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J&K Govt Permits Conversion of Agri Land for Other Purposes

District Collectors Empowered To Grant Permission Within 30 Days Of Filing Application

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a significant decision of far reaching consequences, the Administrative Council which met in Jammu under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the regulations framed by the board of revenue for conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes in Jammu and Kashmir.

These regulations were necessitated after the legislative changes in the land revenue act post-reorganization of the erstwhile state, an official spokesman said.

Farooq Khan and Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisors to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

"These regulations have been issued to regulate the uncontrolled conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural

purposes on the one hand and keeping the developmental aspirations of the UT and the people on the other hand," he said.

Under the new regulations, the official spokesperson said, the District Collector has been empowered to grant permission to the change in land use from agricultural to non-agricultural purposes in accordance with the procedure as to be notified by

the board of Revenue.

"The permission is to be granted within 30 days of filing of the application with a provision of deemed approval if no decisions are taken," he said.

Further, he said that the powers have been delegated to the District Collector to grant permission for land up to 12 ½ standard acres against a fee of 5 per cent of the market value of the

land notified under the Stamps Act.

According to the official spokesperson, the regulations empower the applicant to commence the non agriculture use on the permitted land within one year from the date of the order issued by the District Collector on this behalf.

"However, the land can be diverted and used only for the

purpose specified in the permission," he said, adding "Moreover, the regulations provide exemption from seeking the permission in cases of conversion for construction of residential house or farm-related buildings and storages with a ceiling of 400 Sq. mtrs (17 Marla)."

As per the AC decision, the official spokesperson said that the Assistant Commissioner (Revenue), Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Tehsildar concerned have been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring the implementation of these regulations within their respective areas of jurisdiction. **More on P10**

2 Militants Killed In Kulgam Gunfight

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Thursday said it killed two local militants of Lashkar-e-Taiba in an overnight firefight in Kulgam district of south Kashmir.

Police, army's 1RR and the personnel of CRPF 18 battalion launched a cordon and cordon and search operation (CASO) in Redwani on Wednesday night on the basis of specific input regarding the presence of militants in the village, a police spokesperson said Thursday.

The search team, he said, offered holed-up militants repeated opportunities to surrender as and when their presence got ascertained.

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

In the ensuing encounter, the police spokesperson said two LeT militants were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of the encounter. He identified the duo as Amir Bashir Dar of Frisal and Adil Yousuf Shan of Kulgam.

As per police records, he said, both the killed militants were categorized and were part of groups involved in several "terror crime cases" including attacks on security forces and civilian "atrocities".

"Incriminating materials, arms & **More on P10**

Enraged Soldier Kills Officer In Poonch

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: A Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) of army was killed in an alleged fratricidal incident near Line of Control (LoC) in Mendhar area of Poonch on Thursday.

Official sources said that the Sepoy Laxminarayan had an altercation with Subedar Jasbir Singh following which he shot at him. Soon fellow soldiers took Subedar Jasbir Singh to army hospital but doctors declared him brought dead, they said. It was not immediately known what led to the altercation, reported news agency GNS.

Confirming it, a police official said that investigations are underway.

Defence ministry spokesman based in Jammu said that "no official version" was received so far. **More on P10**

Govt Determined To Dismantle 'Terror Ecosystem': LG

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Accusing Pakistan of running the biggest "terror factory" in the world, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that his administration is determined to completely dismantle "terror ecosystem" and develop 'Atma-Nirbhar'

THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY RUNNING the biggest terror factory in the world must remember the crushing defeats of 1947, 1965, 1971 and 1999."

Jammu and Kashmir.

Sinha made these remarks while paying homage to the fallen soldiers of 1971 war, on the occasion of 50th Vijay Diwas here, an official spokesperson said Thursday. The LG, he said, asserted that the nation will always be indebted to the supreme sacrifice

made by the brave soldiers, officers of army, navy and air force in the 1971 war.

"On this day in 1971, our brave soldiers and officers had not only changed the geography, but took a giant leap in establishing our country as a global super power," Sinha said.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG noted that India has been a supporter of peace since ancient times and has never adopted the policy of expansionism despite being a super power.

"We have lived the values of peaceful coexistence, mutual harmony and believed in the philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. But, we never lowered our guard and successfully conquered every challenge," the LG said.

Taking note of the alleged nefarious designs of the neighboring country to "create instability" in J&K, the LG, as per the official spokesperson said that the capability of our brave soldiers is proof that we are determined to **More on P10**



MeT office predicts white Christmas in Kashmir: "As on date, widespread moderate to heavy snowfall is most likely during 23-25th December. Gulmarg as seen in this photo is already covered in snow. KO Photo Abid Bhat.

NIA Arrests 'OGW' From Sopore

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The NIA on Thursday conducted searches at four locations in Sopore and Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir and arrested a man in connection with a militant conspiracy case, an official said.

Irfan Tariq Antoo, a resident of Sopore's Kral Taing, was arrested, the official of the premier investigation agency said.

The case relates to the conspiracy for undertaking

violent militant acts in Jammu and Kashmir, and other major cities, including Delhi, by cadres of proscribed terrorist organisations Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, Al Badr and their affiliates such as the Resistance Front and People Against Fascist Forces, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) official said.

The NIA registered the case in October and initiated an investigation. It has arrested 28 persons in the **More on P10**

Corona Claims 5 More Lives In J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Coronavirus claimed lives of five more people in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday while 133 fresh cases of virus were registered in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to the officials, three more people died of coronavirus related complications in the Valley and two others in Jammu division on Thursday, raising the fatality count to 4508 in J&K—2192 in

Jammu and 2316 in Kashmir.

About the new cases of virus, the officials said that 102 were detected in Kashmir and the remaining 31 from various districts of the Jammu Division.

Srinagar, the officials said, continues to see a spike in new Covid-19 cases, as 48 more people tested positive for virus, while Baramulla reported 24, Budgam 9, Ganderbal 6, Kulgam 4, Pulwama, Kupwara and Bandipora 3 each and Anantnag 2 new **More on P10**

FROM THE **COURT**

THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT to sift and weigh cases to preserve the efficacy of the Domestic Violence Act for legitimate and genuine cases."

Court Slaps Rs 10L Fine On Woman For Making Husband Homeless

Auqib Javed

SRINAGAR: In a landmark judgment, a trial court in Srinagar imposed a whopping fine of Rs 10 lakh on a woman who had filed a domestic violence case against her husband in the year 2019.

The judgment was passed on by the Court of Small Causes on Thursday and is believed to be rare in rarest cases.

The court while hearing an application filed by one Shamshada Akhter seeking to withdraw a plea filed by her against his husband Aijaz

Ahmad Shah under domestic violence act recorded that under the garb of court orders passed in the plea, the wife has "thrown out" her husband from his own house rendering him homeless despite a clear cut direction from court to both the parties to accommodate each other and live peacefully.

"At this point, the petitioner is seeking to withdraw the case just to evade the implementation of court order passed on 29 April, 2020 directing both the parties to accommodate each other in a cordial and friendly

relation in the house where the parties were residing before the dispute and the wife Shamshada Akhter shall provide accommodation of two rooms to the husband Aijaz Parvaiz Shah in the said house," Judge Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi recorded.

"The couple, a resident of Hyderpora, Srinagar had constructed the house jointly but don't possess any child," Shah's lawyer, Shabir Bhat told Kashmir Observer.

Bhat said, the wife of his client falsely accused her husband of domestic violence and then failed to prove it **More on P10**

'Moderate To Heavy' Snowfall Likely In Kashmir From Dec 23-25: MeT

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Weatherman on Thursday forecast widespread "moderate to heavy" snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh from December 23 to 25.

There are currently reports about light snowfall in Gurez, Sonmarg, Zojila-Drass axis, said an official of the MeT office here, according to news agency GNS.

"As on date, widespread moderate to heavy snowfall (at some places) is most likely during 23-25th December.

We are in for a White X-Mas (Christmas) in both J&K and Ladakh," he said.

Meanwhile, intense cold conditions continued across J&K and Ladakh with ski resort Gulmarg recording a low of minus 10.0°C. The mercury in the world famous resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district was down by nearly two degrees Celsius from minus 8.6°C the previous night, the official said.

The minimum temperature in Srinagar, **More on P10**

27 Police Officers Shifted, Balwal Is SSP Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir home department on Thursday ordered transfer and postings of 27 police officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect.

Rakesh Balwal has been appointed as Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar.

An order issued under number 320-Home of 2021, dated 16-12-2021, reads that in the interest of administration, the transfers and postings are hereby ordered, with immediate effect.

Javid Ahmed Koul, IPS, SSP Traffic City Srinagar, is transferred and posted as SO to ADGP, Traffic J&K with additional charge of the posts of

DIG, Traffic, Jammu and DIG, Traffic, Kashmir.

Shridhar Patil, IPS, awaiting orders of posting upon modification of transfer on deputation to the Union territory of Ladakh, is posted as AIG (Tech) PHQ, against an available vacancy.

Dr. Vinod Kumar, IPS, SSP, Poonch, is transferred and posted as SSP, Udhampur.

Sargun Shukla, IPS, SSP, Udhampur, is transferred and posted as SO to IGP Technical Services.

Sandeep Choudhary, IPS, SSP Srinagar, is transferred and posted as SSP Cyber Crime Investigation Center for Excellence (CICE).

Rakesh Balwal, IPS, awaiting orders of posting is posted as SSP Srinagar. **More on P10**



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معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصبر میں ساکنہ نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ریگل ہیرسٹریٹ دفتر بذمیں
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مساۃ منیرہ بانو کا والد محسبی مرحوم محمد قاسم خان ولد شیر خان مورخہ 23/11/2021 کو فوت
ہو چکا ہے۔ اور ساکنہ کا پٹیشن یافتہ تھا اور موتی کے دارخان جائزہ بذیل ہیں۔

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02	مساۃ منیرہ بانو دختر محمد قاسم خان	مطلوبہ شدہ دختر موتی	گھریلو کام	55 سال
03	الفرودہ احمد خان ولد محمد قاسم خان	پرستوتی	ملازمت	50 سال
04	فیاض احمد خان ولد محمد قاسم خان	پرستوتی	تجارت	46 سال
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(تحریر الصدا گیز کیٹیو جیسٹریٹ رنبر پورہ)

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Public Notice

I have bought a vehicle bearing Regd No; JK03D- 0801. Now I want to change the name on registration papers from Manzoor Ahmad Sheikh S/O Ghulam Hassan Sheikh R/o Zurpora Bijbehara. To Fayaz Ahmad Khanday S/O Mohd Ayoub Khanday R/O Monghall Anantang. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the ARTO Anantang within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Name :- Fayaz Ahmad Khanday RNA
S/O:-Mohd Ayoub Khanday R/O :- Monghall Anantang

Public Notice

I have applied for fertilizer license. If anybody having any objection in this regard He/She may contact office of the Chief Agriculture officer Anantang within the period of 7 days. After that no objection shall be entertained.
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Office of The Regional Transport Officer Kashmir

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Mir Rahil Tariq
S/o: Tariq Ahmad Mir,
R/o: Lasjan Bagander,, Srinagar

Public Notice

This is inform general public that I have applied for pesticides license. In this regard any person having any objection He/She may contact office of the PPO Lal Mandi Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection shall be entertained after that.
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Dated: 09.12.2021

Subject: Non submission of documents

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Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Right River Works Division
Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

DIPK-NB-5880/21

از نیابت رنبر پورہ با اجلاس غلام محمد الدین بٹ صاحب
مضمون درخواست منجانب۔ رضوان احمد وانی والد علیہ جان اولاد عبدالرشید وانی ساکنان رنبر پورہ تحصیل
منٹن بغرض حصول۔ RBA سرٹیفیکٹ

اشتراک برادر گاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصبر میں ساکنان نے ایک درخواست سرٹیفیکٹ دفتر بذمیں پیش کیا ہے جس کی فوار پورٹ جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے
ہے کہ ساکنان
مساۃ رضوان احمد وانی والد علیہ جان اولاد عبدالرشید وانی ساکنان رنبر پورہ تحصیل منٹن بغرض حصول۔ RBA سرٹیفیکٹ

نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	رشتہ برادر موتی	پیشہ	عمر
1	عبدالرشید وانی دامادہ ولد رضوان	پرستوتی	ملازمت	54 سال
2	شیمیز محمد عبدالرشید وانی	پرستوتی	گھریلو کام	50 سال
3	آسیہ جان دختر عبدالرشید وانی	پرستوتی	گھریلو کام	30 سال
4	عالیہ جان دختر عبدالرشید وانی	پرستوتی	گھریلو کام	23 سال
5	رضوان احمد وانی والد علیہ جان اولاد عبدالرشید وانی	پرستوتی	ملازمت	17 سال
6	طاہرہ بیگم بیوہ ولد رضوان	پرستوتی	ملازمت	75 سال

اسطورہ ساکن کا کنڈیکٹ 06 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ اور ساکنان کے کنڈیکٹ میں ایک سرکاری ملازم موجود ہے۔
ساکنان کے کنڈیکٹ کے پاس ہند میں 6 کنال موجودہ راضی موجود ہے۔ اور ساکنان کے کنڈیکٹ
سالاۃ آمدنی تمام زراعی سے تقریباً آٹھ لاکھ روپیہ سے کم ہے۔ ساکنان RBA سرٹیفیکٹ
اخراج کرنے کی خواہش رکھتا ہے۔ اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ دو ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر کی اوقات
آپنا اعتراض دفتر بذمیں پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں
ہوگا۔

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نائب تحصیلدار۔

از نیابت ساکن با اجلاس انگریز کیٹیو جیسٹریٹ رنبر پورہ با اجلاس غلام محمد الدین بٹ صاحب
مضمون درخواست منجانب۔ منظور احمد گزرتی ولد محمد اعجاز پٹنہ ساکن ساکنہ ساکنہ
بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفیکٹ

اشتراک برادر گاہی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصبر میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ST سرٹیفیکٹ دفتر بذمیں
پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکن
کا کنڈیکٹ بذیل افراد ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام ولدیت	رشتہ برادر موتی	پیشہ	عمر
1	منظور احمد گزرتی ولد محمد اعجاز	پرستوتی	ملازمت	45 سال
2	زینب زوجہ منظور احمد	پرستوتی	گھریلو کام	42 سال
3	مڑل احمد ولد منظور احمد	پرستوتی	ملازمت	12 سال
4	زینبہ دختر منظور احمد	پرستوتی	ملازمت	08 سال
5	شاہد احمد ولد منظور احمد	پرستوتی	ملازمت	02 سال
6	زینبہ بیوہ عبدالاعجاز	پرستوتی	ملازمت	80 سال

اسطورہ ساکن کا کنڈیکٹ 06 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا اسرٹیفیکٹ
اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر کی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔
معیارڈرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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نائب تحصیلدار۔

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE SUB-DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE, NOORABAD (D.H. Pora)

Subject: Conduct of Magisterial enquiry under section 176 CrPC into the encounter took place at village Gopalpora kulgam on 17/11/2021

NOTICE

The District Magistrate kulgam has appointed undersigned as enquiry officer in the encounter that took place at village Gopalpora kulgam on 17/11/2021 in which 02 militants got killed. In this regard, general public having knowledge regarding the matter are invited to record their statement within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice in the office of undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-
Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Noorabad

DIPK-15076/21

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION QAZIGUND

E- NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
(e-mail: qazigundphedivision@gmail.com Telephone/Fax:01931-295040)
E-NIT No: 61 /EE/JSD/Qazigund/2021-22 Dated: 15.12.2021 Issued No/PHQ/4371-85 Dated 15.12.2021.

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders in single cover system are invited on item rate basis from Registered Contractors registered J&K UT, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of work	Amount (Rs in Lacs)	Earnest Money	Time for completion	Cost of TD (In Rs.)	Class of contract	Head of Account
1	Providing and fixing of retro refractive regulatory boards at Levdoora, Vessu, Verinag, Wangund, Larkipora, Kilam, Kodder, Pahool and Kund Mode under JIM (I.E.C) Programme District Anantnag/Kulgam	1.355	Bid Declaration duly notarized	15 days	200/=	DEE	JIM (I.E.C) Programme

Position of funds: Available
Position of AA: Accorded 1aaA

1. The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), terms & condition of contract can be seen/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the dates shown below:-

	15.12.2021
1. Date of issue of Tender Notice	From 15.12.2021 01.00 PM
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 15.12.2021 01.00 PM
3. Bid Submission Start Date	From 21.12.2021 04.00 PM
5. Bid Submission End Date	22.12.2021 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Qazigund
6. Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	

Tenders from the eligible Contractors only having the following pre-qualifications will be considered:

- a) Latest GST Return with GST Registration/PAN.
- b) Enlistment Card duly renewed with verification.
- c) Bidders address format
- d) Tender document fee in the shape of Treasury Challan
- e) Bid security declaration form sworn on Affidavit duly notarized
- f) Affidavit:

- The bidder has to upload an affidavit that:-
 - He is not a defaulter, Black listed or debarred by any department.
 - He has completed all jobs assigned to him successfully.
 - Bid is valid for 90 days.
- He is accepting all the terms and conditions of NIT, Acceptance Ball Technical Specification & Conditions. If the bidders fails to upload only document, that same shall be out rightly rejected.
- The bids shall deposit in electronic format on website www.jktenders.gov.in & shall be opened on above mentioned date by the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Qazigund in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present. In case of holiday / office happens to be closed on the scheduled date of opening, the bids will be opened on next working day or any other working day to be decided by the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Qazigund at the scheduled time and venue.
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- Clarification if any shall be sought from the office of the Executive Engineer, PHE Division Qazigund.
- It is mandatory upon the bidder to upload "Bidders Address Format" duly filled in under his seal and signature for future correspondence, which is attached with this NIT.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies (preferably in original Color format on minimum of 150 dpi) of all necessary documents like Cost of Tender document in the form of Treasury Challan / GST & Return / Bidders Address Format / Registration card duly renewed / bid security declaration form duly notarized. The hard copies of bidding documents are not necessary to deposit in the Divisional office as per standing Govt. instructions. However, after opening of tenders online, the bidders (or any bidder) can be asked to produce the uploaded documents in physical form for verification. Any bidder who has furnished misleading/wrong or fraudulent information/ documents, his earnest money will be forfeited and defaulting contractor shall be debarred from taking works in PHE Department for a minimum of one year. Besides the 1st lowest bidder must ensure to deposit the uploaded cost of tender document in the form of Treasury challan in physical form. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason what so ever.
- The date of start of work shall be reckoned from the date of issuance of LOI/Contract allotment as the case may be.
- Other terms & conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form-25 double/FC-31.
- The GFR-17/PWD Engineering Manual 2020 will govern the terms and conditions of the contract.

