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Albert Camus

NEWS DIGEST

2 'Militant Associates' Held In Budgam

SRINAGAR: Police on Thursday claimed to have arrested two militant associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) from central Kashmir's Budgam district. Mohammad Shafi Gani of Kawoosa Khalsa and **More on P10**

IED Defused In Pulwama: Police

SRINAGAR: Police on Thursday claimed to have averted a major tragedy by timely detecting and defusing an improvised explosive device (IED) in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Acting on a specific information, a joint **More on P10**

Electric Shock Injures PDD Employee

SRINAGAR: A Power Development Department (PDD) employee on Thursday sustained injuries after receiving an electric shock in Handwara town of Kupwara district. Abdul Ahad Shah, a PDD daily-wager was repairing an electric **More on P10**

Engineer Caught With Rs 4K Bribe

SRINAGAR: The sleuths of Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday arrested an engineer of the Rural Development Department in Ramban for accepting a bribe for releasing payments for the work done under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment **More on P10**

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MHA Discusses J&K Situation In High Level Meet



Agencies

NEW DELHI: Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Thursday conducted a high-level meeting on the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of recent targeted killings reported from the region, sources said.

Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla chaired the meeting here at his North Block office with the top brass of Police and Intelligence agencies personnel as well as senior Home Ministry officials responsible to look after security scenarios in Jammu and Kashmir.

In the meeting that was held in the first half of the day and lasted for over an hour, the

Home Secretary is learnt to have discussed the current security scenario in the Valley where several targeted attacks by militants on Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) personnel, armed forces, and civilians were reported.

The meeting was both in physical and digital mode and Directors General of various Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and their representatives, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh and senior officials in Intelligence Bureau (IB) took part in the meeting both via video conferencing and physically.

It is learnt that the functioning of the newly **More on P10**

J&K Logs 132 New Cases, 3 Corona Deaths

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Three more people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday while 132 fresh cases of infection were reported from the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to officials, 105 new cases of Covid-19 were registered in Kashmir Valley and the remaining 27 from various districts of Jammu Division, taking the number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 340293.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar registered the highest 40 new cases of virus, Baramulla 34, Bandipora 8, Pulwama 7, Kupwara and Ganderbal 5 each, Budgam 4 and Anantnag 2. The twin districts of Kulgam and Shopian reported no new cases of Covid-19.

In the winter **More on P10**

Police Warns Social Media Users, Second Time In 10 Days

'You Are What You Post, Think Before You Share'

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: In a second such warning in less than a fortnight, the Jammu & Kashmir Police has warned social media users to refrain from posting content that is "supporting & promoting militancy through social media or face cases under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act."

The advertisement issued on the front pages of Srinagar dailies has warned social media users that "supporting and promoting terror is as grave as the actual act of terror".

Notably, the advertisement published in the December 23 edition of local dailies is the second of its kind in the last ten days. The



first advertisement that had warned social media users was published on the front pages of local dailies on 12th December, a day before the militants ambushed a Police bus in Zewan area of Srinagar leaving three policemen dead and 11 others injured.

In the advertisement that was published under the banner of "BEWARE SOCIAL MEDIA USERS", J&K Police had cited few examples of social media posts, which it claimed were either "promoting violence" or "acted as agents of terrorist handlers". **More on P10**

Kashmir Higher Reaches Record Fresh Snowfall

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Upper reaches of Kashmir valley and Ladakh received light snowfall while the plains were lashed by mild rain on Thursday as the minimum temperature rose considerably across Jammu and Kashmir due to the cloudy sky as most places in Kashmir Valley recorded above-sub-zero temperature.

Almost 4 inches of snowfall were reported from parts of north Kashmir as authorities closed Bandipora-Gurez road. However, vehicles were allowed on the Srinagar-Jammu highway, the only surface link connecting Kashmir Valley with the outside world.

Reports said that snow



accumulated at Tangmarg, Gulmarg and Babreshi since 4 morning today.

"Only vehicles having 4x4 facility or vehicles fixed with snow chains on tyres, were allowed to move between Tangmarg and **More on P10**

Colleges To Close For Winter Break From Dec 27

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The government on Thursday announced winter vacations for all Government Degree Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir from December 27, 2021.

"It is hereby ordered that all Government Degree Colleges of the Union Territory of J&K

shall observe winter vacations from December 27, 2021," reads an order issued by Principal Secretary to the Government Higher Education Department, Rohit Kansal.

"All Government Degree Colleges of Kashmir division and all Government Degree Colleges of Jammu division falling under **More on P10**

Row Erupts After NHM Refers SKIMS As 'Shri Krishna Institute'

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: A major controversy erupted on Thursday over the distortion in the name of Valley's premier Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) in official documents evoking sharp criticism from National Conference, besides a large section of netizens on social media.

The goof-up in the official documents of National Health Mission showing 'Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences' as 'Shri Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences' (SKIMS) was spotted by veteran journalist Yusuf Jameel on Thursday morning who shared a screen grab of the document on the microblogging site twitter.

"So #NationalHealthMission mentions Srinagar's Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences as 'Shri Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences' in



its document on Hepatitis control program," Jameel tweeted.

Immediately after Jameel's tweet went viral, the locals flayed the NHM for "consciously" renaming the Valley's largest tertiary care hospital after Hindu deity Lord Krishna.

"Sher-e-Kashmir and Shri Krishna are unmistakably different terms. It clearly implies that changing **More on P10**

Sword Hanging On Delinquent Employees In Education Dept Govt Seeks List Of Non-Performing Teachers

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a move that could see ouster of many teachers and non-teaching staff, the Jammu and Kashmir government has asked the Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) to furnish the list of its teaching and non-teaching employees that have turned to be the 'deadwood' for the department.

According to reports, Principal Secretary of School Education Department, B K Singh in an official communiqué to the DSEK has said that the department of Education has huge number of employees and many of them

are not performing their duties to the level of expectations and desired results leading to large drop out and lower outcomes.

"How a department having around 1.10 Teacher Student Ratio have such a result," Singh questioned.

The Principal Secretary, the reports said, has stated that it has become inevitable to identify the non-working or deadwood in both teaching and non teaching faculty who have either emptied the schools in enrollment by mostly resorting to private coaching or side business or have created corrupt and malicious work culture in offices.

"This has put the public at great inconvenience and has proven counterproductive to the growth of the department," he said.

"In this backdrop the DSEK is directed to prepare a list of such employees as per the norms and furnish the list to this office within the 15 days for onward transmission to general administration for necessary action otherwise serious action under rules will be taken," Singh said.

According to reports, following the communiqué, the Director Education Kashmir Tasaduq Hussain Mir has asked Chief Education Officers, Zonal Education Officers **More on P10**

Govt Teachers Banned From Private Coaching

The Chief Education Officer (CEO) Baramulla on Thursday issued an order directing for a blanket ban on private coaching by government teachers across the north Kashmir district. "In light of the directions issued by the department from time to time, all the Teachers, Masters and Lecturers of the district are directed not to practice Private Tuition/Coaching in any private institution/coaching centre", reads an order. "As such all the school Heads are advised to certify that none of their teacher/lecturer is unauthorized involved in private tuition. **More on P10**

Bukhari Seeks PM's Intervention In Delimitation Panel's Proposal

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari on Thursday sought the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in the draft proposals of the Delimitation Commission and announced to hold a silent protest march against it.

Addressing a press conference here, Bukhari said since Jammu & Kashmir is directly ruled by the Centre, leaders should intervene to protect the rights of its people.

The commission has put us in a spot where the people of J&K do not know what their future is. Our children ask us what is left for us in this country and will it be like this all the time.

Is this justice? The commission has made a shameful attempt to pit Jammu against Kashmir, but

they will not succeed in that. This is not an issue of a fight between Jammu & Kashmir, this is an issue of justice he said.

Bukhari said if the commission was working for a party, then that party is not working for the interests of the country.

Earlier in the week, the Delimitation Commission formed after the reorganisation of J&K into a Union Territory, had proposed six additional seats for Jammu, and one for Kashmir.

Currently, Jammu has 37 assembly seats, and Kashmir 46. J&K political parties, including PDP and National Conference, have expressed strong objections to the proposal, alleging bias in favour of the BJP.

The idea of a united India, a secular India is defeated when such things are done. The Apni Party rejects it on behalf of the people of J&K **More on P10**



CITY

120-Years Old Church Reopens In Srinagar After 30 Years



KO photo / Abid Bhat

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR:The Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday inaugurated the reopening ceremony of historic St Luke's Church in Srinagar that has been fully renovated, conserved and opened for the public to offer prayers.

Talking to Kashmir Observer Chief Priest of St. Luke's Church, Father Eric expressed his happiness over the reopening of the Church after three decades.

"We were working to reopen it for the last eight years and it finally happened with the help of locals and administration in Srinagar," Father Eric told Kashmir Observer.

The Christian community

of Srinagar has also expressed happiness at the government's initiative to renovate and reopen the Church ahead of Christmas.

St Luke's Church is a single-storey building constructed on a cruciform plan. The Church follows the Gothic Style of Architecture which is distinct from the other important monuments dotted in the landscape of Srinagar. Attached to the porch, there is a bell tower which is three-storey in height, mounted by a high pitched CGI roof with dormer gables on each side.

Before the restoration works, the Church was lying in a dilapidated condition, with the structural members suffering major damage.

The CGI roofing was completely damaged, the rainwater intrusion from the roof aggravated the decay of important components.

Initially, the structural integrity of the Church was analyzed by experts and the envisaged vision was to restore the Church in its original shape and character keeping intact the Architectural glory of the Church.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC; Athar Aamir Khan, Commissioner, SMC and CEO Srinagar Smart City; besides Chief Priest of St. Luke's Church, Father Eric, people from all walks of life were present to witness the reopening of the Church.

Reports of 24 Pregnant Women Covid Positive at LD baseless: Admin No Need To Panic Says MS LD

Auqib Javeed

SRINAGAR:- The Lal Ded (LD) hospital administration on Thursday refutes the news carried by a news agency regarding the reports of 24 pregnant women being tested positive for coronavirus.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, Dr Muzaffar Hussain Sherwani as Medical Superintendent, LD said every patient has to undergo RAT before entering the hospital for the treatment and only 7 women were tested positive for the COVID-19 against what was reported 24.

"These women just came for the general check-up and were not admitted. They have been sent back to home," Dr. Sherwani told Kashmir Observer.

He said out of which six were sent to home-isolation in view of being asymptomatic and only one has been shifted and is under observation in designated isolation facility of this hospital.

He further said that all the seven patients who have tested positive were referrals from various districts of the Valley.

He further said that the attendants who were accompany the patients were tested Covid negative

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ADDENDUM

Reference :-i) SRO 505 of 2019 dated 20-08-2019.
ii) Notification No. B2-BOPEE of 2021 dated 01-09-2021.
iii) Letter No. PCI-5261/2021-22/2598-600 dated 09-08-2021.
iv) Letter No. PCI-5240/2021-22/2603-05 dated 09-08-2021.
v) Letter No CDC/2021/5/59-69 dated 30-11-2021.
vi) Letter No CDC/2021/5170-80 dated 30-11-2021.

The mandatory approval for admission to B Pharmacy Course for the academic session 2021-22 in respect of S.V.S. Paramedical College, Sunderbani Rajouri and DRD College of Pharmacy, Kathua has been received after the seat matrix for the aforesaid course was uploaded by the J&K BOPEE on its website vide above referred notification.

With a view to facilitate more candidates seeking admission in the course, the Board has decided to add S.V.S. Paramedical College, Sunderbani and Data Ranpat Dev College of Pharmacy, Kathua to the seat matrix already uploaded on the official website of the Board (www.jkbopee.gov.in) for following Colleges / Institutions with tentative intake as indicated against each college:-

Name of the College	Name of Course	Tentative Intake
S.V.S. Paramedical College, Shiv Khast, Sunderbani, Rajouri	B-Pharmacy	60 – Seats
Data Ranpat Dev (DRD) College of Pharmacy, Dhaloti, Rajhagh, Kathua	B-Pharmacy	100 – Seats

Notes:-

- In addition of above 160 seats, there are 08 (eight) vacant seats also available in Prabha Harjilal College of Pharmacy & preclinical Sciences Madre-e-Meharban Campus of Health Sciences Jammu.
- The candidate(s) whose name and ranks are already available in the annexure "A" to the Notification No. 105-BOPEE of 2021 dated 13-10-2021 shall not require to apply again.
- The candidates who have already completed admission formalities at Prabha Harjilal College of Pharmacy & preclinical Sciences

Madre-e-Meharban Campus of Health Sciences Jammu shall not be eligible to compete against the above seats.

4. The candidate(s), if any, willing / desirous to apply a fresh can do so up to 27th of December 2021 (04.00 PM) during working days. The eligibility and other terms and conditions for such candidates shall remain the same as notified vide Notification No. B2-BOPEE of 2021 dated 01-09-2021.

5. The fresh candidates, if any, shall have to submit all relevant documents (as mentioned in Notification No. B2-BOPEE of 2021 dated 01-09-2021) physically at BOPEE office Jammu / Srinagar and deposit fee of Rs. 1500/- through POS Machine available at BOPEE office Srinagar / Jammu, by Debit / Credit Card up to 27-12-2021.

6. The Rank(s) of fresh candidates shall be allotted on the basis of qualifying marks and the Ranks which shall be inserted in annexure "A" to the Notification No 105-BOPEE of 2021 dated 13-10-2021 strictly as per the merit.

Important:-

The Board shall allot the seats to the eligible candidates in all the three colleges strictly on the basis of merit cum preference through physical round of counselling which shall be held on 29th of December 2021 at BOPEE office Jammu / Srinagar. The interested candidates are advised to report for attendance and further counselling for allotment of seats on 29-12-2021 from 09.00 AM to 10.30 AM sharp.


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

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Remembrance on the 12th death anniversary of Mr. Gulzar Ahmad Gulzar



It was on this day, the 24th of December, 2009, you left for heavenly sojourn grieving us immensely. You were a smile on our bewitching face when you bade adieu to worldly mortal disposition rightly opined by Dr. Sir Muhammad Iqbal:

نشانِ سخنِ آلودہم چہاں گلِ گمراہِ بیست

Your thoughts and memories are a perennial source of solace and guidance for us all.

You were a paragon of enviable human virtues worth vouching for you on the day of resurrection, as endorsed by the Holy Quran:

آلِکُم شَہِیْدٌ مِّنْکُم مَّا کُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

Deeply remembered by the grief-stricken family
Through: Sartaj Hussain Madni (Son)

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Hema Complex, Sector -3, Channi Himmat, Jammu/ Zum Zum Complex Rambagh Srinagar.

NOTICE

Subject: Clubbing/Tagging of Multiple Admit Cards of candidates for Computer Based Written Test (CBT) Examination for Junior Lab Assistant, (Skill Development Department), Bee Keeper/Field Assistant Grade-III/Equivalent, Farm Supervisor and Plant Protection Operator, Agriculture (Production & Farmer's Welfare Department) advertised vide notice no 07 of 2020, respectively on 20.12.2021 and 21.12.2021- regarding.

Whereas, the JKSSB conducted Computer Based Written Test (CBT) Examination for the posts of Junior Lab Assistant, (Skill Development Department), Bee Keeper/Field Assistant Grade-III/Equivalent, Farm Supervisor and Plant Protection Operator, Agriculture (Production & Farmer's Welfare Department) advertised vide notice no 07 of 2020, respectively on 20.12.2021 and 21.12.2021; and

Whereas, the JKSSB received representation from candidates stating therein that the candidates have been issued multiple Admit Cards / roll numbers for all such item/ posts for which the JKSSB has conducted single examination based on the similar criteria/ qualification and syllabi; and

Whereas, the matter was examined in the JKSSB and it transpired that there are variations in the particulars /details filled in respective application forms submitted by the candidates due to which all such candidates who applied for multiple posts and for which a single examination was scheduled/conducted, have been issued multiple Admit Cards on the basis of errors committed by the candidates; and

Whereas, it was deemed fit to allow such candidates an opportunity to be considered for the posts for which they have applied and seek clubbing requests for tagging of multiple roll numbers.

