

Govt Orders Extensive Anti-Encroachment Drive Across J&K Revenue Officials Asked To Start Eviction From High-Value Commercial Areas

Land Passbooks To Be Issued In Jammu, Srinagar From Jan 15

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Saturday directed the revenue department to submit data on decadal growth of encroachments in the Union Territory within one month and undertake extensive anti-encroachment drives and start eviction from the high-value commercial areas in the first instance.

These directions were passed by Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun

Kumar Mehta while chairing a meeting to review the functioning of the revenue department, an official spokesperson said.

In the meeting, he said, the Chief Secretary directed the submission of time series data on periodical encroachments showing decadal growth of such encroachments over 1990-2000-2010-2020; within one month.

"The enforcement agencies were directed to undertake extensive anti-encroachment drives and start eviction from the high-value commercial areas in the first instance," he said.

"The agencies were asked to take immediate action against reported cases of illegal trespassing and prevent further encroachments. Further, it was asked to



immediately bio-fence all retrieved land to prevent its further encroachment," he added.

According to the official spokesperson, Mehta emphasized the need to connect revenue records with mobile and Aadhaar numbers of owners as a measure to check benami properties as well as prevent the sale/

encroachment of properties without the knowledge of owners.

The Chief Secretary, he said, asked the revenue department to issue SMS alerts to the registered accounts at every stage of the transaction/process to prevent unauthorized land transactions by implementing a real-time land transaction

communication system.

"The department was also asked to obtain legacy data from the High Court and make timely entries in the revenue record with time-bound reconciliation of all records," he said.

Also, the official spokesperson said that Mehta directed the revenue department to evolve a

mechanism of issuing revenue passbooks to the people, containing information on all their legal land possessions within one month, followed by its first trial run on 15th January and formal issuance by 26th January 2022.

He said that the process will be completed in the districts of Jammu and Srinagar by 31st

March 2022 and in all other districts by 15th August 2022.

The official spokesperson said that the meeting was informed that under the Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme (DILRMP), the revenue department has scanned 7,75,70,009 documents, 58,754 maps, and 760 Jamabandis.

He said that the scanned revenue record has been made available in the public domain under the 'Apni Zameen Apni Nigrani' initiative and various public viewing drives are currently underway for promoting public awareness and scrutiny.

"Under the Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA), the department is creating survey **More on PII**

Pak Militant Killed 2 Cops In Bandipora: IGP

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Inspector General of Police Vijay Kumar On Saturday said that a Pakistani militant of Lashkar-e-Taiba was behind the attack on a police party that left two cops dead in North Kashmir's Bandipora On Friday.

Kumar said that based on CCTV footage and other evidence, the attack was carried out by a 'Pakistani militant' who came and fired upon the driver and one PSO of SHO. Kumar further said that the militant couldn't snatch weapons due to retaliation by the PSO.

IGP said two OGWs have facilitated him. "Investigations are underway," he added.

Two policemen—Mohammad Sultan (SgCt)

and constable Fayaz Ahmad—were killed in a militant attack in Bandipora on Saturday.

Earlier IGP Kumar and General Officer Commanding of army's Kilo Force chaired a joint meeting of security officers in Bandipora.

Official sources said that GOG Kilo Force Major General Sanjiv Singh Salaria visited Bandipora and inspected scene of the attack.

Later Inspector General of Police Kashmir Vijay Kumar took part in a joint meeting of army, CRPF and police officers in the district. The officers reviewed operational works and instructed field officers to generate specific inputs and enhance anti-militancy operations in the district, a senior police officer said.

J&K Reports 182 Corona Cases

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Saturday 182 fresh cases of novel coronavirus while one more succumbed to the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, one more person died of Covid-19 related complications in the Valley on Saturday taking the death toll in the pandemic to 4491 in J&K—2189 in Jammu and 2302 in Kashmir.

About the new cases of virus, officials said, 149 were reported from the Valley and remaining 33 from different districts of the Jammu division.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 66 cases new cases of

coronavirus, Kupwara 26, Baramulla 20, Budgam 16, Bandipora 8, Ganderbal 6, Pulwama 5 and one new case each in Anantnag and Kulgam. For the second consecutive day, south Kashmir's Shopian district reported no new cases of Covid-19.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu reported a maximum of 13 new cases of virus, Doda 6, Rajouri 3 and two cases each in Kishtwar, Poonch, Ramban and Reasi and one case in Kathua and Samba. Udhampur was the only district in Jammu division where no new cases were registered.

"Moreover, 204 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 37 from Jammu Division and 167 from Kashmir," officials added.

Panchayat Committee, Transporters Back Ladakh Shutdown

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA, a conglomerate of various political, social, religious, student organizations on Saturday reiterated the shutdown call on December 13 against the government of India's alleged failure to meet the genuine demands of the newly carved Union Territory of Ladakh.

According to a spokesperson, the KDA leaders on Saturday held a meeting in Kargil and reiterated strike call in the entire Ladakh region on December 13 in support of statehood,

constitutional safeguards, two Lok Sabha and a Raj Sabha seat besides filling up of 10,000 to 12,000 vacancies to overcome unemployment.

Earlier, a similar call was also given by the apex body of Leh.

Besides KDA executive members, the spokesperson said, the meeting was also attended by Panchayat Coordination committee, All Kargil Transport Association, Automobile and Workshop Association Kargil and Merchant Association Kargil.

"During the meeting all the stakeholders have unanimously decided to support the **More on PII**






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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, KASHMIR PHE JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 109 OF 2021-22 Dated: - 09.12.2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir/Jammu invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Empanelment of Eligible Contractors at Provincial Level and fixing of item rates for HILLY AREAS (GRAVITY) falling in District Baramulla for Execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works costing Above 100 lacs up to 300 lacs (GROUP IV)", details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tender fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Cost of document/tender fee (In Rs)	Earnest money (Lacs)	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1	2	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for each district/geographically different zone for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of:- a. Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, Overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains. b. Retrofitting of electro-mechanical equipment's at various Water Supply Schemes	Work/scheme wise details given in Section II of tender document	1000/-		180 days	
	Group IV	Above 100 lacs up to 300 lacs		0.75		120

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

The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir/Jammu Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Note:-

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

Key/critical Dates:

i.	Publish Date	10.12.2021
ii.	Document Download/sale start Date	10.12.2021
iii.	Clarification start date	10.12.2021
iv.	Bid submission start date	15.12.2021
v.	Clarification end date	05.01.2022
vi.	Pre-bid Meeting date	15.12.2021
vii.	Document Download/sale end Date	11.01.2022
viii.	Bid submission end date	11.01.2022
ix.	Date and time of Bid opening	13.01.2022

1. Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the websites <http://jktenders.gov.in>

2. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir/Jammu, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.

3. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

4. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

5. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir/Jammu, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

6. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar/Jammu.

a. Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir/Jammu, Jal Shakti PHE Department. Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for at least one year after last date of submission of Bid. The Bid of bidders having bid security less than as specified above will be rejected.

b. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of DD /TR/e challan in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir/Jammu, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

7. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

8. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of price bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.

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

10. Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphed@gmail.com/pheejmu@gmail.com
No: CE/PHE/Kmr/30270-81
Date: 09.12.2021

Chief Engineer,

Kashmir Jal Shakti, PHE Department.



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 Electric 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	Time and Date for Submission of E-Tender.	Date & Time of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	5	6	7	9	10
1.	Electrification of 04-Storeyed Boys Hostel at Zakura Campus	Rs. 109.23Lacs	Rs.2600/-	09- months	10-12-2021 to 22-12-2021 (6.00 PM)	23-12-2021 (11.30 AM)	"AA"Y"

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

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NIT No: - F(UCD) (Elect. 04-Stor. B. Hostel ZC.)/KU/70/21
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Executive Engineer

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION Ganderbal

EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl/E-tendering FRESH SNOW NIT No.268 of 2021-22 of R&B Division Ganderbal issued under endorsement No.17913-22 Dated:10.12.2021

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

S. No	Name of Sub Division and State No.	Earnest Money amount in Rs.	Cost of T/ Doc. (In rupees)	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Snow Clearance of Roads/Areas Falling within the jurisdiction of (R&B) Division Ganderbal.	2000/-	200/-	A, B, C & D	3054-Snow
	Stage No.2 as per (Annexure-A)				

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:-

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	10-12-2021
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 10-12-2021 at 4:00 PM to 15-12-2021 upto 4.00P.M.
03.	Bid submission start date	10-12-2021 from (4:00 PM)
04.	Bid submission end date	15-12-2021 upto (04.00P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	15-12-2021 at (4.05 P.M) in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) CircleGanderbal/ Bandipora

The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

a. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape E-Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (E- Challan) must be purchased after tender date and Boldly written Name of Stage and Name of Contractor) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to of the in the Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Ganderbal/ Bandipora (Tender receiving authority)

b. Upload Valid Registration CARD /Renewal, PAN Card , Latest clearance certificate Form GST-3B of Latest Quarter /Qualifying Month I.e, October

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

d. The bidders are advised to get the genuineness of their enlistment cards from the issuing authorities. This is mandatory and bids are liable to be rejected in absence of the genuineness of enlistment card

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

2. The tenderers are directed to submit their tender online; in case the last date of opening of tenders happens to be a holiday/hartal the same shall be opened on the next working day.

3. Only percentage template BOQ shall be followed for the instant work. The intending bidder shall quote rate percentage above/ below or at par corresponding to J&K SSR 2020. The actual work done quantities shall be accordingly paid for depending upon the depth of snow and corresponding to Schedule Rates provided in the SSR 2020.

4. The bids shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening. A bid valid for shorter period shall be rejected;

5. The rates and prices quoted by the bidder shall remain fixed during the currency of contract and shall not be subject to adjustment on any account;

6. Currencies: All payments will be made in Indian Rupees;

7. The bidder among other documents shall upload the following documents with bid which shall form a part of technical bid;

a. Scanned copy of Newly renewed copy of Enlistment Registration Card;

b. Scan copy of Treasury Challan.

c. Scanned copy of GST registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of Latest Quarter/Qualifying Month I.e, October

d. Scanned Copy of PAN Card.

e. Scanned copy of C.D.R

8. Single cover system:- In the first instance technical evaluation of the bids as received shall be carried out to assess the technical responsiveness & non responsiveness of bidders who have participated in the bidding followed by comparison of financial part of bids of technically responsive bidders. The evaluation report, both technical & financial, shall be uploaded on the Departmental Website for the information of the bidders.

9. Any loss caused to the Department which is attributable to the contractor, shall be recovered from the contractor;

10. Snow clearance stage contractor is bound to do the snow clearance immediately as and when he is directed to do so. The contractor has to keep in close touch with the department / officers to be present in the stage/ allotted along with necessary tools, labour machinery etc., at the time of every snow fall so that there is no delay in clearance of snow. In case contractor fails to comply with these instructions, clearance work will be undertaken through other agency at the risk and cost of the Contractor without serving any notice.

11. In case contractor fails to carry out the snow clearance as per the scheduled period and to provide immediately motor paths, he shall bear the penalty of Rs. 3000/= (Three Thousand) for each day of delay along with other penalties including debarment from participating in bidding in (R&B) Deptt. for a period of at least one year.

12. Depending upon the depth of snow, the snow clearance period is fixed as under:-

a. AVERAGE SNOW FALL UPTO 12 INCH DEPTH OF SNOW = (ONE DAY) b. AVERAGE SNOW FALL UPTO 24 INCH DEPTH OF SNOW = (TWO DAYS)

c. AVERAGE SNOW FALL UPTO 36 INCH AND ABOVE DEPTH OF SNOW = (THREE DAYS)

13. The snow clearance of roads shall also include passing places to be provided as per norms;

14. In the event if one particular bidder bags more than one stage contract, contractual obligation to deploy adequate men and machinery at each site concurrently shall have to be ensured failing which penalty shall be imposed upon for each day of delay.

15. Payment to the contractor against work done quantities shall be made as per the rates applicable under JK SSR 2020 for particular depth of snow with contractors quoted rate percentage;

16. The payment against the work done quantities will be subject to release of funds by the Govt. under relevant head of account;

17. Pre-snow clearance and post snow clearance video Graphy/ photography shall be made for reference & record. Each work done claim shall be supported with the photographs indicating date of snow fall, date of clearance and depth of snow, area/ locality/lane/road RD-wise with landmarks;

18. The subletting of the work wholly or partly shall not be permitted and will be treated as a breach of contract .

In case the snow plough or any other machines arranged by the department for a speedy clearance of snow is deployed, the stage contractor will have to supply the labour for clearance of snow left by the machines for which he will be paid as per the quoted percentage rate above/ below or at par as per SSR 2020.

The taxes as admissible shall be deducted from the contractors each claim.The contractors rates shall be deemed to cover all such taxes including GST, CST and nothing extra on this account shall be paid by the Deptt.

Insurance cover to the labour/ machinery by the Contractor shall be mandatory;

Arbitration: The Arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Arbitration procedure stated in J&K Conciliation & Arbitration Act No. XXV of 1997 issued vide SRO No. K03 vide Notification Dt.11-12-1997 & latest amendments/ modifications thereto;

Termination of contract: The Employer may terminate the contract if the Contractor causes a fundamental breach of the Contract. Fundamental breach of contract will include;

Contractor is declared Bankrupt.

Any evidence of involvement of Contractor in corrupt practices.

Contractor delays the completion of work beyond stipulated time of completion.

Pursuant to the process of termination of defaulted contract, the Employer reserves the right to invite fresh tender for the balance work at the risk and cost of defaulter contractor.

Court jurisdiction: In case of any disputes / differences between Contractor and the Deptt. the jurisdiction shall be J&K High Court;

No advance payment or mobilization advance shall be given to the Contractor by the Deptt.

The terms and conditions as contained in the PWD Form 25 shall also be binding upon the Contractor and shall form part of the Contract Agreement.

No:-17913-22
DT:-10-12-2021

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
R&B Division Ganderbal.

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Quote!