No. PHB/ 4371-85
Dated: 15.12.2021
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Qazigund

DIPK-15015/21



CITY

Non-Local Servant Stabs Elderly Woman To Death In Lal Bazar

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: An elderly woman was allegedly killed by her non-local servant in Lal Bazar area of Srinagar on Thursday. The non-local allegedly involved in his killing has also decamped with some cash and jewellery from the house.

Official sources told the news agency that a lady identified as Mala Puffi, 85, wife of Late Ghulam Ahmad Sheikh of Behrar Lal Bazar, Srinagar was attacked with a knife by their non-local servant. They informed that the lady succumbed to her injuries.



However, the non-local servant identified as Omprakash Sah, 21, son of Gopal Sah of Village Tatuli Gormadn Uttarakhand has decamped with some cash and jewellery from the house, they said—(KNO)

The non-local servant identified as Omprakash Sah, 21, son of Gopal Sah of Village Tatuli Gormadn Uttarakhand has decamped with some cash and jewellery from the house

PSAJK Committee Finds Objectionable Content In Two Books

KO NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar: An Expert Committee of Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir that was tasked to check the content of schools books in Kashmir has recommended banning two Urdu books for class 5 and class 3, after finding objectionable content in the book.

The Expert Committee while presenting its findings before the Association flagged the books titled Mehboob Urdu published by Franklin International, New Delhi as having objectionable content. The Association was formed by the committee after the recent controversy regarding objectionable content in a particular book came to fore.

“We have started an exercise to check the content of all books that are prescribed for children for various classes in Kashmir. During this exercise we found that

two Urdu books titled Mehboob Urdu are having objectionable content in them. These books have various caricatures that are not allowed in Islam. Such things hurt the sentiments of people. We have recommended immediate removal of such books from the syllabus,” said Khurshid Bismil, Chairman of the Expert Committee.

After receiving the report from the Expert Committee, PSAJK has issued an advisory asking all the schools that had prescribed the particular books in their syllabus to remove the same immediately. The Schools have been asked to collect each and every copy of such books from their stock and from every student too. All the copies of such books should be destroyed, the Association advised the schools. Furthermore the book dealers in Kashmir are also asked to remove the stock of the said books from their collection.

DIAL-EMMA



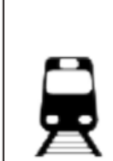
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- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,245222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

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SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311



RAILWAYS



- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BUBHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS



Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
Mughal Road - (Open)
Srinagar- Leh- (Closed)



HIJRI
CALENDAR
12 Jumada al-awwal
1443

PRAYERS

FAJR	5: 58
ZUHR	12:25
ASR	3:46
Magrib	5:27
ISHA	6: 52

Gazi Baabal Transport Sumo Stand Kreeri, Baramulla NOTICE

آج مورخہ 12 دسمبر 2021 کو بروز اتوار صبح کے 10:30 کو اسٹینڈ خدائیں ایک بنگائی اجلاس پایا گیا۔ جس میں ان آنیجھ مہروں کے بارے میں ایک اہم فیصلہ ہوا ہے جو مہران مارچ 2020 سے ماہانہ مہرپ خیز ادا فائل (Defaulter) رہے ہیں۔ جن کو باقاعدہ نوٹس جاری کر دی گئی تھی ان کو اسٹینڈ کی طرف سے صرف ایک ہفتہ دیا گیا ہے کہ وہ لوگ اپنا تمام بھاریات رقم سمیت نوٹس خیرگی کے ساتھ اس ماہ کے 20 تاریخ تک ادا کریں۔ تاکہ ان کو مہرپ خیز خزانے سے نکال جائے۔ جو یہ آنیجھ مہران ہیں ان کے نام مندرجہ ذیل ہے۔ 1 آخر احمد کرمائی کریری۔ 2 عاتق احمد عبدالعزیز شیشہ میرا کہنہ تر کام۔ 3 محمد رفیع بٹ ولد عبدالغفار بٹ ساکنہ چیک ٹاپ۔ 4 گلزار احمد صوفی کریری 5 غلام نبی الدین کریری 6 غلام الدین لون مارہولہ۔ 7 محمد تقیول میر کریری۔ 8 محمد یوسف بٹ ساکنہ کھنڈرو غیر مشائیں ہیں۔ ان کو اس ماہ کے 20 تاریخ تک اپنا تمام بھاریات رقم اسٹینڈ میں جمع کرنا ہوگا۔ اگر یہ لوگ اس مدت تک اپنا بھاریات رقم وصول نہ کر پائیں گے۔ تو مدت گزر جانے کے بعد ان کی مہرپ خیز خزانہ کر دی جائے گی۔ اور کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔ اس کے علاوہ جن مہروں کو ماہانہ فیڈ بھاریات ہے وہ بھی اپنا بھاریات رقم 20 دسمبر 2021 تک جلد از جلد وصول کریں۔ لہذا یہ اقدام مہران آج کے سٹیٹنگ میں پایا گیا ہے۔ اور تمام مہران ان نوٹس سے مطلع ہوا ہوں گے۔

باقی واسلام

President Sumo Stand Kreeri,

Baramulla



DIRECTORATE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORTS UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

(NAAC ACCREDITED GRADE "A+")
HAZRATBAL SRINAGAR, KASHMIR- 190006
Email:- directorsports@uok.edu.in

NOTICE

This is in continuation with the previous communications regarding collection of sports certificates, it is hereby once again issued for the information of all students who have represented the University of Kashmir in different Inter-University Tournaments from 2011 onwards to collect their Certificates from this office within a period of fifteen days from the date of issuance of this notice, after which no claim for the issuance of the same will be considered. Further, the Principals of affiliated Colleges are requested to depute their Physical Directors / Incharge Sports to collect the Inter-College Certificates (Winner / Runner-up only) from this office by or before 30th December 2021.

DIPK-NB-5890/21

No.F(Certificates-DPE&S)KU/21
Dated:-15-12-2021

Sd/-
Dr. Nisar Ahmad Khan Coordinator
Physical Education & Sports

Jammu & Kashmir

Haj Committee

Under Department of Haj & Auqaf, Govt. Of Jammu & Kashmir

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Relaxation in upper age limit for making online application for Haj 1443 (H) – 2022 (C.E.) – regarding.

As per Circular No 4 issued vide No HC-24/52/2021-2022/884 dated: 14/12/2021 by Haj Committee of India, the restriction of upper age limit has been cancelled so as to facilitate the elderly intending Pilgrims to make online application for Haj-2022. Subsequently, the pilgrims above the earlier notified age limit of 65 years are eligible to submit online application for Haj 1440 (H)-2022 including those above the age of 70+ years. It is further notified that the application(s) of 70+ intending pilgrims shall be registered under Reserved Category as per the Haj Policy for Haj-2018-22.

70+ RESERVED CATEGORY:- Conditions:-

- Only those applicants shall be eligible for Reserved Category, who have NEVER performed Haj in their entire life time, either through Haj Committee of India or Private Tour Operator or by any other means (but excluding official Haj duty which exclude deputiation as KuH).
- In case the number of applications under Reserved Category received in a State/ UT, exceeds the quota allocated to the State/UT, then Qurrah (draw of lots) will be conducted within the Reserved Category. Therefore, even in Reserved Category, no applicant can claim selection as a matter of right.
- The Reserved Category applicants shall submit a Solemn Declaration in the given format on plain paper with signature.
- Registration under the Reserved Category shall be final only after the details and documents etc. furnished by the applicant have been verified by the SHC and HCol. Reserved Category: 70+ Applicants:
 - An applicant who completes 70 years or more as on 31st May, 2022 (i.e., applicants who were born on or before 31st May, 1952), along with ONE companion will be registered under this category.
 - Companion is a MUST and no 70+ applicant alone will be registered under this category. For two 70+ pilgrims in a single cover, two companions shall be allowed.
 - The companion should be an immediate relative namely Husband/Wife/Brother/Sister/Son/Daughter or Grandson/Granddaughter or Son-in-law/Daughter-in-law or Nephew/Niece. No other relation will be allowed to travel as companion.
 - Neither 70+ pilgrim, nor his/her companion will be allowed to travel alone. If the application of the 70+ pilgrim is cancelled for whatever reason, the application of the companion shall get automatically cancelled. Substitution of companion by a person who is not a part of the Cover can be allowed only in case of death of original companion. However, a companion will be allowed to travel for Haj in case of death of 70+ applicant or lady pilgrim, if the death occurs after allotment of Flight Date. CEO, HCol is the competent Authority to review and consider such cases and his decision shall be final and binding on all affected Repeater Haj Applicants.

The benefit of Reserved Category will not be applicable to invalid applications. In case a Cover comprises of pilgrims falling under Reserved Category and General Category, the Cover shall be registered under General Category.

WARNING:

In the following cases, all applications shall be cancelled at any stage of Haj application processing. Such an applicant shall not be allowed to proceed for Haj and shall be Off-loaded even at the embarkation point. The entire amount deposited by such applicants shall be forfeited. Besides, such applicants may also be prosecuted:-

- An applicant who has declared wrong address, or has applied more than once in one or more State/Union Territory for Haj 2022.
- An applicant of General Category who furnished false information or concealed the fact of having already performed haj through Haj Committee of India.
- An applicant of Reserved Category who furnished false information or concealed the fact of having already performed Haj through Haj Committee of India Or Private Tour Operator or by any other means.

It is once again clarified that all the arrangements for Haj 1443-(H) – 2022 (C.E.) are being made under Special Circumstances with Special norm, rules and regulations, eligibility criteria, age restrictions, health and fitness requirements and other relevant conditions as Kingdom of Saudi Arabia may determine and deem appropriate amid Covid – 19 Pandemic. However, the entire process of inviting online applications for Haj – 2022 is provisional subject to further changes or amendments in guidelines by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

DIPK-15043/21
No: Haj/2020/120

Dated: 15/12/2021

Executive Officer
J&K Haj Committee.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B SUB-DIVISION MAGAM

FRESH NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Fresh NIT No: 148/ R&B of 2021-22 DATED:- 14/12/2021.

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

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	Earnest money	Time of Completion (In days)	Time & Date of Opening tor of Bid	Class of Contract- (Civil/ Sanitary)	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Construction of Sub-Centre Cum ANM residence (Balance work with Sanitary fittings) at Gogaldara.	11.38	600/-	3% of quoted cost within 03 days after opening of financial bid	60	22-12-2021	D/C/B (Civil/ Sanitary)	5475-BADP (Health)

Position of funds: Available

- The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-
 - The cost of tender documents should be collected by introducing e-challan or simple uploading a copy of necessary Treasury challan / receipt (M.H 0059) only as per enclosed format.
 - Actual Treasury challan / receipt be submitted to the concerned authority as per the order principal secretary to Govt. Finance Department No. A/24 (2017) / 651 Dated: 07-06-2018 duly endorsed by Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Baramulla / Kupwara vide his No. SE (R&B)/374/-46 Dated: 25-06-2018.
 - All bidders has to submit bid security declaration form instead of earnest money deposit (EMD) as per the circular of finance department (Bid security form is as per Annexure "A" below).
 - The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount of 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.
 - The Successful bidders have to start the work within 07 days, otherwise action shall be taken as per the norms.

S.No.	Date of issue of tender Notice
1	Date of issue of Tender Notice
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents
3	Bid submission start date
4	Bid submission end date
5	Date & time of opening of bids (online)

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (tender inviting authority).
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Sub-Division Magam (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
- The bidder has to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
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.
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.
3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1 on any other convene day
5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically / by registered post / through courier before the date specified in Para-1.
- 6.
19. The bidders should record their contact numbers in the Divisional Office.
20. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).
21. In case any new circular / instructions / order is issued by the competent authorities during the current financial year, the same shall be implemented / treated in force on all the tenders floated from time to time.

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From KO Archives

High time to settle Kashmir issue: EU

Agencies

ISLAMABAD: French envoy to Pakistan today said European Union welcomes any initiative which would facilitate the resumption of dialogue between New Delhi and Islamabad to resolve the Kashmir issue.

Envoy Yannick Gerard called for a peaceful solution of the Kashmir is "sue," which would meet the aspirations of the Kashmiri population, first and exhausted victim of this long-standing dispute." That's why the European Union, and France of course, favour any initiative which could be conducive to a calmer atmosphere and renewed dialogue. We think that such initiatives should be taken by all the concerned parties and we keep on telling that in all occasions," French envoy said in an interview.

EU has already welcomed the truce offered by the Indian government as well as the responding "restraint" announced by Pakistan, he added.

"We certainly think that it is now high time, for all parties, to take the courageous decisions required to stop the present stalemate".

The current deadlock between New Delhi and Islamabad," is making the region really too dangerous and unstable. So let's hope that such a process can begin," said Yannick Gerard.

Gerard said the continued tension over Kashmir, besides exhausting the populations of the concerned areas, "is a major factor of instability for the whole South Asia." "It creates a volatile and dangerous situation which is jeopardizing and hampering the stability and the development of a whole and potentially dynamic region," said the French envoy.

Some steps, like the Lahore process or the search for confidence-building measures, had been taken, even in the recent past, which could be used as guidelines in order to find a way out.

"We will encourage any of such initiatives" aimed at re-starting dialogue and settling peacefully and fairly the dispute. Confidence and dialogue have to be restored by the parties by any means," he said.

He said the European Union and the French Government, certainly acknowledged the repeated Pakistani offers to dialogue, as "a positive step." Paris have been emphasizing on the necessity for re-summation of "a since dialogue," between India and Pakistan, he said. To a question on a possible role of All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC), Gerard said, "Everybody concerned by the Kashmir issue has, at its own level, to play its role in breaking the impasse.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 17 DECEMBER, 2000)

RSF: Record 488 Journalists Imprisoned, 46 Killed In 2021



Agencies

There are currently 488 media professionals imprisoned around the world, the highest number since Reporters Without Borders began counting more than 25 years ago, the NGO announced Thursday.

By contrast, the number killed this year -- 46 -- was the lowest since it began issuing annual tallies, due to the relative stabilization of conflicts in the Middle East.

"The number of journalists detained in connection with their work has never been this high since RSF began publishing its annual round-up in 1995," the NGO, which battles for freedom of the press, said in a statement.

The number has risen by some 20% over the past year thanks largely to crackdowns on the media in Myanmar, Belarus and Hong Kong.

RSF said it had also never seen so many female journalists detained, with the overall number of 60 representing a third more than 2020.

China leads the way for imprisoned journalists with 127, thanks in large part to the national security law it imposed on Hong Kong, undermining many of its long-standing democratic freedoms.

'People's tribunal'

Myanmar was second with 53, followed by Vietnam (43), Belarus (32) and Saudi Arabia (31).

The falling number of deaths since a peak in 2016 reflects changing dynamics in Syria, Iraq and Yemen, where a reduction in conflict means fewer journalists have been drawn to the region.

Most of the 46 killings were assassinations: "65 percent

THE NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS detained in connection with their work has never been this high since RSF began publishing its annual round-up in 1995,"

were deliberately targeted and eliminated," the report said.

The most dangerous countries were once again Mexico and Afghanistan, with seven and six journalist deaths respectively, followed by Yemen and India with four apiece.

RSF also counted 65 journalists and colleagues held as hostages around the world.

All are in the Middle East -- Syria (44), Iraq (11) and Yemen (9) -- apart from French journalist Olivier Dubois, held in Mali since April.

A "people's tribunal" to achieve justice for murdered journalists opened in The Hague last month to defend media freedoms in an age of increasing authoritarianism and populism.

Set up by a coalition of press freedom organizations, the hearings lasting six months will focus on the unsolved cases of three journalists murdered in Mexico, Sri Lanka and Syria.

While it has no legal powers to convict anyone, the tribunal aims to raise awareness, pressure governments and gather evidence through what it calls its form of "grassroots justice".

The tribunal was organized by Free Press Unlimited (FPU), the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), and Reporters Without Borders.



Molecular biology tech, Sarah Corcoran, prepares SARS-CoV-2 samples as part of the RNA sequencing process at Ohio State University, where the Omicron variant of coronavirus was recently identified in several samples from Ohio, in Columbus, Ohio, US, December 13, 2021. (Reuters photo)

Omicron Thrives In Airways, Not Lungs; New Data On Asymptomatic Cases

The following is a summary of some recent studies on COVID-19. They include research that warrants further study to corroborate the findings and that has yet to be certified by peer review.

Omicron multiplies faster in airways, slower in lungs

Major differences in how efficiently Omicron and other variants of the coronavirus multiply may help predict Omicron's effects, researchers said on Wednesday.

Compared to the earlier Delta variant, Omicron multiplies itself 70 times more quickly in tissues that line airway passages, which may facilitate person-to-person spread, they said. But in lung tissues, Omicron replicates 10 times more slowly than the original version of the coronavirus, which might contribute to less-severe illness.

A formal report of the findings is under peer review for publication and has not been released by the research team. In a news release issued by Hong Kong University, study leader Dr. Michael Chan Chi-wai said, "It is important to note that the severity of disease in humans is not determined only by virus replication" but also by each person's immune response to the infection, which sometimes evolves into life-threatening inflammation.

WHILE OUR MOLECULAR structure predictions are by no means a final word on Omicron, (we hope) they enable a faster and more effective response from the global community."

Chan added, "By infecting many more people, a very infectious virus may cause more severe disease and death even though the virus itself may be less pathogenic. Therefore, taken together with our recent studies showing that the Omicron variant can partially escape immunity from vaccines and past infection, the overall threat from Omicron variant is likely to be very significant."

Omicron grips cells more tightly, withstands some antibodies

A structural model of how the Omicron variant attaches to cells and antibodies sheds light on its behavior and will help in designing neutralizing antibodies, according to researchers.

Using computer models of the spike protein on Omicron's surface, they analyzed molecular interactions occurring when the spike grabs onto a cell-surface protein called ACE2, the virus's gateway into the cell.

Metaphorically, the original virus had a handshake with ACE2, but Omicron's grip "looks more like a couple holding hands with their fingers entwined," said Joseph Lubin of Rutgers University in New Jersey. The "molecular anatomy" of the grip may assist in explaining how Omicron's mutations cooperate to help it infect cells, Lubin added.

The research team also modeled the spike with different classes of antibodies trying to attack it. The antibodies attack from different angles, "like a football team's defense might tackle a ball carrier," with one person grabbing from behind, another from the front, Lubin said. Some antibodies "appear likely to get shaken off" while others are likely to remain effective. Booster vaccines raise antibody levels, resulting in "more defenders," which might compensate to some extent for "a weaker grip of an individual antibody," Lubin said.

The findings, posted on Monday on the website bioRxiv ahead of peer review, need to be verified, "particularly with real-world samples from people," Lubin said. "While our molecular structure predictions are by no means a final word on Omicron, (we hope) they enable a faster and more effective response from the global community." -REUTERS

President Kovind Attends Victory Parade On 50th Year of Dhaka Fall

DHAKA: President Ram Nath Kovind on Thursday attended the Victory Day Parade as the "Guest of Honour" here as Bangladesh marks 50 years of victory in the Liberation War against Pakistan by showcasing its military might which included spectacular aerobatics and display of defence acquisitions.