Now therefore, in view of the above, the candidates who had appeared in the aforesaid examination and have been issued multiple / more than one Admit Cards for posts with similar syllabi/domain, are hereby informed to submit CLUBBING requests in the offices of JKSSB, Central Office, Hema Complex, Sector -3, Channi Himmat, Jammu and JKSSB, Camp Office, ZumZum Building Rambagh, Srinagar along with evidence in support of his/her claim by or before 30th of December, 2021. The candidates who fail to submit their claim within the prescribed time period will loose their right to be considered for multiple posts and the JKSSB shall in no way be responsible on this account.

However, it is further clarified that no claim or representation in this regard shall be entertained after 30th of December, 2021.

Ashok Kumar) KAS,
Controller of Examination
Services Selection Board
Jammu

DIPK-15541/21

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Dated: 22 -12-2021

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Department of Higher Education Directorate of Colleges

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby informed that the online portal for submission of applications under AICTE Pragati Scholarship Scheme for girl students (Fresh & Renewal cases) & AICTE Saksham Scholarship Scheme for specially abled students (Fresh & Renewal cases) has been opened & last date for submission of online applications is 30.12.2021. The details of online portal for various schemes are as follows:-

S.No	Scheme	Portal address
1	AICTE Pragati Scholarship Scheme (Fresh applications 2021-2022 Batch & Renewal applications 2020-2021 Batch)	National Scholarship Portal https://scholarships.gov.in
2	AICTE Pragati Scholarship Scheme (Renewal applications 2018-19 & 2019-20 Batch)	AICTE web portal https://www.aicte-pragati-saksham-gov.in/
3	AICTE Saksham Scholarship Scheme (Fresh applications 2021-2022 Batch & Renewal applications 2020-2021 Batch)	National Scholarship portal https://scholarships.gov.in/
4	AICTE Saksham Scholarship Scheme (Renewal applications 2018-19&2019-20 Batch)	AICTE web portal https://www.aicte-pragati-saksham-gov.in/

The guidelines of each scheme are available at AICTE website. The students may submit their Fresh & Renewal applications at the respective portal. The students are advised to submit their online applications well in time so that their institutions are able to verify applications within the prescribed timelines.

The last date for first level of verification of applications(fresh and renewal cases) by institutions including re-submitted defective applications and second level of verification (Fresh & Renewal cases) by State Nodal Officers is 15th December 2021 and 31st December 2021 respectively. The details of online portal for institutions for first level of verification of online applications are as follows:

S.No	Scheme	Portal address
1	AICTE Pragati & Saksham Scholarship Schemes (Fresh applications 2021-2022 Batch & Renewal applications2020-2021 Batch)	National Scholarship Portal https://scholarships.gov.in
2	AICTE Pragati & Saksham Scholarship Schemes (Renewal applications 2018-19 & 2019-20 Batch)	AICTE web portal- https://www.aicte-pragatisaksham-gov.in/institutes/login.php

The eligible institutions are also advised to verify applications of their students immediately after receiving the applications on respective online portal.

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HIGHWAY STATUS



Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
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HIJRI CALENDAR

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PRAYERS

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ZUHR	12:28
ASR	3:49
Magrib	5:30
ISHA	6: 55

This Day In History

1476- 400 Burgundian soldiers freeze to death during siege of Nancy
1715- Swedish troops occupy Norway
1798- Russia& Britain sign Second anti-French Coalition
1814 -Treaty of Ghent signed, ending the War of 1812 between the United States, the United Kingdom and their allies
1864 -Battle of Gordonsville, Virginia
1877 -Thomas Edison files a patents for the phonograph
1884- Austria-Hungary admits King Leopold II's Congo Free State
1889- Daniel Stover & William Hance patent bicycle with back pedal brake
1900 -Foreign powers present the Chinese Empress with their list of 'irrevocable conditions' before their nations will withdraw troops from China
1914 -German plane drops bombs on Dover, England
1924 -Albania becomes a republic (ex-premier Ahmed Zogoe's coup)
1936- 1st radioactive isotope medicine administered in Berkeley, California
1939- World War II: Pope Pius XII makes a Christmas Eve appeal for peace.
1942-Redarmy occupies German airports at Tasjinskaja&Morozowsk
1943 - US President FDR appoints General Eisenhower Supreme Commander of the Allied forces
1946 -French Fourth Republic is founded
1948 -Greek government disbands due to state of war, press censorship
1951 -United Kingdom of Libya gains independence from Italy via UN
1954 -Laos gains its independence
1962 -USSR performs nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya USSR
1963- Greek& Turks riot in Cyprus
1966 - Soviet spacecraft Luna 13 lands on Moon
1966- USAF C144 military charter aircraft crashes near Binh Thai, Vietnam, killing 129
1967- China performs nuclear test at Lop Nor, PRC
1979- 1st Ariane rocket launched1986 Iran offensive against Iraqi islands of Shatt al-Arab
1989 -Charles Taylor enters Liberia to unseat President Samuel K Doe
1990- Saddam Hussein says Israel will be Iraq's 1st target
1992 - US President George H. W. Bush pardons Caspar Weinberger for Iran-contra affair
officially lit in Vatican City
1997 -The Sid El-Antri massacre (or SidiLamri) in Algeria kills 50-100 people.
1997 -The Dominican Republic becomes a member of the Berne Convention copyright treaty
2003 -Spanish police thwart an attempt by ETA to detonate 50 kg of explosives at 3:55 p.m. inside Madrid's busy Chamartin Station.
2012- 11 kindergarten children are killed after a minivan plunges into a roadside pond in Jiangxi,

From KO Archives

12 Bangladeshis killed near Jammu

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Twelve Bangladesh nationals were killed when Border Security Force (BSF) jawans opened fire at a group of people attempting to sneak into Jammu region from across the border today, official reports here said. The reports said BSF personnel noticed a group of persons attempting to sneak into Indian territory from Pakistan-controlled Kashmir (PcK) near Sangral village in R.S.Pura sector of Jammu in the wee hours today. They mistook the intruders for militants and opened fire at them when they tried to flee back after being asked to surrender, the re-ports said, adding the deceased were totally unarmed. In the past, a number of Bangladeshi nationals were either arrested or killed while making attempts to sneak into this side. However, a Jammu dateline PTI report, weaving a cock-and-bull story, said; "On being confronted by the BSF jawans and asked to surrender, the intruders started running back, they (official sources) said.

Meanwhile, Pakistani troops resorted to firing from across the border forcing BSF jawans to retaliate.In the exchange of fire, the intruders were killed, the sources said. "Senior BSF and police officers have rushed to the area and the bodies of the intruders are being handed over to police for further investigation", the sources said."

Elsewhere in Kashmir valley, militants shot dead a civilian, injured a surrendered militant and a BSF jawan and abducted a villager, while security forces repulsed a militant attack on a police station since last evening, an official spokesman said.

Unidentified gunmen shot dead a farmer Abdul Aziz Dar inside his house at Putshahi-Lalpura in frontier district of Kup-wara early today, he said. Jammu and Kashmir police and CRPF jointly repulsed a militant attack on police station Lalpora in frontier district of Kupwara late last night, the spokesman said. A group of militants opened heavy fire and hurled grenades on the police station. However, the police and CRPF contingent stationed there retaliated and repulsed the attack. No casualty on either side was reported, he added

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21 Million Americans Don't Have Enough To Eat This Holiday Season



BLOOMBERG

Hunger is rising this holiday season with the U.S. Census Bureau estimating more than 21 million Americans didn't have enough to eat in early December as pandemic relief payments run out and grocery prices rise.

Low-income families may soon face more pressure with monthly child tax credit payments ending and the Senate deadlocked on legislation to extend the program backed by President Joe Biden.

The number of households in which there was sometimes or often not enough to eat reached 9.7% this month, a five month high, according to data collected between December 1 and 13 by the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey. That figure in households with children sunk from 11% to 7.8% in August, after the first child tax credit monthly payments went out.

Grocery prices in the U.S. are up 6.4% from a year earlier. Food banks are also seeing a rise in demand,

and clinics meant to help malnourished and underfed children have seen an increase in patients.

The child tax credit payments serve as an advance on the tax return received by two-parent households making less than \$150,000 per year. Parents receive \$300 monthly for each child under the age of 6, and \$250 per month for each child under 18. Households making more than that get a smaller credit. The majority of parents have reported using the mid-month cash infusions for food, according to Census Bureau surveys between July and September. Studies have found making the payments permanent could significantly reduce childhood poverty.

The last of the scheduled payments for the expanded child tax credit were sent out on Dec. 15. The Build Back Better Act includes language that would extend payments through 2022. The bill's status is up in the air, however, after Senator Joe Manchin, a Democrat from West Virginia, on Sunday said that he would not vote for it.

'People Keep Coming': Crisis-Hit Turks Queue For Bread



Agencies

Under a heavy winter sky, the grimly silent queue of people stretches around the corner from Bayram Duman's kiosk, which offers discount bread for Istanbulites hurt by Turkey's economic malaise.

Turkey's cultural and historic capital has been offering cheaper bread for the poor at "Halk Ekmeği" ("People's Bread") shops since the 1978.

But with prices soaring on everyday items as Turkey battles one of its gravest economic crises in decades, Duman says the queues are especially long this year.

"The prices have risen significantly at the bakeries. People keep coming," the 50-year-old says.

The queues are a worrying sight for Turkey's veteran President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who is trying to fight inflation by slashing interest rates.

As economists had predicted, Erdogan's solution is not working out.

Countries usually raise borrowing rates to slow spending and bring down prices — a policy mix the Turkish leader, a pious Muslim, rejects citing Islamic laws against usury.

According to official data, which many Turks are starting to question, prices last month rose by 21 per cent compared to November 2020.

Economists expect this figure to nearly double by early next year because of a sharp depreciation

of the lira, which makes imports much more expensive.

But the higher prices are already on display in Turkish stores, where basics such as sunflower oil, eggs and butter cost roughly double what they did a year ago.

'Dirty game'

Pro-government media accuse the city, which is run by opposition mayor Ekrem Imamoglu, of politicizing the bread queues ahead of an election due by mid-2023.

One newspaper claimed Imamoglu was playing a "dirty game" by shutting down many of the discount bread shops, making the queues longer at existing ones.

The city counters that it is actually making more loaves of discount bread than ever before, additionally selling them in some supermarkets.

Yet the kiosk queues are also long in other big cities, including the capital Ankara.

After waiting in patient silence under the rain for about 10 minutes, most of Duman's customers leave with four or five loaves of bread in clear plastic bags.

Hiding under hoods and umbrellas, few wish to speak to reporters about what brought them out the cold streets in search of Turkey's cheapest bread.

The loaves sell for 1.25 liras (10 US cents), about half the prices of most regular bread.

Japanese Professor Develops Lickable TV Screen Simulating Flavour Of Food

Agencies

TOKYO: A Japanese professor has developed a prototype lickable TV screen that can imitate food flavours, another step towards creating a multi-sensory viewing experience.

The device, called Taste the TV (TTTV), uses a carousel of 10 flavour canisters that spray in combination to create the taste of a particular food. The flavour sample then rolls on hygienic film over a flat TV screen for the viewer to try.

In the COVID-19 era, this kind of technology can enhance the way people connect and interact with the outside world, said Meiji University professor Homei Miyashita.

"The goal is to make it possible for people to have the experience of something like eating at



a restaurant on the other side of the world, even while staying at home," he said.

Miyashita works with a team of about 30 students that has produced a variety of flavour-related devices, including a fork that makes food taste richer. He said he built the TTTV prototype himself over the past year and that a commercial version would cost about 100,000 yen (\$875) to make.

Potential applications include distance learning for sommeliers and cooks, and tasting games and quizzes, he said.

On Hospitalisation Rate For Omicron, "Good News" From These 2 Studies

Agence France-Presse

WASHINGTON: Two studies from Britain published Wednesday showed Covid infections with Omicron are less likely to result in hospitalization compared to the Delta variant, the latest research confirming a trend first identified in South Africa.

The preliminary studies -- one paper from Scotland and the other from England -- were cautiously welcomed by experts, who nonetheless stressed that any advantage in milder outcomes could still be negated by the new strain's heightened infectiousness, which may still lead to more overall severe cases.

"We're saying that this is qualified good news -- qualified because these are early observations, they are statistically significant, and we are showing a reduced risk of hospitalizations," Jim McMenamin, a co-author of the Scottish research, told reporters on a call.

The Scottish paper examined Covid cases recorded in November and December, and grouped them by cases caused by Delta against those caused by Omicron.

It found that "Omicron is associated with a two-thirds reduction in the risk of Covid-19 hospitalization when compared to Delta," while also showing that

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a booster vaccine offered substantial additional protection against symptomatic infection.

The study was small and there were no people under 60 hospitalized at the time, but the authors said they had adjusted for these limitations using statistical methods.

The second paper, from England, found there was a 20-25 percent reduction in any attendance at hospital for Omicron compared to Delta, and a 40-45

percent reduction in hospitalizations lasting one night or longer, in other words "admissions."

The Scottish study only looked at admissions so this may account for part of the difference seen.

Azra Ghani of the Imperial College London, who co-authored the England study, said in a statement: "Whilst the reduced risk of hospitalization with the Omicron variant is reassuring, the risk of infection remains extremely high.

Pfizer Oral Covid-19 Pill Gets US Authorization For At-Home Use

Agencies

Pfizer Inc said on Wednesday the US Food and Drug Administration authorized its antiviral Covid-19 pill, making it the first at-home treatment for the coronavirus that is expected to become an important tool in the fight against the fast-spreading Omicron variant.

Data from Pfizer's clinical trial showed its antiviral regimen was 90% effective in preventing hospitalizations and deaths in patients at high risk of severe illness. Recent lab data suggests the drug retains its effectiveness against Omicron.

The agency said it authorized

the oral drug for emergency use for the treatment of mild-to-moderate disease in adults and pediatric patients of 12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kilograms, or about 88 pounds, who are at high risk for progression to severe Covid-19.

"This authorization provides a new tool to combat Covid-19 at a crucial time in the pandemic as new variants emerge and promises to make antiviral treatment more accessible to patients who are at high risk for progression to severe Covid-19," Patrizia Cavazoni, director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research,

said in a statement.

The drug is available by prescription only and should be initiated as soon as possible after a diagnosis of Covid-19 and within five days of symptom onset, the agency said.

The company said it was ready to start immediate delivery in the US and raised its production projections to 120 million courses of treatment from 80 million in 2022.

The Pfizer pills, taken with the older antiviral drug ritonavir, will be sold under the brand name Paxlovid. The pills are meant to be taken every 12 hours for five days beginning shortly after the onset of symptoms.

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Iran Adds Kamikaze Drones To Its 'Offensive-Defence' Policy



Agencies

Iran's Fars News said on December 23 that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps is relying more on "aggressive" tactics and "suicide drones." This has been clear in recent years as Iranian drones proliferate around the region and increasingly give the Houthis, Hamas, Hezbollah and other pro-Iran groups a more powerful offensive weapon.

The comments were made on the sidelines of the "Great Prophet 17" drill that Iran launched this week. Tehran has been using cruise missiles, helicopters, aircraft, anti-tank missiles and drones in coordination to showcase its latest abilities, IRGC head Maj.-Gen. Hussein Salami mentioned that the ground forces are a guarantor of the country's territorial integrity and national security, saying that: "It was done through a combination of the main elements of the IRGC's ground combat power, including strong defensive positions, the use of offensive drones, jumping

mines and armored firepower."