Questions are never indiscreet, answers sometimes are
—Oscar Wilde

NEWS DIGEST

College Renamed After Poet Moti Lal Saqi

SRINAGAR: A government degree college in this capital city on Saturday was renamed after eminent poet Moti Lal Saqi as per the directions of the government. The name of the Government Degree College, Hyderpora was changed during a ceremony presided over by the Principal of the Institution, an official spokesperson said. He said that several local residents and senior citizens **More on P11**

2 Women Killed In House Collapse

SRINAGAR: Two women were killed and a minor girl injured when a mud house suddenly collapsed in Poonch district on Saturday. Zareena Akhter, wife of Ashiq Hussain and Rahila Kouser daughter of Liyaqat Hussain died on the spot after their 'kachha' house collapsed in village Mangar of the district around 2:20pm Saturday, reports said. A minor girl **More on P11**

Ladakh Reports 19 New Covid Cases

LEH: Ladakh's tally of COVID-19 cases increased to 21,792 on Saturday with 19 fresh infections, officials said. The death toll remained at 215 and of these, 157 deaths have been reported from Leh and 59 from Kargil, they said. The number of active cases in the Union Territory has **More on P11**

Rain, Snowfall From Tuesday To Break Dry Spell

Srinagar Records Season's Coldest Night At Minus 3.6 Deg Celsius

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: The meteorological department on Saturday predicted a two day wet spell across Jammu and Kashmir from December 14 during which most places in the Union Territory will receive snowfall and widespread rains.

"The weather will remain dry till the evening of December 14. However, there's a possibility of light snowfall between December 14 and 15," Deputy Director, Meteorological Department, Mukhtar Ahmed told Kashmir Observer.

"Light snow and rain will likely start from the evening of December 14 at scattered places especially the higher reaches of the Valley till the evening of December 15 and the temperature is likely to rise a bit. For these two days, Srinagar city is likely to receive light to



moderate rainfall," he said.

He further added, as per the early indicators, no major snowfall is predicted for the Valley next week.

Meanwhile, most places in Kashmir, including Srinagar city, experienced the coldest night of the season so far as the minimum temperature plummeted several notches below

the freezing point, officials said. The officials said Srinagar recorded a low of minus 3.6 degrees Celsius on Friday night down by a degree from the previous night.

They said Friday night was the coldest of the season so far.

Gulmarg tourist destination in north Kashmir's Baramulla district was the **More on P11**

Govt Employee, Aide Held For Bank Loot Attempt

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Two persons, including a government employee, were arrested for their alleged involvement in setting ablaze a saw mill and attempting to loot an adjoining bank in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said on Saturday.

Jal Shakti Department employee Pushpinder Sharma and Ankit Sudan were arrested following registration of a case in connection with the burning of a saw mill and attempted robbery in an adjoining bank branch in Sunderbani town Thursday night, a police spokesperson said.

He said the arrested accused confessed to setting ablaze the saw mill in a bid to loot the bank. **More on P11**

NC Undecided As MPs Get Delimitation Panel Invite

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference MP Hasnain Masoodi on Saturday said they have received an invitation from the Delimitation Commission for a meeting in New Delhi on December 20 and that the party leadership will take a decision on their participation in it.

Masoodi and two other NC MPs -- Farooq Abdullah and Mohammad Akbar Lone -- had boycotted the first meeting of the commission earlier this year, saying the exercise was

an outcome of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act of 2019, which the party has challenged in the Supreme Court.

In addition to the NC parliamentarians, BJP MPs Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma are associate members of the commission.

Masoodi told PTI, "Yes, we have received the invitation for the meeting."

He, however, said no agenda for the meeting was mentioned in the invitation.

"We have not been given any kind of agenda or draft report or **More on P11**

Nothing Can Stop Pandits From Returning To Valley: Dr Farooq



Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Nothing can stop the displaced Kashmiri Pandits from returning to their native land and the conspirators of their "ethnic cleansing"

will never get Jammu and Kashmir, National Conference (NC) chief Farooq Abdullah said on Saturday.

He, however, said time was not ripe for their return because of **More on P11**

Advocates India-Pak Talks To End Militancy

Terming the killing of two police personnel by militants in the valley a sad story, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah Saturday said there is no way out except holding **More on P11**

Gupkar Alliance Intact, Doing Its Job: Omar

The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) -- a coalition of six parties seeking the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's special **More on P11**

BEWARE!

SOCIAL MEDIA USERS

ADVISORY



IT IS NOT NORMAL TO PROMOTE VIOLENCE



IT IS NOT NORMAL TO ACT AS INFORMATION AGENTS OF TERRORIST HANDLERS IN PAKISTAN AND HELP THEM KILL YOUR NEIGHBOUR AND COLLEAGUES



IT IS NOT NORMAL EITHER TO POST OR FORWARD THREAT MESSAGES



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SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING TERROR IS AS GRAVE AS THE ACTUAL ACT OF TERROR
IT IS PUNISHABLE AS PER SECTION 13 AND 18 OF UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES PREVENTION ACT (UAPA)1967

Papal Delegation Attends Inauguration Of Gulf’s Largest Cathedral In Bahrain



Agencies

LONDON: Bahrain has opened the largest Catholic cathedral in the Gulf, in a ceremony attended by members of the country's government, a papal delegation from the Vatican, and Bahraini Christians.

Construction of Our Lady Arabia Cathedral began in 2014 with the laying of a foundational stone donated by Pope Francis.

Located about 15 miles outside Bahrain's capital Manama, the cathedral can host 2,300 worshippers.

Bahrain prides itself on its religious plurality, and has long provided Christian and non-Christian faiths places of worship and the freedom to practice their religion openly and freely.

"We're very proud to have this place of worship for the Catholic community. There are around 80,000 worshippers that will be using the church," Dr. Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, chairman of the board of trustees of the King Hamad

Global Centre for Peaceful Co-existence, said at the cathedral's opening ceremony on Thursday.

"Historically speaking, it's not strange for Bahrain to support non-Muslims or people from other religions to worship here. Bahrain has had the freedom to practice other religions and worship for over 200 years." He cited the existence of a Hindu temple constructed in 1819.

Hala Ramzi Faye, a Christian and a Shoura Council member in Bahrain's Parliament, told Arab News: "In our country, people of all religions and beliefs live peacefully, practicing their religious rites freely and safely."

She added: "In the heart of Manama ... you find the church and the temple next to the mosque and the ma'atam, in coexistence and harmony, for hundreds of years."

Christians make up around 15 percent of Bahrain's population. The religion has a long history in the country, with the earliest recorded community dating back to the 12th century.

Japan Researchers Use Ostrich Cells To Make Glowing Covid Detection Masks



Agencies

TOKYO: Japanese researchers have developed masks that use ostrich antibodies to detect COVID-19 by glowing under ultraviolet light.

The discovery by Yasuhiro Tsukamoto and his team at Kyoto Prefectural University in western Japan could provide for low-cost testing of the virus at home, they said in a press release.

The scientists started by creating a mask filter coated with ostrich antibodies targeting the novel coronavirus, based on previous research showing the birds have strong resistance to disease.

In a small study, test subjects

wore the masks, and after eight hours, the filters were removed and sprayed with a chemical that glows under ultraviolet light if the virus is present. The filters worn by people infected with COVID-19 glowed around the nose and mouth areas.

The team hopes to further develop the masks so that they will glow automatically, without special lighting, if the virus is detected.

Tsukamoto, a veterinary professor and the president of the university, has studied ostriches for years, looking for ways to adapt their immunity power to fight bird flu, allergies, and other diseases.

Pakistani Taliban Declares End To Ceasefire With Pak Government; Vows To Resume Attacks

ISLAMABAD: The banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) will not extend the month-long ceasefire deal negotiated with the Pakistan government, the militant group has announced, in a major setback to Prime Minister Imran Khan's efforts to secure a peace agreement with the dreaded outfit waging war against the state for decades.



The Pakistani Taliban has been behind many major attacks on Pakistani security forces and civilians over the last 14 years, including the attack on an Army school in Peshawar in 2014 that killed over 150 people, mostly children.

A statement issued by the TTP on Thursday accusing the Pakistan government of failing to honour the decisions, including the release of their fighters.

It gave out details of the six-point agreement reached with the government under the aegis of the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan" (IEA) on October 25, 2021, the Dawn newspaper reported.

The two sides, according to the agreement, had accepted that the IEA would play the role of a mediator and that both sides would form five-member committees each which, under the supervision of the mediator, would discuss the next course of action and demands of each side.

Both sides, it said, had also agreed to observe a month-long ceasefire from November 1 to November 30, 2021, and that the government would

release 102 "imprisoned mujahideen" and hand them over to the TTP through the "IEA and that both sides would issue a joint statement regarding the ceasefire on November 1, 2021", the report said.

According to the statement, the government not only failed to implement the decisions reached between the two sides but on the contrary, the security forces conducted raids in Dera Ismail Khan, Lakki Marwat, Swat, Bajaur, Swabi and North Waziristan and killed and detained militants.

"Under these circumstances, it is not possible to extend the ceasefire," the TTP said.

Earlier in an audio message, TTP chief Mufti Noor Wali Mahsud announced an end to the ceasefire and asked his fighters to resume attacks past 12 am. The ceasefire had come into effect on November 9, the report added.

In the message, Mufti Noor can be heard as saying that since the TTP has not heard

back from the mediators or the government, therefore, past midnight, his fighters reserve the right to resume attacks wherever they were.

The TTP decision to end the ceasefire is a big setback to the government's efforts to secure a peace agreement with the militants waging war against the state for decades.

A lot of informal discussions had taken place between the two sides before and during the ceasefire and certain confidence-building steps had been agreed upon to reassure each other, the sources were quoted as saying by the Dawn.

Afghan Taliban are playing the role of principal mediator between Pakistan and the outlawed militant conglomerate comprising several factions.

Under the deal, the government has agreed to release close to one hundred militants being held at 'de-radicalisation centers'. The first batch of around 12 has already been released. The second batch is expected to be freed in the next few days, to be followed by more in the days and weeks to come, the report said.

Quoting sources, the Dawn reported that during the informal talks, it has been made clear to the TTP that there are certain redlines which are not open to negotiations.

The TTP, however, has set its own conditions which among other things include enforcement of Shariah and restoration of tribal areas to their pre-merger status. **PTI**

France To Open Classified Algerian War Archives



Agencies

The French government has said it will soon open to the public the most highly classified parts of its national archives about the Algerian war of independence, shedding light on some of the darkest chapters in France's 20th century history.

Between 1954 and 1962, France waged a war against an independence movement in its then colony. Hundreds of thousands of Algerians were killed, and French forces and their proxies used torture against opponents, according to historians.

The fighting in Algeria convulsed France and prompted a failed coup attempt against then-President Charles de Gaulle to stop him from ending French rule. Almost 60 years after it ended, the conflict is still a highly sensitive and divisive topic in France.

"We need to have the courage to look the historical truth in the face," French Culture Minister Roselyne Bachelot said on Friday as she made the announcement about opening up the archives.

The declassification is an important step towards a better understanding of the war, as well as possibly making sense of certain deaths that to this day remain unexplained, according to Benjamin Stora, a leading French historian of Algeria.

"You can know which people were under surveillance, followed, arrested," Stora told Reuters news agency. "It's the whole chain leading up to repressive measures that can be unveiled."

Algeria lived under French rule for 132 years until it won the independence war in 1962.

"We have things to rebuild with Algeria. They can only be rebuilt on the truth," Bachelot told BFMTV.

"I want this question – which is troubling, aggravating, and where falsifiers of history are at work – I want us to be able to look it in the eyes. We can't build a national story on a lie."

Asked about the likelihood that incidents of torture will be uncovered in the archives, Bachelot said: "It is in the interest of the country that they are recognised."

"We should never fear the truth. We must put it in context."

Donald Trump In Foul-Mouthed Tirade On Old Ally Benjamin Netanyahu: Report



Agence France-Presse

WASHINGTON: Former US president Donald Trump spat an expletive about his old ally, Israel's ex-prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, for congratulating Joe Biden on his victory in last year's election, according to a new book.

Trump lashed out in an interview for a book on US-Israel relations during his presidency, author Barak Ravid wrote on the Axios website on Friday.

"Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu were the closest of political allies during the four years they overlapped in office, at least in public. Not anymore," Ravid wrote.

"I haven't spoken to him since," Trump told Ravid in an interview.

***** him." Ravid said that he interviewed Trump twice for his forthcoming book, "Trump's Peace: The Abraham Accords and the Reshap-

ing of the Middle East."

He said Trump, who appeared close to Netanyahu while president from 2017 to 2021, was repeatedly critical of him in the interviews.

"The final straw for Trump was when Netanyahu congratulated President-elect Biden for his election victory while Trump was still disputing the result," Ravid wrote.

Netanyahu offered his congratulations some 12 hours after Biden's victory became clear.

Other foreign leaders congratulated Biden earlier than the Israeli leader, but for Trump Netanyahu stood out.

"The first person that congratulated [Biden] was Bibi Netanyahu, the man that I did more for than any other person I dealt with," Trump said, according to Ravid.

AFGHAN TALIBAN ARE PLAYING THE ROLE OF PRINCIPAL mediator between Pakistan and the outlawed militant conglomerate comprising several factions.

Nobel Peace Prize Winners Warn Of Growing Disinformation Threat

AL JAZEERA

Disinformation poses a growing threat to security and democracy, the journalists awarded the Nobel Peace Prize have told Al Jazeera in an exclusive interview.

Maria Ressa of the Philippines said the greatest threat to democracy is "when lies become facts", while Dmitry Muratov of Russia said society is currently in a dangerous "post-truth period".

The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the prize to the two journalists during a ceremony in Oslo, Norway on Friday "for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression, which is a precondition for democracy and lasting peace".

The journalists and their teams have faced attacks and harassment in their countries for their journalism.

In 2012 Ressa, 58, co-founded Rappler, an investigative journalism website critical of the Philippine government.

In 1993 Muratov, 59, was one of the founders of the independent Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta, one of the few media outlets that does not follow the Kremlin's line.

The last time the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to a journalist was in 1935 when it was given to German Carl von Ossietzky, who alerted the world that Hitler was re-arming.

Von Ossietzky was unable to go to Norway to pick up his prize as he was imprisoned in a Nazi camp.

Ressa told Al Jazeera in an interview from Norway following the ceremony that she sees parallels between that

period and now as authoritarianism is again a growing threat.

"I think that's the signal the Nobel committee was sending out. We are yet at another similar moment – a historical, existential moment – and we have to do something about it," Ressa said.

She said the greatest threat to democracy is "when lies become facts. Because that breaks our shared reality and that allows the manipulation of the public," Ressa said.

Muratov also told Al Jazeera that disinformation was a significant and growing threat.