A 122-member strong tri-services contingent from India also took part in the parade watched by Bangladesh President M Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, as well as ministers, diplomats and other dignitaries at the National Parade Ground.

The Indian contingent drew loud cheers from the crowd as it marched past with the announcer acknowledging India's contributions to Bangladesh's Liberation War of 1971.

President Kovind, who



is here on a maiden three-day State Visit, joined as the "Guest of Honour" at the National Parade Ground to mark the golden jubilee of the Victory Day of Bangladesh.

Prime Minister Hasina was seen excitedly applauding the march-past, the flypast, aerobatics display, armoury acquisitions of different regiments and contingents of the armed forces, on the parade ground.

Earlier, President Hamid and

Prime Minister Hasina paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the Liberation War by placing wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar.

On this day in 1971, Lt.Gen. Amir Abdullah Khan Niazi, heading 93,000 Pakistani troops, surrendered to the Indian Army under the command of Lt.Gen. Jagjit Singh Aurora in Dhaka, and East Pakistan was declared as the newly liberated "Bangladesh". -PTI

Syrian Soldier Killed In Israeli Missile Attack: State Media



Agencies

A Syrian soldier has been killed in an Israeli missile attack in southern Syria, according to Syria's state news agency (SANA).

"At around 12:50am (23:50 GMT Wednesday), the Israeli enemy carried out an air raid with several missiles in the direction of the occupied Syrian Golan and targeting several positions in the south," a military source was quoted by SANA as saying on Thursday.

The Syrian air defences managed to "shoot down most of the missiles", said the source, who specified that "the aggression caused the death of a soldier and material damage".

The Israeli military has not commented on the report.

Since war broke out in Syria in 2011, Israel has staged hundreds of strikes on targets inside areas controlled by the government of President Bashar al-Assad, but rarely acknowledges or discusses such operations.

Earlier this month, Syria's military said Israeli fighter jets fired missiles on the port of Latakia, damaging containers

but without inflicting casualties. The port is a vital facility where much of Syria's imports are brought into the war-torn country.

In late November, Israeli missile attacks in the west of Homs province also killed five people, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

In two separate Israeli attacks in October, five pro-Iranian militiamen were killed near the Syrian capital, Damascus, while nine pro-government fighters were killed close to the T4 airbase east of Palmyra in central Syria, the United Kingdom-based monitoring group said.

Israel has acknowledged that it targets the bases of Iran-allied militias, such as Lebanon's Hezbollah group, which has fighters deployed in Syria to back al-Assad's forces.

It says it attacks arms shipments believed to be bound for the militias, calling Iranian presence on its northern frontier is a red line.

The conflict in Syria has killed hundreds of thousands of people since it started in 2011 with the brutal repression of peaceful demonstrations.

US Releases New Trove Of Secret John F Kennedy Assassination Files

Agence France-Presse

WASHINGTON: US authorities released thousands of pages of secret documents Wednesday on president John F. Kennedy's assassination, a case that still fuels conspiracy theories despite the official conclusion he was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald.

The CIA and FBI files show US investigators spread their net wide and deep to find out if Oswald conspired with others in the November 22, 1963 murder that shocked the world.

Documents show they chased down myriad leads, from Soviet intelligence to African communist groups and the Italian mafia.

The papers also show the extensive US efforts to spy on and influence the communist government of Fidel Castro in Cuba, where Oswald had contacts and which Kennedy had sought to overthrow.

The 1,491 files, many of them lengthy reports, were posted on the JFK Assassination Records page of the National Archives, which already has tens of thousands of listings related to Kennedy's death and the investigation that followed.

Kennedy's assassination has long given rise to numerous conspiracy theories that do not accept the official verdict that Oswald worked alone when he shot Kennedy as the young president was rolling through the streets of Dallas, Texas in a convertible limousine.

Some believe Oswald, a communist sympathizer, was put up to it by Cuba or the Soviet Union. Others believe that anti-Cuba activists, possibly with support in US intelligence or the FBI, had Kennedy killed.

And still others believe his political rivals could have been at the root of the assassination.

'Sinister conspiracies'

Four years ago, then-president Donald Trump was legally bound by a 1992 law to release the information held back by US intelligence on the subject.

The law requires all government records on the assassination to be disclosed "to enable the public to become fully informed."

Trump declassified more than 53,000 documents in seven tranches, taking the portion of the entire assassination archive available to the public to 88 percent, according to the National Archive.

But Trump left thousands of



others under wraps on national security grounds.

This year, President Joe Biden pledged to honor the law, but he too came under fire in October when the White House postponed more releases.

Biden said at the time the delay was necessary "to protect against identifiable harm to the military defense, intelligence operations, law enforcement, or the conduct of foreign relations."

The White House is now under pressure to complete reviews of the documents before the end of 2022.

Philip Shenon, an expert in the Kennedy Assassination dossier, wrote in an article published by Politico on Wednesday that there are probably documents that will never be released for security reasons.

"So long as the government continues to keep some documents hidden, it will only further promote the idea that sinister conspiracies about Kennedy's death have a basis in fact," he said.

"Today, QAnon, which the FBI has deemed a domestic terrorism threat, has embraced JFK conspiracy theories," Shenon added, referring to the US conspiracy movement that has in recent years crept into the mainstream.

Shenon estimated that 15,000 assassination-related documents remain classified, most of them from the CIA and FBI.

Jackie Kennedy interview missing

Jefferson Morley, who keeps a website on the assassination, JFKFacts.org, and who has spent years in court seeking the declassification of documents, said the newest release still holds important records back.

Importantly, he said, interviews that historian William Manchester did with Kennedy's wife Jackie Kennedy and brother Robert Kennedy (RFK) remain restricted.

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This Indian CEO Has Bagged A 'Staggering' Elon Musk-Like Pay Package

Bloomberg

Shareholders of QuantumScape Corp., the solid-state battery startup that went public through a blank-check deal last year, approved a multimillion-dollar pay package for its top executive that one proxy adviser called "staggering" in size.

Under the agreement, Chief Executive Officer Jagdeep Singh could receive stock options potentially valued at as much as \$2.3 billion, if the company meets various milestones, according to estimates by proxy advisory firm Glass Lewis. On a webcast of QuantumScape's annual shareholder meeting Wednesday, the package passed in a preliminary vote, and the company said a final tally would be available later.

"The disclosed dollar value cost of the grant is staggering," Glass Lewis, which had urged stockholders to reject the package, wrote in a recent report. Institutional Shareholder Services, another advisory firm, also opposed it.

Large pay packages are becoming increasingly common among fast-growing startups, particularly after the success of Tesla Inc. unleashed a wave of cash in the electric vehicle market. Such pacts echo the compensation agreement that helped make Tesla CEO Elon Musk the world's richest person, said Dayna Harris, a partner at executive compensation firm Farient Advisors. At least 15 corporate leaders received awards valued at \$100 million or more last year, a threefold increase from when Musk received his in 2018.



"We strongly believe in setting challenging, hard-to-achieve goals, and then focusing efforts to make them happen," QuantumScape had said in

a letter to shareholders defending the package. "This is why we based this new award on stretch goals and why we gave our key executives the ability to share in the upside in a way that is commensurate with the difficulty of achieving them."

QuantumScape, backed by Volkswagen AG and Bill Gates's venture fund, rocketed to a valuation of almost \$50 billion late last year on the promise of its next-generation technology, which could dramatically speed EV adoption by providing automakers with a safer, cheaper alternative to lithium-ion batteries. It has come under pressure this year from short-sellers questioning its prospects, with shares plunging 72% through Tuesday's close.

The shares tumbled another 4.3% as of 12:32 p.m. Wednesday in New York.

Internet Addiction Among Kashmiri Children Worrisome: Experts

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Mobile phones, which were originally designed for communication purposes are currently being abused for a variety of ways. Playing internet games has become a frequent tendency among the kids in this digital era.

Experts believe that rather than seeing technological advancements as a blessing for improving one's intellectual ability, young people have come to regard cell phones as nothing more than a game play gadget.

They said youth in Kashmir are spending most of their time on phones playing PUBG games which they regard as mood lifters but spending more time on social media is becoming internet addiction which is causing more harm than the momentary respite.

Dr Rizwan a social activist from south Kashmir said that Kashmiri kids are addicted to online games like PUBG besides spending time on fantasy sports manager application Dream 11 and in last two years on excuse of online classes they spend more time on phones.

"I have seen young kids on daily basis asking their parents to provide them Rs 50 to 100 for internet pack for online classes. But they spent the money on online games," he said.

Rizwan said that internet addiction mainly includes playing online games which has become a threat to our society and it might damage our young generation if not addressed quickly.

Parents from different areas of Kashmir also said that their children were good at studies and were using their spare time in playing outdoor games but after Covid-19 restrictions, online

classes have made our children smartphone addicts.

"My son hardly goes out for outdoor games since Covid-19 lockdown last year and he spends most of his time on the phone on excuse of giving online classes and sometimes downloading material," Haseena, a parent from Anantnag said.

"Since he started spending more time on smartphone, he has become lazy and of violent behavior, besides that he sleeps for just a few hours at night," She said. "I always pray for the opening of schools so that offline classes will start so that the phone addiction habit will go away."

Dr Mohammed Maqbool Head of Department (Psychiatry) at GMC Srinagar said that internet addiction causes psychiatric problems as internet addiction is a disorder itself.

"There is a pathway in the brain known as the reward pathway and if we give any drug to any person, it stimulates the reward pathway and the same is the case with internet addiction," Maqbool said.

"It is the same like if anyone wants to leave drugs there are withdrawal symptoms. Anyone who wants to leave internet addiction can suffer from symptoms like palpitation, anxiety, depression and less sleep," he said.

"If a person is spending 10 hours on the phone, they should decrease it by 30 minutes after every two or three days, it will help the person in leaving the addiction and symptoms will be less," Maqbool said.

Experts believe that persistent counseling, making youth aware about the ill effects of internet addiction and asking them to spend time in outdoor games can help them in leaving this addiction—(KNO)

Fresh Snowfall Closes Leh Highway

GANDERBAL: After fresh snowfall in upper reaches of Zojila in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, the authorities on Thursday closed the Sonamarg-Zojila road for vehicular movement.

Drass and Sonamarg areas have experienced fresh snowfall today following which the authorities decided to close Sonamarg-Zojila road for vehicular movement.

The road has been closed as a

precautionary measure in wake of the slippery conditions triggered by fresh snowfall.

Reports said that Sonamarg, Menimarg and other areas received fresh snowfall today morning.

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) Traffic, Mehraj U Din said that keeping in view slippery condition and fresh snowfall, the Sonamarg-Zojila road has been closed as a precautionary measure—(KNO)

BJP Creating New Parties In Kashmir To Ensure Majority In Assembly: Omar

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Thursday claimed that the BJP was creating new political parties in the Valley to ensure a majority in the legislative assembly for passing a resolution in favour of the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status and its bifurcation into union territories.

He said the saffron party knew it that it will fall short of the majority in the House on its own whenever elections are held.

"They want to use a majority in the assembly to bring a resolution that will undo the earlier resolution. Then they will go to the Supreme Court and tell it that the case filed (by NC Lok Sabha members) against abrogation (of Article 370) is false as people are satisfied. The Supreme Court will have no option but to throw out the case, Abdullah said.

"The BJP knows it won't get any seats from Kashmir...That's why new parties are being created to shore up a majority. The

PAGD was formed to ensure that the BJP does not get a majority," he added.

Abdullah was addressing a party convention in Bandipora district in north Kashmir.

He said District Development Council elections were announced with the aim to break the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD).

"They thought either the alliance will break over seat-sharing or it will lose elections. Neither of the two happened. In fact, the alliance won the maximum number of seats. It proved that people from Kashmir and Jammu were not with the decision taken in August 2019.

Then some alliance constituents were separated from it on one pretext of the other. Some way or the other, they want to prove that people are with the decision of August 5," the NC leader said.

He claimed that the efforts of the BJP are now focussed on showing to the world, through the legislative assembly, that the decisions of August 5, 2019, are

acceptable to people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"In 2000, J-K Assembly passed an important resolution. By virtue of that resolution, J-K Assembly had sought restoration of internal autonomy. That resolution is still part of the assembly record. Nothing has come to change that. Just like a resolution was passed in Parliament with regard to Jammu and Kashmir. Whenever there is talk about J-K, the members of Parliament say entire Jammu and Kashmir belongs to India and it is the job of the government to implement the resolution. On the same lines, the resolution of Assembly is binding on all governments," Abdullah said.

He said the BJP is actively pursuing the resolution route to erase the previous resolution passed by the assembly 21 years ago.

"They know our case in the Supreme Court is strong. Had our case been weak, the hearings would have been held much earlier. That's why they want to pass the resolution in the assembly," he added.

Yechury Writes To Prez Seeking Ouster Of J&K HC Chief Justice

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Thursday urged President Ram Nath Kovind to remove Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh (J&K&L) High Court's Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal for allegedly speaking "against the Indian Constitution".

While addressing a programme organised by an organisation affiliated to the RSS on December 5 at Jammu, Mithal spoke "against the Constitution of India", Yechury claimed in his letter to Kovind.

"It has been widely reported in the media that Mithal addressed a seminar organised by the Akhil Bharatiya Adhivakta Parishad and said the following, 'Inclusion of the terms secular and socialist in the Preamble of the Constitution had narrowed India's spiritual image'," Yechury said.

"Mithal is further reported to have said, 'Sometimes, we bring amendments due to our admanacy'," he noted.

Utterances against the country's Constitution by a high court chief justice, that too from

a platform which preaches a particular ideology, is an undeniable offence which is in violation of the oath taken by him to carry out his constitutional functions, the CPI(M) leader asserted.

"Mithal's conduct (is) unbecoming of the constitutional office of the chief justice that he is holding (and it) warrants his immediate removal from the said office," he stated.

"As the custodian of the Constitution, as the head of the State and as the appointing authority of Mithal, I request your good self to immediately set in mo-

tion the process for his removal from office to uphold the sanctity of the Constitution and independence of judiciary," Yechury said.

AC Okays Up-Gradation Of Jammu Dental College

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, accorded the administrative approval to the construction of additional block of Indira Gandhi Government Dental College, Jammu at an estimated cost of Rs. 44.46 crore, an official spokesperson said Thursday.

He said that the construction of the new block will cater to the increased patient load by creating infrastructure for several clinical departments including hospital administration, emergency section, operation theatre, wards, prosthodontics

& dental material department, pedodontics department, oral pathology, dental histology department, and community dentistry department.

He further said the enhanced infrastructure will also remove the deficiency pointed out by the team of Dental Council of India (DCI) during their visit to college in terms of in-sufficient building infrastructure for starting of PG Courses in the next session.

"The decision is aimed at providing quality dental services to the public and introducing post graduate courses in dental care. It will also support the up-gradation of vital Dental care services on modern grounds," the official spokesperson added.

Prof Ganai Is Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday appointed Dr. Nazir A. Ganai as Vice Chancellor of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Sciences & Technology, Kashmir (SKUAST).

According to an official spokesperson, in pursuance to the orders of the Lieutenant Governor, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Director Planning & Monitoring, SKUAST- Kashmir took over as the Vice-Chancellor of SKUAST- Kashmir on Thursday afternoon.

Dr Nazir, he said is a researcher and teacher par excellence is a genius researcher.

Prof Nazir Ahmad joined the University in 1993. During his illustrious career he has served the University in different capacities as Associate Director

Research, Founder Head, Division of Biotechnology, Head Division of Animal Genetics & Breeding, Coordinator H R D Program (Biotechnology), Coordinator Star College Program, DBT, MoST GoI, Coordinator Bio-informatics Center DBT, MoST GoI, In-Charge Sheep Research Station, In-Charge Cattle Research station, SKUAST-Kashmir. Prof. Nazir Ahmad has supervised more than 17 externally funded projects which include Rs.35 crore World Bank funded project, IDP-NAHEP.

On his joining, the official spokesperson said, Prof. Nazir Ahmad was greeted by all teaching and non-teaching staff of the University, who assured him full cooperation in taking the University to newer heights.



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NOTICE INVITING FRESH E-BIDS

E-OUTSOURCE NOTICE NO. 04 of 2021 Dated: 8.12.2021

Due to backing out of Highest Bidder and no response from other bidders who where offered the asset on the rates quoted by highest bidder , fresh e-outsourcing notice (in single cover system) for and on behalf of Hon 'ble Lt. Governor of J&K UT are invited on unit basis from General public for the following asset.

S. NO	Description of assets with Location.	Document fee (Non-refundable) in Rs.	Minimum Bid for First 365 days (with 10% increase on compound basis for every subsequent 365 days spell).	Security Deposit (Rs. In lacs)	Outsourcing period.
1	01 No Double Bedroom wooden Huts at Reshkhali Dodhpathri.	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 1.25 Lacs	0.15	1095 days

The bidding document consisting of details of assets, terms and conditions etc can be seen / downloaded from the website WWW.JKtenders.gov.in as per scheduled dates given below:

Date of issue of Tender Notice	08.12.2021.
Date of Publication online	13-12-2021 (3:00 PM)
Downloading of Document	From 13-12-2021 (11:00 AM) to 27-12-2021 (11:00 AM)
Uploading of documents	From 13-12-2021 (2:00 PM) to 27-12-2021 (06:00 PM)
Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)	28-12-2021 (11:30 AM)

NO:- Est/OS/DDA/ 1441-54
Dated:- 08-12-2021
DIPK-NB-5878/21

Sd/
Chief Executive Officer
Doddhpathri Dev. Authority

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(UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) LEFT RIVER CIRCULAR ROAD DIVISION SRINAGAR.
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS.