He also noted the development of new systems and tactics. "The new points in this exercise include the effective use of offensive suicide drones and the identification that they are new components of our ground offensive power, the effective use of offensive power by helicopters and the firing of missiles and rockets at [various] distances," he said.

Iran's IRGC praised the upgraded command structures of the country's military forces. It appears this is a hint of more IRGC-led operations to come. This year the Guard Corps pioneered new attacks on commercial shipping, including using drones against a moving tanker. They also used drones to attack US forces in Iraq and Syria. Washington is drawing down what it says are its last combat troops in Iraq.

Iran wants to pressure the US to leave Syria as well. It wants to threaten shipping in the Gulf of Oman and put an option on the table to strike at Israel from Yemen, Lebanon, Iraq and Syria at the same time.

Pak Court Allows Minor Christian Girl Who Converted To Islam To Go With Parents

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

KARACHI: A Pakistani court on Wednesday allowed Arzoo, an underage Christian girl who allegedly converted to Islam and contracted a "free-will marriage", to go home with her parents after she spent a year in a shelter home for women.

The two member bench of the Sindh High Court, headed by Justice Mohammad Karim Khan Agha, had in November 2020 sent Arzoo to a shelter home after it was confirmed by a medical board that she was underage at 14 years.

The court had then ruled that Arzoo, who claimed that she contracted the marriage on her own accord, was

a minor and could not enter into a legally valid marriage as her consent had no legal value and directed the police to proceed against her alleged husband for violating the Sindh Child Marriages Restraint Act 2013.

Arzoo had earlier refused to go home with her parents, who filed a case last year claiming that a Muslim man named Syed Azhar Ali, who is much older than their daughter, first abducted her and then forcibly converted her to Islam and married her.

However, during Wednesday's hearing, the girl said that she wanted to return home with her parents.

The court also stated that the girl would not be allowed to meet Azhar.

OMICRON THREAT

Pole Warns Health Dept
Against Any Laxity In
Screening Int'l Travellers

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir on Thursday took a serious note of the failure of ongoing repeat RtPcr testing on 8th day of International travelers who were put on home quarantine in their respective districts.

It was observed that the laid guidelines/instructions for conducting repeat RtPcr testing on 8th day of arrival of Inter-

national travelers are not being followed strictly, an official spokesperson said.

"As such it was emphasised upon all the Chief Medical Officers to ensure that these repeat testing of all the international travelers is carried on 8th day of arrival positively," he said

"Any laxity in this regard shall be viewed seriously and the concerned Chief Medical officer shall be personally responsible for any delays in this matter," he added.

AG's Organisation Bids Adieu
To Outgoing Law Officers

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Advocate General's Organisation on Thursday organized a farewell party to give a warm send-off to Bashir Ahmad Dar, Ex-Senior Additional Advocate General; Mir Suhail and Shah Aamir Additional Advocate Generals on attaining superannuation

Ld. Advocate General, J&K, D.C. Raina, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, an official spokesperson said Thursday. The gathering at the Office Complex, here, was attended by all the Addl. Advocate Generals, Deputy Advocate Generals, Government Advocates, ADO with Ld. Advocate General etc.

"The participants highlighted and praised the contribution of the outgoing Law Officers in a very cordial atmosphere and stated that these Officers always lend a helping hand to their colleagues/ juniors as and when

need arise," he said

He further said that the outgoing Law Officers praised the Ld. Advocate General for his keen and timely guidance in discharging their duties during their tenure.

"The Ld. Advocate General, J&K, in his speech stated that for a good and healthy organisational behaviour, such parties prove really a memorable relationship among the Law Officers and continuation of such events is need of the hour in honour of memorable time; the team has in a joint coordinated effort achieved. The new comers, who were also present, were also given warm welcome to become part of the team and to work in a coordinated and positive approach," the official spokesperson said.

He further said that the meeting ended in a cordial atmosphere with thanks from and to the chair.

SKUAST-K Holds 10-Day
Skill Training In
Chromatographic Techniques

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Kashmir held a 10-day higher-order skill training for the students and research scholars from the various institutions of Jammu and Kashmir.

The training programme on "Chromatographic & Spectroscopic Techniques for Phytochemical Estimation" was organized by the university's Research Centre for Residue & Quality Analysis, Directorate of Research under World Bank-ICAR funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) for the institutional development of SKUAST-K.

Director Research, SKUAST-K, Prof Sarfaraz Ahmad Wani, who was the chief guest at the occasion, while talking about

the significance of the training, said it is a window of opportunity for the trainees to work in different research and development sectors or they can initiate their own startups for employability and wealth creation. He assured the SKUAST-K laboratory facilities to the trainees and motivated them for setting up a food testing laboratory.

Director Agriculture Department Kashmir Choudary Mohd Iqbal, who was the guest of honour at the occasion, talked about the various relented opportunities. He appreciated the SKUAST-K role for conducting such trainings.

Director Education SKUAST-K Prof MN Khan also spoke at the occasion. The training was attended by the 20 participants. Scientist of RCRQA SKUAST-K Prof. Ashraf Alam Wani presented the vote of thanks.

J&K Admin Now
Eyeing Land, Property
Of People: Mehbooba

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti Thursday said the administration was eyeing the land and property of people of the union territory, having already "hurt" their dignity and special identity.

She said the "theatrics of peace" being played by the BJP-led Central government was proving to be counterproductive.

"The arm twisting measures with heavy military presence on the ground, denying fundamental rights to people and enforcing a political ideology is what is being done in the name of ensuring peace in Jammu and Kashmir," she said.

"You cannot shut the mouth of a patient in pain and declare him stable. Measures of coercion can buy you some time but will not bring peace," she said.



Peace cannot be enforced but established by understanding the core problem and addressing the grievances of the people, she said.

"Reconciliation and dialogue is the only way to establish lasting peace," she said.

She was addressing villagers in RS Pura who are affected due to the government plans to develop Gharana wetland.

The former chief minister said that like villagers around Gharana wetland, farmers

across Jammu and Kashmir were being forced out of their properties.

"agriculture and horticulture has always been the backbone of state's economy and it was this sector which enabled the residents of Jammu and Kashmir to survive despite turbulence and unrest," she said, adding now the government seems to be eyeing these sectors to further weaken the already struggling economy.

She said that Gharana has always been home to the migratory bird and the development project may bring tourist to the area. "However, the administration cannot turn a blind eye to the problems of the local residents, who are losing a huge chunk of land."

Endorsing the demand of the protesting villagers, she said they should be allotted alternative land and provided jobs.

Dr Sarin, Dr Saleem Wani
Frontrunners for Director SKIMS Post

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The health and medical education department of Jammu and Kashmir has shortlisted 15 candidates for the post of director Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences Soura Srinagar among whom Dr. Yogesh Kumar Sarin and Dr. Mohammad Saleem Wani are the frontrunners.

The interaction with the 15 shortlisted candidates will be held on December 28 with the Selection Committee at SKIMS, Soura, local news reports said.

The H&ME department had issued a notification inviting online applications from Indian nationals for the post of Director, SKIMS, Soura, for which 36 applications were received.

Among the shortlisted include Dr. Yogesh Kumar Sarin Professor and Head of the Department of Paediatric Surgery Lady Harding Medical College and Associated Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, New Delhi, Dr. Nisar Ahmad Bhat, Deptt of Paediatric Research SKIMS, Soura, Dr. Altaf Umar Ramzan Professor & Head Department of Neurosurgery SKIMS, Soura, Dr Umar Javed Shah Dean Medical Faculty and HoD surgical Gastroenterology/ Surgical Oncology, Dr. Showkat Ali Mufti Professor & Head, Emergency Medicine Department, SKIMS, Dr Parvaiz Ahmad Koul, Professor & Head, Internal & Pulmonary Medicine, SKIMS, Soura, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Lone Professor and Head Department of CVTS, SKIMS, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Laway Professor and Head, Department of Endocrinology, SKIMS Soura, Dr. Showkat Ahmad Secretary Technical, Health & Medical Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar, Dr. Naseer Ahmed Mir Professor & Head of Orthopaedics, Post Graduate Department of Orthopaedics, SKIMS

Bemina, Dr. Reyaz Ahmad Untoo, Dr. Adil Hafeez Wani Professor & Head of Department of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, SKIMS, Dr. Mohammad Saleem Wani Professor & Head, Department of Urology and Kidney Transplant Unit, SKIMS Soura, Dr. Abdul Wahid Khan Professor. Department of Psychiatry, GMC Anantnag (Academic Arrangement) and Dr. Tariq Ahmad Gojwari Professor & Head Department of Radio-diagnosis SKIMS, Soura.

As per the notification, these applications were scrutinised for prescribed qualifications and required experience by a Screening Committee, constituted for the purpose by the General Administration Department.

The Screening Committee submitted its report to the General Administration Department, wherein it has shortlisted fifteen candidates for the same.

"Now, therefore, it is to inform all the above applicants that the interaction before the Selection Committee for the

post of Director, SKIMS Soura will be held on December 28 at 11:00 AM in the Meeting Hall of Civil Secretariat in Jammu" it reads, adding that the applicants are requested to kindly make it convenient to be present at the scheduled venue, date and time along with their original testimonials, failing which they would not be considered for the personal interaction before the Selection Committee.

CB Files Charges Against 5
Persons In Pension Fraud Case

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Crime Branch Kashmir has produced a charge-sheet against five persons including Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama for fraudulently preparing a fictitious family pension case in which daughter-in-law was shown as the wife of the deceased man.

An official of the Crime Branch Kashmir said that the chargesheet in the case (FIR No. 09/2017) under section 420, 468, 471, 120-B-RPC was submitted before Court of Special Mobile Magistrate, Pulwama against accused persons -Mst Fazi Begum, Abdul Rashid Laway, both residents of Lurgam Tral, Ali Mohd Wani, the then Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama of government Housing Colony Bemina Srinagar, Harbajan Singh, the then Junior Assistant, of Baygun Tral, and Ayaz Mushtaq Bhat, the then Assistant Accounts Officer R & B Division Pulwama of Simnaniya Colony Karewa Kulgam.

The case was registered based on a complaint, alleging that one Abdul Rashid Laway, Employee of R&B Division Pulwama, has fraudulently prepared a fictitious family pension case of his father in favour of his wife in place of actual claimant.

During the course of enquiry, the CBK said, it was revealed that the accused persons in further-

ance of criminal conspiracy with the concerned officials of R&B Division Pulwama resorted to falsification of documents and processed a family pension case in favour of daughter in law of the deceased i.e. wife of accused and reflected Mst Fazi Begum as wife of Abdul Rahim Laway (deceased), when the fact is that the said Mst Fazi Begum was her daughter-in-law, the CBK said.

On the basis of false documents, the CBK said, the family pension was settled by the competent authority and a huge amount was found to have been received as pension by the wife of accused, as the actual claimant i.e. Mst. Janna wife of deceased employees had expired before the death of Abdul Rahim Laway.

Subsequently the act of omission and Commission on the part of accused persons prima facie disclosed the commission of offence punishable U/S 420, 468, 471 RPC and accordingly the instant case was registered at police Station Crime Branch Kashmir and investigation set into motion, the CBK said.

"During the course of investigation, it has been established that the accused persons in criminal conspiracy with each other prepared illegal pension case by preparing fake pension pension Book, descriptive Roll certificate and life certificate in favour of Mst. Fazi Begum, which caused loss of Rs. 9.5 lacs to the state exchequer."

Man Feared Dead After
Slipping Into Stream

SRINAGAR: A 38-year-old man is feared to have died after falling into a stream in Heripora Pohru area of Handwara in North Kashmir's Kupwara district.

Reports said that a man identified as Farooq Ahmad Rather son-in-law of Ghulam Moham-

mad Bhat slipped and fell into Pohru stream this morning, according to news agency GNS.

Soon as the news spread, locals from the area rushed to the spot in an effort to rescue the person. However the person is yet to be traced after few hours into the incident.

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Notice Inviting e-Tenders

E-NIT NO. (43) of 2021(FRESH)

Dated: 17.12.2021

For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir, e-tenders (double cover) under EPC mode are invited from interested contractors, firms/agencies duly registered under Indian Partnership Act or Registered Companies under Companies Act having expertise in the job, for the work IOT Driven Smart Farming for water harvesting & micro irrigation of Dryland Agriculture at DARS Budgam SKUAST-K at advertised cost Rs. 400.00 lakh to include following components:

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2. Site Plan of the area along with contours (E.T.S)	a) Eligibility Criteria (As per Annexure-1)
3. Underground pipeline system for supply of irrigation water at different points	b) Conceptual Plan
4. Drip irrigation system for orchard area	c) Time of completion- 18 months
5. Sprinkler irrigation system for vegetable and pulses	i) Underground pipeline system for irrigation at different points
6. Rain-port irrigation system for nursery, vegetables and pulses	ii) Rain-water harvesting
7. Smart irrigation system (Automation)	iii) Construction of sumps
8. Bore-well	iv) Production type bore-well
9. Rain water harvesting	v) Networking of the complete project
10. Sumps	Financial Bid shall include:
11. Complete designing of the project	i) Details of each item of work (Civil/mechanical/electrical, etc.) with specification
12. Any other requirement deemed necessary by the agency for completion of the project.	ii) Tendered price per unit of each item of work including all taxes and extra charges, whatsoever.

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1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	17.12.2021
2.	Date of start of downloading tender document	17.12.2021
3.	Bid submission start Date	17.12.2021
4.	Bid submission end date (on-line)	31.12.2021 (up to 6.00 P.M)
5.	Date & Time of opening of Technical bid	03.01.2022 (11.00 am)
6.	Date & Time of opening of Financial Bids of qualifying bidders (online)	04.01.2022

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For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, e-tenders are invited by Sr.Aquaculture Engineer(XEN), Fisheries Department J&K Srinagar by e-tendering mode on item rate basis from approved and the eligible registered Contractors registered with J&K Government, CPWD, Railways & other Central/State Governments of the classes mentioned here under in strict accordance with conditions noted below.

S. No	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Class of Contract	Cost of Tender Document	Time of opening of bid	Time of completion
01	Upgradation of Trout Rearing Unit Panzath Qazigund Anantnag by way of Renovation of Guard Hut	Rs 1.54 lacs	D	Rs 200/-	30-12-2021 at 10:00 AM	15 Days
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Position of AA= Accorded

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1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	23-12-2021
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3	Bid submission Start Date	23-12-2021 from 2:00 pm
4	Bid submission End Date	29-12-2021 upto 4:00 pm
5	Date & Time of opening Bids (Online)	30-12-2021 at 10:00 am In the Office of the Sr. Aquaculture Engineer (XEN) Fisheries Deptt Suleiman Complex Dalgate -Srinagar

No:SAE/D/2021-22/ 1484-88

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(Short-Term)

Dated:23.12.2021.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Repair to 26 Passenger OTIS theatre Lift at Govt. Super Speciality Hospital, Srinagar	0.39	100	77 MCS of 2021 Dt-18.12.2021	Available	800	92 of 11/21 (AEE S/D 1st)
Repair of 400 KVA servo stabilizer of old Oxygen Plant at Govt. SMHS Hospital, Srinagar	0.69	200	10AH of 2021 Dt-22.03.2021	Available	1400	112 of 12/21 (AEE S/D 1st)
Construction of Canopy/shed for AHU duct , medical air and vacuum Tanks at Bum Centre of Govt. SMHS Hospital, Srinagar	0.98	200	MC/Plan/NP-PBI/369/2429-36, Dt: 24-09-2020	Available	2000	111 of 12/2021 (AEE S/D 1 st)

- The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 23.12.2021 (17.00 hrs).
- The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 23.12.2021 (17:00hrs) to 30.12.2021 (17:00 hrs) in two (02) cover.
- The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 31.12.2021 (13.00 hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

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Hope For Tourism

J&K administration is looking forward to a renewed in-flow of tourists with the onset of the winter and the ebbing of the virulent second Covid-19 wave, And to this end, the administration has taken steps to protect the Valley as a safe destination. This has involved a two-pronged strategy: one, vaccination of the people associated with the tourism. Second, strict enforcement of the SOPs to ensure the safety of the tourists during their stay in the Valley. The administration has already carried out vaccination drives at tourist destinations.