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WATER WORKS DIVISION SRINAGAR
Gist of notice inviting e-Tender
Short Term Tender E-N.I.T. No: 40/ WWD of 2021-22 dt:- 11.12.2021
Executive Engineer Water Works Division Srinagar on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K (U.T), invites tenders by e-tendering mode from approved & eligible 'Electrical / Mechanical' registered Contractors of Union Territory of J&K.
Position of A.A.A. 'Accorded' Position of Funds: 'Available'

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Note:- For further details, bidders are requested to refer to E-NIT No:- WWD / 40 of 2021-22 Dt: 11-12-2021. Instructions published on website: <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> The dates showing 'bid submission date/closing date' etc. are given below:

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FINAL NOTICE

No.SMC/JCW/SE/6024-31, Dated: - 08/12/2021.

Subject: - Snow Clearance of Roads for the Winter Season 2021-22 (Zone I & Zone II).
Reference: - NIT No. 05/ e-tendering/ 2021-22.

Dear Sir,

Whereas this Office had invited tenders for the subject work vide above referred NIT, wherein you have been worked out as 1st lowest bidder. However, the quoted rates for some items were abnormally higher than the SSR 2020 rate structure.

Whereas you were directed vide this Office communication No.SMC/JCW/SE/5534-35, Dated: -22.11.2021 to submit your written acceptance to enable this Office for follow up action. In response to the above communication, this Office had received your written acceptance of the SSR 2020 rates vide your Ref. No.567, Dated: -24.11.202.

Whereas you were asked vide this Office communication No.SMC/JCW/SE/5690-96, Dated: - 26/11/2021 to furnish Performance Security @ 3% of the accepted contract amount as per the terms and condition of NIT i.e; Rs.5,01,885/- for Zone I Rs.7,85,251/- for Zone II respectively in the shape of Bank Guarantee pledged to FA/Chief Accounts Officer, SMC by or before 29th of November, 2021 upto 1:00 PM, but you failed to deposit the same within the given time frame.

Whereas you were given the second opportunity vide this Office communication No.SMC/JCW/SE/5816-22, Dated: -01/12/2021 to furnish the said security by 2nd of December, 2021, but you again failed to furnish the same. In response to the above you have submitted that it is not possible to do this job on the rates offered by the Corporation and can only submit the Performance Security on the rates mentioned in Bid uploaded by me.

Now you are given the last and final opportunity through print media for furnishing of the said Performance Security within three days from the date of issuance of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that you are not interested in execution of the said work and works shall be executed through some other agency at your risk and cost.

Further, your firm will be blacklisted and debarred from participating in any tendering process by Srinagar Municipal Corporation and other Departments for at least 5 years.

Sd/- Joint Commissioner (Works)/
Superintending Engineer,
Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

DIPK-NB-5759/21

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عنوان: منظور درخواست انتخاب اسپیشل ڈیپارٹمنٹ پیرا ایڈوانسڈ ایجوکیشنل سائنس

شمارہ رجسٹریشن: شکرگ برہمچاری RBA تحت 375/294/126SRO

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Twitter Talks

“Kashmir can lose a generation to #drugs. Kashmir witnesses heroin epidemic, 95% addicts consume drug - Dr Rather. Hospital received just around 100 drug addicts in 2012, “but we are now receiving 100 cases in two days. Numbers do not include those who did not visit hospital”
@tariqtramboo

“Nagaland Cabinet demands revocation of Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), the sole reason for extra judicial killings. Has there been any such instance from J&K during NC or PDP rule or during their alliance with Congress or BAIJA?”
@DrSheikhShowkat

“Omicron variant getting reported from many countries. Thankfully, a mild course as yet. Younger people getting infected in greater proportion. Seriously questions the travel ban. In retrospect, apoplectic response seems impulsive and probably unwarranted”
@ParvaizKoul

ADVENTURES IN ARCHIVES

Leadership And History

No Political Determination Can Benefit Society
When Its Basic Raw Material Is Heavily Adulterated

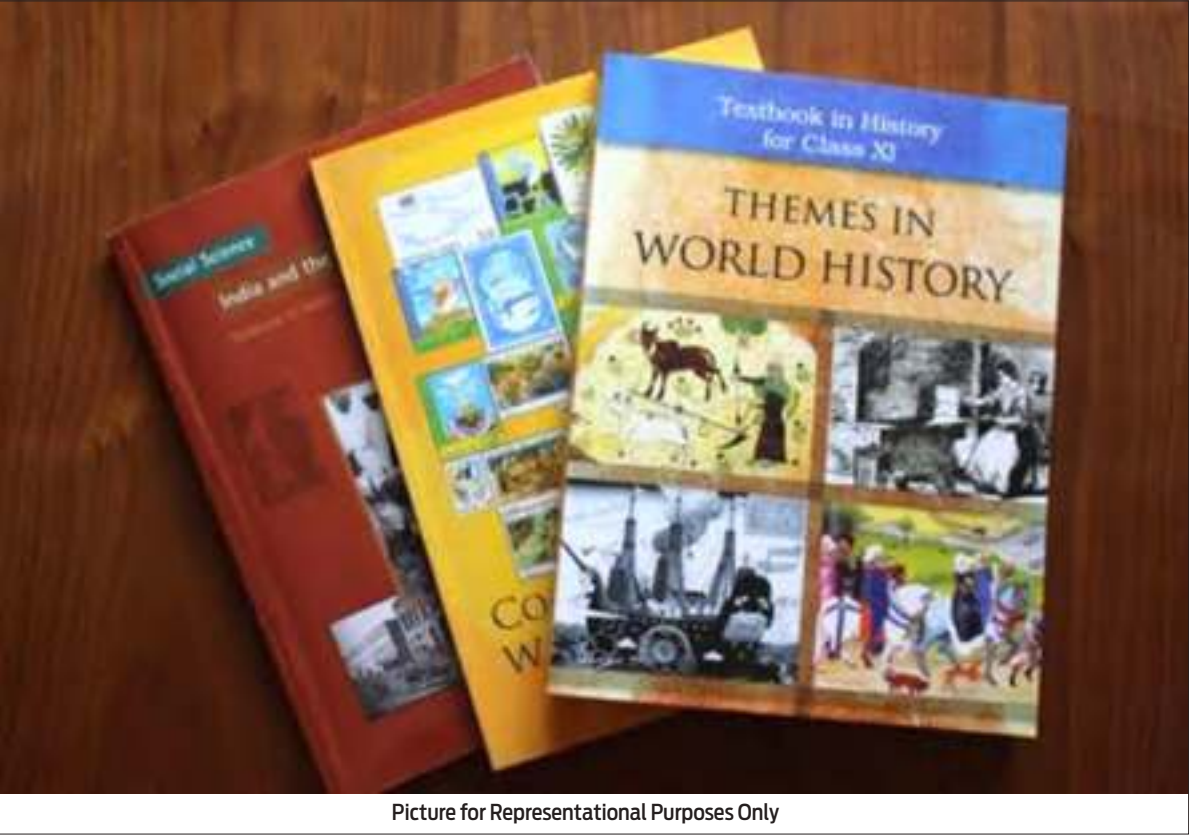
History has a way of getting even with people who don't heed its lessons. It is unsparing particularly of those who court it with a view to leave behind an image of unwavering resolve regardless of their record, or defects in their constructs.

The history of the present day will be written, not with the simplistic assumptions of yore, but with a complex analysis of the more profound impact contemporary approaches leave on posterity. It will be written, not with the laidback detachment of a dispassionate mind, but with the passionate immediacy and urgency of a generation reaping the harvest of the recent past. And the verdict will be ruthless, more to be felt in the lives of the people than in the words in erudite texts.

On a different plane, it would be more profitable now to regard history not as the record of the past but an unfolding of the present and the future, as that is where the seeds of yesterday bear fruit, either as flowers or as weeds. And this process has gathered incredible speed. Deeds catch up with people sooner than they can imagine, and it is not inconceivable to see major actors confronted with a judgment of their doings in their own lifetime. In this context, it is extremely risky for anyone to harbour notions of a benign verdict of history being assured out of unyielding postures.

The toll exacted of Kashmir by its peculiar political circumstances cannot be quantified merely in terms of the blood split and the human lives lost or the property destroyed, but in the evolving of the Kashmiri character, individual and collective, and the interplay between the society and its leadership. A section of the leadership today is merely a set of people placed by convenient persuasions in a position to rise to the top by sleight of the electoral hand. Another section of the leadership owes its prominence to tugging at the guilt feelings of a society never encouraged to lump its baggage of uncertainty. It has not yet occurred to this section that it has been propelled to the forefront by a geo-political calculation now sought to be undone with all conceivable resources. But this realization has somewhat dawned on yet another section of the leadership which is out to salvage

The J&K School Textbook Debacle Are Textbooks Ideologically Neutral?



Picture for Representational Purposes Only

Amir Suhail Wani

The academic and educational horizon of the valley has had its share of textbook controversies, whereby the import of the text was at times explicitly enraging, and at others, overtly toxic with ideological repercussions. An example from the recent past can be had from the Urdu textbook that revolved around characters Wali and Akbar, the implicit subtext being God represented as Akbar and the saintly figure, friend of God, typically known as Wali is Islamic terminology, was represented in rages. Some people, who peeped behind the veneer that was being played, raised their voice and got their resentment registered. The people who protested against this tactic believed that it was an intervention into the religious imagination of Muslims, whereby children, with soft clay-like mind were indoctrinated to assimilate something that was in basic violation to their religious sentiments and tenets. The recent more event in which the portrait of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was carried by a publisher in one of their textbooks, the textbook being in wide circulation in state, again raised concerns about the neutrality and precision of textbooks, for what they were going to teach to students was in stark contradiction to reality – in this case the portrayal of the Prophet (SAW).

These discrepancies and errors creep into textbooks, not always because of the ignorance of publishers, but it manifests the deeper policy structures to sustain or subvert a narrative, opinion or a historical fact. Here it may be further emphasised

that recent developments in text book narrative have taken ugly turn towards communalisation and polarisation of society, positing one faction against the other, sustaining the binary of we versus them and thereby

had to say about NCERT – the high power and premier agency regulating textbooks in India, Haydock wrote “Perhaps the books have an unstated aim which differs from the stated aim”. Haydock has quoted

“THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF MATERIAL incorporated in textbooks, twists in phrases, the overemphasis and under-emphasis, the layout, the visual illustrations and even color coding of textbooks plays its invisible role in ideological propagation. Textbooks, particularly in social sciences, aren't ideologically neutral, but always reflect the interests of the ruling class and this is a global scenario, something not particular to India or Kashmir

fostering a society rooted, not in educational enlightenment, but literary fanaticism. Can our curriculum, rooted in biases and prejudices, as it is, guarantee us intellectual growth and personality development?

Servapali Radhakrishnan, once president of India, described educational institutions as spaces where free and critical thinking takes its roots. He went on to say that these are the places where socio-economic and political institutions of a nation are subjected to rigorous analysis and evaluation to highlight and criticise the lacunae found therein. But what is to be done in situations where textbooks – the primary instruments of imparting education and sparking critical thinking among students are marred with propagandist narratives and suffused with biased opinions to the effect of distorting reality and pushing forward the agenda of ruling party.

No matter how strange it may seem, here's what Kayren Haydock

passages from social science textbooks produced under various regimes like NDA and UPA and simultaneously highlighted the subtle imports and unstated aims of these textbooks. This phenomenon is what is precisely defined under the phrase “Power Knowledge Nexus”, where Power creates knowledge suiting its narrative and aims and knowledge legitimizes the corruption imported by power.

The nature and scope of material incorporated in textbooks, twists in phrases, the overemphasis and under-emphasis, the layout, the visual illustrations and even color coding of textbooks plays its invisible role in ideological propagation. Textbooks, particularly in social sciences, aren't ideologically neutral, but always reflect the interests of the ruling class and this is a global scenario, something not particular to India or Kashmir. Thomas Dixon, for example in his book “Science and religion” talks about Darwinism and states that its inclusion or exclusion

SOME PEOPLE, WHO PEEPED
behind the veneer that was being played, raised their voice and got their resentment registered. The people who protested against this tactic believed that it was an intervention into the religious imagination of Muslims, whereby children, with soft clay-like mind were indoctrinated to assimilate something that was in basic violation to their religious sentiments and tenets

from textbooks is not governed by academicians, but politicians and ruling party. If such is the case of sciences, that too in one of most developed nations of the world, one can only imagine the machinations through which narrative of power must be seeping into social science text books, that too in third world.

Textbooks can be asymmetric, biased and propagandist on various planes and in various forms. Gender stereotyping, religious bigotry, historical distortion and marginalising the subaltern are some of the examples which one frequently comes across on cursory look at government backed textbooks. A comparative of, for example, textbooks on the history of subcontinent published from India and Pakistan will show how histories are contested, reconstructed and re-imagined as per the political demands of each country. More immediate are instances where textbooks perpetuate and legitimize gender asymmetries not only by means of polarization of roles, but the construction of language itself. In the same line, what has been contested by many academicians for a long time now is that the textbook narrative usually represents the narrative of power and those farther removed from power centres are either inadequately and inappropriately represented or not represented at all. Textbooks are used as soft weapons to bolster ideologies, to reveal some facts and hide others, to generate discourse or to modify the existing one.

It is high time to de-couple education from politics and power, hand its reins to an absolutely independent governing body, having no obligations to the ruling elite. It may only hoped then that education, curriculum and our institutions may awaken to the real task of soul building in man.

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What Is Israel's Word Worth?

Mark Muhannad Ayyash

On October 22, Israel issued a military order designating six prominent Palestinian human rights groups – Addameer, Al-Haq, Defense for Children International-Palestine, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees, the Bisan Center for Research and Development, and the Union of Palestinian Women Committees – as “terrorist organisations”.

The Israeli Ministry of Defence said the decision was taken on the basis of “links” they established between these groups and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) – a left-wing movement with a political party, as well as an armed wing that has carried out deadly attacks against Israel.

The Palestinian Authority, many international rights groups and the United Nations swiftly condemned the move. In interviews, comment pieces and statements, officials, analysts and experts expressed their belief that Israel “has gone too far this time”. The most prominent line of argument against the designation was that these six groups are clearly human rights organisations and they cannot be placed in the same “terror” category as groups like the PFLP that consider violence a legitimate means to achieve political ends. “The misuse of counter-terrorism measures in this way by the government of Israel undermines the security of all,” UN human rights experts said in a statement.