E-Tender NIT No: 31/LRCR/2021-22 DATED:- 14/ 12/ 2021

S.No	Name of Work	Advt. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Time & Date of Opening of Bid
1	2	3	4	6	8	9	7
1	Construction 'D' Category Fire and Emergency Service station at SMR Gunj Srinagar (Civil component Only)"	133.20	2600	18 Months	AAY Class Civil/Sanitary	Capex Budget	24-12-2021

Position of AAA: Accorded
Position of TS: Accorded
Position of Funds: Committed

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

14-12-2021			
1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	FROM	TO
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	15-12-2021 11:00 A.M	23-12-2021
3.	Bid submission Start Date	15-12-2021	FROM 11:00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	23-12-2021	UPTO 4:00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	24-12-2021 at 11:00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) LRCR Division Srinagar.	
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of introducing Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) LRCR Division Srinagar (tender receiving authority), by simply uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan Receipt and bid security Declaration as per format attached..
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) LRCR Division Srinagar, (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain Valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- As per the circular issued by the Govt. of Union Territory of J&K Finance Department vide No.A/Misc(2018)-III-895/J dated 22.12.2020. (a) All the bidders have to submit bid security declaration instead of bid security deposit (Earnest money) on court stamp paper (100 rupees) which shall be duly signed by the bidder with full residential address, Card registration details & active Phone / Cell Nos. Form of bid security declaration attached as Annexure-A. (b) The lowest bidder (L1) also called the successful Bidder has to produce a performance security amount equal to 3% (Three percent) of the contract value in the shape of CDR / FDR immediately after the opening of financial bids, but prior to fixation of contract. The same shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period (DLP). (c) In case of abnormally low bids, the tender inviting Authority reserves the right to ask from the bidder for additional performance security with the approval of the next higher Authority which shall be binding upon the bidder in such case.
- If any bidder / tenderer withdraws / modified his bid during the period of validity etc, the Department is at liberty to suspend the bidder for one year or as shall be deemed suitable by the tender inviting Authority. Same shall hold good if the bidder fails to produce performance security within the specified time.
- The successful bidder (L1) shall have to furnish hard copy of the uploaded documents viz Registration card duly renewed, Valid GST Registration, PAN Card, GSTR-3B etc. alongwith Treasury Challan Receipt & Bid security declaration form (Annexure-A) on court stamp paper (Rupees 100) in original.
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- The bidder / Agency shall upload verification report of registration card duly signed by issuing authority of registration card of if the verification of registration is being processed the bidder shall upload an affidavit stating therein that the verification report shall be produced well before the issuance of allotment.

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NOTICE INVITING E - TENDERS:

Short Terme- NIT No: 79/ PHE/Bud/ Civil of 2021-22.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu Kashmir U.T., e - tenders are invited (in Single Cover System) on "item rate basis" from Registered/Approved and valid Civil class of contractors/agencies registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments and whose registrations are renewed for current financial year for the following works:

Table I

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (In ₹)	Amount of earnest money (in ₹)	Time for completion (In Days)	Class of contractor	Major head of account	Tender Call
1	Repairment water supply scheme at Nijloo Poonchgund S.No. 217	4.50	500/-	9,000/-	15 Days	D / C	Dist. CAPEX (PRI/ DDP Grants)	2 nd
2	Installation of water supply pipes at Sail Block Beerwah S.No. 222	3.00	300/-	6,000/-	20 Days	D / C / B	Dist. CAPEX (PRI/ DDP Grants)	2 nd
3	Water pipe line for village Nursingpora. Block Beerwah PYT HALQA Nursingpora.S.NO OF LIST (31). (Under DDP)	3.00	300/-	6,000/-	20 Days	D / C / B	Dist. CAPEX (PRI/ DDP Grants)	2 nd
4	Laying of water pipes for 11 wards at Dandosa S.No. 1215	2.90	300/-	5,800/-	20 Days	D / C / B	Dist. CAPEX (PRI/ DDP Grants)	2 nd
5	Requirement of new pipe lines at Harinoo. S.No: 117	2.08	200/-	4,160/-	20 Days	D / C / B	Dist. CAPEX (PRI/ DDP Grants)	2 nd
6	Water supply scheme for Bon Punchgund S.No. 219	1.99	200/-	3,980/-	20 Days	D / C / B	Dist. CAPEX (PRI/ DDP Grants)	2 nd

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TABLE (II)

01	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	13.12.2021
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 14.12.2021 10:00 a.m. To 20.12.2021 04:00 p.m.
03	Bid Submission Start Date	14.12.2021 10:00 a.m.
04	Bid submission End Date	20.12.2021 Upto 04:00 p.m.
06	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online)	21.12.2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam)

- Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money, CDR/FDR and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favor of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 90 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam) on 21.12.2021 at 11:00 a.m. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids

No:- PHE/Bud/6637- 71
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K O V I E W

Endless Wait

Once again, the centre has made it clear that the statehood to Kashmir will be restored at “an appropriate time.” This time, the assurance was given by the union minister of state for home Nityanand Rai in a written reply in Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. He was replying to a question whether there is a timeline to grant statehood to the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The minister also said that the decision to schedule elections is the prerogative of the Election Commission of India.

This is the umpteenth time now since the centre has used the phrase “appropriate time” for the restoration of statehood to Kashmir. This actually means there is no definite timeline that the union government is willing to follow on this. The centre is understood to not be in favour of restoring statehood until it has completed the process of fresh delimitation of Assembly seats. And to this end, a delimitation commission has been working for the last one and a half years and it is due to present its draft report later this month.

The exercise is expected to change the electoral game in the Valley. The commission set up by the government is expected to enhance the seats for Jammu division making it politically at par with Kashmir. Should that happen, a Jammu-based party like the BJP would have more political weight in the future J&K Assembly. And even if a Kashmir-based party were to form or lead a future government, it would have little maneuvering space to carry out its agenda or overturn the laws passed by the New Delhi backed administration over the last two years.

Going forward, the situation looks very uncertain. It is unlikely that space for normal political activity will open up anytime soon. Though the Delimitation Commission has invited parliament members of National Conference to its meeting in New Delhi on December 20 and the NC is likely to attend, this may not change much. The centre, on the other hand, is in no mood to engage with Kashmiri establishment parties after their meeting with the prime minister few months ago. The harsh truth is that if at all, the centre will engage on its terms and offer little accommodation to the demands of the major regional parties like the National Conference and the PDP. There is also little hope that these parties would be allowed to publicly raise their issues. They will have no option but to wait and watch. For now, it will be interesting to see what the Delimitation Commission has in store for us.

OTHER OPINION

Trailblazing Feminist Author, Critic And Activist Bell Hooks Has Died At 69

The prolific and trailblazing author, poet, feminist, cultural critic and professor bell hooks died Wednesday at age 69. Her death was first announced by her niece, Ebony Motley, who said that she had died at home surrounded by family and friends. No cause of death was reported, but Berea College in Kentucky, where hooks had taught since 2004, said in a news release that she had died after an extended illness.

Preferring to spell her name with no capital letters as a way of de-emphasizing her individual identity, bell hooks was born Gloria Jean Watkins as the fourth of seven children in Hopkinsville, Ky., on Sept. 25, 1952. Her pen name was a tribute to her maternal great-grandmother, Bell Blair Hooks.

She attended segregated schools in her native Christian County, Ky., before earning her undergraduate degree at Stanford University in California, a master's degree in English at the University of Wisconsin and a doctorate in literature at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

She taught at Stanford University, Yale University, Oberlin College in Ohio and the City College of New York before returning to Kentucky to teach at Berea College, which now houses the bell hooks center.

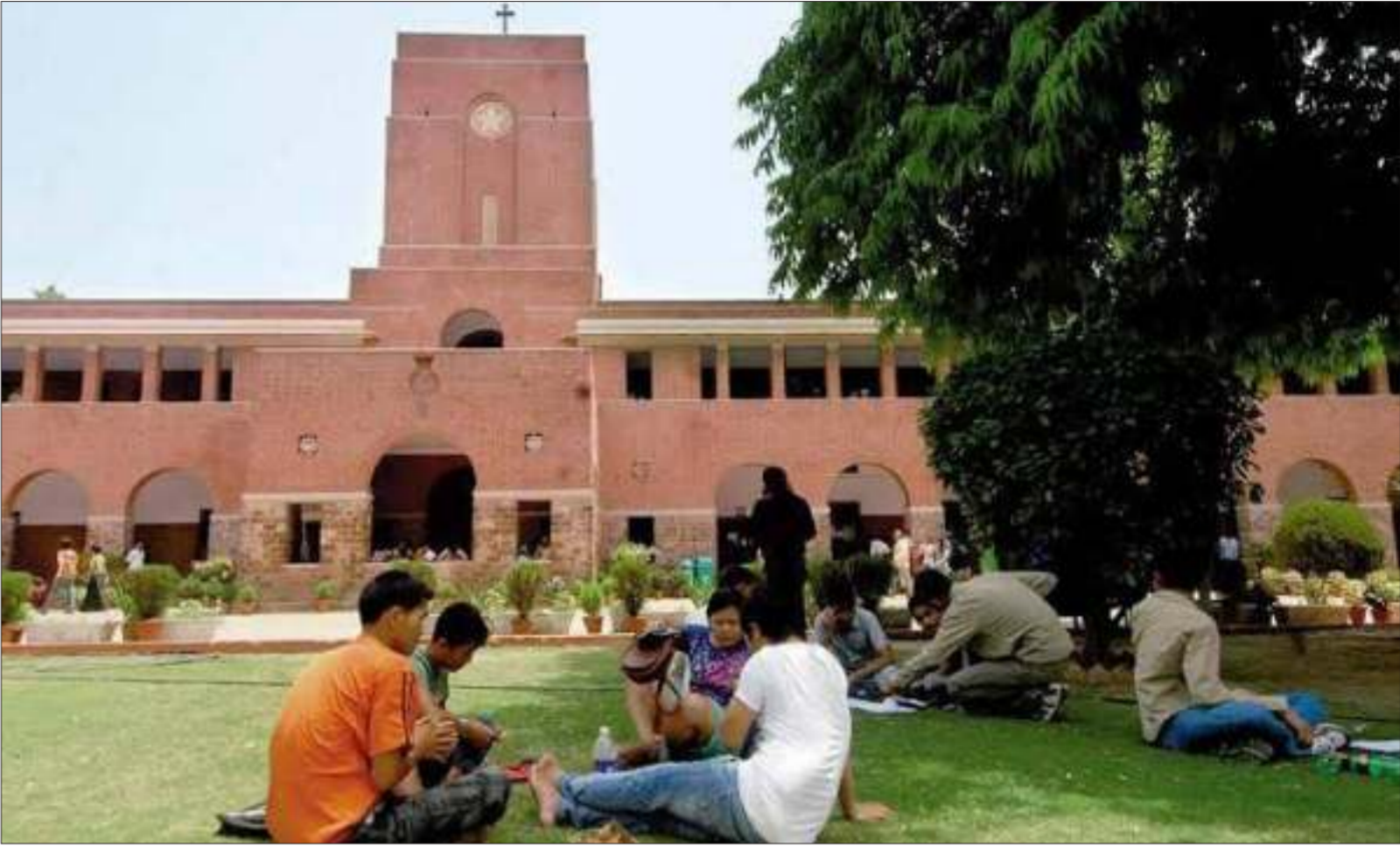
The author of more than three dozen wide-ranging books, hooks published her first title, the poetry collection *And There We Wept*, in 1978. Her influential book *Ain't I a Woman: Black Women and Feminism* followed in 1981. Three years later, her *Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center* explored and criticized the feminist movement's propensity to center and privilege white women's experiences.

Frequently, hooks' work addressed the deep intersections of race, gender, class, sexuality and geographic place. She wrote about her native Appalachia and growing up there as a Black girl in the critical-essay collection *Belonging: A Culture of Place* and in the poetry collection *Appalachian Elegy: Poetry and Place*.

In a 2000 interview with *All Things Considered*, hooks spoke about the life-changing power of love — that is, the act of loving and how love is far broader than romantic sentiment. “I’m talking about a love that is transformative, that challenges us in both our private and our civic lives,” she said. “I’m so moved often when I think of the civil rights movement, because I see it as a great movement for social justice that was rooted in love and that politicized the notion of love, that said: Real love will change you.”

NPR

The Idealism Within
Finding Idealism In Humanities Education In India



Vamsee Juluri

Chief Justice of India N V Ramana expressed a concern that generations of students and parents can relate to (‘No country for ivory towers’, IE, December 11). The push towards professional degrees turns life into a prison drill for children, and what these degrees yield is, at best, private success for the students who survive it and for the companies that profit from their labour. The absence of humanities in education, and the need for “idealism” to accompany “ambition,” was rightly pointed out by him.

Having leapt (or stumbled) from a professional degree to the liberal arts myself, I wish to share a few concerns about the state of “idealism” in humanities education today. There is, however, also hope for such idealism in my view, evoked, coincidentally enough, also by Justice Ramana from a gesture he made at the annual convocation of the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning in Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh.

If the balance of goals between students and teachers in universities once lay between a pursuit of knowledge for its own sake (say, humanities) and that of knowledge for personal benefit (professional degrees), today the picture seems to have shifted towards a different ideal supplanting both — social justice.

University leaders are concerned about issues like equity and diversity, and increasingly, corporate employers too have taken to the language of social justice and change.

But, as the deep polarisation in America in recent years shows, this seeming wedding of idealism and ambition in education has been a dismal failure. Schools, parents, professors, diversity experts, activists — everyone seems to be in con-

flict with everyone else. In a recent election for governor in Virginia, the Democrats lost because of a feeling that the party establishment and mainstream media had demonised parents concerned about a new “social justice”-oriented curriculum in schools as racists and even terrorists. “Woke” has become an insult in some circles, and a badge of honour in others.

There is a lesson to be learned in all this. If education aimed at promoting social justice of the sort taught widely in American colleges and schools has led to a growing

positions that will define the discourse, while the other will merely focus on earning a living, finding its voice ever diminished in the running of the nation.


Is there a way out of this path of polarisation? Critical Humanities from India, edited by D Venkat Rao, offers a deeper insight into the role of education in addressing Indian pasts and futures than most “critical” paradigms have offered so far. Even as Indian and Indian-origin scholars abroad (mostly identified as “South Asian” for the convenience of the American ivory tower) profess a “critical” postcolo-

ceptions of “man” that still exist and express themselves, albeit in complicated ways, that we might learn from. One such space in my life happened to be Prasanthi Nilayam, the ashram of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba where Justice Ramana spoke recently. At the end of his formal speech calling on students to live up to the ideals of their institution, he suddenly switched from speaking in English to Telugu, because, he said, Baba valued three things: “Matru-murthi, Matrubhasha, Matrudesam.” The audience broke out in applause. To use a creative writing analogy, it was as if everything else had been about “telling” what was important, and these words, in Telugu, were now “showing” it. Macaulay, it seemed, was slain momentarily by an evocation of Matrutva.

My formal education may have been in an English-medium school (whose claim to fame is churning out CEOs) and a Marxism-heavy American university. But I was taught by a lot more, including the experience of culture and community in Prasanthi Nilayam, a place like no other I had seen. The real hope for idealism, I think, is the fact that while many of us might mistake our formal education for the limits of knowledge, the real world of generations of life is also present around us. If we can inspire our students to look beyond the physical classroom to the lessons all around, including the lessons “within”, perhaps a renewed humanities will indeed blossom.

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Dear VC, Reopen 24*7 Reading Room At KU

With deference I want to draw your kind attention towards the serious issue of closure of 'round-the-clock' reading room facility at the University of Kashmir for more than two years now. The library was closed after the abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two union territories. The erosion of J&K's semi-autonomous status was followed by prolonged closure of educational institutions across the valley. After that the virulent covid-19 pandemic triggered successive lockdowns. However, with the receding of the second wave of covid-19 the university was opened, but the students are yet bereft of 24x7 reading room facility.

The closure of 'round-the-clock' reading room facility in Kashmir University has caused immense impediments to students associated with varsity in their studies. The reading room of the

Allama Iqbal has a capacity to accommodate around 200 to 250 students at a time. Its closure has adversely affected the studies of students of varsity, which has put their future in jeopardy. Earlier, when the students had reading room facilities, they would study during the night hours in the reading room to prepare for semester and competitive exams. The reading room proves the knight in shining armour for those students who share rooms with 3-4 persons. It is not possible for them to study in a room because of the unfeasible milieu there.

Students of the varsity protested multiple times against the inordinate closure of the 24x7 reading room facility, but all the protests proved unavailing so far. Their protests were reported by different newspapers and news portals to convey their genuine demand to authorities, but the authorities turned deaf ear to the incessant requests of the students. Instead of redressing

this genuine demand of students, the authorities gave feeble excuses which can not go down the throat of any logical person. They falsely claim we are concerned about the health of students and ventilation problems can occur there because the reading room is located in an underground story. They should understand students are the most disciplined folk of any community and they better know how to follow Covid-19 protocols and save their lives. They should understand the plight of students. And the question is when every department of the university is organizing events every month, markets and restaurants are packed with people and covid-19 SOPs going for the toss every now and then, why can the reading room not be reopened 24x7 for our students who will seriously adhere to the covid-19 SOPs?

I want to apprise you that, library plays a stern and climacteric role in our academic lives. And the most

important thing in the library is the reading room facility. One could say; a reading room is to a library, what pilot is to aeroplane. Reading rooms provide a relaxed ambience for students to study. It provides a peaceful atmosphere to educate seekers of knowledge. Evidence suggests learning outcomes are better in schools, colleges and universities that have reading room facilities on-site.

I earnestly request the honourable vice-chancellor of Kashmir University to take this matter seriously and redress this genuine demand of students as soon as possible. I humbly entreat you to direct the Chief Librarian of Kashmir University to resume the 24x7 reading room facility, so that students don't suffer further.

Ummar Jamal
Student Law Faculty and coordinator of JKSA (Jammu and Kashmir students Association)

MINDFUL FRIDAYS

“BAAR BAAR MISLI TULUN”

Is Picking At Your Skin A Mental Health Issue?

Wasim Kakroo

Do you have a habit of picking at rough surfaces on your skin such as at face, arms, legs, hands, feet etc. especially when you feel distressed? Have you developed visible scars as a result of skin picking? Do you feel a need to keep the scars of skin picking hidden from others? Do you find that picking at your skin interferes with your social or professional life? Do you hesitate going to the gym because your scars might be visible? Or do you spend a lot of time before work or social gatherings covering up sores?

You may have a skin-picking disorder, also known as Compulsive Skin Picking, Dermatillomania, or Excoriation Disorder, if you can't seem to quit.

What Is Skin-Picking Disorder?

Skin picking or dermatillomania is a mental health issue characterized by an urge for picking, scratching, and poking at one's own skin, followed by a sense of relief in the tension but accompanied by guilt for picking the skin and by frequent, futile attempts to stop doing so.

Excoriation disorder can be physically and emotionally distressing if left untreated. Picking at all areas of the skin, including the skin, scalp, cuticles, face, and back, is common in people with the illness, causing open sores that are painful and embarrassing. As a result, the patient frequently feels guilty and ashamed.

Skin-picking activities may be done mindlessly and unintentionally, or they can be deliberate. The intervals between picking behaviors could be as short as a few minutes or as long as many hours every day.

Why Do People Pick Their Skin?

Average people without illness pick at their skin in the hope of smoothing it out, eradicating dry skin, or getting rid of scabs, however, individuals with skin picking disorder, on the other hand, find it difficult to break the habit, which often makes the skin worse and prevents it from fully healing. When a person is anxious or disturbed, they may pick at their skin to relieve the anxiety. Skin picking and other body-focused repetitive habits are believed to bring a sense of relief during stressful situations. Individuals with excoriation disorder may also pick skin merely because they feel bored. Many of these people aren't even conscious that they're picking at their skin in the first place.

What are the signs of Skin-Picking Disorder?