This has had the desired effect. In recent weeks, tourists have flocked in significant numbers to scenic resorts like Gulmarg. The administration is now planning to open some more destinations like Sonamarg and Dodapathri. According to media reports, there are around 3,000-4,000 arrivals everyday. The tourism department has also held roadshows at major cities including Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad, Jaipur and Lucknow. According to the figures, while less than one lakh tourists visited the Valley during April-July, more than 2.8 lakh have thronged in just the last three months.

Tourism in the Valley has been battered by the turmoil and the pandemic of the last two years - except, of course, the last winter when the tourists had started arriving in increasing numbers by November last, helped largely by the ban on international travel due to the pandemic. Another factor that worked in favour of Kashmir tourism is snow, a novelty for most Indians. The union tourism minister Prahlaad Singh Patel had then said in a statement in Rajya Sabha that the tourist footfall in the union territory this year had broken the record of the last 16 years.

But then the arrivals again petered out as the second wave reared its head around May and soon overwhelmed the country and J&K. The nascent recovery of the sector was thus cut in its bud. This has once again resulted in the loss of livelihoods. Hardest was the low wage workers like ponywallas, tourist guides, cab drivers, hotel staff, boatmen etc.

Now, the winter and the snow at tourist resorts have generated fresh hope. Tourism has once again picked up helped in part by the continuing ban on international travel. Snowfalls that would soon become the order of the day will give further fillip to the arrivals. One benefit of a snow-bound winter has been that there is a sudden bump in the arrival of tourists. But the economy already reeling from the successive lockdown of the past one and a half years has been dealt too severe a blow to recover anytime soon.

O T H E R O P I N O N

Warning Bells

I ndia has reported over 200 cases of the highly infectious Omicron variant and given that there were no cases when the month began, this has put the Centre in a high state of alert. An unmistakable foreboding was writ large in a letter by the Union Health Secretary to the Chief Secretaries of States and Union Territories on Tuesday that has asked them to be prepared for the worst. It said that Omicron was at least "three times more transmissible" than the Delta variant, and therefore "greater foresight, data analysis, dynamic decision-making, strict and prompt containment action" were required at the local and district levels. It also underlined two specific parameters which States have to be vigilant about: a test positivity of 10% or more in the last week and bed occupancy crossing 40% or more on oxygen-supported or intensive care units. There were echoes in the letter of the days when India was under a complete lockdown – it exhorted district officials, when required, to impose night curfew, strictly regulate large gatherings, curtail numbers in marriages and funerals, and restrict numbers in offices, industries and public transport. It also directed pre-emptive action.

Maharashtra and Delhi have reported the highest number of cases of Omicron, followed by Telangana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Kerala and Gujarat. India's daily case count has ebbed and has remained well below 10,000 for most of the month – a first since May 2020; close to 90% of the adult population has been vaccinated with at least one dose. From the numbers alone, India is in a much better position than from last year or even as recently as this summer when the devastating second wave struck a body blow. However, the consternation in the Centre appears to derive from the experience of the last two years when waves in Europe and the United States were harbingers of havoc in India. While last year it appeared that vaccines would be the world's passport out of the pandemic, it now seems that even a third dose is inadequate. India is overwhelmingly dependent on a single vaccine in spite of two being produced here; none of the mRNA vaccines is available. Drug regulators are yet to clear vaccines for children and booster doses partly out of concerns that this may trigger a shortfall. A good 40% of adults – and they are still the most vulnerable to severe disease – are yet to be fully vaccinated. Crowds and public mingling are at pre-pandemic levels and the coming months will see huge crowds as part of election campaigning. The true impact of Omicron will be known over the next few weeks but the Centre must continue to strike the gong of caution while facilitating greater availability of essential medicines, hospital beds and vaccines.

The Hindu

Global Democracy By Design?

US President Joe Biden Should Be Applauded For Taking The Lead On Reinventing Democracy Worldwide. But Foiling Dictators Requires Not Only Good Intentions But Also A Strategy Based On Sound Analysis.



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WE NEED A MINIMAL global constitution that provides a set of guarantees, like basic human rights and press freedom, and authorizes countries to intervene when a government violates these fundamental rules. This will have to rely on creating an edifice of self-enforcing beliefs

NEW YORK – US President Joe Biden's recent Summit for Democracy was an important global event, but it slipped by almost unnoticed. With democratic norms fraying from Southeast Asia to Central Europe, Biden was right to warn of "the sustained and alarming challenges to democracy and universal human rights." But too few acknowledge that rising authoritarianism around the world, like climate change and the evolution of lethal viruses, can pose an existential risk to humanity. Most people do not appreciate the extent to which civilizations depend on pillars of norms and conventions. Some of these have evolved organically over time, while others required deliberation and collective action. If one of the pillars buckles, a civilization could well collapse.

Efforts to counter the current threats to democracy should start with the fact that every economy is embedded in culture and institutions. As Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James Robinson have argued, long-run growth may depend more on institutions than on anything else. But institutions are not always exogenous. As the growing field of cultural evolution shows, human beings are adaptive learners who rely, often unwittingly, on social learning to entrench norms that are necessary for a society to flourish.

Likewise, Avinash Dixit and Simon Levin argue that, in some contexts, we may need to take deliberate steps to instill pro-social preferences that can help us adapt to our changing world. We can do this through education, and by deliberating and deciding as citizens to promote certain kinds of collective behavior. That is what happened when delegates from American states convened in Philadelphia in 1787 to revise the existing Articles of Confederation and ended up drafting the US Constitution, which became the cornerstone of the new country's long-term growth and prosperity.

We are in a similarly challenging situation today, as cross-border flows of goods, services, and capital flatten the world economically. The rapid advance of digital technology, accelerated over the last two years by the COVID-19 pandemic, is causing huge strains. Increased outsourcing of pro-

duction has contributed to hyper-nationalism, which in turn is fueling the rise of anti-democratic leaders who exploit people's desperation.

These changes have come so swiftly that deliberate collective action is needed to defend democracy. We do not have the luxury of waiting for our norms and institutions to evolve.

Fortunately, we are better equipped for this task today than ever before, because of a methodology that we lacked a century ago. Game theory, which began as an abstruse, mathematical discipline, is now a staple of the social sciences, from economics to politics, in domains such as moral contracts and the negotiation of conventions and constitutions.

To understand the power of such strategic analysis, consider why some authoritarian leaders, like former Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, succumb to popular rebellion, while others, like Belarusian President Aleksandr Lukashenko, remain in power. When a vast majority of a country's population is ready to rebel, as seemed to be the case in Belarus in the summer of 2020, and the leader has limited capacity to suppress the uprising, how can he or she prevail?

To address this question, I developed an allegory I call the Incarceration Game. One million citizens of a particular country want to join a rebellion to overthrow the tyrannical leader, who can catch and jail at most 100 rebels. With such a low probability of being caught, each person is ready to take to the streets. The leader's situation looks hopeless.

Suppose he nonetheless announces that he will incarcerate the 100 oldest people who join the uprising. At first sight, it appears that this will not stop the rebellion, because the vast number of young people will have no reason to abandon it. But, if people's ages are common knowledge, the outcome will be different. After the leader's announcement, the 100 oldest people will not join the revolt, because the pain of certain incarceration is too great even for a good cause. Knowing this, the next 100 oldest people also will not take part in the revolution, and nor will the 100 oldest people after them. By induction, no one will. The streets will be empty.

Authoritarian rulers' intentional or unwitting use of such an approach


may help to explain why earlier revolts crumbled when on the verge of success. To demonstrate this empirically in history or in recent cases, like that of Belarus or Myanmar, will require data that we do not have yet. The Incarceration Game is a purely logical conjecture. What it does, importantly, is to remind us that toppling a dictator requires a strategy to foil such a tactic. Good intentions alone are not sufficient; the upholding of democracy needs a strategy based on sound analysis.

So do we. Today, we can marshal this kind of strategic analysis to advance the honorable aims that motivated Biden's Summit for Democracy. In some respects, the world is now at a similar stage to that of late-eighteenth-century America. We need a minimal global constitution that provides a set of guarantees, like basic human rights and press freedom, and authorizes countries to intervene when a government violates these fundamental rules. This will have to rely on creating an edifice of self-enforcing beliefs. Drafting such a universal constitution cannot be left to any particular country, however democratic and powerful it may be, because self-interest will invariably intrude. If the United States took on this task, then no matter what the initial intention, it would end up defending its own economic interests in the name of helping the world, as it has done many times already.

While Biden should be applauded for taking the lead on reinventing democracy, he should establish an autonomous group to draft the necessary strategy and then create an autonomous multilateral authority to help achieve it. It would, of course, be naive to think this will be easy. But we have an existential reason to try.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

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The Omicron Threat

The world's facing yet another uncertain variant. It seems too similar to the initial days of covid-19 back in 2019. A pal of fear has dawned upon the world again, wondering if Omicron is going to be a bigger challenge.

Till now, there have been conflicting judgments about the behaviour of this variant. Many studies believe that the virus leads to mild symptoms only especially in the case of vaccinated people. The other half is trying hard to

raise certain alarms. Some say that the alarms raised are for some sectors to profit out of fear mongering.

In the midst of this are common people who have to rely on the influx of information. However, there still remains an easy way to stay safe. It is what we had started off the pandemic with in the first place – following SOPs.

Wearing a mask, physical distancing and ventilation are key to keeping the virus at bay. Taking extra precautions for older people and

people with underlying conditions is a must. Following hand hygiene is pivotal. These seemed very difficult to understand at the beginning of the pandemic but now we're well versed with them. So, it should be easy for us to follow these and adapt quickly to this uncertain threat.

Additionally, we need to trust science and get vaccinated. The only death by Omicron in US was of an unvaccinated patient. Vaccines work. We can debate the levels of efficacy but they work.

They are a blessing in these times and we must avail this blessing.

If you are still not vaccinated, please prefer getting vaccinated as soon as possible. Get tested at the first sign of symptoms. Isolate responsibly. Educate and adapt.

Hopefully, the omicron threat will not prove to be a disaster as big as the delta variant from the second wave. But this will only be possible, if we, at our own end act responsibly.

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Mirror Mirror On The Wall

Body Dysmorphic Disorder's Causes And Treatments

Wasim Kakroo

You may not be comfortable about your physical appearance. Your broad thighs, the breadth of your nose, the size of your lips, or the amount of space between your eyes may be something you do not like. Some people, however, take their concerns to a new level. They are overly concerned with their appearance to the point where it is interfering with their lives. Despite evidence to the contrary, they have predominantly unfavourable opinions about their appearances and bodies. This body consciousness may interfere with their ability to function at school or at job. Such people may be suffering from BDD, or body dysmorphic disorder.

What is body dysmorphic disorder (BDD)?

Body dysmorphic disorder is a mental health issue. A person suffering from body dysmorphic disorder becomes extremely concerned about a physical flaw. Frequently, they're imagining the flaw, or it's so insignificant that no one else notices it. As a result, people with this illness typically regard themselves as "ugly," avoiding social situations or sometimes even resorting to plastic surgery to alter their appearance. The emotions associated with the concern about their appearance overwhelm a person's mind, impairing their day to day social and professional activities.

What are the effects of body dysmorphic disorder



(BDD) on people?

People who suffer from body dysmorphic disorder may:
Believe they are "ugly."
Spend hours thinking about their perceived defects on a daily basis.
Skip work or school because they don't want to be seen.
Avoid spending time with relatives and friends.
Have plastic surgery (perhaps numerous surgeries) to improve their appearance.
Experience a lot of emotional pain and do a lot of things that aren't good for them.

Who is at risk of developing body dysmorphic disorder (BDD)?

People of any gender might be affected by body dysmorphic disorder. It usually starts in adolescence or early adulthood. At this age, children begin to compare themselves to others. Body dysmorphic disorder is a chronic mental health issue. Body dysmorphic disorder if left untreated can worsen as people age. Physical changes associated with ageing, such as wrinkles and grey hair, make them even more sad.



What parts of the body are patients with Body dysmorphic disorder (BDD) concerned about?

es to each other). This notion is supported by the fact that patients with Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD) are more likely to have additional mental health issues, such as significant depression and anxiety.

PEOPLE WITH THIS illness typically regard themselves as "ugly," avoiding social situations or sometimes even resorting to plastic surgery to alter their appearance

Other factors that could impact or induce the onset of Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD) include:

Having been exposed to traumatic events or emotional conflict as a child.
Poor self-esteem.
Parents and others who would criticize the patient's appearance.
Peer pressure and a society that associates beauty and worth with physical appearance.

What are the various symptoms of Body Dysmorphic Disorder?

People who suffer from Body Dysmorphic Disorder have distorted perceptions of themselves. This can lead to them avoiding others, engaging in dangerous habits, or undergoing many repetitive surgical procedures to cure problems they believe they have. The following are some of the warning signs that a person may have Body Dysmorphic Disorder:
Preoccupation with one or more physical flaws or defects that are not visible to others or look minor to others.
Looking in the mirror, picking at the skin, and attempting to hide or cover up the flaw are all examples of repeated and time-consuming actions.
Continually seeking assurance that the flaw isn't visible or obvious.
Because the person can't stop thinking about the flaw, they're hav-

phic disorder (BDD)?

BDD can be diagnosed and treated by a psychiatrist and/or a trained psychologist.
The person's attitude, conduct, and symptoms are assessed by these mental health professionals. Body dysmorphic disorder is frequently diagnosed when a person:
Is fixated on a flaw or deficiencies in their physical appearance.
Perform repetitive actions (grooming, checking their appearance in the mirror) because they are concerned about their appearance.
Is unable to function at work or at home because they are preoccupied with their appearance.
What are the various treatment options for body dysmorphic disorder?
Treatment for Body Dysmorphic Disorder frequently comprises a combination of the following:

Psychotherapy: Individual counseling focuses on altering a person's thinking (cognition) and behaviour. Through counseling, a trained psychologist restructure their thoughts about the fault and reduce their obsessive behaviours about their appearance.

Exposure and Response Prevention (ERP): ERP employs thoughts and real-life experiences to demonstrate to the person that their perception of oneself is inaccurate.

Medication: Body dysmorphic disorder can be treated with antidepressants known as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs).

Family Support: Family support is essential for successful treatment. Family members need to learn to



plastic surgeons or dermatologists, on a regular basis to discuss strategies to improve his or her appearance.

Why is it so difficult to diagnose Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD)?

Because people are typically ashamed of their feelings and symptoms, diagnosing this illness can be difficult. They may be embarrassed and prefer not to disclose their symptoms to their healthcare practitioners. For years, the disorder may go unnoticed. Many people who suffer from Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD) go undiagnosed.

Who are the professionals that diagnose body dysmorphic



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PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM BODY Dysmorphic Disorder have distorted perceptions of themselves. This can lead to them avoiding others, engaging in dangerous habits, or undergoing many repetitive surgical procedures to cure problems they believe they have

Need help at work? Study suggests asking in person over emailing, texting

According to a new study by Cornell University, if you need help at work, asking in person for help maximizes one's chance of getting a "yes", rather than emailing or texting.

The research has been published in the 'Social Psychological and Personality Science Journal'.

The article was co-authored by Vanessa Bohns, associate professor in Cornell's Industrial and Labor Relations School, and M. Mahdi Roghanizad, assistant professor at Ryerson University.

"If you really need a 'yes,' it's best to ask in person," Bohns said.

The researchers conducted experiments with 490 people and 1,490 respondents to their requests for help proofreading a



half-page of text.