For its part, Israel defended its decision by claiming that these groups are “controlled by senior leaders” of the PFLP and that they employ its members, including

“HOW CAN STATES THAT ESTABLISHED themselves on stolen land, states that engage in ethnic cleansing and states that bombed millions of civilians claim to have the moral authority to label the violence of the colonised and the oppressed against them as “terrorism”?

some who had “participated in terror activity”. The Israeli Ministry of Defence also accused the groups of serving as a “central source” of financing for the PFLP.

In response to these claims, Michael Sfard, a prominent Israeli lawyer who often represents Palestinians, said that Israel's argument “amounts to absolutely nothing” and that its whole case against these organisations is built on “guilt by association”. “Even if it is true that people who work in certain organisations are PFLP operatives, it does not follow that the organisation itself is part of the PFLP,” he told the AP news agency.

Sfard's point of view, shared by many others, helped raise some important questions: So what if people working in these organisations are also members of the PFLP? Does it mean anything that Israel considers the PFLP a “terrorist organisation”? What is, after all, “Palestinian terror”?

Why the PFLP cannot be reduced to a mindless terror group

The PFLP lost its prominence in Palestinian politics some time ago, but it still has significant support among Palestinian leftists, and especially among Marxists and socialists.

It is a well-established political organisation that provides Palestinians with social services, communal support and a world view that helps them make sense of their reality and find ways to change it.

The PFLP holds the position that armed resistance is a valid path towards liberation from Israeli settler colonialism, but not every member of the group participates, supports or agrees with armed resistance.

The overwhelming majority of the group's actions are, in fact, unarmed: it organises strikes, demonstrations and educational activities, provides social services, collects donations, gives economic support to those in need, and so on.

Thus, the PFLP's complex history and contemporary dynamics, its ever-evolving status and positions, and the role it plays in Palestinian life cannot be reduced to “terror”. Israel's designation of the group as a “terrorist organisation” and labelling of all its members, supporters and associates as mindless terrorists are nothing but political moves that aim to maintain Israeli power and dominance over Palestinian life.

What is ‘Palestinian terror’?

The PFLP carried out violent operations against the Israeli state and society. And some of its attacks harmed and killed Israeli civilians.

Palestinians are not denying this. In fact, many Palestinian activists, journalists, politicians, academics and artists, myself included, have critiqued the group's path of armed resistance. I find the targeting of civilians in the name of resistance hor-

rifying and I am categorically opposed to it. And I am not alone. There have always been, and continue to be, vibrant debates within the Palestinian society in Palestine and beyond about the use of violence as a means to achieve liberation.

But does the fact the PFLP engages in armed resistance give Israel – and its allies – the right to label the group as a “terrorist organisation”? Who is Israel to determine the nature and the label of Palestinian violence?

Israel and its Euro-American backers have unleashed levels of violence and destruction on the globe that no Palestinian armed group can hold a candle to. How can states that established themselves on stolen land, states that engage in ethnic cleansing and states that bombed millions of civilians claim to have the moral authority to label the violence of the colonised and the oppressed against them as “terrorism”?

Why is Israeli, American or European violence not considered “terror”, but Palestinian violence is?

Are drone attacks that eradicate entire families in the blink of an eye not terror? Are Israel's military attacks on Palestine, that have left thousands of civilians, including many children maimed or dead, not terror? Is the brutal siege of Gaza, that left two million people living in an open-air prison, not a blatant act of terror? Do ethnic cleansing, arbitrary arrests, unlawful evictions not terrorise people?

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REMINISCING

AN INSTANT
REWARD

Farooq Shah

I stopped my car at a stationery shop to buy some notebooks when I saw an elderly woman waiting at the bus stop with her son sporting an Islamic beard. I could sense the woman was not keeping well and after my purchase, I went to the man and asked whether they were waiting for a bus. The man replied in an affirmative. When I asked them where they lived, it was a place roughly five kilometers from the spot. I had to decide whether to offer a ride to them or head home straightaway, the spot being half a kilometer away. I thought a while. I immediately slipped into the reveries of a moment when my wife needed a ride to a USG clinic after she developed some complicity. My neighbour, who had a car, blatantly declined the ride and after much efforts I managed to reach the clinic. I looked at the woman's face and hinted at the man to board my car.

Both of them were puzzled why a stranger would offer a ride in his car to take them home. The woman, his son told me, suffered from Alzheimer's disease, which meant she wouldn't have been comfortable in a passenger bus which are overloaded at this time of the day. All the while, she kept praying for me. Her prayer gave me a heavenly comfort. The bearded man suddenly brought religion into the equation and told me "Allah will reward you in the hereafter." I replied, I don't know anything about whether Allah would do that but the relief and comfort that I saw in the eyes of the woman was an instant reward. I told him I did for the sake of humanity and would have done so even if you were Hindu or Sikh. I extended this small act of kindness for the sake of my happiness and not for any reward here or in the hereafter. I believe a human being is inherently indebted to another human being irrespective of what religion or race the other person belongs to.

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24 Questions To Ask
Yourself Before Marriage



AMALIAH ANONYMOUS

When we embark on the journey of seeking a spouse there are so many questions that arise about the other person but what's equally and arguably most important are the questions you ask yourself before and throughout the journey. These questions are a great way to remind yourself of your 'why', who you are and to keep ensuring you are giving yourself the best preparation whether you find someone or not.

Questions to ask yourself before getting married

1. Are you seeking to fill a void? If yes, what void are you trying to fill? What deficiency in your faith does it lead to?
2. What insecurities are you bringing into this relationship?
3. In what ways are you learning about your potential spouse's priorities, values and Islamic orientation?
4. What are you willing to compromise on? What matters/views/beliefs are you secure in and seek to find compatibility

tween detaching yourself enough from someone else while trying to discover them as a person?

12. Are you ready to open up about your burdens, to accept compliments or praise, to recognise your own insecurities and be receptive to advice or feedback?
13. Are you ready to listen to someone else's burdens, give compliments or praise and give them advice or constructive feedback?
14. Does your distrust in men inhibit you or aid you? The bars you've built around yourself over the years are your defence, but does it constrict you more than it protects you?
15. Do you recognise signs of abuse – how do you respond to them? Do you welcome them (due to a self-fulfilling prophecy), or do you reject them?
16. Are you aware of when someone is gaslighting you? Do you feel yourself becoming co-dependent?
17. Does your potential spouse make you feel vulnerable and marginalised, or do they make you feel confident and heard?
18. How do you measure 'chemistry' and what does it look like for you?
19. How big of an indicator is feeling chemistry to the success of a relation-

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with and calibration on?

5. Is a lot of your uncertainty in life due to self-doubt rather than incompetency or lack of knowledge?
6. Is certainty a valid measure of readiness? Will I ever feel ready or certain?
7. How much is external pressure, whether direct or indirect, driving your search for marriage?
8. Are you subconsciously preparing yourself to settle?
9. What do you value and strive for in yourself?
10. Do your values and your potential spouse's values align? Is alignment difficult or does it feel natural?
11. How do you strike a balance be-

- ship? Can it become a superficial thing to focus on, as we are expecting some form of infatuation or gratification from it? Can you learn how to build chemistry with someone?
20. How much importance are you placing on the superficial compared to the significant?
21. What will help you feel more prepared for marriage? Are you searching for the right purpose?
22. Are you more afraid of what you might find out about yourself in the process than the idea of getting to know someone else?
23. Is the secret searching damaging your well-being?
24. How is your relationship with Allah?

Give Your IOS Device
A Kaeshur Makeover

KO Web Desk

Many Kashmiri users on social media have been sharing their lock screen images with details like Time, Day and Date written in Kashmir. This is a welcome diversion from stock lockscreens that we often set to English Language. To personalise your lockscreen to Kashmiri language. Follow these steps:

1. Go to your "Settings" Tab
2. Look for "General" settings
3. In the "General" menu, scroll down to hit the "Language & Region" option.
4. Go to "Preferred Language Order"
5. In the menu that follows, assemble languages as per your preference. In this case, we keep Kashmiri at the top.

With this, you have your iphone set to



Kashmiri Language. If this helped you. Do share snaps of your lockscreen with us on KO's Socials.

TRANSPORT'S FUTURE

Jetpacks, Flying Cars And Taxi Drones:
Transport's Future Is In The Skies

Jane Wardell

SYDNEY: This Dec. 3 story corrects speed of Wisk vehicle and company ownership in paras 4 and 6) Paramedics with jetpacks, border police in flying cars and city workers commuting by drone all sound like science fiction - but the concepts are part of an advanced air mobility (AAM) market that is expected to be



worth as much as \$17 billion by 2025. As urbanisation leaves city streets congested and advances in technology allow for vehicles considered impossible just decades ago, using

the sky for small-scale aircraft has become increasingly attractive. "We can't continue to use road transport; 3D mobility is really important," Anna Kominik, Asia Pacific Director at Wisk, said in an interview broadcast on Thursday at the Reuters Next conference. Wisk, a joint venture between Boeing Co. and Kitty Hawk Corp., has been testing Cora, an autonomous electric aircraft that takes off and lands like a helicopter, at its base in Tekapo, New Zealand, for four years. Wisk is liaising with regulators, including the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, to get approval for public use of the air taxi, which can carry two passengers about 40 kilometres plus reserves (25 miles) at speeds of about 160 km/h. "Sixty-seven percent of the world's population will be cities by 2030 ,so that ground infrastructure can't keep up and is costly to overhaul," Kominik said in a panel discussion recorded on Nov. 5. "We have to move to the sky as a resource." Netherlands-based PAL-V is keeping one foot on the ground while taking to the air. Its two-seat gyroplane road vehicle Liberty, which has a maximum speed of 180 km/h and a flying range of 400 km, received approval for use on European roads this year. Delivery to customers will begin in 2023 after they complete the required training, said Robert Dingemans, chief executive of PAL-V International.

Reuters

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

ROYAL SPRINGS GOLF COURSE, SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 38 of 2021-22 Dated 09.12.2021

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

S.No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest Money/ Bid Security (in Rs)	Cost of Tender Document (in Rs)	Time of Completion	Class of Contract
1	Supply and Installation of High mast flood lights and bollard lights at RSGC, Srinagar	2.00 lacs	4000/- in shape of CDR/ FDR in favour of Executive Engineer RSGC	200/- Non refundable in shape of DD in favour of Secretary RSGC or Bank Challan SB-0229040100012341	15 days	AAY Class Electric

Special conditions:-
I. All Bidders have to upload Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)
II. Intending bidders shall upload scanned copies of concern documents.
III. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	09.12.2021 13:00 PM
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 09.12.2021 To 16.12.2021 (4.00PM on wards)
3	Bid submission Start Date	09.12.2021 4:00 Pm on wards
4	Bid Submission End Date	16.12.2021
5	Date & Time of opening of Bids(Online)	17.12.2021 at 11:30 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer RSGC Srinagar

General Conditions:
1. Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender documents in shape of demand draft in favour of the Secretary Royal Springs Golf Course Cheshmashahi Srinagar and Earnest Money/Bid Security in Shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer RSGC Cheshmashahi Srinagar (tender receiving authority)
2. Payment shall be made to the agency as and when funds are available with the department.
3. The date and time of opening of bid shall be as above as notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and will be conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mails addresses. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same website at the office of the Executive Engineer RSGC Srinagar as per schedule.
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 who withdraw his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or make any modification on 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 with 20 days after fixation of contract.
d. Suppliers/Dealers/ Contractor/ Interested persons/ parties who participates in bid should be registered for the respective class of contract with document proof thereof.
6. Copies of Original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of business.
7. Scanned Copy of GST in registration and latest clearance certificate, Form GST3B i.e latest clearance certificate, form GST3B of the preceding month to the issuance of the NIT registration enlistment card with latest renewal of PAN No.
8. All bidders shall upload bank challan./DD
9. All bidders shall upload bid security declaration form.
No: RSGC/EE/2021-22/261-63
Dated: 09/12/2021

Executive Engineer
Royal Springs Golf Course Srinagar

DIPK-NB-5770/21

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Notice:- 1204-08
Dated:-10-12-2021

Whereas, you both were appointed as Assistant compilers vide Order No: 190-DGF of 2021 Dated: 21-10-2021 under Hon'ble P.M. special Package for Kashmiri Migrants and Non Migrant Kashmiri Pandits along with other candidates.
Whereas, you were adjusted in District Fund Office Shopian vide Joint Director Funds Kashmir's Order No:-JDFK/Adm/76 of 2021 Dated:17-11-2021 after joining in Joint directors Office on 03-11-2021.

Whereas, after the lapse of more than 24 days you both have not joined this office till date.

Now, therefore, through the medium of this notice, you both are given an opportunity to join this office i.e. place of posting with seven days from the date of issuance of this notice, failing which your case will be forwarded to authorities for favour of further course of actions as warranted under Rules.

DIPK-14648/21

Chief Accounts
Officer District Fund Office Shopian

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

HEALTH & MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BRANCH

Civil Secretariat, J&K

NOTICE

Subject: Select list for the posts of Consultant in various disciplines in Health & Family Welfare Department-Recommendations thereof.