Unlike other mental illnesses, the symptoms of skin picking disorder are observable. Scratches, scabs, sores, scars, and lesions in one or more places of the skin are the most evident indications. Because the picking is still going on, these places will be in various degrees of recovery.

Although the signs of excoriation disorder are clear, it is unusual that anybody will witness the event. People with skin-picking conditions often only pick in secret or in the presence of close friends or family members due to emotions of shame and guilt. While it might be difficult to distinguish excoriation from common injuries, recurrent injuries in the same location are a hallmark of the illness.

The following are some other symptoms of excoriation disorder:

- Spending a lot of time thinking about or discussing skin blemishes or conditions
- Frequently squeezing, popping, cutting, or lancing skin with various tools
- Covering scars with clothing that isn't appropriate for the season
- Being secretive or lying more about



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- one's activities
- Mood swings that aren't predictable
- Scabs or fragments of skin are held, played with, or collected.
- Because skin-picking behaviors can take up a lot of time, the person may be late for work, class, or appointments. They may be failing in school or struggling to keep up with the demands of their employment, and as a result, they may become increasingly isolated.

It could be a symptom of skin picking disorder if the person frequently seeks medical consultation from a dermatologist for open sores or to treat skin infections because of skin picking. Picking, in more severe situations, can result in disfigurement that requires surgery to correct.

What are the causes and triggers of skin picking disorder?

Skin-picking behavior can be caused by genetic or environmental triggers. Heredity appears to be the most major risk factor for skin picking disorder. Those who have a close relative with OCD or a related disorder such as Body Dysmorphic disorder, hoarding disorder or hair pulling disorder are more likely to develop skin pulling disorder.

Other common risk factors include:

Being a woman: Women make up about 75% of those who suffer from skin picking disorder.

Being an adolescent: Many cases of the illness start when a child is in the early stages of puberty.

Having acne: Often, skin picking disorder gets triggered with a dermatological condition, like acne, that becomes a focus for the individual.

What is the treatment of Skin-Picking Disorder?

Habit reversal training and stimulus control are two of the most common therapies used by psychologists to help people for body-focused repetitive behaviors such as skin picking. When these strategies are used together, people can find new ways to cope with anxiety or engage in behaviors that do not cause harm to the skin (e.g., squeezing a stress ball or wearing gloves that make picking difficult).

Skin picking disorder frequently necessitates seeking professional help from a trained psychologist due to its chronic nature, as symptoms rarely go away on their own. Skin-picking conditions can be helped with specialized behavioral treatment and medications that provide

to completely eliminate symptoms; however psychotherapy can achieve noticeable results rapidly.

Pharmacotherapy:

Psychiatrists sometimes utilize a combination of psychotropic drugs to treat skin-picking symptoms rather than just one. To reduce the possibility of adverse effects, it is critical to take all drugs as recommended and have clear communication with your psychiatrist.

Skin-picking disorder is treated with a variety of medications, including:

Antidepressants: This family of medications has shown some success in decreasing picking by targeting the brain's serotonin system. Fluvoxamine (Luvox), citalopram (Celexa), escitalopram (Lexapro), fluvoxamine (Luvox), and sertraline (Zoloft) are some of the medications available.

Opioid antagonists: Skin Picking can be treated by medications commonly used in treatment for patients with substance use disorders. One commonly used example is naltrexone.

N-acetylcysteine (NAC): N-acetylcysteine (NAC) and other medicines that interact with the brain neurotransmitter glutamate have been shown in studies to help with OCD and related disorders.

Some helpful ideas to deal with Skin Picking Disorder:

1. Stress management:

Skin-picking is common among persons who are under a lot of stress. A person might get motivated to lessen their desire to pick their skin by managing their stress. undoubtedly stress reduction is a

the client instruction and direction to change their thoughts and actions.

Psychotherapy for excoriation is an excellent first-line treatment for limiting symptoms safely and efficiently. It has been demonstrated that meeting with a counsellor, social worker, or psychologist in an outpatient setting to discuss the problem, its impact, and potential remedies is beneficial.

Psychotherapy:

Skin-picking disorder is commonly treated with the following therapies:



Acceptance and commitment therapy: Acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) is a type of psychotherapy that focuses on teaching mindfulness skills to accept the unpleasant aspects of life while simultaneously committing to changing unwanted ideas, attitudes, and emotions.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT): Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), is a wide therapeutic approach based on the interconnectedness of thoughts, feelings, and behaviours. CBT is used to stop skin picking behaviors by changing thinking and moderating feelings related to skin picking.

Habit reversal training (HRT): Habit reversal training (HRT) is a type of cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) that has become the golden standard treatment for skin picking disorder and other body-focused repetitive behaviours. Habit awareness training, competing motor responses, relaxation techniques, and social support are used in this form of therapy.

Because skin-picking disorder is a chronic illness, it might take a long time

complicated and multi-factorial endeavor, so people should concentrate on both prevention and damage control. A person who practices mindfulness, relaxation, or physical exercise on a daily basis is taking preventive action. Damage control is when a person takes deep breaths to deal with current stress. Both techniques are necessary for lowering stress and reducing picking behaviors.

2. Recognize and Manage Your Emotional Triggers

Excoriation can be triggered by a variety of emotions, including stress, but there are other emotions that can lead to a larger desire to pick. Even minor levels of anger, boredom, annoyance, shame, or sadness might make some people pick their skin. Sometimes even happiness may trigger a desire to pick then skin. Triggers are unique to each individual. The idea is to recognize these emotions, recognize warning signs, and take appropriate action.

3. Recognize Your Physical triggers

Physical triggers are equally as important to recognize as emotional ones. Physical triggers can include a specific skin condition (such as acne), location, temperature, or other physical/environmental cues, rather than specific feelings. Each person should take some time to write down the times, locations, and circumstances that trigger unpleasant behaviors so that they can avoid them and plan accordingly.

4. Share your distress

Excoriation disorder is largely centered around acts of secrecy, isolation, guilt, and shame. People may hide their illness for fear of being judged or being stigmatised because of their mental illness, but those who take the risk of sharing the knowledge will be rewarded. They should understand that, the trusted empathizers in and outside the family will most likely rally around him or her to offer reassurance, direction, and love. Second, telling people might assist to reduce feelings of shame and guilt associated with skin picking.

5. Manage the Triggers

After a person has identified and studied their triggers, they can engage in situations and surroundings that do not trigger picking. If they only pick in their bedroom, they should use bedroom only for sleeping. If they only pick when they are alone, they should make an effort to spend as much time as possible with their family and friends. It becomes more difficult to engage in compulsive skin-picking when a person has control over the situation. Emotional triggers are more difficult to control, but the same concepts apply in handling such triggers also.

6. Seek out skin-care products

Because an occurrence of acne can trigger excoriation, doing everything you can to improve your skin's health can help you avoid developing long-term skin-picking habits. Skin care routines that are both healthy and simple, as well as a consultation with a dermatologist, can help you avoid or lessen excoriation while also increasing your self-esteem and confidence.

7. Seek Counseling

When skin picking symptoms are mild, a person can regulate the illness by making minor behavioral modifications. However, when symptoms are moderate to severe, patients will require the guidance, techniques, and interventions that can only be provided by a trained mental health therapist. Experts such as counsellors, psychologists, and psychiatrists are some of the professionals who may help with this problem.

8. Talk to a psychiatrist

As discussed above, psychiatrists can help the person to deal with the impulsivity and emotionality related to skin picking by providing medications. Although medication is not appropriate for everyone with excoriation disorder, it does help some people, especially with severe symptoms. Medication can help alleviate symptoms on its own, but it can also help therapy function more effectively.

In conclusion, skin-picking disorder has the potential to cause severe unpleasant feelings as well as dangerous medical consequences; therefore people should take this mental health issue seriously. Skin picking is a well-treated mental health issue, therefore there is reason to be hopeful. That means you or a loved one can get care quickly and effectively.

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Study suggests overweight kids may develop heart complications

Agencies

According to a new study by the University of Georgia, obesity could affect badly on children's cardiovascular systems both now and down the line.

The research has been published in the 'Pediatric Obesity Journal'.

The study measured abdominal visceral fat levels and arterial stiffness in more than 600 children, adolescents and young adults. Visceral fat is the fat found in the abdomen that infiltrates vital organs. Arterial stiffness forces the cardiovascular system to work harder to pump blood throughout the body.

The researchers found significantly higher levels of visceral fat and arterial stiffness in the overweight youth, suggesting that abdominal fat likely contributed to cardiovascular problems in kids.

"The stiffer the artery, the faster blood is going to move through those blood vessels, and that can be detrimental and over-stress our system," said Joseph Kindler, corresponding author of the study and an assistant professor of nutritional sciences in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

"As these issues build up, unfortunately, it's sort of this game of dominoes. You tip one over, and the rest of the systems start being overtaxed. That's when really pervasive health issues can occur," he added.

Studies of cardiovascular risks in youth are limited, but researchers believe that the negative changes to the cardiovascular system that lead to disease and heart attacks likely begin in childhood and adolescence.

"We want to prevent cardiovascular disease. We want kids to live strong, healthy lives into adulthood," Kindler said.

"But to do that, we need to know the underlying factors contributing to poor health outcomes so that we can identify where to target, whether that's through diet, physical activity, sleep or some other intervention. Identification is key, and then intervention is critical," he added.

The researchers used technology known as dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry, or DXA, to measure levels of body fat in the children.

It's a technique commonly used in the fields of bone and hormone research. And it's becoming more common in body fat research because it gives scientists the same information as traditional scans. But it's faster, less expensive and doesn't require large doses of radiation like other scans do.

They also measured how long it took for participants' blood to make it from the central part of the body to the lower limbs, a standard way of assessing arterial stiffness.

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Subject: Filling up of vacant post of Lecturers in Government Medical College Jammu/Srinagar and its Associated Hospitals and Super Speciality Hospital-Jammu/Srinagar.

Reference: Health & Medical Education Department's Letter No's i. MEGAZ-53/2020 dated 28-09-2020; and ii. MEGAZ-187/2014 dated 11-08-2021

Notification No: 12 - PSC (DR-P) OF 2021
Dated: 14-12-2021

Applications through online mode are invited from the applicants who are domiciled in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and are possessing the prescribed Academic/Professional qualification and age for the following posts in terms of the Jammu and Kashmir Medical Education (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 1979 issued under SRO 517 dated 19.09.1979; Government Order No. 782-JK (HME) of 2020 dated 06.10.2020 (Super Speciality Jammu); Government Order No. 961-HME of 2019 dated 24.10.2019 (Super Speciality Srinagar) and the "Jammu & Kashmir Probationer (Conduct of Service, Pay & Allowance) and Fixation of Tenure Rules, 2020" notified vide S.O. 192 of 2020 dated: 17.06.2020 read with The Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission (Business and Procedure) Rules, 2021:-

1. Lecturers,
2. Dy. Medical Superintendent and
3. Medical Record Officer.

IMPORTANT

> The Application Form together with instructions for filling up the Application Forms will be available at the website of the Commission from 20.12.2021

> Candidates are advised to go through the instructions and all the eligibility conditions prescribed for the post before filing the online Application Form.

> Last date for filling of online Application complete in all respects along with the requisite fee (online mode only) is 19.01.2022

> The last date for receipt of online applications provided in the notification shall be the cut-off date for determining the eligibility as regards acquisition of Domicile Certificates and educational and professional qualifications.

> The minimum and maximum age will however be reckoned with reference to 1st January, 2021.

> Candidates can edit some of the fields in their online application form from 22.01.2022 to 24.01.2022 (up to 11.59 PM). Instructions in this regard will be separately made available on the website.

> Candidates are required to upload all the mandatory prescribed/requisite documents.

> Candidates will not be required to submit a Hard copy of the online application form and the mandatory prescribed/requisite documents.

> In case the mandatory prescribed/requisite documents are not uploaded with the online application form, the application form/Candidature of the applicant is liable to be rejected.

> Candidates are advised in their own interest to submit online applications much before the closing date and not to wait till the last date to avoid the possibility of disconnection/inability to pay fee or failure to login to the online application portal on account of heavy load on the website during the closing days.

2. Details of post with category wise breakup is given below

ITEM	Post with Pay Scale	OM	RBA	sc	ST	ALC/IB	SLC	PSP	EWS	Total
No										
Lecturer, Government Medical College, Srinagar (Super Speciality) Level 9 (52700-166700)										
05	Medical Oncology	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
06	Nephrology	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
07	Urology	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Lecturer, Government Medical College, Jammu (Super Speciality) Level 9 (52700-166700)										
08	Cardiology	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
09	Cardio Thoracic Surgery	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
10	Neuro Surgery	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Lecturer, Government Medical College, Srinagar (Level 9 (52700-166700))										
11	Anaesthesiology	02	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	04
12	ENT	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
13	Forensic Medicine	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
14	Medicine	01	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	03
15	Obsts. & Gynae	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
16	Ophthalmology	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
17	Orthopaedics	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
18	Paediatrics	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
19	Radio Diagnosis	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
20	Radio Therapy	01	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	03
21	Surgery	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
Lecturer, Government Medical College, Jammu (Level 9 (52700-166700))										
22	Anaesthesiology	03	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	06
23	Blood Bank	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
24	Obsts. & Gynae	06	01	01	01	01	-	-	-	11
25	Ophthalmology	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
26	Surgery	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
27	S&PM	01	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	03
28	Radio Diagnosis	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
29	ENT	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
30	Dy. Medical Superintendent	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
31	Medical Record Officer	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
Total										60

3. Prescribed Qualification

Designation	Qualification	Experience
Lecturer in GMC Jammu/Srinagar and its Associated B.		Hospitals.
Anaesthesiology	MD/MS (Anesthesiology) DFACS Specialty, Board of Anesthesiology (USA) or an equivalent qualification.	As Registrar / Tutor, Demonstrator / Tutor or a Senior Resident for a period of two years in a recognized Teaching Medical Institution recognized by the Medical Council of India or the University of Jammu/Kashmir.
ENT	M.S. (ENT) /Specialty board of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology (USA) or equivalent qualification.	As Registrar / Tutor, Demonstrator / Tutor or a Senior Resident for a period of two years in a recognized Teaching Medical Institution recognized by the Medical Council of India or the University of Jammu/Kashmir.
Forensic Medicine	M.D in (Forensic Medicine) M. D (Pathology); M. D (Path and Bact); Ph. D; D. Sc; Specialty Board of Pathology	As Registrar/Tutor, Demonstrator/Tutor or a Senior Resident for a period of two years in a recognized Teaching Medical

(USA) M. R. C. Path (UK)

Medicine

M.D. (Medicine/General Medicine) MRCP, FRCP, Specialty Board of Internal Medicine (USA) or an equivalent qualification in the subject.

Obsts. & Gynae

M.D (Obst. & Gynae.) M.S. (Obst. & Gynae.), M.O./M.R.C.O., M.D/M.S. (Midwifery and Gynae.), Specialty Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (USA).

Ophthalmology

M.S (Ophthalmology)/FRCS (Ophthalmology) Specialty Board of Ophthalmology (USA).

Orthopaedics

M.D (Radio-Therapy); M.D/M.S Radiology; Specialty Board of Radiology (USA) or equivalent qualification.

Paediatrics

M.D in (Paediatrics), Specialty Board of Pediatrics (USA).

Radio Diagnosis

M.D (Radio Diagnosis and Imaging); M.D./M.S Radiology; Specialty Board of Radiology (USA) or equivalent qualification.

Radio Therapy

M.D (Radiotherapy) M.D/M.S Radiology, Specialty Board of Radiology (USA) or equivalent qualification.

/Surgery

M.S. (General Surgery/ Surgery) F.R.C.S; Specialty Board of Surgery (USA) or equivalent qualification in the subject.

Institution recognized by the Medical Council of India or the University of Jammu/Kashmir.

As Registrar/Tutor, Demonstrator/Tutor or a Senior Resident for a period of two years in a recognized Teaching Medical Institution recognized by the Medical Council of India or the University of Jammu/Kashmir.

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Social & Preventive Medicine

M. D in Social and Preventive Medicine/Community Medicine; Specialty Board of Social and

As Registrar/Tutor, Demonstrator/ Tutor or a Senior Resident for a period of two years in a recognized Teaching

Preventive Medicine (USA); Dr. P. No. John Hopkins); Dr. P. M. (Harward) Dr. P.H (California).

Medical Institution recognized by the Medical Council of India or the University Jammu/Kashmir.

Blood Hank

Post-graduate in Pathology, Haematology i.e. MD (Pathology/Haematology /Path and Bact), Ph. D., D. Sc. Specialty Board of Pathology/Haematology (USA) or MRC Path. (UK)

As Registrar/Tutor, Demonstrator/Tutor or a Senior Resident for a period of two years in a recognized Teaching Medical Institution recognized by the Medical Council of India or the University of Jammu/ Kashmir.

Lecturer, Government Medical College, Srinagar (Super Speciality)

Medical Oncology

i. DM (Medical Oncology) Or ii. DNB (Medical Oncology) from a Multi-Speciality Teaching Institution/Hospital, having at least 500 Bed strength, duly recognized by Medical Council of India. Where DNB (Medical Oncology) has not been done from a 500 Bedded Institution/Hospital, the candidate shall have additional one year Senior Residency or equivalent experience from an Institution/Hospital duly recognized Medical Council of India.

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Nephrology

i. DM (Nephrology) Or ii. DNB (Nephrology) from a Multi-Speciality Teaching Institution/Hospital, having at least 500 Bed strength, duly recognized by Medical Council of India. Where DNB (Nephrology) has not been done from a 500 Bedded Institution/Hospital, the candidate shall have additional one year Senior Residency or equivalent experience from an Institution/Hospital duly recognized Medical Council of India.

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Urology

i. DM (Urology) Or ii. DNB (Urology) from a Multi-Speciality Teaching Institution/Hospital, having at least 500 Bed strength, duly recognized by Medical Council of India. Where DNB (Urology) has not been done from a 500 Bedded Institution/Hospital, the candidate shall have additional one year Senior Residency or equivalent experience from an Institution/Hospital duly recognized Medical Council of India.

NA

Lecturer, Government Medical College, Jammu (Super Speciality)

Medical Oncology

i. DM (Medical Oncology) Or ii. DNB (Medical Oncology) from a Multi-Speciality Teaching Institution/Hospital, having at least 500 Bed strength, duly recognized by Medical Council of India. Where DNB (Medical Oncology) has not been done from a 500 Bedded Institution/Hospital, the candidate shall have additional one year Senior Residency or equivalent experience from an Institution/Hospital duly recognized Medical Council of India.

NA

Neuro Surgery

i. M. Ch (Neuro Surgery) Or ii. DNB (Neuro Surgery) from a Multi-Speciality Teaching Institution/Hospital, having at least 500 Bed strength, duly recognized by Medical Council of India. Where DNB (Neuro Surgery) has not been done from a 500 Bedded Institution/Hospital, the candidate shall have additional one year Senior Residency or equivalent experience from an Institution/Hospital duly recognized Medical Council of India.