In one exercise, help-seekers asked five friends over varied channels to see which ones elicited the most compliance with requests. Those findings were compared with what help-seek-

ers predicted would be the most effective channels.

The results did not mesh. Most people underestimated the in-person advantage, they found.

One explanation, Bohns said, is that "when we are the

ones asking for something, we think what matters is what we are asking for, rather than how we are asking for it."

"We tend to think people will weigh the costs and benefits and make a measured decision about whether to agree to something, saying 'yes' only if they really want to," Bohns said.

"But in fact, people agree to all sorts of things, even things they'd rather not do, because they feel bad saying 'no' in the moment," she added.

The bottom line, the researchers said, is that people miss out on receiving help because they ask in suboptimal ways by forgoing advantages offered by visual and audio elements.

Google Voice Now Lets Users Decide Who Goes To Voicemail

Agencies

Tech giant Google now lets users customise how its Voice service handles incoming calls.

According to Engadget, users can now configure the app to forward calls from either individual or groups of contacts to a linked phone number or your voicemail.

Separately, users can set a rule that plays custom voicemail greetings for specific contacts. And if they want to avoid taking calls unless necessary, they can tell it to screen individuals.

The tech giant said the new options allow users to route incoming calls in ways that comple-



ment their existing workflows.

To start using the feature, users can head over to the Google Voice website and click the cog icon located toward the top of the interface. Then

click "Calls," followed by "Choose a rule." Note that on the mobile app, it's only possible to view rules you have already set; you can't establish new ones – at least not yet, the report said.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD (JKSSB)

Hema Complex, Sector -3, Channi Himmat, Jammu/
Zum Zum Complex Rambagh Srinagar.
(www.jkssb.nic.in)

ANSWER KEY NOTICE

Subject:-Answer Key & seeking of representations (if any) to the Computer Based Written Test (CBT) Examination for the posts of Junior Lab Assistant, (Skill Development Department), Bee Keeper/Field Assistant Grade-III/Equivalent, Farm Supervisor and Plant Protection Operator, Agriculture (Production & Farmer's Welfare Department) advertised vide notice no 07 of 2020, respectively on 20.12.2021 and 21.12.2021 and submission of representations -regarding.

The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board conducted Computer Based Written Test examinations for the posts of Junior Lab Assistant, (Skill Development Department), Bee Keeper/Field Assistant Grade-III/Equivalent, Farm Supervisor and Plant Protection Operator, Agriculture (Production & Farmer's Welfare Department) advertised vide notice no 07 of 2020, respectively on 20.12.2021 and 21.12.2021.

The Answer Key(s)/Question Paper(s) shall be available through the online link available on the website of the Board i.e www.jkssb.nic.in, for three days w.e.f 23rd of December 2021 to 26th of December 2021. The candidates can submit their objections/representations in respect of any question/answer (if any) and upload the same, along with documentary evidence/ reference. However, Objections /representations through any other means shall not be entertained.

Important Instructions:

Candidates are requested to login with their Roll No, Date Of Birth, Select Date Of Examination and Batch Timing shown in their Admit Card to view their Response sheet, Question and Answer Key.

In Question Paper view, correct alternative is highlighted in green.

Enter question number against which objection to be raised in the "Question No." field.

Enter objection against a question in the "Objection" field.

Click on Add button to submit representation for more than one Question.

Objections must be entered only in English.

Objections can be raised only against questions and their alternatives.

Objections once submitted cannot be edited later.

Once submitted, new objections cannot be added later.

(Ashok Kumar)JKAS

Controller of Examinations

J&K Services Selection Board

Jammu

No.SSB/COE/2021/9001-007

Dated:- 22-12-2021

DIPK-15497/21

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS J&K

127/AD NEAR POLICE RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS

GANDHI NAGAR JAMMU

SULEIMAN COMPLEX 1st FLOOR DALGATE SRINAGAR

JAMMU 0191-2451390, 242451391

Subject: Opening of National Scholarship Portal for submission of online for Post- Matric Scholarship to ST Students.

Through the medium of this notice all the ST students who intends to avail the benefit of the Scholarship Scheme "Post-Matric Scholarship to ST students" during the year 2021-22 and could not apply for the same due to late admission process are hereby informed that the National Scholarship Portal has been opened for students once again from 22nd of December, 2021 to 5th of January, 2022.

No application form shall be entertained by National Scholarship Portal after cut of dates as no further extension will be provided after 5th of January, 2022

Musheer Ahmad (JKAS)

Director

Tribal Affairs Department J&K

DIPK-15564/21

No: DTA/PMS/2021-22/4570-84

Dated:- 22 -12-2021

J&K TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIO LIMITED

TOURIST RECEPTION CENTRE SRINAGAR/JAMMU.

Notice inviting for E-tender.

For and on behalf of the J&K Tourism Development Corporation Limited (JKTDC), the e-Tenders are invited in single cover system on item rate basis from approved and eligible civil/ contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railway and other State Central Governments for following works.

E-NIT No. 23 of 2021-22

Dated:- 21/12/2021

S. No	Name of the Work	Esti-mated. Cost (Rs.in lacs)	Cost of Tender docu-ments (in Rs)	Time of Comple-tion	Class of Con-trac-tor	Major Head of Account
1	Renovation/up-gradation /Improvement by way of electric works of T.E Aru Pahalgam.	10.00	600.00	20- work-ing days	AAY electric	Capex-2021-22
2	Renovation/upgradation of Huts by way of electric work at T.E. Yousmarg.	10.00	600.00	20- work-ing days	AAY electric	Capex-2021-22
3	Renovation/up-gradation /Improvement by way of electric works of Hotel Alpine at T.E.Banihal.	10.00	600.00	20- work-ing days	AAY electric	Capex-2021-22
4	Renovation/up-gradation /Improvement by way of electric works at T.E. Kokernag.	10.00	600.00	20- work-ing days	AAY electric	Capex-2021-22
5	Renovation/up-gradation/ improvement of Dormi-tory block by way of electric works at Thajwas, T.E.Sonamarg.	7.00	300	15- work-ing days	AAY electric	Capex-2021-22
6	Renovation/up-gradation /Improvement of Hut by way of electric works at T.E. Daksum.	3.50	200.00	7- work-ing days	AAY electric	Capex-2021-22

Technical Sanction - Obtained

Position of AAA:- Accorded

Position of Funds: Committed

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21-12-2021
2.	Period of Downloading of Bidding Documents	21-12-2021, 4:00 AM
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	21-12-2021, 6:00 PM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	12-01-2022 upto 4.00 PM
5.	Date & Time of Opening of Bids (Online) in the Of-fice of the Executive Engineer JKTDC, TRC Srinagar.	13-01-2022 at 11.00 AM

All other terms & conditions shall remain same as are reflected in this office detailed E-nit.

DIPK-NB-6063/21

Executive Engineer, JKTDC, Sgr/Jammu.

No:- JKTDC/M&W/EE/1003-9

Dated:- 21/12/2021

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)

Tele/Fax: 0194-2433590, 2437647 (Srinagar); 0191-2479371, 2470102 (Jammu)

Website: www.jkbopee.gov.in E-mail: coejakbopee@gmail.com/helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com

Subject:- Provisional Selection list for admission to PG Diploma Course in Rehabilitation Psychology -2021 at CRC Srinagar, fourth list thereof.

Reference:- i) Notification No. 145-BOPEE of 2021 dated 11-12-2021.
ii) Letter No. CRC/SGR/Acad/4000/21/445 dated 20/12/2021 issued by Director CRC, Srinagar.

Notification No: 151-BOPEE OF 2021

Dated: 22-12-2021

In response to the above referred letter No. CRC/SGR/Acad/4000/21/445 dated 20/12/2021 from Director Composite Regional Centre, regarding the increase in intake capacity of PG Diploma Course in Rehabilitation Psychology from 20 to 25 for the session 2021. The Board has decided to fill the additional 05 seats among the candidates who have already applied for the said course vide Notification No:- 108-BOPEE of 2021 dated:15-10-2021. Further, due to non-availability of eligible candidates in any reserved category, all 05 seats have been filled up from Open Category as per section-9(2) of J&K Reservation Act-2004. The candidates figuring below have been provisionally recommended for admission to PG Diploma Course in Rehabilitation Psychology at CRC, Srinagar.

S No	Name	Father Name	Grat. %age	PG %age	Weightage (90%) on eligibility in grad.	Weightage (10%) on eligibility in Post - grad.	Add. Points for Higher qualification	Total Score	Rank	Eligibility determined on
1	Mehar Bano	Abdul Qayoom Parry	64.89		58.22			58.22	26	MA
2	Mahroza Shaher	Shaher Ahmad Rafter	64.15		57.74			57.74	27	MA
3	Sumaira Latif	Latif Ahmad Zargar	63.92		57.53			57.53	28	MA
4	Shazia Hameed	Abdul Hamid Ferooz Ahmad Zargar	63.90		57.51			57.51	29	BA
5	Gulshan Ferooz Zargar	Ferooz Ahmad Zargar	62.92		56.63			56.63	30	MA

The above provisionally selected candidates are advised to report to the Composite Regional Center for admission upto 27th December 2021 along with all necessary documents for verification and further scrutiny by the said Centre who shall allow them to join only after production /verification of original requisite certificates including Domicile certificate of the candidate.

In case the above mentioned candidates fails to take admission, upto 27th December 2021, a waiting list of the following candidates shall be operative for admission by the Centre:

Waiting List

S No	Name	Father Name	Grat. %age	PG %age	Weightage (90%) on eligibility in grad.	Weightage (10%) on eligibility in Post - grad.	Add. Points for Higher qualification	Total Score	Rank	Eligibility determined on
1	Faiyaz Ferooz Zargar	Ferooz Ahmad Zargar	62.92		56.63			56.63	31	MA
2	Gowalia Mushtaq	Mushtaq Ak. Dar	50.22	59.08	45.20		10	55.20	33	BA
3	Iqra Wani	Abdul Rahim Wani	61.30		55.17			55.17	34	MA
4	Ishtiaq Ferooz	Mohammad Ferooz Khan	59.85		53.86			53.86	36	MA
5	Nuzia Ali	Ali Mohammad Mir	57.69		51.92			51.92	37	MA
6	Muhammad Akhtar	Gh. Mohammad Mir	56.60		50.94			50.94	38	BA

The candidates in the waiting list shall report to the college for admission on 28-12-2021 at 10:30 A.M only. The Director of the Centre shall admit candidates mentioned in the waiting list on the basis of merit against the shortfall (upto 27th Dec. 2021), if any, and complete the admission formalities on 28th Dec. 2021. The CRC shall forward list of admitted candidates along with shortfall, if any, to the BOPEE on 29th December, 2021 (upto 02: 00 P.M) through e-mail.

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(Dr. Sunil Gupta)

Dated:- 22-12-2021.

No. BOPEE/Exam-25/2021

DIPK-NB-6083/21

JKLFC Stakeholders Told To Prepare A Well Thought Business Revival Plan



Observer News Service

JAMMU: While chairing the 60th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Finance Corporation (JKLFC), the Additional Chief Secretary Finance, Atal Dulloo Thursday asked the management of the corporation to formulate a well thought 'business revival plan' so as to restore the lost glory and worth of this financial institution.

The AGM was attended by MD, JKLFC, Ajay Kumar Sharma; Executive President, J&K Bank, Arun Gandotra; Deputy Director Budget, Shafat Yehya, shareholders and management of the corporation. Srinagar based officers attended the meeting through video conferencing.

Dulloo, who is also chairman of the corporation, exhorted upon both the directors and management of the corporation to study both the financial and managerial setup of the institution and work out the action plan for reviving it. He asked them to engage professionals in the process and come up with a strategic document that is

worth consideration.

The Chairman also asked the corporation to fill the vacancies of directors by election. He impressed upon them to look for professionals like renowned economists, bankers or chartered accountants, who have satisfactory experience with them to take the job.

Dulloo also urged the management of the corporation to take assistance of some big financial entity like SBI, SIDBI and other popular and successful SFCs by taking suggestions and inputs from them or by studying their business and human resource capitalization models.

He impressed upon them to enhance their recovery mechanism and to revise their NPAs and bring them down to permissible limits.

Dulloo also asked the corporation to use their human resources well so that there is substantial progress in its financial health. He stressed on them to work in mission mode to fetch the desired results. He asked them to take advantage of their intellect and relevant laws in this pursuit.

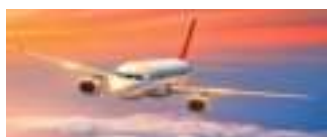
Indian Aviation Industry Was Able To Breathe A Little Easier In 2021

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Indian aviation industry was able to breathe a little easier in 2021 as domestic flight operations reached their pre-pandemic levels even though international services continued to remain curtailed due to Covid-related travel restrictions.

Air India's sale to the Tata Group and arrival of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala-backed new airline Akasa Air in 2021 are likely to introduce more competition and change the dynamics of the Indian aviation sector in the coming years.

While the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) removed all capacity restriction on scheduled domestic flights on October 18, the lower



and upper limits on domestic air fares continue to remain in place.

Both -- capacity restriction and fare limits -- were imposed by the MoCA from May 25, 2020, when scheduled domestic flights resumed after a two-month-long suspension due to COVID-19.

Though the MoCA announced on November 26 that scheduled international flights would resume from December 15, the decision was suspended on December 1 in the wake of spread of the Omicron variant of coronavirus.

Centre Spent ₹19,675 Crore On Covid Vaccine Procurement, Shows Data

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Centre has spent ₹19,675 crore to procure COVID-19 vaccines for free of cost supply to states and Union territories, according to government data.

The government had earmarked ₹35,000 crore in the Union Budget 2021-2022 for COVID-19 vaccination.

"It is informed that an expenditure of ₹19,675.46 crore has been incurred for procurement of COVID-19 vaccines for free of cost supplies to states and Union territories by December 20," read a reply to an RTI application filed by social activist Amit Gupta.

The Union health ministry's COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Cell said that 117.56 crore i.e. 96.5 per cent doses have been administered at government Covid Vaccination Centres (CVCs) from May 1 to December 20.

"About 4.18 crore doses have



been administered at private CVCs, which include 3.55 crore doses of Covishield, 0.51 crore doses of Covaxin and 0.11 crore doses of Sputnik V vaccine," it said.

Under the 'Revised Guidelines for Implementation of National COVID Vaccination Program' effective from June 21, domestic vaccine manufacturers have the option to provide up to 25 per

cent of their monthly vaccine production directly to private hospitals and any leftover vaccine is also procured by the government of India.

According to the CoWIN portal, over 140 crore doses have been administered in the country since the inoculation exercise started on January 16. As many as 56.79 crore people have received both the doses.

Probe Agency Attaches Assets Worth Rs 100-Crore In Bank Loan Fraud Case

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate on Thursday said it has attached assets worth Rs 100 crore of a "habitual offender", who took new loans to repay old ones, and is being



for money laundering linked to alleged fraud against an IDBI branch in Andhra Pradesh.

Agricultural lands, fish ponds, commercial sites, plots and flats of Rebba Satyanarayana located in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have been provisionally attached under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the Enforcement Directorate

(ED) said in a statement.

Satyanarayana and his family members are accused of "fraudulently availing KCC (Kisan Credit Card Scheme) fish tank loans in the names of 143 benami borrowers from IDBI Bank, Rajahmundry branch, to the tune of Rs 112.41 crore".

He was first booked for these charges by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) following which the ED took cognisance of the case.

The ED said Satyanarayana "was the aggregator and end beneficiary of all the KCC loans sanctioned to the borrowers and he conspired with the officials of the IDBI Bank and others to avail loans in the name of his family members, relatives and acquaintances." These loans, the federal investigation agency said, were firstly transferred to the borrowers' savings accounts -- opened by Satyanarayana -- and later, most of the said loan amount was withdrawn in cash.