Whereas, vide Notification No. 12-PSG (DR-P) of 2019 dated 01.10.2019, following post of Consultants in following discipline of Health & Family Welfare Department were notified by the J&K Public Service Commission for making selection of the eligible candidates:-

S.No.	Discipline	O.M.	SC	ST	RBA	SLC	ALC	-	Total
1.	Medicine	14	02	02	03	01	-	-	22
2.	Surgerv	14	01	02	02	-	01	-	20
3.	Paediatrics	05	01	01	-	-	-	-	07
4.	Ophthalmology	01	-	-	01	-	-	-	02

And Whereas, vide letter No. PSC/DR/Consultant/Medicine/H&FW/2019 dated 06.12.2021, No. PSC/DR/Consultant/Surgery/H&FW/2019 dated 07.12.2021, No. PSC/DR/Consultant/Paediatrics/H&FW/2019 dated 26.11.2021 and No. PSC/DR/Consultant/Ophthalmology/H&FW/2019 dated 26.11.2021, J&K Public Service Commission has recommended the appointment of following candidates as Consultant in various disciplines in Health & Family Welfare Department against the posts referred to him:-

CONSULTANT MEDICINE

S.No.	IBD No.	Name	Parentage	Address	Merit
SELECT LIST OF OPEN MERIT CATEGORY					
1.	39	TAUSEEF NABI	GHULAM NABI KHUSHOO	9-SCHOOL ENCLAVE RAWALPORA SRINAGAR	74.79
2.	40	CHANDAN SHARMA	PARDEEP RAJ	C/O UPPER BAZAR OPPOSITE - KESHAV ASHRAM KATRA	68.55
3.	68	ZARAR ALI WANI	ALI MOHMMAD WANI	WADWAN BUDGAM	68.11
4.	111	NEERAJ DHAR	SHYAM LAL DHAR	H.No. 56, MoHINDER NAGAR, CANAL ROAD, JAMMU.	66.80
5.	150	EIJAZ AHMAD BHAT	GHULAM NABI BHAT	GUPT GANGA ISHBER NISHAT SRINAGAR	66.37
6	79	MAQSOOD AHMAD DAR	ABDUL HAMEED DAR	BUL BUL NOWGAM ANANTNAG	66.01 (RBA)
7	139	AADIL BASHIR RATHER	BASHIR AHMAD RATHER	KEWA QAZIGUND ANANTNAG	65.86 (RBA)
8	94	MOHMD IQBALWANI	GH. NABI WANI	IQBAL COLONY SGR	65.66
9	88	MIR MUZAFFAR BASHIR	BASHIR AHMAD MIR	NEW COLONY NEAR DH PULWAMA	65.50
10	141	SHEIKH MOHAMMAD TAHIR	SHEIKH SANAULLAH	NAGEEN BAGH SOPORE	65.45
11	126	TARIQ RASHID SHAH	ABDUL RASHID SHAH	SEC. B MEHBOOB COLONY SGR	65.23
12	2	RAJU KUMAR	TEJ RAM	46 ROOP NAGAR JAMMU	65.20 (RBA)
13	114	RAMEES MOHI UD DIN	GHULAM MOHI UD DIN MIR	DUDREHAMA GNADERBAL	65.16
14	19	MOOMIN HUSSAIN BHAT	FIDA HUSSAIN BHAT	99 PAZWALPORA SHALIMAR	65.01
SELECT LIST OF RBA CATEGORY					
1.	123	WASEEM RAJA	ABDUL REHMAN	ROPORA CHADOORA BUDGAM	64.94
2.	20	FAYAZ AHMAD WAR	GH. AHMAD WAR	156 MANZGAM TARATHPORA	62.38
3.	73	SHABIR AHMAD RATHER	MOHD NAWAB U DIN	REPORA NAMTHIAL CHADOORA, BUDGAM	61.85
SELECT LIST OF SC CATEGORY					
1.	9	KULBHUSHAN BADYAL	BALWANT CHAND	WARD NO. 13, NEAR GOVT. MIDDLE SCHOOL, CHAK MANGA RAKWAL BORDER ROAD, SAMBA	60.38
2.	148	RAJESH MINIA	RAMESH KUMAR	VILL. DAQSKAL AKHNOOR, JAMMU	59.71
SELECT LIST OF ST CATEGORY					
1.	44	NAZAR HUSSAIN	ALAM DIN	ATTI RAJOURI	59.99
2.	8	MURTAZA ALI	MIR HAJI GHULAM	C/O ALAMDAR CLINIC HOSPITAL ROAD MAIN BAZAR	57.93
SELECT LIST OF SLC CATEGORY					
1.	143	HILAL AHMAD TALI	GH QADIR TALI	AWANPORA CHADURA BUDGAM	61.02
S. NO.	IBD NO.	NAME	PARENTAGE	ADDRESS	MERIT
SELECT LIST OF OPEN MERIT CATEGORY					
1.	79	ASIF MEHRAJ DAR	MEHRAJ UD DIN DAR	SUKOON 27, IQBALABHAD LANE 03 BEMINA SRI-NAGAR	74.99
2.	103	SHABIR AHMAD MIR	GH MOHD MIR	WAGAR KREMSHORE KHANSAHIB BUDGAM	74.41
3.	55	AMAT US SAMI	GOWHAR MOHD AMIN	KANIPORA KULGAM	73.75
4.	84	ASIM RAFIQ LAHARWAL	RAFIQ AHMAD LAHARWAL	BAGH MEHTAB SRINAGAR	73.41
5.	159	IMRAN ALI	ALI MOHMMAD BHAT	173, MAIN CHOWK BAGHWAN ORA LAL BAZAR SGR.	73.22
6.	43	MUDASIR AHMAD MAGARAY	AB SALAM MAGARAY	WADIWN SOIBUG BUDGAM	71.19
7.	67	SYED YASIR AKTHER QADRI	SYED AKTHER QADRI	PVT EXT NEAR BSNL TOWERBAGHI METHABCOLONY SGR.	70.83
8.	54	OMAR MAQASOOD	MOHMMAD MASOOD	BEMINA SRINAGAR	70.65
9.	172	ABID SALAM	PEER GH HASSAN	ONE KULJULO PUCHAL PULAMA	70.56
10.	112	BILAL AHMAD DAR	ALI MOHMMAD DAR	SARIWARAPORA PATTAN BARAMULLA PATTAN	69.56
11.	80	SAMIA NANDA	G.R. NANDA	H.NO. 27, IQBALABAD BEMINA SGR.	68.58
12.	88	MUZAFFAR ZAMAN	SYED GHULAM NABI SHAH	42-HAMZA COLONY BEMINA SGR.	67.95
13.	23	RONINDRA KOUR	SURAJ SINGH	204-E EXT TRIKUTA NAGAR JAMMU	67.73
14.	72	IRFAN NAZIR MIR	NAZIR AHMAD MIR	FIRDOUS ABAD BATAMALOO SRINAGAR	67.63
SELECT LIST OF RBA CATEGORY					
1.	92	HILAL AHMAD WANI	MUSHTAQ AHMAD WANI	DEETHU ANANTNAG	65.21
2.	151	SAJAD AHMAD DANGROO	MOHD MAQBOOL DANGAROO	WANDEVALGAM KOKERNAG NANTNAG	64.98
SELECT LIST OF SC CATEGORY					
1.	27	VARUN DOGRA	KRISHAN LAL DOGRA	DASKAL P.O. AKHNOOR JAMMU	63.08
SELECT LIST OF ST CATEGORY					
1.	118	BASHIR AHMAD	ALAM DIN	GUNDI GUGRAN KUPWARA	62.43
2.	102	MANZOOR AHMAD LONE	SONAULLAH LONE	SDH GUREZ BANDIPORA	59.60
SELECT LIST OF ALC CATEGORY					
1.	9	GOPAL SHARMA	RAJ KUMAR SHARMA	DOONGI BRAHMANA RAJOURI	64.12
S. NO.	IBD NO.	NAME	PARENTAGE	ADDRESS	MERIT
SELECT LIST OF OPEN MERIT CATEGORY					
1.	47	WASIM AHMAD WANI	GH AHMAD WANI	DALIPORA PULWAMA	68.98
2.	52	ZUBAIR AHMAD WANI	AB GANI WANI	36 POST OFFICE LANE HYDERPORA, SRI-NAGAR	67.05
3.	17	ZUL EIDAIN HASSAN	GH HASSAN MAGRAY	ACHABAL ANANTNAG	65.67
4.	53	JAVAID AHMAD BHAT	GH MOHI UD DIN BHAT	POSHPORA KUPWARA	65.67
5.	51	IRAM ALI	MOHD ALI SOFI	156 BUDSHAH COLONY, SANAT NAGAR.	65.38
SELECT LIST OF ST CATEGORY					
1.	55	STANZEN CHAKDOUR	TSEWANG CAKDOUR	LAMACHUN GANGSTAK NEAR POLICE STATION LEH	62.18
S. NO.	IBD NO.	NAME	PARENTAGE	ADDRESS	MERIT
SELECT LIST OF OPEN MERIT CATEGORY					
1.	5	VIJAYTA GUPTA	SUBASH CHANDER GUPTA	BHAWANI KUTIR, RAMNIK VIHAR WARD NO.1, KATHUA	69.51
SELECT LIST OF RBA CATEGORY					
1.	7	SURAYA KOUSAR	ASSAD ULLAH DAR	SHOLIPORA, BUDGAM	58.43

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J&K Services Selection Board

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Subject: - Enhancement of Maximum Age limit for Posts of Sub-Inspectors advertised vide Notification No. 06 of 2021 Dated:-21-10-2021, requisitioned by the Home Department.

CORRIGENDUM

In pursuance of the notification issued vide S.O.420 dated:10-12-2021 by the Home Department, it is hereby notified for information of all concerned that the Maximum Age Limit prescribed for Open Merit & Reserved Category candidates for the recruitment of 1200 posts of Sub-Inspectors in the Jammu and Kashmir Police, advertised vide Notification No. 06 of 2021 dated:21-10-2021 shall be 30 years, as on 1st January,2021.

It is further notified that the Maximum Age Limit in respect of the In-service Police Personnel shall be 32 years, as on 1st January,2021.

Sd/-
(Sachin Jamwal) KAS,
SECRETARY,
J&K Services Selection Board.

DIPK-14674/21
No. SSB/Secy/2021/8628-44

Dated: 10 /12/2021

OFFICE OF THE STATE DRUGS CONTROLLER,
DRUGS & FOOD CONTROL ORGANIZATION
(JAMMU & KASHMIR).

Jammu Office: Patoli Mangotrian, 1st Floor, Combined Food & Drug Testing Laboratory Jammu Fax: 0191-2538527; Telephone: 2538527.Pin: 180007
Kashmir Office: Dalgate, Srinagar, Drugs Testing Laboratory complex. Pin: 190001 e-mail: controllerdrugsfoodjk@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Government of Union Territory of J&K in its endeavor to facilitate early/ expeditious establishment of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJAKs) has revised the existing guidelines. This step has been necessitated to secure due diligence with the mandate of the Govt. to make available quality medicines to the end-users at affordable prices. An overview of earlier guidelines and the revised guidelines is provided as under:

Earlier Guidelines in terms of Government Order no: 442-JK (HME) of 2019, Dated: 24.04.2019.

1. Eligibility Criteria for an Applicant
i. The permanent resident of the State and preferably residing in the District where Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PMBJK), is to be set up, can apply.
ii. Maximum age limit is 40 years (Age shall be one of the factors while deciding selection criteria as candidates more in age shall have better advantage over the younger candidates).
iii. The candidate shall be a Pharmacist, registered with J&K Pharmacy Council preference shall be given to the candidates having Diploma in Pharmacy or higher related qualification from recognized Institute.
iv. He/she shall have working knowledge of operating computer for billing purpose.
v. He/she shall be unemployed for which he/she has to give an undertaking to this effect on stamp paper duly attested by Ist Class Judicial Magistrate
vi. NOC from District Industry Centre and District Employment Officer.
vii. Low trade margin /benefits.
A) Point No. 8:
Out of total 20% margin on MRP of each drug as per guidelines, each registered Pharmacists shall be provided 7.5% of margin on MRP of each drug and rest of 5% of the margin shall go in the Hospital Development fund of the concerned Hospital.
Procedure for Selection
A committee comprising of the following members shall be responsible for the selection of hiring of Registered Pharmacists:
i. Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the concerned District.
ii. Medical Superintendent /Block Medical Officer (as the case may be) of the Hospital where Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PMBJAK) to be opened.
iii. Representative of the Directorate of Health Services as Member (to be nominated by the Director Health Services of respective Division) of the Committee.
iv. Representative from the Controller, Drugs & Food Control Organization (to be nominated by the Controller, D& FC) as Member of the Committee.
v. Representative from the BPPI.

Revised Guidelines in terms of Government Order no: 733-JK (HME) of 2021, Dated: 29.11.2021.

A) Eligibility Criteria for an Applicant:
The following category of persons are eligible to establish Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJAKs):
i. Reputed NGOs/Societies/Trusts/Partnerships and private Individuals shall be eligible for setting up PMBJAKs.
ii. PMBJAKs can also be established in Government Health Institutions under the supervision of the Medical Superintendent/ Block Medical Officer concerned (as the case may be) of the hospital. The services of Government Pharmacists may be utilized in such cases on deputation/attachment basis.
iii. A Pharmacist registered with the Pharmacy Council of J&K.
iv. Doctors and Registered Medical Practitioners are eligible to apply. However, for operating the Kendras services of a Pharmacist registered with the Pharmacy Council of J&K shall be mandatory.

B) Margins and Incentives:
1. Operating agency will be provided retail margin as per government notification currently it is 20% on MRP (excluding taxes) of each drug.
2. PMBJK run by other Entrepreneurs / Pharmacist / NGOs/ and Charitable Organization that are linked with PMBI headquarters through software will get incentive up to Rs. 5.00 Lakhs. The incentive will be given @ Rs. 15 % of monthly purchase made from PMBI by these PMBJKs subject to ceiling of Rs. 15,000/- per month upto total limit of R. 5,00 lakh.
3. Special Incentive:- An amount of Rs. 2.00 Lakhs:
a) Rs. 1.50 Lakhs for furniture and fixtures.
b) Rs. 0.50 Lakhs for Computer, Printer, Internet, Scanner etc. (One time grant against submission of Original bills- GST included).

The stake holders are advised to avail of the opportunity of opening of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra and become Entrepreneurs.
An advertisement in this behalf shall be issued through print media in due course by the Directorate of Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir.

Sd/-
(Lotika Khajuria)
State Drugs Controller
Drug & Food Control Organization,
J&K.

No: DFO/D-773/4335-39
Date: 10/12/2021
DIPK-14625/21

Handicrafts & Handloom Deptt Launches Srinagar Craft Safari

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: After the nomination of Srinagar as a part of UNESCO creative cities network, the Department of Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir Saturday launched its first craft safari from the Safakadal area of the downtown Srinagar.

The safari started from the Karkhana of Ali Mohohammad Najar, a national awardee in the Khatamband craft where the audience was mesmerized by the geometrical masterpieces that were handmade from the walnut wood.

While narrating the story of his craft the master artisan narrated that his forefathers had moved to Safa Kadal from Tral on the orders of then Maharaja and the family has been associated with the craft of Khatamband from a long time now and hence named their enterprise qadeem meaning ancient.

The group then moved to see the magic of crewel craft at Naqash famously known by the name of Khurshed Naqash & Sons. Naqash was established in 2008 in the Safakadal area of Srinagar. Famous for the crewel embroidery and designs, the venture has its genesis in more than two hundred years of history from Turkmenistan when Khurshed Ahmad Naqash's



forefathers migrated to Kashmir.

The safari continued to throw further surprises at the workplace of Ghulam Nabi Dar where the delicately hand carved motifs turned out to be a treat for eyes. Ghulam Nabi Dar, the master artisan in the wood carving craft is the epitome of creativity and passion. He has been creating intricate designs and life size pieces for over 60 years and still tries to bring novelty to his artifacts.