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Cardiology

i. DM (Cardiology) Or ii. DNB (Cardiology) from a Multi-Speciality Teaching Institution/Hospital, having at least 500 Bed strength, duly recognized by Medical Council of India. Where DNB (Cardiology) has not been done from a 500 Bedded Institution/Hospital, the candidate shall have additional one year Senior Residency or equivalent experience from an Institution/Hospital duly recognized Medical Council of India.

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Cardio Vascular & Thoracic Surgery

i. M. Ch (Cardio Vascular & Thoracic Surgery)/ M. Ch (Cardiac Surgery)/ M. Ch (Vascular Surgery)/ M. Ch (Thoracic Surgery). Or ii. DNB Cardio Vascular & Thoracic Surgery from a Multi-Speciality Teaching Institution/Hospital, having at least 500 Bed strength, duly recognized by Medical Council of India. Where DNB (Cardio Vascular & Thoracic Surgery) has not been done from a 500 Bedded Institution/Hospital, the candidate shall have additional one year Senior Residency or equivalent experience from an Institution/Hospital duly recognized Medical Council of India.

NA

Dy. Medical Superintendent

Post-Graduate qualification in Surgery/Gynaecology or Medicine and/or other clinical subject/Hospital Administration.

Three years working experience of running a hospital after Post-Graduation.

Medical Record Officer

A Graduate with Certificate/Diploma in maintenance of Medical Record from an Institution recognized by the Government for the purpose.

Two year experience as Medical Record Officer.

4. Age as on 1st January 2021

The requirement of age for candidates belonging to Open Merit (OM) & various Reserved Categories is as follows:-

i) Lecturer in GMC Jammu/Srinagar and its Associated Hospitals

S.No	Category	Age limit	Not born after	Not born before
1	OM	40	01.01.2003	01.01.1981
2	RBA/SC/ST/ALC/IB/ EWS	43	01.01.2003	01.01.1978
3	In service candidate	45	01.01.2003	01.01.1976

ii) Lecturer in Super Speciality Hospital Jammu/Srinagar

S.No	Category	Age limit	Not born after	Not born before
1	OM/RBA/SC/ST/ALC/IB/OBC/EWS	50	01.01.2003	01.01.1971

5. Reservation

A candidate seeking his/her consideration under any Reserved Category must ensure that he/she possesses a valid requisite Category certificate as on the cut-off date. ii. The candidature of the candidates will be provisional till the genuineness of the reserved category certificate is verified by the Appointing Authority. iii. Candidates may note that in case a claim for reservation is made on the basis of false/fake/fraudulent certificate, he/she shall be debarred from the examination(s) conducted by the J&K Public Service Commission, in addition to any other penal action as may be deemed appropriate.

6. Domicile

The candidate should be a Domicile of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The candidate must possess a valid Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority in the prescribed format as on the last date prescribed for submission of online application form.

7. Requisite Fee

After successful submission of the online application form, candidate will be required to deposit requisite fee through online mode. The amount of fee to be paid is given below:

General Category Rs.1000.00

Reserved Categories Rs.500.00

PHC Candidates Nil.

Note:

The application Form submitted without deposit of the fee, which gets substantiated through reflection of the same on the application form, such application form shall be treated as incomplete and candidature shall be deemed to have been rejected without any notice. No representation against such rejection shall be entertained.

ii. Submission of multiple applications by way of prefixing Mr/Ms or through generation of multiple User ID's or any other mode, followed by either nonpayment of fee particulars or fee particulars (TID) of one application (RID) being mentioned against another application with a different RID would lead to rejection of the online application. The applicants who are submitting multiple applications should note that only the applications with higher Registration ID (RID) number shall be entertained by the Commission and fee paid against one RID shall not be adjusted against any other RID number. Besides a strict disciplinary action shall be taken including the cancellation of candidature and debarment for future examinations of J&K PSC will be taken against such applicants.

8. Documents to be uploaded

While filling the online application form the applicants are required to upload the documents as per details given below:

a) Documents (Mandatory):-

i) Date of Birth certificate (Secondary School/Matric Certificate- 01 leaf

ii) Domicile certificate - 01 leaf

iii) M.B.B.S Degree certificate along with consolidated Marks Cards-up to 05 leaves

iv) PG Diploma/PG/DNB (BS) alongwith consolidated marks card (for nonclinical posts) Certificate, along with Registration certificate, from competent authority-up to 04 leaves.

v) DM/M.Ch/DNB (SS) certificate along with result Notification- up to 03 leaves (when applying for Lecturer in Super Speciality Hospital, Jammu/Srinagar). vi) Certificate to the effect that DNB in the relevant Super Speciality has been done from a 500 bedded institution/ hospital or one year Senior Residency or equivalent experience, on prescribed format, from an Institution/Hospital duly recognized by the Medical Council of India, now National Medical Commission, (where applicant is applying for the Super Speciality post on the basis of DNB). vii) Verification Certificate from NBE for equivalence of DNB qualifications with MD/ MS or DM/M.Ch as per MCI Notification No. MCI-12(2)/2010-Med.Misc dated 11.06.2012 -01 leaf viii) Two years experience certificate from the teaching institutions recognized by the Medical Council of India (now National Medical Commission), as per format (Except for the post of Lecturer in Super Speciality Hospital Jammu/Srinagar). 01 leaf

b) Documents (Mandatory) if claiming benefit under that category):-

i) Valid category certificate - 01 leaf

ii) For Physically Challenged Candidates Disability certificate on the prescribed format, if required - 01 leaf. iii) In-Service Certificate Signed by HOD.

C) Any other document for which the candidate is claiming weightage as per Provisions laid down in J&K (Business and Procedure) Rules, 2021:-

i) Certificate of Distinction In Sports in terms of J&K (Appointment of Outstanding Sports Persons) Rules, 1998- 01 Leaf

ii) *C Certificate in NCC activities- 01 Leaf

iii) Gold Medal Certificate for overall first position in the minimum prescribed qualification- 01 leaf. In case the convocation for award of Gold Medal has not been convened, a certificate from the competent authority shall be uploaded to the effect that he/she is entitled to Gold Medal for securing overall first position in the prescribed qualification and that the Gold Medal shall be awarded in the Convocation of the University/ Institution.

iv) List of Research Papers/Publications as per format-01 leaf

v) List of Conferences (Participation & Presentation) as per format-01 leaf.

vi) List of Books as per format- 01 leaf. vii) DM/M.Ch/DNB (Super Speciality)

It may be noted that no further opportunity to upload any document shall be provided hereafter and action under rules including rejection of application form/candidature etc will be taken.

9. Scheme of Selection

Selection shall be made in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission's (Business & Procedure) Rules, 2021 as amended from time to time. Candidates are especially advised to apply themselves with the provisions of Rule 44 of the Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission's (Business & Procedure) Rules, 2021.

10. Important instructions regarding filling up of online applications are given herein below:

i. Candidates are required to apply online through the website of the Commission i.e. <http://www.jkpsc.nic.in>. No other means/ mode of application shall be accepted.

ii. Candidates are first required to go to the JKPS website <http://www.jkpsc.nic.in> and click on the link "One Time Registration" or click on Login menu if you have already created your profile with the JK PSC.

iii. After logging into your account, candidates are required to fill all the requisite fields of One Time Registration (OTR) i.e. personal information, contact information & educational qualification, service details etc.

iv. The candidate shall also be required to upload the image of date stamped recent passport size color photograph and signature. The photograph should not be taken earlier than 01.01.2021.

v. Size of the photograph (passport size) and signature must be between 10KB to 20KB in *.jpeg or *.jpg only.

vi. After successful submission of all the details in your OTR account, check the eligibility conditions as mentioned in the advertisement notification before applying for the post.

vii. Click on the "show examination" as shown against the respective post/examination you want to apply.

viii. On Clicking on the "show examination" a window will appear on your computer screen. Select the month of the advertisement notification for which you want to apply, a link(s) for the post(s) will appear on the computer screen.

ix. An "APPLY" button is shown against the respective post and the candidates will click on the APPLY button against the post he/she is eligible.

x. On clicking "APPLY" button, an instruction window will appear. Candidates should read instructions carefully before clicking on "APPLY" button at the bottom of the webpage.

xi. On clicking "APPLY" button, the system will display all facts/particulars that a candidate may have mentioned while filling up the necessary fields of his/her OTR account. Candidate shall fill up the remaining required fields in the application form and accept the declaration thereof.

xii. Once the candidate is satisfied about the correctness of the filled in details, then, he or she may click on "SUBMIT" button to finally push the data into server with successful submission report.

xiii. On successful submission of the basic details, the candidates will be required to pay the online fee and uploading of the documents, for final submission of the online application form.

xiv. Candidates can pay the requisite fee through online mode in the "SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS" menu in your account.

xv. After successful payment of the fee, the fee status will get reflected on the Online Application form. Candidates can check the fee status by clicking on

XV. After successful payment of the fee, the fee status will get reflected on the Online Application form. Candidates can check the fee status by clicking on the Print Application Button in the submitted Applications menu in your JKPS account. In case the payment status shows either "not submitted or under processing or status has not been reflected on your submitted application form", candidates(s) are advised to contact the JKPS office at Solina Srinagar/Resham Ghar Colony Jammu immediately for clarification. Further where the online fee is paid through other service providers the candidate must ensure that not only the amount of fee is debited from his/service provider's Account but also credited into the official account of JKPS.

mi) The candidate would be able get the printout of his/her submitted application only after the payment of the requisite fee and uploading of mandatory prescribed/requisite documents.

xvii. The JKPS will not undertake detailed scrutiny of applications for the eligibility and other aspects at the time of filling up of online and therefore, candidature will be accepted only provisionally. The candidates are advised to go through the requirements of educational qualification, age, etc and satisfy themselves that they are eligible for the post(s). Copies of supporting documents will be sought at the time of document verification. When scrutiny is under taken, if any claim if made in the application is not found/substantiated by proof, the candidature will be cancelled and the Commission's decision shall be final and binding.

xviii. Please note that the above procedure is the only valid procedure for applying. No other mode of application or incomplete steps would be accepted and such applications would be rejected.

11. Editing of the online application form

Candidates who have successfully submitted the online application form along with requisite fee will be allowed to edit some of the fields in their submitted online application form within three days after the cut-off date i.e. on 22.01.2022 to 24.01.2022 (upto 11.59 PM) Detailed instruction in this regard will be made available on the website.

12. Action against candidates found guilty of misconduct

Candidates are advised that they should not furnish any particulars that are false or suppress any material information.

A candidate who is, or has been, declared by the Commission, to be guilty of:

i. obtaining by wrongful support of his/her candidature by any means, or ii. impersonating, or

iii. procuring impersonation by any person, or

iv. submitting fabricated documents or documents which have been tampered with or

v. making statements which are incorrect, or false or suppressing material information, or

vi. resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his/her candidature for the selection, or

vii. attempting to commit or, as the case may be, abetting the Commission of all or any of the acts specified in the foregoing clauses may, in addition to rendering himself/herself liable to criminal prosecution, shall be liable;

a) to be disqualified by the Commission from selection for which he/she is a candidate, and/or

b) to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period:-

i) By the Commission from any examination or selection held by them.

ii) By the Union Territory Government from any employment under them, and c) if he/she is already in service under Government, disciplinary action can be taken against him/her under the appropriate Rules.

(Vinay Samotra) JKAJ
Deputy Controller of Examination
J&K Public Service Commission

No: PSC/DR/H&ME/35/21

Dated: 14.12.2021
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SKUAST-K Holds Startup Ideathon On Forest-Based Economy



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Kashmir held a 'Startup Ideathon on Forest-based Economy' at the Faculty of Forestry Benihama campus.

The brainstorming session 'Role of Forests on Circular Economy: Ideas and Prospects for Entrepreneurship' was held with an aim to promote entrepreneurship, creativity, innovation, idea generation, opportunity recognition, and idea evaluation.

The programme was organised by the university's Faculty of Forestry under the World Bank-ICAR funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) for the institutional development of SKUAST-K.

Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-K Prof JP Sharma in his message emphasised to tap the potential of entrepreneurship and startups in forestry-based sectors by the students.

Director Planning and Monitoring, and PI NAHEP Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, who was the chief guest at the occasion spoke about the university's entrepreneurship niche created under IDP-NAHEP in the last two years. He motivated the students to identify problems and look out for promising startups in forestry.

Prof Tariq Hussain Masoodi,

Dean Faculty of Forestry who was the lead speaker talked about the circular economy in forestry and presented an overview of potential themes in forestry for startups. He further spoke on the potential of forestry-based enterprises to be presented as a unique global brand. He also discussed some case studies on globally successful startups in forestry.

Earlier Prof PA Khan (HoD, FBT) and Dr Akhlaq Amin Wani (Organizing Secretary) presented an overview of the program. Prof SA Gangoo (HOD, FPU) in his speech talked about the possibilities of startups in forest-based medicinal and aromatic plants. Dr SNZ Geelani (Member CCPC) gave information on scholarship opportunities for students and presented a vote of thanks.

A brainstorming session with the students was conducted and ideas were conceived during the session. The promising and more realistic business ideas generated during the session would go in the second round for the star innovator contest. About 200 students from the Faculty of Forestry participated in the brainstorming session. The faculty of forestry on the occasion felicitated their students Sameer Ahmad Magrey and Madiha Qadri for securing 10th and 11th rank (forestry) respectively in the All India ICAR-JRF examination.

Tourism Deptt Notifies Rates For Various Services, Activities

Appeals tourists, service users not to pay more than fixed rates, complain in case of overcharging

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir has notified rates for various services being provided by registered Tourist traders to tourists and activities conducted at various tourist destinations across Kashmir Valley.

A notification to this effect under The J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011 read with SRO 198 dated 08.06.2012 was issued by Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Dr. G N Itoo here.

The rates have been notified for the year 2021-22 and 2022-2023, says the notification which has been issued in pursuance to the approval conveyed by the Government vide endorsement No. TSM/Estt-117/2021 dated 09.12.2021.

The tourism services the rates of which have been fixed/re-



vised include Tourist Guides, Ski Guides, Mountain/Trekking Guides, Sledges, Ski equipment, Ice Skating, Ice Skating equipment, rafting, cycling, Zorbing, Hydro Zorbing, Snow Mobile, ATV, Motorbiking, Paragliding, Motor Boats, Bathing Boats, Labour/Helper/Mazdoor/Porter for trekking at high altitude, Flat water rafting, boating, Paddle Boat Riding, Bungee Trampoline, Mechanical Mad-bull, Golf Cart ride, Zip Line, Hot Air Balloon, Battery Operated Vehicles at Sonmarg, Shikara rides at Dal, Nigeen and Manasbal lakes for various durations, pony rides for various

durations and various tracks including Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonmarg, Yousmarg, Doodpathri and Ahrabal, photography of various kinds and other related services.

As per the notification, the rates of these services as are existent at present shall remain unchanged till March 31, 2022 and from April 01, 2022 to March 31, 2023 shall be hiked by 10%.

The Department has appealed to tourists and those visitors availing these services not to pay more than the notified rates and in case the rates are overcharged the same shall be reported to the Department for regulation.

Banking Services Hit As PSU Bank Employees Go On Strike



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Banking operations were impacted across the country on Thursday as lakhs of public sector bank (PSB) employees began their two-day strike to protest against bank privatisation.

Shutters of many branches of PSBs like State Bank of India (SBI), Punjab National Bank and Bank of India were down on Thursday with a message informing customers about the strike.

Services are likely to be hit on Friday as well.

The strike call has been given by United Forum of Bank Union (UFBU), an umbrella body of nine bank unions including All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC), All India Bank Em-

ployees Association (AIBEA) and National Organisation of Bank Workers (NOBW).

Services such as deposits and withdrawals at branches, cheque clearance and loan approvals were affected. However, ATMs at many places were working fine.

According to AIBEA General Secretary C H Venkatachalam, about 20.4 lakh cheques worth Rs 18,600 crore could not be transacted on Thursday.

Public sector lenders, including SBI, had earlier informed customers that services in their branches might be affected due to the strike.

Private sector lenders like HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank were working as usual, though inter-bank cheque clearances were impacted.

Apple Delays Full Office Reopening, Gives Each Employee \$1,000 Bonus

Agencies

SAN FRANCISCO: As Covid cases rise globally as well as in the US, Apple has indefinitely delayed the return-to-office date, announcing that each employee will be given \$1,000 for "work-from-home" needs, the media reported on Thursday.

NBC News' Zoe Schiffer tweeted that Apple CEO Tim Cook has sent an email to staff, saying the return-to-work date is "yet to be determined".

Cook also announced that Apple would be giving all employees \$1,000 that can be used for

"work-from-home needs".

"Tim Cook just sent out an email delaying Apple's return to work to a date 'yet to be determined'. He also said the company is giving every corporate employee \$1,000 to spend on home office equipment," Schiffer said in her tweet.

An Apple spokesperson confirmed the \$1,000 bonus to The Verge and says it will apply to every employee, including retail workers.

The tech giant had set February 1, 2022, as the return date to office for its employees worldwide, as the tech giant prepares for a hybrid workplace in 2022.

Cryptocurrencies A Challenge For Emerging Markets, Regulation Needed: IMF Chief Economist

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: International Monetary Fund (IMF) Chief Economist Gita Gopinath has made a strong case for regulating cryptocurrencies, saying it will always be a challenge to ban them as they operate from offshore exchanges.

Gopinath also suggested a global policy and co-ordinated action for regulating cryptocurrencies.

"I think cryptocurrencies are a particular challenge for emerging markets. It seems to be more attractive to adopt cryptocurrencies and assets in emerging economies than in advanced economies," she said while addressing an event organised by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAR) on Wednesday.

India is contemplating bringing a bill in Parliament to deal with the challenges posed by the unregulated cryptocurrencies. Currently, there are no particular regulations or any ban on use of cryptocurrencies in the country.

"Regulation is absolutely important for the sector (cryptocurrencies and assets). Countries around the world are trying different things, there is obviously challenges to banning (cryptocurrencies and assets)," Gopinath, who is slated to be the first deputy managing director of the IMF early next year, said. According to the IMF chief economist, no individual country could solve this (cryptocurrencies) problem on its own given the complex cross-border transactions.

Office of the Executive Engineer Mech. City Drainage Division Srinagar. Tender notice for providing, installation, testing and commissioning of 14LPS capacity monoblock pump set with self priming arrangement alongwith other allied accessories on turnkey basis at Mir Mohalla, Lasjan Dewatering Station. Includes details on bidding process, documents to be uploaded, and contact information.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT) Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama. Tender notice for construction of various infrastructure projects including roads, bridges, and drainage systems. Includes a detailed table of projects with S.No, Name of Work, Adv. Cost, and other specifications.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Ganderbal. Notice Inviting Tender for civil works including single cover system and construction of latrine bathroom. Includes details on bidding process, documents to be uploaded, and contact information.