The cash was handed over to

the accused, which Satyanarayana utilised for various purposes like "repayment" of earlier loans availed by entities in his, relatives and benami names, but controlled by him, it said.

The ED said the accused also used the loan funds to allegedly purchase properties in his name, in the name of his relatives as well as in benami names and made investments in his export-import businesses.

The agency alleged that properties purchased by Satyanarayana through these means "were again used to mortgage for getting other loans in their other business entities." "He is a habitual offender who is taking cyclical loans to repay old loans and divert portions of the sanctioned loans to run his various benami ventures," the ED said.

It was found that Satyanarayana "incorporated a foreign entity in New Jersey, USA, and exported sea food and cultured prawns worth over USD 24,00,000 from his domestic entity to the said foreign entity, which is pending for export realisation.

J&K Bank Bags 'Best Employer Brand Award'



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: As a significant acknowledgement of its HR development, J&K Bank bagged 'Best Employer Brand Award' in 'The North India Best Employer Brand Awards 2021' featuring the top organizations from North India region, which are exemplary in HR and have used marketing communications effectively for Human Resources Development.

Zonal Head Delhi, Kirti Sharma received the award on Thursday on behalf of the Bank from Employer Branding Institute India during 16th Employer Branding Awards at Taj Mahal Hotel in New Delhi.

Commenting upon the award, the Bank's Chairman and Managing Director, R K Chhibber said, "I am happy to hear that our HRD Department has brought us laurels under 'Best Employer Brand Award' category.

Acknowledgement at such a forum is really an honour for the Bank. What makes the news more pleasant is the fact that this is a third consecutive honour that we have earned during this month after achieving second highest percentage of digital payment transactions under "Digital Payments Utsav" and second spot in 'Process Innovation' category of Infosys Fincle Innovation Awards 2021."

"However, recognition coming from these platforms of the country should only strengthen our resolve to further update our capacities, upgrade our procedures and upskill our people", the CMD added.

Notably, some of the key criteria assessed included translating, combining vision with HR strategy, building line to orient HR Strategy with business and cultivating competencies for the future to enable the organization to be future-ready.

SOS Call Answered, Now Telecom Sector To Ring In 5G In 2022

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: A rare bonhomie among three private telecom companies in raising tariffs coming on the back of a bailout package by the government may have helped the telecom sector avert a crisis but the challenges haven't ceased to exist as the industry faces a cash-guzzling task of rolling out 5G networks in the coming months.

The sector that provides direct and indirect employment to millions is projected to see Rs 1.3 lakh crore to Rs 2.3 lakh crore of investments in the coming years in creating robust infrastructure and building telecom and network products that have been incentivised by the government through PLI and other initiatives.

After years of cut-throat competition and the apex court ruling on payment of past statu-



tory dues left some players in the lurch, billionaire Sunil Mittal's Bharti Airtel and struggling Vodafone Idea almost in tandem raised tariffs, taking the plunge they had long been talking about.

Shortly thereafter, richest Indian Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio too followed suit.

The tariff hike alongside the government's relief package that included a four-year break on payment of dues lifted the industry's spirits and ignited hopes of fueling investment in new-age technology that a nation aspiring to become a USD 5 trillion economy deserves.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir					
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION GANDERBAL					
EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl/E-tendering FRESH SNOW NIT No.296 of 2021-22 of R&B Division Ganderbal					
issued under endorsement No.19335-44 Dated.22.12.2021					
For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on percentage based (%age) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other state/ Central Governments for the following works:-					
S. No	Name of Sub Division and State No.	Earnest Money amount in Rs.	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Snow Clearance of Roads/Areas Falling within the jurisdiction of (R&B) Division Ganderbal.	2000/-	200/-	A, B, C & D	3054-Snow
Stage No. 2 as per (Annexure-A)					
1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-					
01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	22-12-2021			
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 22-12-2021 at 5:30 PM to 28-12-2021 upto 4.00PM			
03.	Bid submission start date	22-12-2021 from (5:30 PM)			
04.	Bid submission end date	28-12-2021 up to (04.00PM)			
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	28-12-2021 at (4.05 PM) in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle- Ganderbal/ Bandipora			
The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.					
a. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape E-Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (E- Challan) must be purchased after tender date and Boldly written Name of Stage and Name of Contractor) In favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to the in the Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Ganderbal/ Bandipora (Tender receiving authority)					
b. Upload Valid Registration CARD /Renewal, PAN Card, Latest clearance certificate Form GST-3B of Latest Quarter /Qualifying Month i.e, November					
c. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.					
d. The bidders are advised to get the genuineness of their enlistment cards from the issuing authorities. This is mandatory and bids are liable to be rejected in absence of the genuineness of enlistment card					
1. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical Bids.					
2. The tenderers are directed to submit their tender online; in case the last date of opening of tenders happens to be a holiday/hartal the same shall be opened on the next working day.					
3. Only percentage template BOQ shall be followed for the instant work. The intending bidder shall quote rate percentage above/ below or at par corresponding to J&K SSR 2020. The actual work done quantities shall be accordingly paid for depending upon the depth of snow and corresponding to Schedule Rates provided in the SSR 2020.					
4. The bids shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening. A bid valid for shorter period shall be rejected;					
5. The rates and prices quoted by the bidder shall remain fixed during the currency of contract and shall not be subject to adjustment on any account;					
6. Currencies: All payments will be made in Indian Rupees;					
7. The bidder among other documents shall upload the following documents with bid which shall form a part of technical bid;					
a. Scanned copy of duly renewed copy of Enlistment Registration Card;					
b. Scanned copy of Treasury Challan.					
c. Scanned copy of GST registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B of Latest Quarter/Qualifying Month i.e, November					
d. Scanned Copy of PAN Card.					
e. Scanned copy of C.D.R					
8. Single cover system:- In the first instance technical evaluation of the bids as received shall be carried out to assess the technical responsiveness & non responsiveness of bidders who have participated in the bidding followed by comparison of financial part of bids of technically responsive bidders. The evaluation report, both technical & financial, shall be uploaded on the Departmental Website for the information of the bidders.					
9. Any loss caused to the Department which is attributable to the contractor, shall be recovered from the contractor;					
10. Snow clearance stage contractor is bound to do the snow clearance immediately as and when he is directed to do so. The contractor has to keep in close touch with the department / officers to be present in the stage/ allotted along with necessary tools, labour machinery etc., at the time of every snow fall so that there is no delay in clearance of snow. In case contractor fails to comply with these instructions, clearance work will be undertaken through other agency at the risk and cost of the Contractor without serving any notice.					
11. In case contractor fails to carry out the snow clearance as per the scheduled period and to provide immediately motor paths, he shall bear the penalty of Rs. 3000/= (Three Thousand) for each day of delay along with other penalties including debarment from participating in bidding in (R&B) Deptt. for a period of at least one year.					
Note :- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.					
a. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.					
b. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.					
c. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on (R&B) e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.					
35. All other terms & conditions shall be as per the SBD / Contract Agreement.					
No:-19335-44 DT:- 22-12-2021 DIPK-15519/21					Sd/- Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir						
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER ANANTNAG FOREST DIVISION ANANTNAG						
e- NIT No:- e- 14 of 2021-22 DATED:- 20-12-2021						
Name of Work:- Supply of Soil, Humus and Sand and preparation of potting mixture in the ratio of 3:2:1 after sieving soil, humus and sand, separating pebbles and other undesirable material and mixing net quantities together in desired ratio & volume followed by filling up of bags, preparation of beds and placement of such bags in Herbal Garden - Daksum Range of Anantnag Forest Division.						
For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./ Central Govt. Organizations for the following work:-						
S. No.	Particulars of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion
01	1. Supply of potting material consisting of Soil, Humus and Sand for filling up of nursery bags. Soil (3 Parts): Humus (2 Parts): Sand (1 Part) = 1916.40cft 2. Preparation of potting mixture by sieving soil, humus and sand and removing pebbles and other undesirable material and mixing net quantity in the ratio of 3:2:1 & followed by filling up of bags, preparation of beds and placement of such filled bags in suitable beds of nursery for raising of nursery stock. No. of Polypot s= 30000 No.'s Note: Polybags shall be supplied departmentally. Name of Forest Nursery: Herbal Garden Location of Nursery: Daksum Range:Daksum Division: Forest Division Anantnag	1.746Lakhs	BSD Form	"D" Class PWD Contractor/ Forest Contractor/ JKFDCC Contractor)	Rs. 200/=	One calendar month.
The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.Q), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:-www.jktenders.gov.in.						
Position of Funds: Budgeted						
Position of AA: Accorded						
Position of TS: Accorded						
Publishing Date:-		21-12-2021				
Download Start Date :		22-12-2021 from 02:00 PM				
Bid submission Start Date:		22-12-2021 from 02:00 PM				
Bid submission End Date:		28-12-2021 Up to 06:00 PM				
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:		29-12-2021 at 11:30 AM in the office of the Conservator of Forests Kashmir South Circle Bijnbehara				
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:		To be opened online at any convenient date & time after complete evaluation of technical bids				
TERMS & CONDITIONS						
1. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website: https://jktenders.gov.in. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act. Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.						
2. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security in the shape of Bid Security Declaration form duly filled in with time period prescribed and addressed to Divisional Forest Officer. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.						
3. The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.						
4. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e BSD Form, Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2021-22, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document), Affidavit (notarized), undertaking, tender application form (Read tender document carefully)						
5. The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.						
6. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).						
7. The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/ policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.						
8. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.						
9. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.						
No:-3257-63/FWT/tender Dated:- 20-12-2021 DIPK-15531/21					Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Anantnag Forest Division, Anantnag	

Cow Is Mother, Sacred To Us: PM Modi



AGENCEIS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said cow is mother and sacred to many people and those who find this as "sin" don't realise that livelihood of crores of people depends on cattle.

The PM was addressing a rally after inaugurating and laying foundation stones of 27 projects worth Rs 2,095 crore in Varanasi, his parliamentary constituency, just months ahead of the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh.

Taking a jibe at rival parties, he said those making jokes on cows and buffaloes forget that the livelihood of crores of people depends on "pashudhan" (livestock).

"Cow is mother and sacred to us," he said, adding that some find it as "sin".

In an apparent attack on the Samajwadi Party, Modi said their dictionary contains "mafiavad" and "parivarvad".

After KTR's Open Invite, Munawar Faruqui Announces Show In Hyderabad

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Days after Telangana's Industry and Information Technology Minister K.T. Rama Rao extended an open invitation, stand-up comedian Munawar Faruqui announced that he will be performing in Hyderabad on January 9.

Faruqui took to social media to announce his show titled 'Dhandho'. However, the venue of the show is yet to be announced.

The stand-up comedian had earlier tweeted that he was receiving several calls and mails from Hyderabad to perform in the city.

Last week, K.T. Rama Rao, who is also the son of Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, had extended an open invitation to comedians to perform in Hyderabad saying the city is truly cosmopolitan.

KTR, as the minister is popularly known, took a jibe at the BJP government in Karnataka, after stand-up comedians Munawar Faruqui and Kunal Kamra's shows were cancelled in Bengaluru over threats from some right-wing groups.

"In our city, stand-up comedians get an open invite. We don't cancel shows of Munawar Faruqui and Kunal Kamra just



because we are not aligned with them politically," KTR had said at an event on Friday.

"You claim to be a cosmopolitan city, and then you end up taking comedy very seriously. I don't understand that at all."

"We (Hyderabad) are a truly cosmopolitan city who are welcoming of all cultures, welcoming of criticism. You can come here, criticise the government. In fact, we receive a lot of brickbats from our opposition every day but we are very tolerant," KTR had said.

Late last month, Munawar Faruqui's show 'Dongri to Nowhere' was cancelled in Bengaluru, with the city police citing law and order and calling Faruqui a "controversial figure".

Earlier, his shows were

cancelled in Mumbai, Surat, Vadodara, Ahmedabad and Raipur.

The stand-up comedian was arrested earlier this year on charges of allegedly insulting Hindu gods and goddesses, and spent a month in Indore jail.

After his show was cancelled in Bengaluru, Munawar Faruqui tweeted that hate has won, artist has lost. "I'm done, goodbye. Injustice," he had posted, indicating that he is giving up comedy. He, however, apparently changed his mind later.

Stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra's show was also cancelled in Bengaluru, a few days after Munawar Faruqui was not allowed to perform. Kamra tweeted that his event was cancelled over threats to shut down the venue.

Delhi Court Orders Registration Of FIR Against Cops For Custodial Torture Of Man

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court has issued directions for registration of FIR against several police officials for alleged custodial torture of a man arrested in a robbery case, molestation of his family members, and staging a dog fight in his house. Earlier this month, a judge had ordered initiation of inquiry against the officials of Begum Pur police station after he found bruises and multiple abrasions on Prince Gill's body and saw him trembling when he was produced before the court after his arrest.

Over a week later, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, in a report, exonerated the officials and submitted that there were no excesses on their part and that Gill received injuries during a quarrel with his brother.

The accused's counsel, however, called the vigilance inquiry an eyewash and said that Gill was subjected to brutal custodial violence. Gill was apprehended by the police and cash worth Rs 92,000 was recovered from his residence along with the bike, helmet, and fake number plates used during the commission of the robbery.

The robbery accused, along with his wife Gurpreet Kaur Gill, alleged that a group of policemen barged into their house

on the night of December 8 and staged a dog fight. During the dog fight, their pet was severely wounded and succumbed to injuries. His wife and mother also claimed that the personnel molested them.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Babru Bhan allowed their plea for registration of FIR against the police officials, noting that their allegations were not completely baseless or bald and that there was some element of credibility in the same.

"If police resorts to violence to apprehend the accused and adopts custodial atrocities to gather evidence, it is accountable for the violation of fundamental rights as law nowhere permits custodial atrocities for purpose of collection of evidence during an investigation," he said in an order dated December 22.

He further noted that the police officials kept changing their versions on the timing of the arrest of the accused. The arrest memo stated that he was arrested at 6:30 pm on December 9.

However, when one Sub-Inspector was inquired about the timing, he, at first, said 3:30 am and then later changed it to 6:30 am. Another officer, an inspector, said that the time of arrest was 3:30 am and later said that he was apprehended at 11:00 pm on December 8.

Snapdeal Files For IPO - Offers For Sale Of Up To 3.08 Crore Equity Shares

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SRINAGAR: Snapdeal filed draft herring prospectus for an IPO. The Offer comprises a fresh issue aggregating up to Rs. 1,250 crore and an offer for sale of up to 30,769,600 equity shares.

Snapdeal proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds of the Fresh Issue of Rs. 1,250 crore towards funding the objects like funding organic growth initiatives – Rs. 900 crore; and General corporate purposes (collectively, referred to herein as the "Objects").

In its DRHP, Snapdeal says that it is India's largest pure-play value eCommerce platform, in terms of revenue for the Financial Year 2020. Further, with over 200 million app installations on Google Play Store, it is the most installed pure-play value eCommerce application and one of the top four online lifestyle shopping destinations in terms of total app installations in India, as of August 31, 2021.

Snapdeal platform was also ranked by App Annie (a mobile market data and analytics platform) in the 'Top Publisher Award 2020' as among the top 10 shopping apps in India in terms of monthly active users for the year 2019.

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MHA Discusses

created State Investigation Agency (SIA) in Jammu and Kashmir on the lines of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) was taken up in the meeting. The SAI is a nodal agency Jammu and Kashmir for coordinating with the NIA and other Central agencies "to take measures as may be necessary for speedy and effective investigation and prosecution of militancy-related cases".

Besides, various issues related to modernization of Police Stations and Police Posts and misuse of certain prisons by the terrorists were also discussed.

The meeting comes in the wake of recent attacks on civilians, Jammu and Kashmir Police and security personnel in the union territory.