The group then saw the Pashmina weaving in the karkhana of Mohammad Lateef Shah, staple embroidery in the karkhana of Feroz Ahmad Bhat and at last the carpet weaving by SS Carpets of Gul Mohammad Sofi who has revived the Mughal technique of weaving single –Knotted carpets and is known for his one of a kind 3D designs in carpets.

CS Directs Establishment Of Market Linkages For Trout Fish Export

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta reviewed the functioning of the Animal, Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Department, and achievements under major schemes in the sector.

The Principal Secretary, Animal Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Department, concerned Directors, and other senior officers of the Department attended the meeting.

During the meeting, various sectors including dairy, poultry, and the schemes pertaining to the Department were reviewed in detail. It was informed that the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir has achieved significant progress in milk and meat production during the financial year 2020-21 and a total of 2594.49 thousand MT of milk, 88.94 thousand MT of meat, and 1743.30 thousand MT of egg production has been achieved.

It was noted that to meet the local demands, massive imports of meat, poultry, and eggs are currently required, and as such, the Chief Secretary asked the Department to explore more avenues to boost



the local production. Dr. Mehta observed that a huge potential still exists to further enhance income and livelihood in the Union territory to the extent of approximately Rs1500 crore over the next 3 years.

The Chief Secretary further observed that the combined initiatives towards enhancement of qualitative production of apple, cash crops, poultry, fodder, and meat have the potential of adding around Rs 5000 crore to the economy in the medium term.

Under the Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS) about 2000 people were engaged in 1000 new units and the figure is expected to go up to 6000. Besides, the IDDS has been able to turn around the milk production scenario in the Union territory, resulting in an increase in yearly milk production from

18 thousand MT in 2019-20 to 140 thousand MT in 2021-22.

During the review of the fisheries sector, the Chief Secretary was informed that fish production, which was 21,100 MT till 31st March 2020 is anticipated to increase by 25% by 31st March 2022, while as trout production alone is anticipated to increase by 156% by the same time.

The Department also briefed the meeting with regard to the establishment of a fish market at Jammu that would provide for a hygienic environment for sale of fish.

The Chief Secretary observed that market linkages will have to be provided for export of trout fish considering significant enhancement in trout breeding/production and asked the Department to be a facilitator and encourage private players to be a part of the initiative.

'Resolve Grievances Of Taxpayers Pending For More Than 6 Months By 31st Dec'



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In the finale to their outreach programmes across the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, the Income Tax department Saturday conducted Taxpayers Awareness Campaign 'Mulaqaat' in Srinagar.

Principal Commissioner Income Tax, Srinagar, M P Singh chaired the event while Joint Commissioner Income Tax, Rajiv Gubgotra; Assistant Commissioner Income Tax, Abhishri; Deputy Commissioner CGST, Danish Gill and Additional Commissioner in Divisional Commissioner's office, Abid, besides other officers of Income Tax Department were also present.

On the occasion, officers of Income Tax Department and GST Department interacted with the tax payers, business community, small traders and businessmen besides members of organised trade body representatives including hotel industries, travel agents' associations, chemist's associations, handicrafts, carpet industry, CAs and advocates.

The objective of the programme

was to take feedback and concrete suggestions from the stakeholders and listen to their grievances besides spreading awareness among the taxpayers regarding income tax and other issues with regard to GST.

Principal Commissioner urged upon the locals to pay their taxes diligently and come under the tax ambit without any fear as both the Income Tax and CGST departments have undergone a sea change in the past few years. He emphasised that the objective of establishing the newly inaugurated office in Srinagar, with a senior level officer overseeing the entire charge of Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, is to make the Department more accessible to the people of J&K. Through this office, the Department aspires to establish a consistent tax base here on a large scale, encourage voluntary compliance, ensure swift grievance redressal, conduct taxpayer outreach programmes, generate awareness to educate taxpayers and spread financial literacy with respect to taxation matters, all the while upholding the principle of taxpayer facilitation for the people of J&K, he added.

GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR (UT)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECHANICAL DIVISION SOUTH AWANTIPORA

Tel/fax: 01933/295537; Email Id: phemechsouth@gmail.com

(SHORT TERM) GIST of e- NIT

JSD/PHE/MDSA/ e-NIT No: 55 of 2021-22 DATED: 11/12/2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir online e-tenders are invited in Two Cover System on item rate basis from registered and experienced contractors/firms whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules and are active for execution of the following Works:

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost Rs. Lac	Cost of T/Doc. (Rs)	Time of Comp	Class of Contractor	Programme/ Funds/ AA Accord No/ Technical Sanction No.
1	Electrical, Mechanical and allied works for Providing of drinking water to village Sethergund by direct boosting from WSS Marwal.	3.20 Lac	300/-	20 days	Electrical / Mechanical contractors with GST registration.	District Capex Budget Accord No.: 203/DDCP of 2021 Dated: 09-12-21 Under DDCP/District Plan/3482-89 Dated: 09/12/2021 T.S. No.: 14 Dated: 11/12/2021

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

01	Publish Date	11-12-2021 (04:00 PM)
02	Start of downloading of tender documents	11-12-2021 (04:00 PM)
03	On line bid uploading start date	11-12-2021 (04:00 PM)
04	Last date of uploading of bid	27-12-2021 (04:00 PM)
05	Date and time of opening of Tech bids (online)	29-12-2021 (11:00 AM)
06	Date and time of opening of Price bid	To be notified

Note: - CDR & Treasury Receipt/ e-Challan mentioning NIT No and Work shall be pledged to Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora as per the format annexed. Head 0215 – Revenue & Miscellaneous. All other details can be had from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in and www.phekashmir.com

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division
(South) Awantipora

No: JSD/PHE/MDSA/2884
Date: 11/12/2021
DIPK-14728/21

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR JAMMU & KASHMIR FOREST PROTECTION FORCE

GAMMA UNIT, K-07, BARAMULLA
E-mail ID:-ddk07bla@gmail.com

Short Term Tender Notice No:- 01 of 2021-22.Dated:-11-12-2021(Box Tender)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, sealed tenders (valid upto 31-03-2021) affixed with Rs10/= revenue stamps are invited for the below mentioned work from the approved and eligible contractors, whose registration cards are valid as per the standing rules and renewed for the current financial year and to whom all the terms and conditions of detailed Master N.I.T are acceptable. The tenders should reach to the office of the Deputy Director, Forest Protection Force, Gamma Unit, K-07,Jagir, Mazbugh, Sopore, Baramulla by registered post or by hand by or before 21-12-2021 upto 2PM.The tenders shall be opened on the same day at 03PM or any other date convenient to the tender opening committee in presence of the intending tenders who may wish to be present on the occasion. In case of last date of receipt of tenders is declared as holiday or off day, the tenders shall be received on next working day upto 2PM.

Name of the Work	Advertised Cost	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion	Cost of Tender Document
Repair of Snow Damaged Truss of FPF Reporting Centre, Baramulla.	0.37Lac	“D”	04 Days	Rs 200.00

Position of AA: Accorded Position of TS: Accorded Position of Funds: Available

The tender document Forms in respect of the above captioned works along with set of terms and conditions of the contract shall be issued from the office of the Deputy Director, Forest Protection Force, Gamma Unit, K-07,Jagir,Mazbugh,Sopore,Baramulla upto 20-12-2021 upto 4.00PM against the treasury challan of Rs 200.00 pledged in favour of Deputy Director, Forest Protection Force, Baramulla with Remittance Head:-0406-Forests & Wildlife and also valid registration card. Detail of other requisite documents are available in the detailed NIT. Tender opening committee reserves the right to accept or reject any tender/Quotation without assigning any reason there-of.

Dated:- 11 /12/2021
No: - DD/FPF/K-07/2021-22/BT/805-809
DIPK-14730/21

Sd/= Deputy Director
Forest Protection Force,Baramulla

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

Single Cover System upto Rs.2.50 crores EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl-E-tendering Fresh NIT No.266 of 2021-22 under endorsement No.17878-87 Dated:10-12-2021

Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Ganderbal on behalf of Governor of J&K State, invites Item rate Basis in electronic tendering system for the following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

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:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Bid Security Declaration	Time of completion	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of U-shaped cement concrete Drain on Main Gutlibagh road Bridge onwards (Balance Portion). Name of Scheme:- Impt./Upgrad of Gutlibagh road incl. links under NABARD RIDF-XXIV	4.00	200/=	As per format	10-Days	DEE

M.H Account:- NABARD
Position of AAA:- Accorded
Position of funds:- Available.
Technical Sanction. Accorded

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10/12/2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	10/12/2021 from 02:30 PM.
3	Bid submission Start Date	10/12/2021 from 02.30 PM.
4	Bid Submission End Date	16/12/2021 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	17/12/2021 at 10:00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal (tender inviting authority) and Bid security Declaration as per format given in SBD. The EMD has to be submitted by the lowest bidder L1 (3% of quoted cost) within the period as specified in SBD.

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 Ganderbal (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:-

- 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.

6. 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 format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

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

6.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.

6.6. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

6.7. AAY Class Civil contractor shall have to produce agreement deed with HMPO before issuance of Allotment, if found to be L-1.

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

8. All other terms and conditions shall be strictly as per SBD circulated by this office letter No. CE/RBK/HD/29158-88 dated 10-02-2018.

Sd/-
(Er Zaffar Qureshi)
Executive Engineer
R&B Division Ganderbal

No.17878-87
Dated:10 /12/2021
DIPK-14633/21

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION CHADOORA
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Dated: 10-12-2021 (E-tendering)

NIT No. 189 of R&B/ 12423-33 of 2021-22

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

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Time of Completion (days)	MH of Account	AA NO. & DT	TS NO & DT	Class of Contractor
1	Construction of 1x 3.00 Mtr Span RCC Culvert at Gundiwali.	9.93	600.00	21	3054 M&R	Accorded	Waited	C/D
2	Upgradation of Dadompura Muqam including Bismillah Colony near Nowhar Bridge and Bismillah Colony at Dadompura by way of RBM Filling, Construction of Breast Wall cum Drain and PCC Retaining Wall.	10.00	600.00	21	4059 SS(UT)	Accorded	await-ed	C/D

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	10/12/2021
3	Bid submission Start Date	10/12/2021
4	Bid Submission End Date	17/12/2021 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	17/12/2021 at 4.10 PM in the office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Chadoora.

2. All Bidders has to submit Bid Security Declaration Form instead of Earnest money as per the circular of Finance Department (Bid Security Declaration Form is as per Annexure "A" below)

3. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as performance security in shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender receiving authority).

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

6. 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 format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.

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

6.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

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

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

21 50% of the normal deposits (Deducted at 10% from running bills) to be released after virtual completion of the work and balance 50% after completion of DLP.

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

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

No: 12423-33
DT: 10/12/2021
DIPK-14736/21

Executive Engineer
R&B Division Chadoora

VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY

J&K Lose To Andhra,
Suffer 3rd Straight Defeat

Ram Dayal century helps J&K from 99/9 to 208/10



R. Elahi

SRINAGAR: J&K senior men's cricket team suffered its third straight defeat in the Vijay Hazare Trophy on Saturday after Andhra Pradesh secured a two-wicket victory at Cricket Club of India, Mumbai.

J&K captain Shubham Pundir won the toss and elected to bat first. However, J&K's top order was already back in the dressing room at the first drinks break. Falling at 30/4 after 14 overs, the J&K side were then reduced to 61/8 in 22.4 overs and 99/9 after 33 overs.

A batting masterclass from Ram Dayal helped J&K make a strong comeback in the match.

Ram Dayal scored 116 (100) not out, and formed a 109-run last-wicket partnership with speedster Umar Nazir 27 (44) to take J&K to a respectable score of 208/10 in 48.3 overs. Girinath Reddy took 4 wickets for Andhra.

In reply the Andhra side held its nerve to win the match with one over left. Aquib Nabi took 2 early wickets to give J&K hope, however, Ricky Bhui 56 (77) and AT Rayudu 39 (28) ensured the Andhra team crossed over the line. For J&K, Aquib Nabi took 3 wickets, while Parvez Rasool and Umar Nazir took 1 wicket each.

The J&K team is at the bottom of their group, and will next play Odisha on Sunday, December 12.

SCFA Srinagar Win NIFF
Youth League 2021

I-I draw with J&K Bank FA hands youngsters the title



R. Elahi

SRINAGAR: Sports Council Football Academy (SCFA) Srinagar on Saturday lifted the NIFF Youth Football League 2021 title after a 1-1 draw with J&K Bank FA was enough to give them the trophy.

The two academy teams have been in scintillating form throughout the tournament. SCFA Srinagar had already de-

feated J&K Bank FA in the final round matches.

The final match of NIFF Youth League 2021, a 2:00 PM kick off, was played at Synthetic Turf, TRC. The match saw SCFA take an early lead thanks to Farhan Fayaz who scored in the 15th minute. J&K Bank FA equalised in the 55th minute through Asif Rasool. The match ended 1-1 and the Srinagar side was awarded the title due to their

earlier win over the Bank team.

SCFA Srinagar's Feroz Ahmad won the Golden Boot award for his goal-scoring exploits, finishing as the tournament's top scorer. While SCFA Srinagar's goalkeeper Tajamul Islam won the Golden Gloves award. SCFA Bandipora was awarded the Fair Play of the tournament award.

Youth League 2021 was organised by J&K National & International Footballers Forum (NIFF).

Downtown Heroes Win 2-I In
Assam's Bodousa Cup

Qualify for the quarterfinal

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Downtown Heroes Football Club on Saturday registered their maiden win in 13th Bodousa Cup being played at Assam. Goals from Adeel and Nauman helped the Heroes open their campaign with a 2-1 victory.

The competition involves 40 teams and is being played in 16 different locations in Assam. Teams like Kerala United FC, OIL, Rajasthan United, etc. are participating in the tournament, organised by Bodousa Sports Club annually.

"It is unbelievable to get a win in our first outside tour. It was a good, professional performance," head coach said after the game. The win would boost the morale of Downtown Heroes ahead of clash in quarterfinals.



The champions of the tournament will receive a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh. The final of the Bodousa Cup is scheduled for December 19 at Tinsukia, Assam.

Chinar Sports Maloora
Win Zainakote Village-
Level T20 Tournamnent

Defeat KCC HMT in final



Shakir Afridi

SRINAGAR: Chinar Sports Maloora clinched the Zainakote Village-Level T20 tournament on Saturday after defeating KCC HMT by 5 wickets at HMT Play-

ground, here.