NAGALAND KILLING

Konyaks Remind President About Demand For Probe Completion In 30 Days

Press Trust of India

KOHIMA: Konyak civil society organisations on Thursday wrote a letter to President Ram Nath Kovind, reminding him of their demand for completion of investigation into the killing of 14 civilians by security forces near Oting village Nagaland's Mon district within 30 days, which is January 5 next year.

They submitted the letter through the governor following a massive rally.

The Konyak CSOs -- Konyak Union, Konyak Students' Union and Konyak Women Organisation told the President that the 21 Para had "massacred" the 14 innocent civilians by taking advantage of the "blanket immunity" provided by AFSPA, and terming the incident as that of "mistaken identity" won't be tolerated.

They reiterated their other demands mentioned in their December 6 letter, which includes removal of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 from the Northeast and identification of the accused soldiers and their trial in a civil court.

The Konyak CSOs imposed a 10-hour bandh in Mon district and held protest rallies against the killing.

The Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO), an apex body of six tribal organisations in five districts in the region, also directed

other outfits in the remaining four districts to extend solidarity with the Konyaks and hold rallies in their respective district headquarters.

The other tribal bodies accordingly held demonstrations in Tuensang, Longleng, Kiphire and Noklak districts.

Bandhs affected normal life in the five districts, as government and private offices and business establishments were shut and vehicles remained off the roads.

ENPO president R Tsapikiu Sangtam said that the rallies and bandhs in the five districts were peaceful.

Fourteen civilians were killed in firing incidents in Mon district on December 4 and 5.

Union Home Minister had said in the Parliament that six civilians were "mistaken" as insurgents and killed by security forces near Oting village after the vehicle they were travelling in did not stop when signaled to. He said that eight others were killed in subsequent clashes, and the security forces acted in "self-defence".

However, Konyak Union rejected the government's claim and demanded an apology from Shah and retraction of his "misleading statement". Families of the deceased have also refused to accept the compensation announced by central and state governments till they got justice.

Indira Gandhi Took 32 Bullets For Country But Ignored On 1971 War Anniversary: Rahul

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Dehradun: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday accused the BJP government of ignoring the role of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the 1971 War as India celebrates the 50th anniversary of the victory, which he said was achieved as the country was united then.

Referring to his grandmother and the former PM, he said she took "32 bullets for the country" but her name was not even mentioned at a government event on the 1971 War anniversary in New Delhi.

"However, it does not make any difference because I know what she did for the country by giving her blood," the Congress leader said launching his party's campaign for the Uttarakhand Assembly polls during a rally at Parade Ground here.

He said the credit for the 1971 War victory, which came in just 13 days, does not go exclusively to the Army, Navy or the political leadership of the day, it goes to the "united fight put up by Indians regardless of their cast or religion".

Lakhs of families donated gold to the government of the day to strengthen the fight against Pakistan, he said.

"The country spoke in one voice and the America's Seventh Fleet was forced to return. Usually, full scale wars take years to conclude. But India won the 1971 War in 13 days because it spoke in one voice," he said.

The Congress leader said helicopters and fighter aircrafts do



not strengthen a country.

"A country becomes strong when its people are strong," he said.

He further said sacrifice defines his relationship with the state from where thousands of people die fighting on the borders for the country.

"The way thousands of families in Uttarakhand lose their kin battling for the country's honour, my family too has made sacrifices. This is my relationship with Uttarakhand," he said.

The Congress leader said while travelling to Dehradun, he was thinking what kind of relationship he has with Uttarakhand.

"I thought of the few years I spent here as a student of the Doon School, during which I got a lot of your love. I was also reminded of two dates—October 31—when my grandmother became a

martyr and—May 21—when my father was assassinated. And the word that struck me was sacrifice," he added.

Rahul Gandhi said he was at school when he was told that his grandmother received 32 bullet wounds.

"Such calls are received by thousands of families in Uttarakhand when their kin make the supreme sacrifice to safeguard the country," he said.

But families that have made no sacrifice for the nation cannot feel this, he said. They cannot feel what it means to lose a father or an uncle, the Congress leader said.

He also attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that demonetisation and the GST were the "tools of capitalists".

"Narendra Modi is his implementor," he said targeting the PM.

SC Paves Way For Resumption Of Bullock Cart Race In Maharashtra

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday paved the way for resumption of bullock cart race in Maharashtra after four years, observing that the traditional sport is going on in other states across the country and there has to be "uniformity" in this.

The apex court observed that validity of provisions of the state amendment in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and the Rules framed by Maharashtra, which re-introduced the bullock cart race in the state in a regulated manner, ought to operate during the pendency of the writ petition.

A bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar said that matter related to similar amendments made by Tamil Nadu and Karnataka has been referred to the constitution bench, including to consider the question whether the amendment Act of Tamil Nadu overcomes the defects pointed out in the two judgments delivered by the top court.

The bench noted that no interim relief was granted in the pleas filed before the apex court challenging the validity of the state amendments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in this regard despite the matter being fully heard and later referred to the constitution bench.

"Therefore, the same dispensation must apply to the amended provisions as applicable to the state of Maharashtra which are similar to the amendments carried out by the other two states," said the bench, also comprising justices Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar.

It said similar questions would arise in the Maharashtra matter and thus, the petitions be heard along with those pertaining to the states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

"In other words, prayer for interim relief in all the writ petitions stands answered and need not be renewed before this court unless there is changed circumstance," it said.

"It will be open to the parties to request the Chief Justice of India for listing of the main matters referred to constitution bench," the apex court said.

The bench observed that no interim relief was granted earlier by the top court on the petitions challenging the validity of similar state amendments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka where such races are going on.

"It is a traditional sport and it is going on for several years," the bench orally observed during the hearing.

"If it is a traditional sport and going on all across the country, except Maharashtra, it does not appeal to common sense," the bench orally said, adding, "We will allow this. There will be uniformity across."

The apex court was hearing an application filed by the Maharashtra government which had sought that the ban on bullock cart race in the state should be lifted as the same is going on in states like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

The Maharashtra government said there is a prohibition on bullock cart race in the state as the Bombay High Court, in its interim order, had refused to lift the ban in 2017, while there is no stay on the Acts concerned of the other states.

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J&K Govt Permits

"Besides, it will be the duty of every Agriculture Extension Officer to report cases of violation to the revenue officers and any neglect on this account can attract disciplinary action for dereliction of duty," he said.

He further said that the decision was aimed at ensuring production of sufficient quantities of food grains, besides promoting orderly growth of the industrial and services sector in this Union territory and creation of employment.

"By this, the UT will be at par with the leading States of the country in allowing the conversion and reducing compliance burden under the Business Reforms Action Plan (Ease of Doing Business) in an investor friendly ecosystem," the official spokesperson added.

2 Militants

ammunition including 02 Pistols, 02 magazines, 07 pistol rounds & 01 grenade were recovered from their possession. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation," he said.

"Police have registered a case under relevant sections of law and investigation has been initiated. People are requested to cooperate with Police till the area at the encounter site is completely sanitised and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any," he added.

The police spokesperson also quoted IGP Kashmir lauding the role of police and security forces for evacuation of civilians especially during night hours, who were trapped inside cordon and for conducting successful operations without any collateral damage.

Medi-Cities To Come

Government's capacity to promptly respond to emergency situations.

"The medi-city in Kashmir Division will be established on an area of Sempora, Pampore Pulwama. The centrality of the place will act as a focal point for whole population of the valley for specialized health services," he said.

Similarly, the official spokesperson said that medi-city in Jammu division, will be established at Miransahib, Jammu. He said that the land is ideally located close to the main city and can cater to the medical service requirements of the entire division.

"Pertinently, setting up of new medical and higher education institutions in private sector is a part of the new Industrial Policy. The identified will be allotted transparently as per the J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy," he added.

Govt Determined

protect our motherland.

"The neighboring country running the biggest terror factory in the world must remember the crushing defeats of 1947, 1965, 1971 and 1999," Sinha said.

"We will not be deterred by terrorists. We will continue with our mission to develop Atma-Nirbhar Jammu Kashmir. But, we will not forget and we will not forgive those behind breeding terrorists. We are determined to completely dismantle their terror ecosystem," he added.

Later, the LG released a 'Special Cover' and unveiled the mural of Ashok Chakra Awardee, Late ASI Babu Ram of J&K Police in presence of his family members.

Sinha also paid homage to the country's first Chief of Defense Staff, General Bipin Rawat, his wife and all 11 officers and soldiers who were killed in a helicopter crash recently.

NIA Arrests 'OGW'

case till now.

Antoo is a "terror associate" or over ground worker of a proscribed militant organisation and has been providing logistical and material support to militants, the NIA official said, adding that further investigation in the case continues.

Corona Claims

cases of coronavirus. Shopian was the only district in the Valley where no new cases were registered.

In the winter capital, officials said Jammu reported a maximum of 19 fresh cases of virus, Poonch 5, Udhampur 3, Doda 2 and one new case each in Kathua and Kishtwar. The four districts of Samba, Ramban, Reasi and Rajouri reported no cases on Thursday.

"Moreover, 139 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 19 from Jammu Division and 120 from Kashmir," the officials said.

They further said there were no new confirmed case of mucormycosis (black fungus) reported today. So far 50 black fungus cases have been confirmed in J&K, the officials said.

Court Slaps Rs 10L

in the Court of law.

"She then approached the High court and Supreme Court regarding the matter but couldn't prove the charges," Bhat said.

The Court noted that it is the petitioner (the wife) who dragged the respondent to this Court and then to other Courts of Law and in the process caused "serious prejudice" to the rights and interests of the respondent (husband) by resorting to false pleas and misusing the process of Courts.

The Court of small causes also recorded that the petitioner wife appears to have chosen a short-cut to withdraw from the proceedings to ensure that order dated 29 April, 2019 passed by the Court is not implemented and the respondent, who was restrained from entering his own house continues to be deprived of shared-household though it is admitted that both the parties have lived together as husband and wife for more than 30 years.

"This case is one such glaring example of abuse of process of law whether the AP has protracted the proceedings up to the maximum capacity of its elasticity and a domestic violence petition which is, at the initial stage, has been dragged up to the Supreme Court of India and the petitioner wife has ensured that the husband remains deprived of the shared-household even if, the same is owned by the respondent," the Court observed.

It was recorded by the Court that it is quite obvious that the object of the Protection of Women (from Domestic Violence) Act, is to give protection to women from violence which takes place when they live in such domestic relations.

Court observed that this is to protect legitimate and genuine cases where the aggrieved person does not indulge in acts which defeat the purpose and object of the legislation.

Judge Qureshi pointed out that the Domestic Violence (DV) Act has not been enacted to cause harassment to the other spouse or to further aggravate the matrimonial discord to the extent of throwing the respondent out of his own house.

"This legislation cannot be allowed to be used in a manner that it spoils the lives of couples living peacefully," the Court noted.

It was remarked that an act which is disproportionate to the level of protection can also be counterproductive and instead of giving protection to the legitimate cases of domestic violence, it may have the potential to destroy

marital institutions.

"Therefore, it is important to sift and weigh cases to preserve the efficacy of the Domestic Violence Act for legitimate and genuine cases," the Court noted.

On the facts of the case, the Court allowed the instant application seeking withdrawal of the instant petition U/S 12 of D.V.Act along with all other applications and the petition was dismissed as withdrawn.

However, the Court directed the petitioner to pay a cost of Rs.10.00 lacs (ten lakh only) to the respondent who has been deprived of shelter and accommodation from his own house under the garb of order obtained in the instant petition.

Besides, it was also directed that both the parties are directed to restore the same position with respect to possession of the shared-household as existed on the date of the institution of instant petition.

"In case, petitioner fails to pay or does not pay the cost to the respondent within a period of one month from the date of this order the same shall be recovered in the manner prescribed for recovering land revenue," the Court ruled.

'Moderate To Heavy'

the summer capital of J&K, settled at minus 2.1°C and against previous night's minus 3.9°C which was the lowest temperature recorded this season.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 3.0°C against minus 4.2°C on the previous night, he said.

Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 6.9°C against minus 6.4°C on previous night.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 3.0°C against minus 3.9°C on previous night, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a minimum of minus 4.5°C against minus 3.8°C on the previous night, the official said.

Jammu, the J&K's winter capital, saw a low of 5.9°C which is minus 3.3°C below normal, he said.

Ladakh's Leh had a low of minus 15.0°C against last night's minus 11.6°C while automatic Kargil station recorded minimum of minus 12.5°C. Drass in Kargil, the second coldest place in the world after Siberia, recorded a low of minus 19.2°C, the official said.

27 Police Officers

Abhishek Mahajan, IPS, awaiting orders of posting is posted as SP Samba.

Sheema Nabi Qasba IPS, SP Rajouri is transferred and posted as SP (Tech), CID Hqrs.

Lakshya Sharma, IPS, SP (Tech), CID Hqrs, is transferred and posted as SP South, Srinagar.

Mohita Sharma, IPS, SP North, Jammu, is transferred and posted as SP, Ramban.

Zahid Nasim Manhas, Commandant 1st Border Bn Jammu, is transferred and posted as SSP CID Hqrs. J&K.

Rajesh Kumar Sharma, SSP Samba, is transferred and posted as Commandant IR-22nd Bn.

Mohd Aslam, SSP CID Hqrs. J&K, is transferred and posted as SSP Rajouri.

Mumtaz Ahmed, SSP, Doda, is transferred and posted as Commandant 1st Border Bn, Jammu.

Rohit Baskotra, SP CID, SB Jammu, is transferred and posted as SP, Poonch.

Arun Gupta, SP CICE, is transferred and posted as SP CID, SB Jammu.

Liaqat Ali, Addl. SP Poonch, is transferred and posted as SP APCR Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Rakesh Kumar, SO to ADGP, Traffic J&K, is

transferred and shall await further posting in PHQ.

Sanjay Kumar Bhagat, SO to IGP Technical Services, is transferred and posted as Commandant Women Battalion Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Abdul Qayoom, Addl. SP Bhaderwah, is transferred and posted as SP Doda.

Rajinder Kumar Katoch, Commandant IR-22nd Bn., is transferred and posted as SO to DIG, JKS Range, against an available vacancy.

Muzaffar Ahmad Shah, Dy. Commandant. IR-11th Bn., is transferred and posted as SP Traffic City Srinagar.

Sajad Ahmad Shah, SP South, Srinagar, is transferred and posted as Dy. Commandant, IR-11th Bn.

Irshad Hussain Rather, SP Hazratbal, Srinagar, is transferred and posted as Addl. SP Handwara.

Mashkoor Ahmed Zargar, Addl. SP Handwara, is transferred and posted as SP Hazratbal, Srinagar.

Pushkar Nath Tikoo, Dy. Commandant IR-5th Bn. is transferred and posted as Addl. SP CID (CI), Jammu.

Kulbir Chand Handa, Addl. SP CID (CI), Jammu, is transferred and posted as SP North, Jammu.

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Non-Existing wholesale Licensed Pharmaceutical Distributors

-Whereas the below listed firms were issued wholesale Drug License by the office of the Deputy Drugs Controller, Drugs and Food Control Organization.

-Whereas the Concerned Drug Control Officer of Sopore, District Baramulla have reported that the said firms are not in operation since long.

-Whereas showcause notices have been issued to these firms by the concerned Drug Control Officer/s for their non-existence.

-Whereas only few of these firms have responded to the issued showcause notices, however the reply submitted has not been found satisfactory by the concerned Officer/s.

-Whereas most of the firms have not responded at all.

-Whereas the concerned Drug Concerned Officer have recommended licenses of these firms for cancellation.

-Whereas through the medium of this notice, all the below mentioned firms are given final opportunity to explain their position in the said regard within 07 days from the date of publishing of this press note, failing which the licenses of the defaulters shall be cancelled from this office records without further notification.

S.no	Name and address of the firm	Lic. No
1.	M/s Paramount Agencies Pharmaceuticals Sopore.	BW/7501-02
2.	M/s K.K.Enterprises, Court Road Sopore.	BW/2287-88
3.	M/s New Mir Enterprises Sopore.	BW/14213-14
4.	M/s New Health Guide, Medical Agency Near Bus Stand Sopore	BW/17722-23
5.	M/s Noor Son's Traders Sopore.	BW/3832-33
6.	M/s Mid town Agencies Sopore.	BW/4229-30
7.	M/s Pukhta Enterprises Sopore	BW/7595-96
8.	M/s J.B.Traders Sopore.	BW/3820-21
9.	M/.s Emm.Aay.Pharmaceuticals Iqbal Market Sopore.	BW/3099-3100
10.	M/s Emm.Emm Enterprises New Colony-Sopore	BW/6918-19
11.	M/s Majestic Pharmaceuticals, Sopore.	BW/3097-98
12.	M/S Snober Enterprises Sopore.	BW/4971-72
13.	M/s Bhat Pharma Bhat Building,near super bazaar-Sopore.	BW/8131-32
14.	M/s Venus Medical Agency Sopore.	BW/05/274-275
15.	M/s Gulnaz Enterprises Auqaf Building,Shallapora-Sopore	BW/8451-52
16.	M/s Emm-Aar Enterprises Apna Bazaar-Sopore	BW/8309-10
17.	M/s Ubaid Pharmaceuticals Opp.Govt.Primary School-Sangrampora,Sopore	BW/6704-05
18.	M/s Malik Enterprises Sangrampora-Sopore	BW/3443-44
19.	M/s Faiz Pharmaceuticals Teh.road-Sopore	BW/05/225-226
20.	M/s Reeshi Sons Teh.road Sopore	BW/4156-57
21.	M/s M.R.Traders, Pharmaceutical Distributors Shalipora-Sopore	BW/05/260-261
22.	M/s Khuroo Pharma Near Bus Stand-Sopore	BW/6706-07
23.	M/s Hashim Traders Pharmaceutical Distributors Tujar Sharief-Sopore	BW/17303-04
24.	M/s A-Z Pharmaceuticals Mohalla Huma Lane,Sopore	BW/5592-93
25.	M/s Prowoss Associates Pharmaceutical Distributors Shallapora,Sopore	BW/05/250-251
26.	M/s Ashraf Enterprises Super Bazaar-Sopore	BW/14187-88
27.	M/s K.P.Traders Sopore	BW/5364-65
28.	M/s ESS.EFF.Pharma Neharpore-Sopore	BW/6286-87

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No Statements Or Presser, Will Deal With It: Ganguly

Declines comment on Kohli's bombshell press conference

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: A day after India Test captain Virat Kohli triggered a storm by publicly contradicting him, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly refused to comment on the matter, saying the Board will deal with it.

Kohli, during his pre-departure press conference ahead of the tour of South Africa, said that he was never asked to stay on as T20 skipper when he made his intent clear on relinquishing the post.

This was in complete contrast to Ganguly's assertion a few days back that Kohli had been requested to not quit the position.