In the recent one, militants on Wednesday shot dead a civilian and a policeman in two separate incidents within minutes in Kashmir valley. While the civilian was shot dead in the Nawakadal locality of the city, a police assistant sub-inspector (ASI) was killed in the Bijbehara area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Earlier this month, three personnel of Jammu and Kashmir Police died and 11 were injured after two militants attacked a police bus near a police camp at Zewan on the outskirts of Srinagar. In the incident, the militants had opened fire on the bus in the high-security area that houses several camps of various security forces. It was the second major attack in the Kashmir Valley after the recent spate of targeted attacks on migrant workers and members of the minority communities.

Earlier, two policemen were killed as militants opened fire at a police team in Kashmir's Bandipora district.

October saw 41 killings in militancy-related incidents, including 20 militants, nine soldiers and 12 civilians.

J&K Logs 132 New

capital, officials said, Jammu reported a maximum of 23 new cases of infection, Poonch 2 and one new case each in Doda and Kishtwar. No cases were detected in the remaining six districts of Udhampur, Rajouri, Kathua, Samba, Ramban and Reasi.

"Moreover, 118 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 21 from Jammu Division and 97 from Kashmir," the officials said.

Also, they said that three more people died of Covid-19 related complications in Kashmir Valley, raising the death toll to in J&K—2196 in Jammu and 2322 in Kashmir.

"No new case of Mucormycosis has been reported today, thus the total number of confirmed cases remains 50 across J&K," they added.

Police Warns

One of the screen grabs shared by J&K Police in the advertisement is of a Facebook post "urging village/Mohalla/town committees of Kashmir to make sure that no a single non-local lives in Kashmir."

Pertinently, another example cited by J&K Police are some screen grabs of Telegram messages where an unknown person is identifying another. "It is not normal to act as information agents of militant handlers in Pakistan and help them to kill your neighbor and colleagues," are the captions running under the screen grab.

Another screengrab shared in the advertisement is of United Liberation Front of Jammu and Kashmir, a militant outfit, warning policemen that "they would face similar violence if they did not resign from their jobs". This was issued after a policeman was killed in Srinagar. Alongside with this, a news report on the Policeman's killing was also attached along with a caption, "It is not normal either to post or forward threat messages."

It is pertinent to mention here that soon after Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat's death in a helicopter crash, several social media users in J&K had to face wrath of their "anti-national" activities. One of such cases was of a J&K Bank employee who was suspended

for reacting with a 'laughing emoji' on a social media post related to the CDS' death. The other case was filed against the director of Haji Public School, Sabbah Haji after she called CDS "a war criminal".

In the latest advertisement, J&K Police has clearly mentioned that the "supporting or promoting terror" is punishable under section 13 and 18 of UAPA. "You are what you post, think before you share. Don't get trapped. Your one wrong click could land you here(jail). You are caught, we know you." are the other captions used by J&K Police to warn social media users in the latest advertisement.

UAPA is an anti-terror law in which the criminal can be detained without a trial for six months. Under UAPA, after six months, the accused is entitled to "default bail" if investigators fail to submit a chargesheet.

Kashmir Higher

Gulmarg, to prevent skidding of the vehicles," an official of the Mechanical division said.

Reports said 12 cm of snow accumulated at Sadhna top, 10 cm in Furkain Gali and 10 cm in Z Gali.

Also, Bandipora-Gurez road was closed following snowfall near Razdan top.

"Even though there has been 2 inches of snowfall, traffic has been suspended as a precautionary measure," he said.

Meanwhile, a meteorological department official here said that Srinagar recorded a low of 2.6 against last night's minus 1.8 degree Celsius. It was after several days that the mercury rose above normal sub-zero level and today's temperature was 4.6 degree Celsius above normal for this time of the year.

Kashmir is presently under the 40-day long harshest period of winter, known locally as 'Chilleh Kalan', which started from December 21.

The mercury in ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district settled at minus 3.7 degree Celsius against minus 4.0 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said. It was 2.1 degree Celsius above normal for the famous resort which is presently teeming with visitors.

Qazigund had a low of 0.8 degree Celsius against minus 3. 0 degree Celsius on the previous night, he said.

Pahalgam resort in south Kashmir, recorded a low of 0.3 degree Celsius against minus 5.2 degree Celsius on previous night.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a low of 0.7 degree Celsius against minus 1.9 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a minimum of 2.6 degree Celsius against minus 2.9 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

Jammu saw a low of 9.3 degree Celsius which is 6.8 degree Celsius below normal, he said.

Ladakh's Leh had a low of minus 6.6 degree Celsius against last night's minus 12.4 degree Celsius while automatic Kargil station recorded a minimum of minus 6.1 degree Celsius. Drass in Kargil, the second coldest place in the world after Siberia, recorded a low of minus 9.6 degree Celsius, the official said.

The MET Office said there is possibility of light rain or snow at isolated places in J&K over the next 24 hours.

"As expected, light to moderate snow (over higher reaches) occurred at a few places of Kashmir and Sonmarg-Drass axis. There's no forest of any major/significant snow/rainfall till 26th(Day)," the MeT official said

"A Western Disturbance of greater intensity is likely during 26 (Evening) -28th(F/N). Due to this, Light to Moderate Snowfall(2-3Inches) in plains of Kashmir, Moderate over higher reaches of J&K(Heavy 1-2Ft) at isolated places over higher reaches of J&K, Zojila-Minamarg axis, and light snowfall at scattered places of Ladakh, especially Kargil-Zaskar area and light to moderate rain with thunderstorm is

likely during above period," he added.

Let's Resolve

imbibe Lord Christ's message of sacrifice, service, redemption, love and compassion," Sinha said.

He said that the St Luke's Church is a unique symbol of J&K's composite culture, which was built in 1896 on the southwest slope of Shankaracharya Hill.

According to the official spokesperson, the LG congratulated the citizens of J&K, especially the Christian community and all the artisans involved in the renovation and conservation, besides the officials associated with the Smart City program.

The restoration and conservation work of St Luke's Church has been carried out under the 'Smart City Project'. The up-gradation of the surrounding landscape has also been attended to including access to the Church, lighting and the allied components. The inside of the Church has also been redone with construction of Alter, wooden flooring, seating, window panes, access gate and porch.

"India is home to diverse religions and cultures for centuries. But, despite much diversity, we are living in unity without any discrimination," the LG said, while urging people to inculcate the spirit of social harmony and strengthen the values of brotherhood, peace and selfless service.

"St. Luke's message of peace and harmony to all human beings is more relevant today than ever before. Today, while facing the challenges of Covid pandemic, the whole world is realizing that no nation or society can survive in isolation. Our dependence on each other, our connect with each other has increased substantially," he added.

On the occasion, the official spokesperson said that Sinha remembered Dr. Arthur Neve, and threw light on his life.

"Dr. Arthur served the people of J&K for three decades, by establishing this Church as well as saving many lives as a doctor," the LG said.

He also extended his warm wishes to the people for the upcoming Christmas festival.

"On the eve of Christmas, when we remember Jesus Christ, let us also reiterate our strong resolve to follow the path of truth, non-violence and universal brotherhood. Every person should sincerely play their part in promoting harmony in society," the LG said.

According to the official spokesperson, special prayers were recited to mark the day, while a documentary on the history and restoration of the church was also showcased on the occasion.

The Christian community of Srinagar has expressed happiness at the government's initiative to renovate and reopen the Church ahead of Christmas.

St Luke's Church is a single-storey building constructed on a cruciform plan. The Church follows the Gothic Style of Architecture which is distinct from the other important monuments dotted in the landscape of Srinagar. Attached to the porch, there is a bell tower which is three-storey in height, mounted by a high pitched CGI roof with dormer gables on each side.

Before the restoration works, the Church was lying in a dilapidated condition, with the structural members suffering major damage. The CGI roofing was completely damaged, the rainwater intrusion from the roof aggravated the decay of important components.

Initially, the structural integrity of the Church was analyzed by experts and the envisaged vision was to restore the Church in its original shape and character keeping intact the Architectural glory of the Church.

Colleges To Close

winter zone shall observe winter vacations from Dec 27, 2021 to February 14, 2022, the order further said.

It added that All Government Degree Colleges of Jammu division falling under summer zone

shall observe winter vacations from December 27, 2021 to January 05, 2022.

Row Erupts After

Sher-e-Kashmir to Shri Krishna wasn't just a typo or a technical error," tweeted one Afaan Mushtaq.

Three hours after the journalist's tweet triggered a debate on social media, National Health Mission's, Mission Director for J&K Choudhary Mohammad Yasin called Yusuf Jameel's shared document "concocted" and "fake".

Immediately after the Director's rebuttal, Kashmir Observer accessed the official website of NHM and got hold of the official document, "National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme" uploaded by NHM. On Page 17 of the official document, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, it was clearly mentioned on two different columns that the NHM has termed SKIMS as "Shri Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar".

Pertinently, the NHM's J&K Director had to face a backlash for his "misinformation" by netizens, including National Conference's Spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar.

"I cross checked the image with the link provided with the tweet. The govt document clearly mentions Sri Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences instead of Sher e Kashmir IMS. The document in the link cannot be fake. Is the NHM website fake too. Pls enlighten @yasinc.jas." Imran had tweeted.

Almost 30 minutes after the Mission director's tweet, the NHM had dismounted the document from its official website; Yasin Chaudhary had deleted his earlier rebuttal against the veteran journalist and issued a public apology on Twitter.

"I apologize for the misinformed comment earlier. The erroneous document has been taken down. There was a clerical error at the Ministry's end that entailed the wrong full form in the ppt. Request everyone to please don't assume any unjustified notions.@NHMJKS", Chaudhary wrote in another Tweet in an attempt to control more damage.

Govt Seeks List

and head of the institutions to prepare a list of teaching and non-teaching employees who are non-performers or 'deadwood'. (With agency inputs)

Govt Teachers Banned

Any of the teaching Personal found violating the directives, strict action shall be taken against the official involved as it amounts to serious violation of the Government Employees Service Conduct Rules which prohibits on the practice of Tuition/Involvement in private tutorial in any capacity by Government School Teachers", reads the order.

"Moreover Zonal Education Officers are also p under instructions to maintain strict vigil over the violation to the said directions and prompt reporting to this office thereof", the order concludes.

Bukhari Seeks

and requests the Prime Minister and the GoI, as we believe that Gol and BJP are separate to intervene in the matter, he said.

We know we will be told that it is a quasi-judicial commission, but had it been so, it would have done justice. But we think it is working under the instructions of the BJP, Bukhari alleged.

He said the party has decided to hold a silent march by wearing black bands on December 29 as a protest against the draft proposal.

This protest is to show that our voice has been stifled, he said.

Bukhari said this was not a time for party politics but to be seen together and united in demanding the rights of people of J&K.

It is about our peace, our communal harmony. It is not about credit or discredit or an issue of Hindus or Muslims, he said.

He said BJP is not the sole custodian of this country and it has not taken over the rights of all the people.

The leader said his party did not have any issue in being part of an alliance for the protection of the rights of the people.

We are too small to initiate dialogue with anyone. But for a common cause, we are open to form an alliance. They are welcome to be a part of our efforts, if they think we have some role. It is up to them, we do not have a problem, he said.

2 'Militant Associates'

Zahoor Ahmad Chopan of Mamoosa Pattan were arrested by a joint team of police, army's 2RR and the personnel of CRPF 79 battalion on the basis of specific information from Magam area of the district, a police spokesperson said Thursday. He also claimed recovery of incriminating material from the possession of the duo.

The police spokesperson further said that during the preliminary investigation, it was revealed that both the arrested men were in touch with LeT commanders & were involved in providing logistics, shelter as well as transportation to the militants of LeT operating in Kawoosa, Razwen, Rathsun, Mazhama, Pinjoora, Kunzar, Mamoosa areas.

"A case FIR number 95/2021 under relevant sections of law stands already registered at Police Station Khag and further investigation is under process," he added.

IED Defused

team of police, army's 50RR and the personnel of CRPF 183 battalion found an IED on Newa, Pulwama—Srinagar road Thursday morning, a police spokesperson said. He said that the IED weighing approximately 5kg was assembled in a container and planted on the road.

"However, bomb disposal squad of Police & Army destroyed it on spot," the police spokesperson said, adding that a major tragedy was averted with timely detection of the explosive device.

Electric Shock Injures

transformer at Tarathpora Ramhaal area on Thursday afternoon when he received a high voltage electric shock, reports said.

A resident of Villgam in the north Kashmir district, Shah suffered serious injuries in the incident. He was rushed to District Hospital Handwara for treatment, reports said.

Engineer Caught

Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

According to an ACB spokesperson, a contractor filed a written complaint with the anti-graft body alleging that Madan Lal, Executive Engineer, Rural Development Department, District Ramban was demanding a bribe of Rs 5,000 from him for releasing his payments for the work he had done under MGNREGA in District Ramban.

"On receipt of the complaint a discreet verification was conducted by Anti Corruption Bureau and on the basis of findings of the Enquiry Officer, prima facie, offences u/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) was found made out against the alleged accused person Madan Lal, Executive Engineer, Rural Development Department, District Ramban," he said.

Accordingly, he said, a case FIR was registered u/s 7 of the PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018).

During the course of investigation, the bureau spokesperson said, a trap team was constituted, which laid a successful trap and caught the Executive Engineer red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 4,000/- from the complainant in his file.

"The accused was arrested on the spot by the ACB team. Later, searches were also conducted at the premises/residence of the accused," the ACB spokesperson said.

"Further investigation into the case is going on," he added.

U-19 Asia Cup: India Thrash UAE In Opener

India play Pakistan next on Saturday



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Harnoor Singh struck a fine hundred before the Indian bowlers ran through the opposition to complete a 154-run rout of UAE in their opening U-19 Asia Cup match here on Thursday.

Put in to bat, India put up 282 for five, courtesy Harnoor's 120 off 130 balls and skipper Yash Dhull's 63 off 68 balls. Rajvardhan Hangargekar's unbeaten 48 off 23 balls provided the final flourish.

UAE used as many as nine bowling options at the ICC Academy Ground but the move did not help their cause.

The home team's batters came a cropper against the Indian bowling line up, folding up for 128 in 34.3 overs.

Hangargekar took three wickets for India while Garv Sangwan, Vicky Oswal and Kaushal Tamble took two each.

India next play arch-rivals Pakistan on Saturday.

In the other matches played on Thursday, Pakistan beat Afghanistan by four wickets and Sri Lanka hammered Kuwait by 274 runs.

The tournament is being played ahead of the U-19 World Cup in the West Indies next month.

South Africa Are No Pushovers: Shastri



Believes India has firepower to match Proteas

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Former India head coach Ravi Shastri believes that South Africa would be no pushovers on home turf but the Virat Kohli-led Indian team has got the firepower to upstage them in the three-match Test series that starts on Sunday.

Shastri, whose tenure ended recently at the end of India's campaign in the T20 World Cup, also said that he will always back the Men in Blue.

"There couldn't have been a better time for Team India to prove their mettle. Virat (Kohli) has been an impeccable leader and has got a talented team to go along with it," Shastri said while speaking to 'Star Sports' about the upcoming series that also

features three ODIs in January.

"South Africa remains an unconquered bastion. Remember, the Proteas are no pushovers in their own backyard, but we have got the firepower and the arsenal to match that. As always, Team India will always have my backing," added the former India and Mumbai all-rounder.

The first Test will be held at the SuperSport Park in Centurion. The second and the third Test will be played at Johannesburg and Cape Town respectively followed by a three-match ODI series.

In 1992, India played its first-ever Test match against South Africa in Durban, while under Rahul Dravid, who succeeded Shastri as the new head coach recently, the team won its first Test in 2006.

The 59-year-old Shastri featured in 'Firstka Thirst' promo ahead of the series, which is being aired on the channel.