Zubair Ahmad was awarded man of the match award for taking 4 wickets while giving away 30 runs. Adil Bashir was awarded man of the series for taking 8 wickets in the tournament.

Tourism Department Holds Range
Of Activities On Mountain Day

Wall climbing, snow cycling, winter trek mark the day

Observer News Service

"Sustainable Mountain Tourism" as Sustainable mountain tourism

SRINAGAR: To celebrate International Mountain Day, the Tourism Department had planned various festivities on Saturday.

The Department, on the occasion, flagged a winter trek from Naranaag to Marchoi in Ganderbal district besides a snow cycling and ATV race at famed skiing destination Gulmarg. A wall climbing event at Tourist Reception Centre, Nowgam was also flagged off through online mode.

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Farooq Khan was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The Tourism Department also released, on the occasion, trekking maps of offbeat destinations and screening of documentary films on Mount Everest, involving local climbers, and Sustainable Mountain Tourism.

The theme for this year's International Mountain Day was



contributes to create additional and alternative livelihood options and helps in poverty alleviation and social inclusion.

Hundreds of adventure lovers including the various stakeholders took part in the programme.

The Department had also organised a one day workshop on Basic Life Support for Tourism Service Providers including Tourist Guides during which the tourist guides were provided training to handle emergency situations while mountaineering.

YSS Organise Marathon Run

Observer News Service

Shafakat Iqbal flagged-off the event. More than 120 student Athletes participated in event.

GANDERBAL: The Department of Youth Services & Sports organized a marathon run of young boys and girls on Saturday here. The inter-school Marathon run was conducted for under 14 years and 17 years age group categories. Student athletes were selected from different government and private educational institutions of Zone Ganderbal. It started from M. M. stadium and concluded at BHS Shalabugh.

District Youth Services and Sports Officer Ganderbal Shiekh



All the participants were encouraged by the senior officers and commoners for their enthusiastic participation in sports despite cold weather conditions.

UNION TERRITORY JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Fresh NIT No- 235 of RnB-Sopore of 2021-2022 e-tendering DATED- 11.12. 2021 .

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, 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:

S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ DOC (In Rupees)	Time of Completion In days	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	M. H of Account	Position of AAA
01	Restoration Upper Ashpeer link road (Goal Colony)	2.00 lacs	200/-	10 days	18.12. 2021	DEE	3054 Addl. M&R	9

Position of funds: Available

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

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	11.12.2021
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 11.12.2021 (10.00 A.M) to 17.12.2021 (4.00P.M)
03.	Bid submission start date	11.12.2021 from (04.00P.M)
04.	Bid submission end date	17.12.2021 upto (4.00 P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	18.12.2021 at (04.10 P.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (tender inviting authority) and Bid security Declaration as per format given in SBD. The EMD has to be submitted by the lowest bidder L1 (3% of quoted cost) within the period as specified in SBD.
- All Bidders have to submit Bid security Declaration form instead of Earnest money as per circular of Finance Department (Bid Security declaration from 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 within 02 days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work/DLP.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical Bids
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in in acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No 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.

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

- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury challan pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (the date of challan should be in between the date of start of bid and Bid submission end date) must be uploaded with the bid. The original Treasury challan (cost of tender document), and related documents etc must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- Price escalation and taxes:-The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work unless otherwise, specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project the relevant guidelines/standard bidding document shall be followed.
- Instructions to Bidder (ITB)
 - All bidders shall upload the following information and documents with their bids.
 - All bidders shall upload copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status. Place of registration and principal place of business with cell No: and correspondence address.
 - All bidders shall upload treasury challan.
 - All bidders shall upload Bid security Declaration form.
 - All bidders shall upload GSTIN No. and PAN No.
 - All bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN along with latest sales tax clearance certificate Form GST-3B for the month proceeding month/ proceeding quarter
- The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.
- All documents relating to the bid shall be in English Language.
- Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No documents (s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copy if need arises.
- All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per NIT No: 2 of 2020-21 issued under No:- 641-61 dated: 22.4.2020 PWD form 25 (Double agreement form)
- If the contractor/HMPO quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of tendering process, his tender shall be rejected outright.

For and on behalf of the, Lt. Governor of J&K UT,

Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Sopore

No:- 14557-77
Dated:- 29.11.2021
DIPK-14675/21

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

Gist of Notice Inviting e-Tender
e-NIT Nos. MICD/109, MICD/110 and MICD/111 of 2021-22 all dated: 10-12-2021.

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

e NIT No.	Name/ Particulars of the work	Name of Division	Quantity.	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Earnest money (In Rs.)	Validity of Rates
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MICD/109 of 2021-22 Dated: 10/12/21	Providing/Fitting/Installation/Testing and Commissioning of 110-volt battery bank at LIS Koll Stage 2 nd	Mechanical Irrigation Construction Division, Srinagar	As per requirement	Rs 200/=	Notarized Bid Declaration Form	90 days
MICD/110 of 2021-22 Dated: 10/12/21	Repairing/ maintenance of 1300mm dia. Expansion Joint installed in the rising main at Rajpora 1 st					
MICD/111 of 2021-22 Dated: 10/12/21	Fabrication, Providing, Installation, Testing and commissioning of 600mm Dia M.S Flap Valve at delivery tank of Lift Irrigation Scheme Koll Stage 3 rd					

Position of funds: Available
AAA Accorded vide Superintending Engineer Mechanical Circle I & F.C Department Srinagar's
Order No: -58-MCO of 2021-22 dated: -02.11.2021
Key/critical Dates:

Date of Hosting In Website/ Publish date 10/12/2021 (1600Hrs)	
Document download/sale start date	10/12/2021 (1600 Hrs).
Bid submission start date	10/12/2021. (1600Hrs)
Bid submission end date	27/12/2021 (1300 Hrs)
Bid opening date	28/12/2021 (1600 Hrs)

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

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

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

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

DIPK-14665/21

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (IRRIGATION & F C), DIVISION KUPWARA NEAR TRC (193222)
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M/S K.B Constructions,
Prop: Masheer UI Haq Bhat,
R/o: Kalaroose Lolab.
Regd. No.: -DE/CEE/SHG/Kup/2018/653.
GST No.:

Subject: Final Notice for Construction of Super Passage at RD 2710 of Lastiyal Khul & cancellation of Allotment thereof.

Whereas, the work namely "Construction of Super Passage at RD 2710 of Lastiyal Khul" was advertised by this office vide this office e-NIT No. 24 of 2018-19 issued under endstt. No. 3712-35 Dated: 07.01.2019.

Whereas, being 1st lowest tenderer, the work was allotted to you vide this office Allotment order No. 111 of 2019-20 Dated: 01.01.2020, issued under endstt. No. CC/1&FCDK/2019-20/2725-27 Dated: 01/01/2020 for an allotted cost of ₹15.618Lakh.

Whereas, the date of start of work was reckoned after 03 days from the date of fixation of contract and complete the work within 30 calendar days.

Whereas, you started the execution of the aforesaid work and completed 10%, and left it halfway.

Whereas, time and again you were asked by Assistant Executive Engineer Irrigation Sub-Division Lolab to resume the execution work vide his office letter No's. ISDL/Nil Dated: Nil and Circular No. 248-52 Dated: 16/10/2021, and Executive Engineer Irrigation & F C Division Kupwara's Circular No. 1349-71 Dated: 07/10/2021, and No. IFCDK/CC/2021-22/1533-42 Dated: 09.11-2021 respectively.

Whereas, despite repeated directions you did not bother to resume the execution of balance work.

Whereas, non-execution of balance work has badly hampered the progress of Construction of 02 No. Irrigation Khul in Kalaroose and Lastiyal area which has been taken up under Languishing Programme, and is targeted to be completed by ending December 2021.

Now through the medium of this Notice you are finally asked to resume the execution of balance work within 05 days positively, in case of failure it shall be presumed that you are not interested in execution of work and shall be taken up in hand through other means at your risk and cost, besides Allotment issued in your favour for the aforesaid work shall be cancelled without any further notice and action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against you, which you may note.

No: 1&FCO/Kup/CS/
Dated: /12/2021
DIPK-14739/21

Executive Engineer
Irrigation & F C Division
Kupwara.

FROM PAGE 01 Govt Orders Extensive

infrastructure and GIS maps to reduce revenue-related disputes and court cases. The process also includes sensitization drives, making on-ground boundaries, laying out SOPs, and generation of property cards post-survey completion," he said.

The Chief Secretary, as per the official spokesperson directed to digitize all revenue land records of Jammu and Srinagar by 26th January 2022 and of all other districts by 15th August 2022.

He said that the department was further directed to ensure end-to-end digitization of all its processes to provide online facilities to people for applying and receiving copies of revenue records through a web portal, besides ensuring that a copy of every Government order is also available on the departmental website.

Moreover, he said, the department was asked to integrate all its records on one platform, including land records, registration and attestation of mutations for allowing ease of access to the public.

"The one-stop portal must also provide for options to register and track grievances/complaints and information on pending and under-trial cases throughout the revenue courts," Mehta said, as per official spokesperson.

He further said that the department was asked to shift all the processes to online mode by adopting the e-office model in its field offices for digitally linking the field functionaries including Patwaris and monitoring timelines of all processes on a real-time basis.

The Financial Commissioner Revenue, Commissioner/Secretary, Revenue Department, Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu along with concerned HoDs participated in the meeting.

Panchayat Committee,

bandh call for the sake of the future safeguards for Ladakh. The members present in the meeting expressed disappointment over the cold response from the centre and ignoring the voice of the people of Ladakh," he said.

The KDA spokesperson further said that the centre had earlier assured that the apex body, Leh and Kargil Democratic Alliance would be called to New Delhi to discuss the issues concerning Ladakh's future.

FROM PAGE 03 Rain, Snowfall

only place where the minimum temperature improved, though slightly, as it recorded a low of minus 5.5 degrees Celsius compared to minus 6 degrees Celsius registered in the previous night, the officials said. Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 6.4 degrees Celsius, they said. It was the coldest recorded place in the Valley.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 4.3 degrees Celsius.

Qazigund recorded minus 3.7 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag recorded a low of minus 3.4 degrees Celsius. (With PTI inputs)

NC Undecided

any support material," he added. Asked whether the NC MPs will participate in the meeting, Masoodi said the party leadership would take a call on the matter.

The party leadership will discuss the matter and take a decision, he said.

The invitation to NC MPs comes at a time when the Commission tasked to redraw boundaries of assembly and parliamentary constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir, has reportedly finalised its draft proposal and is expected to share the same with associate members.

According to reports, the panel headed by Justice (Retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai may also recommend that the government consider bringing representation for Kashmiri Pandits in J&K assembly through law, as the delimitation process cannot do so since it is bound by its limited terms of reference and the J&K Reorganization Act, 2019.

The KPs, according to the report, have also maintained that over five lakh members of the community don't have representation in the Union Territory, and have sought Commission's intervention on the same.

On March 6, 2020, the government of India set up the Delimitation Commission and tasked it to finish delimitation in a year. On March 4 this year, it was granted a year's extension. This was done on the request of the commission members since it couldn't make much progress due to the "Covid-19-induced shutdown across the country."

Jammu and Kashmir saw the last delimitation exercise in 1994-95, after 22 years, which resulted in an increase in the number of Assembly constituencies from 76 to 87. The Jammu region saw an increase of five seats (from 32 to 37 seats), the Kashmir Valley an increase of four seats (from 42 to 46) and Ladakh two seats (from two to four).

The erstwhile State as a whole had a total of 111 seats—24 reserved and vacant for Pakistan controlled Kashmir. (With agency inputs)

Two Journalists

this year as well in connection with a case against the blog site - kashmir-fight© wordpress.com.

The two Srinagar-based journalists have been summoned by the police for questioning as part of an active investigation, an official said.

On September 9, police had said that during the course of the investigation of case FIR No. 82/2020 of Police Station Kothibagh, credible evidence was found which links the four journalists with the mastermind behind the blog.

The police had conducted searches at the residences of the four journalists as well.

Govt Directs

Response and Health Response Plan, Package II (ECRP II) in Jammu and Kashmir to tackle any eventuality especially on account of the new COVID variant Omicron, an official spokesman said. The spokesman said the meeting was informed that the reported cases of COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir are showing an uneven trend which is a cause of concern and is primarily being caused because of breach of protocols.

Expressing concern over the recent developments, the chief secretary directed the district administrations to ensure COVID appropriate behaviour, improve the rate of testing as per respective target, adherence to Covid SOPs, and ensure fool-proof containment measures in micro containment zones.

The enforcement agencies were asked to strictly implement the COVID-19 protocols and levy fines on habitual defaulters, the spokesman said.

Mehta maintained that existing strategies must be recalibrated towards ensuring low rates of infection in districts, and case trajectory be closely monitored to keep the daily reported cases below 50.

The Health and Medical Education Department was asked to conduct an equipment audit and regularly check the functionality of Covid-related infrastructure, including COVID dedicated hospitals, ventilators, oxygen supported beds and plants, the spokesman said.

The department was also directed to ensure the readiness of manpower and machinery and firm up the inventory of oxygen supply and medicines, he said, adding that it was asked to furnish weekly reports on all these parameters.

Under the ECRP II, the department was asked to augment the ICU-beds and related facilities to approximately 300 in each division, including DRDO ICUs with a special focus on the pediatric ICU beds.

Mehta emphasised that to contain the COVID-19 spread and mitigate the disease, the health department must adopt a robust mechanism for proper training of medical teams on core principles of infection prevention and treatment; preparing the medical infrastructure and ensuring safe bio-medical waste management, the spokesman said.

The Department was also asked to organise training on oxygen consumption and management for ICU staff and training to suitably operate various oxygen generation plants and related equipment, the spokesman added.

Nothing Can

the hatred between two communities in the valley that was "deliberately created" over the years by the vested interests for political gains.

(Kashmiri) Muslims did not drive you out from your homes, those behind it were thinking Kashmir will be theirs by this ethnic cleansing. I repeat from this stage... even if the sky and the earth meet, Jammu and Kashmir will never be theirs, the former chief minister said in an apparent reference to Pakistan.

Kashmiri Pandits migrated from the valley after the outbreak of militancy in early 1990s.

Addressing a gathering largely comprising migrant Pandits at a one-day convention organised by NC's minority cell here, Abdullah said the community was being used as a vote bank by a political party that only claims to be its sympathiser.