"No statements, no press conference. We will deal with it, leave it to (the



BCCI," Ganguly told local mediapersons on Thursday. There was talk of BCCI asking chairman of selectors Chetan Sharma to address the media after Kohli's explosive press conference but the Board eventually refrained from making any counter statements.

Kohli's comments on Wednesday brought to fore

the underlying tension in his equation with the administrators.

"Whatever was said about the communication that happened about the decision that was made was inaccurate," Kohli had said with obvious reference to Ganguly's statement.

"When I left the T20 captaincy, I had first ap-

proached BCCI and intimated them of my decision and laid down my point of view in front of them (office bearers).

"I gave the reasons why I wanted to quit T20 captaincy and my view point was received very nicely. There was no offence, no hesitation and not for once was I told that 'you should not leave T20 captaincy,'" he had asserted.

Earlier, Ganguly, in an interview to PTI, said that he had spoken to Kohli and told him that two captains in the white ball format was not something that the selectors wanted as there would be "too much of leadership."

Rohit Sharma is now the sole white-ball captain and has also been made Kohli's deputy in the Test format.

World's Most Admired: Tendulkar Among Top 3 Sportspersons Alongside Messi & Ronaldo

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Legendary Sachin Tendulkar has been adjudged as the world's 12th 'Most Admired Man', as per a survey conducted by YouGov, an internet-based market research and data analytics firm.

This year's study surveyed more than 42,000 people in 38 countries and territories to compile the list.

Among sporting heroes,



Tendulkar is third in the list behind Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

In the list, the iconic batter is ahead of former US president Donald Trump,

Bollywood superstars Shah Rukh Khan, Amitabh Bachchan and also present India captain Virat Kohli.

Tendulkar has been associated with UNICEF for more than a decade and was appointed the South Asian ambassador in 2013.

Over the years, Tendulkar has supported several initiatives in health, education, and the sports sector in rural and urban areas across various states in India.

Principal Secy Alok Kumar Declares YSS Cup 2021 Open



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Alok Kumar, declared open YSS Cup 2021 in an impressive, colourful and well attended function at Khel Gaon, Nagrota here on Saturday.

Nearly, 9076 Panchayat/Block teams drawn from all 20 districts of the Union Territory in four sports disciplines namely Cricket, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Volleyball have been registered for this historic rather first of its kind sporting extravaganza, which will make around one lakh and twenty thousand athletes to vie for the top honours.

Director Youth Services and Sports, Gazanfar Ali, Joint Director Youth Services and Sports Kashmir, Bashir Ahmed and Deputy Principal, Jitender Mishra and other officers were present on occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary emphasized upon the organisers for ensuring mass participation of the Panchayati teams in this mega event.

He said sportspersons are the messengers of peace, prosperity and harmony and big sports events like this, apart from helping youth to hone their sporting skill, also

helps them to not to derail from the mainstream and stay away from drugs and other allied social evils.

Principal Secretary said that Government was committed to promote sports in every nook and corner of the Union Territory and enhance sports culture by raising infrastructure even at the village level.

He said that almost every available ground in the UT will be utilised for holding matches of this sporting gala.

Principal Secretary further said that it is always a delight to watch young and budding sportspersons vying for the top honours, however, watching young athletes performing while bearing chill and inclement weather conditions in such events in Valley, speaks volumes.

He said such events serve as a launching pad for the youth to be ready for future endeavours and become nation builders.

Director Youth Services and Sports while lauding efforts of all 20 District Youth Services and Sports Officers, who observed the opening ceremony on virtual mode and simultaneously started the event at their respective venues, said that all of them deserve appreciation for doing the job in a befitting manner.

West Indies Postpone Pakistan ODI Series After New Covid-19 Cases Emerge



Agencies

ISLAMABAD: The One-day International (ODI) series between West Indies and Pakistan, that was scheduled to begin in Karachi on December 18 (Saturday), has been postponed and rescheduled for early June 2022 after more members of the touring party tested positive for Covid-19 on Wednesday.

Five more people from the West Indies team, including three players, tested positive for Covid-19, the Caribbean cricket board announced today. Last week, a non-coaching member of the West Indies staff and three cricketers had tested positive.

Following the emergence of the Covid-19 cases, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and Cricket West Indies (CWI) issued a joint statement as the two teams played the third and final T20I at Karachi's National Stadium.

"On Thursday morning and as part of the PCB's Covid-19 Protocols, rapid antigen tests were conducted on the remaining 15 West Indies players and six play-

er support personnel. All 21 members of the West Indies touring party returned negative test results. As such, Thursday's T20I proceeded as planned," the statement said.

"However, taking into consideration both teams' welfare, as well as the limited resources in the West Indies side for the ODIs, it has been agreed that the series [...] will be postponed and rescheduled for early June 2022," the statement said.

"This will provide West Indies with an equal opportunity to field their best available players for the World Cup qualification matches," it added.

The statement said that the members of the touring team, who had tested negative after Wednesday's PCR and Thursday's rapid antigen tests, would depart from Pakistan after the Karachi T20I.

"Those who have tested positive will complete their isolation in Karachi before their travel arrangements are finalised to allow them to rejoin their families in time for Christmas celebrations," the statement said.

YSS Cup 2021 E-Launched At Pulwama



Observer News Service

PULWAMA: Additional District Development Commissioner Pulwama Dr. Sheikh Ab. Aziz, on Thursday participated in the e-launching of the mega 'YSS Cup' 2021 event along with DYSSO at Pulwama. The YSS Cup was launched by Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Alok Kumar at Khel Gaon, Nagrota.

Pertinently, two games including Kabbadi and Kho-Kho have been kept for choice of both students and non-students for taking part in the events.

Speaking about this important initiative of the government, ADDC said, "The YSS Cup 2021 is the brainchild of LG Manoj Sinha which is aimed at to tap sports talent of young boys and girls at panchayat level by providing them the best possible opportunities."

JAMMU AND KASHMIR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

JAMMU

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

No. LA-3825/Adm/2021

Dated:- 13-12-2021

Mr. Devinder Kumar

Sr. Assistant

J&K Legislative Assembly, Jammu.

Subject: Unauthorized absence from duty.

Whereas, as per daily Bio metric Attendance Roaster and as reported by concerned authority (Adm.), you left the office without any information/ proper sanction of leave from the competent Authority; and

Whereas you are on unauthorized absence from duties since 07th of December 2021 till date which has hampered day to day working of Assembly Secretariat; and

Whereas, despite previous warnings you did not mend your ways and failed to attend your legitimate duties; w.e.f the 7th December 2021 and

Whereas, your wilful absence warrants action in terms of Article 128 of J&K CSR which includes loss of appointment.

Now therefore, through the medium of this notice you are directed to explain as to why disciplinary action against you shall not be taken by invoking Article 128 of J&K CSR. Your reply shall reach this office by or before 20th of December 2021 failing which it shall be presumed that you have nothing to say in your defence and action as warranted under rules shall follow.

(Prithvi Raj)

Under Secretary

DIPK-14990/21

Terms & Conditions:

- The candidate should be domicile of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
- The engagement will be purely on contractual basis. Initial contract for hiring shall be upto 31-03-2022 and further extension on year-to-year basis will be subject to satisfactory performance of the contractual employee which will be evaluated by Director Ayush J&K (Chief Executive Officer, J&K Medicinal Plants Board) & approval of the post by the National Medicinal Plants Board, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India.
- In case of poor performance, services of the candidate(s) is/are liable to be terminated with one month's prior notice.
- The Selection of the candidate will be made strictly on the basis of selection criteria shown against each post (S.No. 01 to S.No. 04).
- Application form is available on the official website of Directorate of Ayush, J&K (www.jkdism.in) which is the only and authentic source of information with respect to Directorate of Ayush, J&K. This office shall not be responsible for inconvenience caused to anybody due to misleading / false information made available by any other website(s) and purportedly claimed to be associated with Directorate of Ayush, J&K, in any manner whatsoever.
- The number of vacancies are only indicative and may increase or decrease.
- The Candidate(s) who have obtained degree(s) through Distance Education Mode from the universities recognized by the UGC as mentioned in Govt. Order No. 252-HE of 2012 Dated 30-05-2012 issued by the Higher Education Department, Civil Secretariat J&K after 2005 shall have to submit a certificate from the concerned University along with application form stating that candidate had undergone the degree from their university head-quarters and not from the off-campus which have been established by these Universities beyond their territorial jurisdiction. Application shall not be accepted in absence of this Certificate.
- List of the self-attested documents to be attached with the application form:
(i). Date of Birth Certificate.
(ii). Domicile Certificate.
(iii). Qualification Certificate / Marks Sheet (as per Eligibility Criteria).
(iv). Experience Certificate (as per eligibility criteria).
(v). Certificate for condition No. 07 (Degree through Distance Education Mode), if I applicable.
(vi). Higher Qualification Certificate (In case of Post at S.No. 01) as per eligibility criteria.
- Applications not falling in the prescribed eligibility / selection criteria or without aforesaid documents shall be rejected outrightly.
- Any further information including short-listing of candidate(s), date of interview / Test, etc. shall -be uploaded on the official website of Directorate of Ayush, J&K (www.jkdism.in). Candidates are advised to keep themselves updated through the website. No individual communication to the candidate(s) shall be made in this regard.

No: Dir-Ayush/JK-MPB/11177
Dated:15-12-2021
DIPK-15030/21

(Dr. Mohan Singh)
Director Ayush
CEO, J&K Medicinal Plants Board
J&K Jammu

APPLICATION FORM Consultant / Accounts Assistant / Office Assistant / Peon)

- Post Applied For_____
- Advt. Notice No. & Date_____
- Name of Candidate_____
- Parentage_____
- Date of Birth_____
- Address_____
- Division,_____District_____
- E-mail / Contact No._____
- Details of Qualifications:

Examination Passed	Examining Body/ Board/University	Year of passing	Marks obtained	Total marks	%age

10. Post Qualification Experience:

Duration_____years_____Months

11. Documents enclosed:

- a)_____
- b)_____
- c)_____
- d)_____

12. I do hereby declare that:

- The Statements in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I have never been debarred from appearing in any examination/interview.
- I have never been arrested / prosecuted or involved in any criminal case registered by the police or convicted by the criminal court.
- I have undergone the degree from University head-quarters and not from the off-campus which have been established by these Universities beyond their territorial jurisdiction (In case of Distance Mode).
- I undertake that any willful concealment of the facts shall result in the cancellation of my candidature and the Department may also debar me from applying for future selection.

I shall accept the selection made by the selection committee which will be binding on me.

Signature of applicant.

Note: The candidates need to attach documentary evidence along with the application form, which supports the statements made in the form.

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat Roots For 'Ghar Wapsi' Of Hindus

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Rooting for 'ghar wapsi', RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat administered an oath to a congregation of Hindus to work for the return of those who had left the religion and exhorted those seeking power to shed arrogance.

To get power, there is a need to work among the people, not have arrogance, Bhagwat said on Wednesday while taking part in a three-day "Hindu Ekta Mahakumbh" here.

The participants also pledged to protect the modesty and honour of Hindu sisters and strengthen Hindu society by rising above the divisions of caste and language.

Spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Hindutva leader Sadhvi Rithambhara were among the seers from across the country who attended the gathering.

From the 'sankalpsthali' (place of resolution) of Lord Ram, the dharmayodhas of Hindu culture take a pledge to work for the protection, promotion and security of the sacred Hindu religion, culture and society throughout life," the RSS chief said.



The gathering vowed to work for the return to the Hindu fold of those who had converted to other faiths.

It pledged "not to allow any Hindu brother to get alienated from Hindu religion and work for the ghar wapsi (return) of those who left Hindu religion and went somewhere else, and make them family members."

Bhagwat said, "While practising dharma and working selflessly without ego, one gets success even in the most difficult tasks."

Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar urged the gathering to follow the ideals of Lord Rama. He also stressed on cleanliness and reducing population growth.

'Sheena Bora Is Alive', Claims Indrani Mukerjea, Asks CBI To Look For Her In Kashmir

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MUMBAI: Indrani Mukerjea, arrested for allegedly murdering her daughter Sheena, has claimed that she was alive, her lawyer said on Thursday.

In a letter to the director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) last month, she also asked the agency to look for Sheena in Kashmir.

A woman government official told her that she had seen Sheena Bora while on vacation in Srinagar, Indrani, lodged in Byculla Women's Prison here since 2015, claimed in the letter.

When contacted, a CBI official refused to comment. Indrani would

be moving an application in this regard before the special CBI court here on December 28, the next date of hearing in her case, the lawyer said.

The special court is conducting trial of the high-profile murder case.

Sheena Bora (24) was allegedly strangled in a car by Indrani Mukerjea, her then driver Shyamvar Rai and her former husband Sanjeev Khanna in April 2012.

As per the CBI, Indrani disapproved of Sheena's relationship with Rahul Mukerjea, son of former media baron and her then husband Peter Mukerjea from an earlier marriage. She and Sheena also had financial dispute, the agency said.

Online Scammers Target Prominent Indian Female Media Personalities With Promises Of Jobs At Harvard: NYT

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NEW YORK: Several prominent female journalists and media personalities in India, including ex-NDTV anchor Nidhi Razdan, have been targeted by online scammers with promises of prestigious jobs at Harvard, the New York Times reported on Thursday.

While the identity of the scammers remains a mystery, the incidents have raised questions about why Harvard — despite its reputation for fiercely protecting its brand — "did not act to stop the scam, even after being explicitly warned about it" by one of the victims, the Times said.

Another target was a spokeswoman for the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, Nighat Abbass. When the scammers pushed for her passport details and other personal information, she checked directly with one of the Harvard administrators included on the emails.

That administrator, Bailey Payne, a programme coordinator in the office of Harvard's vice provost for international affairs, responded, saying the official invitation that appeared to have been sent from her Harvard.edu email address was fake.

When Payne asked Abbass if she would like to share more information, Abbass sent in a trove -- the phone number from the UAE, the emails, screenshots of the fake Harvard documents and hotel booking records. But it's not clear what action, if any, Harvard took, the Times said.

Payne did not respond to requests for comment. Jason Newton, a Harvard spokesman, declined to comment on what the university did with the information Abbass provided, the paper said.

The first known target was outspoken female journalist Rohini Singh, who received a Twitter message from someone calling himself Tauseef Ahmad in mid-August 2019.

Ahmad invited her to participate in a high-powered media conference. Harvard would pick up all



expenses. She, however, grew suspicious after Ahmad connected her to a colleague, introduced as Alex Hirschman, who wrote to her from a Gmail account rather than an official Harvard.edu email address. Singh ceased communication.

The next target was another female journalist, Zainab Sikander, who too received a Twitter message on August 22, 2019 from Ahmad, inviting her to participate in a high-powered media conference at Harvard. It was the same message sent to Singh, the Times said. When she asked for a formal invite from a dean, it never came. Sikander then broke off contact as well.

The next target was another female journalist working at a prominent Indian publication.

Speaking on the condition of anonymity, she said she quickly broke off contact after getting suspicious about the scammer's UAE phone number. In late November 2019, the hackers were well practised when they reached out to Razdan, a news anchor at the apex of her career.

She received the first email on November 14, 2019, from an earnest sounding student - Melissa Reeve - inviting her to a Harvard media seminar. She was then introduced, by email, to another student, Tauseef Ahmad. When he said there might be a journalism job available at Harvard, Razdan let her hopes soar.

The next thing Razdan knew,

she was interviewing with someone claiming to be Bharat Anand, the name of a real vice provost at Harvard. She never saw him, though. The interview was by phone.

"This is where I feel I really messed up," she said. "I should have insisted it be a video call." The scammers were taking bolder steps to impersonate Harvard. They bought a website from GoDaddy, HarvardCareer.com, in January 2020 and set up a Microsoft email server that would soon allow them to send messages stamped with Harvard's name. Unlike earlier owners of the domain, they opted for privacy protection that obscured their names from public registries of website owners, the Times said.

Razdan was then asked for references. Each of the people Razdan enlisted received an official looking email from HarvardCareer.com with a web link to upload a recommendation.

Harvard says it fiercely protects its trademark, employing software to detect new websites that infringe on its brand, but Newton, the university spokesman, declined to say if it had detected HarvardCareer.com, the Times said.

The scammers continued to use it to send emails, capitalising on Harvard's reputation. They also copied employment documents from Harvard's official website, using them as fodder as the scam advanced, the Times said.

New Minimum Age For Women To Marry Is 21, Not 18; Proposal Cleared By Cabinet

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NEW DELHI: The government has decided to raise the legal age of marriage for women from 18 to 21 years, bringing it at par with that of men.

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday had cleared a proposal to bring in uniformity in the marriageable age of men and women, sources said on Thursday.

The government is likely to bring a bill in the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament to amend the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, they said.

The proposed bill may also seek to make consequential changes to various personal laws relating to marriage of various communities to ensure a uniform marriage age, the sources said.

As of now, the legal age of women to get married is 18 while that for men is 21 years.

The decision came a year after Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that the government was deliberating on what should be the minimum age for marriage of women.

The decision is based on the recommendation of a four-member task force led by former Samata Party chief Jaya Jaitley.

Speaking about the recommendation, Jaitley said there were two main reasons that were focused on.

"If we talk about gender equity and gender empowerment in every field, then we can't leave marriage out because this is a very odd message that girl can be fit to be married at 18 that cuts away her

opportunity to go to college and the man has the opportunity to prepare himself for life and earning up to 21. But these days when girls are capable of doing so much and the main reason why they are married off is because they are not an income earning member of the family but why do we allow them that feeling," she told PTI.

"We should give them an opportunity to earn and be equal to a man and she can't become equal at 18 when man has 21 years to do that. Secondly, we took opinions from lots of people but the main people who were most attentive were stakeholders themselves. We conducted assessment calls with young people - universities, colleges and in rural areas where they are still at school or getting out of school and the unanimous opinion of stakeholders was the marriageable age to be 22 or 23. Across all religions everyone had the same opinion which was a very heartening thing," she said.

Jaitley said the task force submitted its recommendations to the PMO, Women and Child Development Ministry and NITI Aayog last December.

The other members in the panel include Dr V K Paul, member (health) Niti Aayog, secretaries of higher education, school education, health, women and child development, legislative department apart from academicians Najma Akhtar, Vasudha Kamat and Dipti Shah. PTI

Jaipur Man Dies After Jumping From 5th Floor To Escape Lover's Husband

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JAIPUR: A 29-year-old man died after he jumped from the fifth floor of a building here to avoid getting caught by the husband of his lover, police said on Wednesday.

The deceased has been identified as Mohsin, a native of Uttar Pradesh. He was in a live-in

relationship with a married woman. The two along with the woman's minor daughter were living in a rented flat in a building under Pratap Nagar police station here, they said.

The woman eloped with Mohsin from Nainital two years ago. Her husband had been looking for her and managed to trace her to Jaipur, the police said.

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