twin brother Sunil asking him to inform the police about the killings, police said.

Sunil rushed to the apartment

and found it locked from outside.

He entered the apartment by breaking open the lock with the help of security guards and found the of Chandraprabha (48), Shikhar Singh (18), an engineering student, and Khushi Singh, a high school student lying in pools of blood in separate rooms, Police Commissioner Asim Arun said.

He immediately informed the police about the killings and said Sushil had been battling depression.

While Chandraprabha was killed with a hammer, Shikhar and Khushi were strangled to death, the police commissioner said, adding prima facie, it appeared that the victims were given tea laced with intoxicants and killed after they became unconscious.

WHO Says Vaccination, Not Travel Curbs, Key To Battling Omicron

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The World Health Organization (WHO) urged countries to boost healthcare capacity and vaccinate their people to fight a surge in Covid-19 cases driven by the Omicron variant, and said travel curbs could buy time but alone were not the answer.

Despite shutting its borders to travel from high-risk southern African countries, Australia became the latest country to report community transmission of the new variant, a day after it was found in five US states.

Omicron has gained a foothold in Asia, Africa, the Americas, the Middle East and Europe and has reached seven of the nine provinces of South Africa, where it was first identified. Many governments have tightened travel rules to keep the variant out.

"Border controls can buy time but every country and every community must prepare for new surges in cases," Takeshi Kasai, the WHO's western Pacific director, told a media briefing.

"People should not only rely on



border measures. What is most important is to prepare for these variants with potential high transmissibility. So far the information available suggests we don't have to change our approach."

Kasai urged countries to fully vaccinate vulnerable groups and stick to preventive measures such as mask wearing and social distancing.

Omicron has been listed as a "variant of concern" by the WHO and scientists are still gathering data to establish how severe and contagious it is just

as parts of Europe have been hit by surges of winter infections by the more familiar Delta variant.

Michelle Groome, a scientist with South Africa's National Institute for Communicable Diseases, said the country was facing an unprecedented rise in infections due to Omicron.

Almost 264 million people have been reported to be infected by the coronavirus since it was first detected in central China in late 2019 and 5.48 million people have died, according to a Reuters tally.

Explore Arbitration, Mediation And Conciliation Before Moving Courts, CJI Tells Litigants

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NEW DELHI: As pendency of cases continues to rise, Chief Justice of India NV Ramana on Saturday advised litigants, particularly businessmen, to treat litigation as the last resort—only after exploring alternate dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms such as arbitration, mediation and conciliation to resolve their disputes.

"My advice, after participating in the legal profession for over 40 years in different capacities, is that you must keep the option of going to Courts as a last resort.

Use this last resort only after exploring the option of ADR—arbitration, mediation and conciliation. Arbitration and mediation are efforts at restoring a relationship," the CJI said while addressing the 'Stakeholders' Conclave' at the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre, Hyderabad.

Citing various reasons for opting for mediation or arbitration over traditional litigation, he said there were several benefits of ADR—fewer delays, less expensive, greater party choice, more control, more comfortable and amicable environment for the parties.

Justice Ramana wondered if anyone could even imagine a world without conflicts. "A prudent person tries to find ways to resolve the same amicably. Conflicts have a human face and it helps to be humane in our approach to resolve the same. One must have the foresight to look beyond the conflict," the CJI noted.

Citing an example from the Mahabharata, Justice Ramana said Lord Krishna had attempted to mediate the dispute between the Pandavas and Kauravas and the failure of mediation led to disastrous consequences.

JNU Administration Advises Students' Union To Cancel 'Unauthorised' Screening Of 'Ram Ke Naam'

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Jawaharlal Nehru University administration on Saturday "firmly" advised the students' union to cancel the screening of Anand Patwardhan's 'Ram Ke Naam' documentary, saying "such an unauthorised activity may disturb communal harmony and peaceful environment" of the campus.

The Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU), however, said that it will go ahead with the screening at 9 pm on Saturday.

In a circular, the JNU registrar said, "It has come to the notice of the undersigned that a group of students have in the name of JNUSU released a pamphlet for screening a documentary/movie 'Ram Ke Naam' scheduled for to-

by this pamphlet, which is unauthorised and unwarranted," the circular read.

'Ram Ke Naam', a 1992 documentary by filmmaker Anand Patwardhan, explores the campaign to build a Ram temple in Ayodhya.

JNUSU president Aishe Ghosh, in a Facebook post, said they have scheduled a screening of 'Ram Ke Naam' at the union hall.

"So the puppet body of this RSS-BJP has come out with a circular that this documentary screening is unauthorised and might disturb the communal harmony. 'Ram Ke Naam' shows the truth, what is BJP doing in this country and how communal hatred is spread in this secular country by the right-wing fundamentalists," she alleged.



night at 9:30 pm in Teflas (student union hall).

The university administration said no prior permission for the event was taken from it.

"This is to emphasise that such an unauthorised activity may disturb communal harmony and peaceful environment of the university campus. The concerned students/individuals are firmly advised to cancel the proposed programme immediately failing which a strict disciplinary action as per the university rules may be initiated against those responsible for this event. The students are also instructed not to get provoked

"The JNUSU will not back out at any cost. This screening will happen and we request JNU student community to participate in huge numbers at 9 pm for watching this documentary," she said.

JNUSU vice president Saket Moon said the administration cannot decide what the students will watch.

"December 6 will be the anniversary of the Babri Masjid demolition. We decided to hold the screening of the documentary. The university administration cannot decide what students will watch. The documentary is in the public domain, freely available on Youtube and has also won awards," he said. —PTI

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