Without naming any party, Abdullah said, big promises were made to you by those treating you as just a vote bank. They have not fulfilled a single promise.

Abdullah, who recalled his long association with the Kashmiri Pandits, said the hatred which has crept into the hearts needs to be removed.

We have to identify those who want to divide us for their petty political interests. Our culture, language and way of living is the same and we are one. I have never distinguished between a Hindu and a Muslim, the NC leader said.

Referring to the migration of the Pandits, he said, Nobody wants to name (former governor) Jagmohan who arranged transport (for their migration) and promised to ensure their return within two months...instead allegations are levelled against me.

I am praying to my Allah not to take me away till I see the return of those old days when there was communal harmony and peaceful atmosphere in the valley and the people moved freely without being asked to show their identity, he said.

The former chief minister said he had made several attempts during his government to bring back the community but had to stop the process in the wake of massacres in Ganderbal and Budgam as, I do not want the blood of

innocents on my hands.

He said it is not the right time for their return because of the hatred which has crept into the hearts.

We cannot live in peace as our enemies will use that hatred and attempt to create further wedge among us. I request you with folded hands to give up this hatred and pray to the Lord to unite us again, he said.

Abdullah called on the two communities to stand together and reject those dividing them on the basis of religion.

We should introspect and assess who has the habit of 'use and throw' and reject such parties, he said, citing the example of senior BJP leader Varun Gandhi and claiming that the latter had now become irrelevant for his party.

I am not asking for votes for my party but want you to think before you cast your vote at the time of the election. Choose those parties that seek votes on their work and not on the basis of religion, he said.

He lauded Kashmiri Pandits for safeguarding their culture and language even in migration.

Abdullah said the NC brought temples and shrines bill to safeguard the places of worship of the community which was, however, not supported by those who claim to be the communities' defenders.

They enjoy the numbers in the Parliament and can pass it anytime but I know they will not do it, he said, adding, Same is the case with the women rights bill which is pending as there are people who do not want to empower women.

Referring to the raising of national flags on important days, he said, It should be hoisted by heart without the use of power or through agents.

Lauding the people of Jammu for providing shelter to the Pandits in the aftermath of their migration from the valley, he supported continuation of the 'Darbar move', a long practice under which the civil secretariat functions six months each in Srinagar and Jammu.

Advocates India-Pak

talks with Pakistan to end militancy in Jammu and Kashmir.

He also took exception to Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's statement that the practice of offering 'namaz' in the open will not be tolerated and asked him to provide spaces to Muslims for prayers as the Constitution guarantees religious freedom.

The former J&K chief minister was talking to reporters on the sidelines of a party function here.

Reacting to a question about the killing of two policemen by militants in north Kashmir's Bandipora district on Friday, Abdullah said, you think we are happy that they are killing people? It is a sad story and let the government who are saying everything is hunky dory (speak). Is it hunky dory? Are people safe? When your police personnel are not safe, how is an ordinary man safe?

The two personnel were killed in a militant attack on a police party in Bandipora district on Friday, evoking widespread condemnation from various political parties. The militants opened fire on the police team at the Gulshan Chowk in the evening.

Asked if he still insisted on talks with Pakistan, Abdullah retorted, You have to talk. There is no way out (to end militancy).

You can talk to China. What do you say about that? China is coming and occupying our territory. They are making their own houses in that territory. Let the Government of India allow discussion in the parliament to understand what the Chinese are doing, the NC MP from Srinagar said.

When a reporter asked him if, by insisting on talks with Pakistan, he was giving a clean chit to Pakistani militants who are killing people, a visibly angry Abdullah said, You are not a journalist. Your attitude is communal.

In response to a question about the Haryana chief minister's statement, Abdullah said there is a religious tolerance in the country and the Constitution also provides religious freedom.

If he does not allow prayers in open space, let him create a space where they can pray. Pray they have to, that is why open spaces are used because there is no place (for namaz), he said.

On reports that the J&K delimitation commission has called for a meeting with five MPs of National Conference and BJP in Delhi on December 20, he said the party has not received any invitation letter so far.

Let the letter come what we will do there, I have to say it there, he said, responding to a question whether his party will press for political reservation for Kashmiri migrant pandits at the meeting.

Gupkar Alliance

status -- is intact and is doing its job, National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah said on Saturday. The NC leader's assertion came amidst speculations that the alliance was breaking apart.

"The PAGD is still there. They met 10 days back. They are doing their job, but it is not like they will meet every day just to keep you happy. They are working at their own level, he told reporters in Baramulla when asked if the

alliance was still united.

There have been speculations that the alliance which includes the NC, PDP, CPI and the CPI(M) was breaking apart due to differences among its constituents.

Addressing a party workers' convention in Jammu region recently, Abdullah had blamed the PDP for the abrogation of Article 370, which granted special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

At a public gathering at Chatroo in Inderwal, he said the BJP took advantage of "our weakness".

"Following the Assembly elections of 2014 in Jammu and Kashmir, I extended a hand of friendship to Mufti Mohammad Sayeed (PDP founder). I warned him against stitching an alliance with the BJP and told him it would prove to be extremely dangerous for the people of Kashmir," said Abdullah, a former chief minister.

After his remarks, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti had told his party leaders not to speak against any party which is a part of the PAGD so as not to destabilise the alliance.

Meanwhile, asked about a meeting of the Delimitation Commission scheduled for on December 20 and whether the three NC MPs would participate in it, Abdullah said he had no knowledge of any such meeting.

"I did not know about this. I am hearing it for the first time from you. I will confirm whether it is like that and can only then talk to you about it, he told reporters.

Earlier, addressing his party workers in Baramulla, Abdullah said neither the gun fell silent nor the separatist ideology disappeared in Kashmir after the revocation of Article 370 as promised by the BJP.

"It was said that the basic reason of the gun in Kashmir is Article 370 and when it is revoked, the guns will go away. But, have the guns gone silent? It has been two years, four months and six days since it was revoked, but only yesterday two brave policemen lost their lives in Bandipora. If Article 370 was the basic reason for the gun, then why is there mourning in the homes of the two policemen, he said.

The NC vice president said encounters between security forces and

militants were taking place every day in Kashmir and even in those places where we had got rid of the gun .

New youths are picking up the gun today. Were we not told that the separatist ideology is also because of (Article) 370 and that this ideology will go away when (Article) 370 is revoked. I do not see it (separatist ideology) has ended, he said.

The former chief minister said the revocation of the special status of the erstwhile state has in no way made the lives of the people better.

Neither have our jobs come, or developmental activities taken place, or new power projects built, or health or education infrastructure made better, neither has the gun gone away or the separatist ideology ended. So...what was the aim of revoking Article 370?

"What was achieved by breaking the promises made to us and by cheating us? Why is there a step-motherly attitude with us? Why is the future of our children seen differently than those in Ladakh where there are land rights, job rights or scholarships the same way as they were before (Article) 370 was revoked? he said.

Criticising the Centre for stopping the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service and the cross-Line of Control (LoC) trade, the NC leader said the bus service was started by BJP leader and former prime minister A B Vajpayee and asked if he (Vajpayee) was wrong.

"Was Vajpayee wrong when he started the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service and people were allowed across? If he was wrong, then I would say it is the right decision to stop the bus service. I want to hear it from the BJP people that the leader whom they conferred a Bharat Ratna was wrong. I want to hear from the BJP leaders that by starting the bus service, Vajpayee had put the country in danger, he said.

He said if Vajpayee was not wrong, then the decision to stop the bus service was wrong and then the BJP has cheated the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Then taking away this confidence-building measure was your mistake. Was the creation of infrastructure at Salamabad for cross-LoC trade wrong then? You say that some people used it for wrongdoings. Where don't people

make mistakes? Is there no evasion in the GST or income tax? Will you then stop the whole tax system?

Power theft is there sometimes, does that mean the power supply be cut for everyone. If an apple is rotten, you do not throw away the whole carton, you throw away that apple only, he said.

Abdullah said if some people were misusing the trade, it does not mean that the whole trade be stopped.

Your (Centre's) job was to take action after investigation against those who were misusing the trade. But, unfortunately, you hammer everything and then present it to the world in a false manner, he said. (PTI))

College Renamed

participated in the event along with the staff members of the college.

"The college has been renamed after the eminent Poet, writer, folklorist, researcher Moti Lal Saqi as per the directions of the government order," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, the official spokesperson said that the Principal threw light on the life of Moti Lal Saqi and emphasized that his's contribution as a literary critic is impressive, his work on Sheikh Noor-ud-Din Wali (RAH), and the Sufi poets like Samad Mir is monumental.

"The Principal also described Saqi as a folklorist, and contended that his compilation of five volumes of Kashmiri-folk songs suggests his love for Kashmir and a great contribution to Kashmiri literary paradigm," the official spokesperson added.

2 Women Killed

identified as Asma Kouser was injured in the incident.

She was shifted to District Hospital Poonch for treatment, reports said.

Ladakh Reports

dropped to 220 -- 202 in Leh and 18 in Kargil -- from 237 the previous day, according to the officials.

Of the 19 new cases, 17 were reported in Leh and two in Kargil, they said.

The officials said that 36 patients were discharged from hospitals in Leh, taking the total number of recoveries in Ladakh to 21,357. (PTI)

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE AGROSTOLOGIST KASHMIR, FOREST DEPARTMENT, SRINAGAR. e-NIT NO:- 12 of 2021-22 DATED:- 10-12-2021						
Name of Work:- Pasture and Fodder Development in Forests by carrying out sowing of superior varieties of grass/ legume seeds in patches, and all other associated operations as per site conditions involving carriage/ lifting of seeds from stores.						
For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following work:- SCHEME: SOWING AND PLANTING						
#	Particulars of Work	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion
1	1) Sowing of superior variety of grass/legume seeds in patches of size 135cmx45cmx15cm along the contours in staggered fashion. Sowing in patches: 8000 No.s Note:- Seeds shall be supplied departmentally. Area to be treated:10 Ha. Location: Comptt. No.04/Harran Ganderbal Agrostology Division Kashmir	1.677	BSD Form	"D" Class PWD Contractor/ Forest Contractor (Excluding JKFD Contractor)	200/-	One calendar month.
2	1) Sowing of superior variety of grass/legume seeds in patches of size 135cmx45cmx15cm along the contours in staggered fashion. Sowing in patches: 8000 No.s Note:- Seeds shall be supplied departmentally. Area to be treated:10 Ha. Location: Comptt. No.68-69/M Magam Check Sodai Kupwara Agrostology Division Kashmir	1.677	BSD Form	"D" Class PWD Contractor/ Forest Contractor (Excluding JKFD Contractor)	200/-	One calendar month.
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Haryana CM: Offering Namaz In The Open Will Not Be Tolerated

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The chief minister of the Indian state of Haryana on Friday said that offering Muslim prayers or namaz in open spaces will not be tolerated and that some sites in Gurugram reserved for Muslims to conduct prayers had been withdrawn, ANI reported.

"To resolve this issue, everyone offers prayers at their place, some offer namaz... some do puja, we have no issue with that," Manohar Lal Khattar told a meeting of the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority.

"Such practices should not take place in the open...this practice of offering namaz prayers here in the open, this will not be tolerated."

For the past three months, Hindutva groups have been repeatedly blocking Muslims from gathering for Friday prayers at open spaces in Gurugram city.

Members of the Hindutva groups had on November 5 organised a puja, after which they spread cow dung across the ground. At the same site, on November 7, those who gathered to prevent the prayers had claimed that a volleyball court will be set up there.

At another designated namaz site in Sector 37 of Gurugram, a playground, the groups protested on November 20 against Muslims offering prayers, claiming that they wanted to play cricket there.

The groups also organised a havan ceremony on November 26 at the site designated for



namaz in Gurugram's Sector 37 to mark the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, performed a Govardhan Puja in sector 12A.

On Friday, before Khattar's meeting, members of Hindutva groups gathered in an area reserved for namaz outside the Sector 37 police station, The Indian Express reported. They conducted a condolence meeting for Chief of General Staff General Bipin Rawat, who died in a helicopter crash on Wednesday.

The Haryana chief minister said that he had spoken with members of the Muslim community in an attempt to find an amicable solution to the matter.

He noted that some of the plots under the Waqf Board, the statutory body in charge of land used for Islamic places of worship and charities, were encroached upon at present. These are sites where Muslims could possibly offer namaz.

"How they can be made available to them is being discussed," he said. "A decision had been taken earlier after consultation, but that decision too where some spots had been reserved, we have withdrawn it.

Nasal Vaccine Might Help Fight New COVID-19 Variants: Study

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CONNECTICUT: In a new study by Yale's Akiko Iwasaki, the Waldemar Von Zedtwitz Professor of Immunobiology, it was found that intranasal vaccination provided broad-based protection against heterologous respiratory viruses in mice.

The research has been published in the 'Science Immunology Journal'.

"The best immune defence happens at the gate, guarding against viruses trying to enter," said Iwasaki, senior author of the study.

Mucous membranes contain their own immune defence system that combat air- or foodborne pathogens. When challenged, these barrier tissues produce B cells which in turn secrete immunoglobulin A (IgA) antibodies. Unlike vaccines which elicit a system-wide immune response, IgA antibodies work locally on mucosal surfaces found in the nose, stomach, and lungs.

While the protective role of IgA-producing cells had been well established in combating intestinal pathogens, Iwasaki's lab wondered if triggering IgA response might also produce a localized immune response against respiratory viruses.

Working with



researchers at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, they tested a protein-based vaccine designed to jump-start an IgA immune response, administering it to mice through injections, as is commonly done with systemic immunizations, and also intranasally. They then exposed mice to multiple strains of influenza viruses. They found that mice that had received vaccine intranasally were much better protected against respiratory influenza than those that received injections. Nasal vaccines, but not the shot, also induced antibodies that protected the animals against a variety of flu strains, not just against the strain the vaccine was meant to protect against.

The Yale team is currently

testing nasal vaccine strains against COVID strains in animal models.

"While both vaccine injections and nasal vaccines increased levels of antibodies in the blood of mice, only the nasal vaccine enabled IgA secretion into the lungs, where respiratory viruses need to lodge to infect the host," Iwasaki said.

If the nasal vaccines prove to be safe and efficient in humans, Iwasaki envisions them being used in conjunction with current vaccines and boosters that work system-wide in order to add immune system reinforcements at the source of infection.

Other co-first-authors of the study are Ji Eun Oh, Eric Song, and Miyu Moriyama, all from Yale.



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