J&K Shines In National Roller Speed Skating, Roller Hockey Championship

JK Sports Council felicitates medal winners, coaches



Observer News Service

JAMMU: The Roller Skating teams have once again made Jammu & Kashmir proud by clinching 6 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals to emerge victorious in the recently concluded 59th National Championship held at Mohali and Delhi.

The teams played under the banner of JK Roller Skating Association affiliated with Roller Skating Federation of India. The event was organised by Roller Skating Federation of India.

The medal winners of the championship included Puneesh Puri who bagged 2 gold medals under 11 category, Tamana Sain won bronze medal under 14 category, Udhay Nara-

yan Sharma bagged 2 gold and 1 silver medal under 14 category, Rajveer Singh bagged 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze under 17 category while Samarjyot Singh clinched 1 silver medal in Roller hockey under 17 category.

In addition to individual medals, Cadet boys under 11 category, Senior men quad hockey, Masters men quad hockey won the gold medal consecutively for the third time while Senior men inline hockey won the bronze medal.

The Sports Council on Thursday organised a mega felicitation function to honour these national champions for their outstanding performance in the said championship.

Secretary, Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, congratulated the

players, coaches and members of the association for the superb show in the championship and wished good luck for their future endeavours.

Divisional Sports Officer, Ashok Singh Jamwal, also congratulated the medallists for their feat.

Gurcharan Singh Khurmi, President of JKRSA, presented vote of thanks and expressed special gratitude to J&K government and Sports Council for providing requisite sports facilities and support as well to youth.

Roshan Gupta, Seema Kharyal, Jatinder Sharma, Kamal Anand, Neetu Randhawa and parents besides officials from Sports Council were present during the felicitation ceremony.

Students & Non-Students Participate In YSS Cup 21

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Cricket and Volleyball tournaments under YSS Cup 2021 were on Thursday held in different zones of Jammu and Kashmir as per the guidelines of Principal Secretary to Government Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Alok Kumar and Director of the Department Gazanfar Ali.

Both girls and boys took part in the two sports competitions being played in all the 20 districts of J&K.

Principal HRSS Hardpanzoo Mohammad Ibrahim, PEM HRSS, Harpanzoo, Javid Ahmad Banady along with the other officials of Zone inaugurated the event at GHSS Kishtwar. An impressive number of students from Sukhnag Block participated in the said cricket event. Many locals had gathered to witness the event.

At zone Quil, Zonal Physical Education Office (ZPHO) welcomed the participants and interacted with the teams of Ashtangoo, Aloosa A, Ashtangoo Ghat and Kehnusa-A of



Block Aloosa who played the inaugural match in the Volleyball event at NM Boys Higher Secondary School (BHSS), Kaloosa.

During the event, District Youth Services & Sports (DYS&S) Officer, Bandipora along with Activity Incharge, DYSSO Bandipora were present on the occasion for motivation of the participants and appreciation of the Physical Education Staff Zone, Quil.

Players at zone, Tulmulla also took part in YSS Cup 2021. The players accorded a warm welcome to all guests including venue incharge, Sameer Abdullah, and Parvaiz Ahmad Wani. Almost 97 participants from Block Lar and Block Wakura participated in the said tournament.

During the trio events, the experts appreciated the participating students and non-students for taking part in the YSS Cup 21.

Director YS&S, Gazanfar Ali praised all the players as well as Sports Officers and said that the main focus of YSS Cup 21 is to engage students, non-students so that the best hidden talents can be picked for the next level of competitions.

Meanwhile, the events were held by strictly following the SOPs.

10-Wicket Hero Ajaz Patel Misses Out On NZ Test Squad

Agencies

CHRISTCHURCH: Ajaz Patel's historic feat of taking 10 wickets in a Test innings was not enough to secure his place in New Zealand's squad for a home series against Bangladesh.

Offspinner Patel became only the third player in Test history after England's Jim Laker and India's Anil Kumble to take all 10 wickets in an innings when he claimed 10-119 in the second test against India earlier this month.

But he was absent Thursday from New Zealand's 13-man squad for a two-Test series against Bangladesh, beginning on Jan. 1.

The squad includes fast bowlers Trent Boult, Tim Southee, Kyle Jamieson, Neil Wagner and Matt Henry along with medium pace allrounder Daryl Mitchell and only one spin option, allrounder Rachin Ravindra.

The tests will be played at Bay Oval in Mount Maunganui and Hagley Oval in Christchurch which are expected to favor quicker bowlers.

"You do feel for Ajaz after his record-breaking display in India," New Zealand coach Gary Stead said.

"However, we've always applied a horses-for-courses selection policy and believe the players selected best fit the way we



want to take on Bangladesh here at home.

"We feel having both Rachin and Daryl in the squad gives us a nice balance and the ability to pick a side best suited to the conditions we expect."

Tom Latham will captain New Zealand in the absence of Kane Williamson, who has an elbow injury, and Devon Conway will return to the squad after breaking his hand at the Twenty20 World Cup last month.

"It's obviously disappointing not to have Kane available for this series but, as we noted in India, he is undergoing a sustained period of rest followed by rehabilitation, strengthening and gradual batting loading," Stead said.

"We have every confidence in Tom leading the side. He's done an excellent job in the past when called upon." (AP)

Langer Hints At Contract Extension With Cricket Australia

Press Trust of India

MELBOURNE: Australia coach Justin Langer on Thursday hinted that he would seek an extension of his four-year contract, expiring in June 2022, saying he "loves his job".

Langer had faced criticism for his coaching methods from the players but now has a Twenty20 World Cup in his CV and is also close to adding the coveted Ashes Trophy win to it.

Australia are leading the home series against England 2-0.

The 51-year-old former Test opener insisted that his thought process has not changed.

"I have never thought differently, to be honest. I have been consistent with what I have said for the last four years. I love my job," Langer was quoted as saying by 'Sydney Morning Herald'.

"The boys are playing well, no doubt about it, it's a great team to be involved in. So, nothing has changed from my point of view."

Former skipper and much-respected Steve Waugh is one of those cricketing figures in Australian cricket who advocate splitting the coaching duties.



"Langer confirmed he wanted to remain in charge of the Test squad and the limited-overs teams in the long term, for there has been debate that the senior coach for the red-and-white-ball teams should be split," the report said.

"Langer's senior assistant Andrew McDonald would be the ideal white-ball coach if Langer remained and the roles were split. McDonald, who listens closely to players and has an excellent rapport, is seen as a fine leader and also capable of guiding all three teams."

Langer was given the job to overhaul the team's culture and regain the respect of the Australian public after the ball-tampering scandal of 2018.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION -SUMBAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

FOR NABARD WORKS

E-Tendering-NIT No. 154 of 2021-22/SUMBAL DATED:-22/12/2021.

Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Sumbal on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K (UT) State invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

S. No	Name of Work	Tendered Cost including GST (Rs in lacs.)			Cost of document (Rs in lacs.)	Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs in lacs.)	Time of completion For Construction work	Tender Call	Time and Date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid)	Class of contractor 3FDE	AA-Status	TS-Status
		Construction Part	Maintenance Part	Total cost of work								
1	Upgradation of Hajin Shahgund Gundahangir Road by way of Nallah Muck Filling, Khak Bajree Filling, P/L WBM G-II, P/L Wet Mix 75mm, P/L 50mm Macadam, 25mm Semidense, Construction of Cement Concrete Drain, Reinforced Cement concrete drain, Construction Of Retaining Wall, P/L of RCC Pipes, X-Drainage works, Const. of Pump Station and Const. of Sump. under NABARD RIDF-XXVI (Road Length = 10.60)Kms	1273.26	127.32	1400.58	11000/-	Bid security decl. Form	3 Years	-	15-01-2022 At 11:00 A.M	AAY/ AAY with HMPO	Govt. Order No.295-PW(R&B) of 2021, Dated:- 07-10-2021.	CE/R&B/K-TS/888 of 2021-22, Dated:- 17-12-2021.

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:-

M.H Account:- NABARD RIDF XXVI

Position of AAA:- Accorded

Position of funds:- Available

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	22-12-2021
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	23/12/2021 from 10.00 A.M.
3	Date & Time of Pre-bid meeting	There shall be no physical pre-bid meeting. However the perspective bidders shall seek any clarification if required through mail within two days from 25-12-2021 upto 4.00 P.M. The chief Engineers Office shall reply to the queries if required through mail.
4	Bid submission Start Date	27/12/2021 from 10.00 A.M.
5	Bid Submission End Date	14/01/2022 upto 4.00 P.M.
6	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	15/01/2022 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Department Kashmir

No. R&B/Sbi/21/3741-47.
Dated:- 22-12-2021.
DIPK-15524/21

Sd./
Executive Engineer
R&B Division Sumbal

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, KASHMIR

E-mail: ddtreg123@gmail.com

Subject: - Change of Registration Certificate of Houseboat "Qutub Minar" (B) moored in Dal Lake.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Mr. Mohammad Lateef Badyari S/o Mr. Abdul Salam Badyari R/o Nehrupark, Abi Karpura, Srinagar has approached this office for change of registration certificate of above mentioned houseboat in his favour under the provisions of J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act/ Rules 1978/82/2011-12.

The said houseboat is registered with this Department vide Reg. No: Reg./741/4/395/DT/241/D-111/B1/91/L1 dated 02/02/1991 renewed up to 31/03/2018 in the name of Mr. Mohammad Ashraf Badyari S/o Mr. Abdul Salam Badyari R/o Nehru Park Srinagar.

Whereas, Mr. Mohammad Lateef Badyari has submitted requisite documents for change of Registration of above mentioned houseboat in his favor viz Character certificate issued by Addl. District Magistrate, PDD Bill in the name of Mohd Ashraf, Affidavit, Pan Card, Press cutting, NOC from KHBOA/Bank, Family Settlement Deed (Sub-Registrar) executed on 26/12/2005, State Subject, Adhar Card and other related documents.

Whereas, Mr. Mohammad Ashraf Badyari (Owner) of above mentioned houseboat has also submitted an undertaking/affidavit wherein he has stated that he has no objection if the concerned Authority may transfer the said houseboat license in favour of his brother namely Mohammad Lateef Badyari S/o Abdul Salam Badyari R/o Nehru Park opposite Police station, Srinagar.

Whereas, transfer of registration certificate for the HB is purely for the purpose of running operation management of the said HB and does not confer any right of ownership of the HB upon the transferee.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under J&K Registration Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011 before the request of applicant for change of registration certificate in his favour is considered the matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/Financial Institutions/Banks/Organizations, etc. that incase of any objection, the same should reach to this office within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice. No objection beyond period of 7 days will be entertained and necessary change will be effected in the registration records of this office in respect of the above mentioned houseboat under rules after submission of all documents/Formalities.

No: Reg/Bee/55/530/DTK
Dated:- 20/12/2021
DIPK-15556/21

SD/-
Deputy Director Tourism
Registration Kashmir

One Killed, Five Hurt In Ludhiana Court Blast, High Alert In Punjab

Press Trust of India

LUDHIANA: A bomb went off in the district court complex here on Thursday, killing one person and injuring five others, prompting the Punjab government to declare a high alert in the state.

Police suspect that the man killed in the blast in the second-floor bathroom was trying to set off the explosive device, or may even have been a suicide bomber.

As forensic teams and specialised agencies were being summoned to the blast site, Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi expressed apprehension that the explosion might have been an attempt to create "anarchy" in the poll-bound state.

The Union Home Ministry has sought a detailed report from the state government as early as possible. It also wanted to be informed about the findings of the initial investigations.

The blast wrecked a wall of the bathroom, shattered window panes in adjoining rooms and broke windscreens of some cars parked below, triggering panic in the busy court complex.

Officials said the five people, including two women, were injured in the explosion were out of danger.

CM Channi, accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu, visited a hospital in Ludhiana to meet the injured.

He also summoned a meeting later in the day in Chandigarh.

The blast comes days after the alleged sacrilege bids – at the Golden Temple in Amritsar and a gurdwara in Kapurthala – followed by the lynching of two men.

Over the past onths there have also been cases of drones being spotted near the Pakistan border, with authorities suspecting that they could have dropped arms or explosives.

Channi expressed fear that an at-



tempt was being made to spread anarchy in Punjab ahead of the state assembly polls.

"Our police is capable of maintaining law and order," he said. "But which agencies which are trying to disturb Punjab's peace will become clear as investigations are on," he said.

Earlier, he told reporters in Chandigarh, "As elections near, some anti-national and anti-state forces are trying to commit such disgusting acts, and for this the government is alert and the people should also be alert," he said.

Deputy CM Randhawa, who is also the state's home minister, said some "external forces" could be trying to destabilise Punjab, and alluded to Pakistan. Punjab has been put on high alert, he said.

Several advocates complained of lax security arrangements at the complex, and Randhawa said more metal detectors will be installed there.

Asked if it could be a human bomb or a fidayeen suicide attack, he minister

nothing can be ruled out. A DNA test will be conducted on the unidentified man found dead at the blast site, he added.

CCTV footage will also be examined, he said.

Ludhiana Police Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said the area has been sealed and forensic teams will collect samples from the site.

Initial reports said two people were killed, but police later clarified that only one man had died.

Former chief minister Amarinder Singh said he was saddened after hearing that two people had died. "PunjabPoliceInd must get to the bottom of this," he tweeted.

Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal expressed shock. "Pb govt must focus on law & order instead of political vendetta to ensure peace & communal harmony in State," he said in a tweet.

The Aam Aadmi Party called it a "conspiracy" and said the Channi government had "completely failed" in maintaining law and order in the state. PTI

AS ELECTIONS NEAR, SOME ANTI-NATIONAL and anti-state forces are trying to commit such disgusting acts, and for this the government is alert and the people should also be alert."

Blaming Anti-National Forces To Pakistan: How Politicians Reacted To Ludhiana Court Blast

Agenceis

NEW DELHI: The blast inside the district court complex in Punjab's Ludhiana on Thursday triggered a plethora of reactions from politicians across parties, with some blaming Pakistan and anti-national forces behind the incident.

The blast left one person dead and five injured, said Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi. The Union Home Ministry has sought a detailed report on the incident.

The blast in Ludhiana is extremely condemnable.

Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi met the injured people later in the day and said that some anti-national forces were trying to spread anarchy in the state ahead of the election, PTI reported.

"As elections are nearing, some anti-national and anti-state forces are trying to commit such disgusting acts and for this the government is alert and people should also be alert," Channi said.

Speaking to reporters, Channi said, prima facie, the person who operated the bomb was the one who died in the blast.

"Which agencies are trying to disturb Punjab's peace will become clear as investigations are on," he said. The CM further said that those responsible would be dealt with sternly.

On the other hand, Punjab deputy CM Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa blamed Pakistan for the incident.

"Patients have minor injuries. One of them said the explosion sound was too loud as if a building fell. Pakistan doesn't want us stable," ANI quoted Randhawa as saying.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi called for strict action against those guilty.

"The blast in Ludhiana is extremely condemnable. My condolences to the families of those who have lost their lives and prayers of quick recovery for the injured. Strict action must be taken at the earliest against those guilty," Rahul Gandhi tweeted.

Indian Council For Cultural Relations Demands Mandatory Indian Music On Flights

Agenceis

New Delhi: The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has submitted a memorandum to the Civil Aviation Minister of India Jyotiraditya Scindia to make it mandatory for every Indian carrier to play Indian music in order to promote Indian music.

"Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) joins the fraternity of musicians, singers and artists associated with India traditional music, in demanding that playing Indian classical or light vocal and instrumental music in aircraft being operated in India and also at various airports be made mandatory for all India based airlines," President ICCR Vinay Sahasrabudhe said in a letter.

ICCR called Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia to its program and submitted a

memorandum to him and said that if this happens in Indian Airlines, Indian music will get a lot of strength.

"I come from the music city of Gwalior, which has been the city of Tansen and has also been an old house of music, Indian ancient music has a history of many years and people have a lot of curiosity in ancient music too," Scindia said.

ICCR President Vinay Sahasrabudhe is happy after the Aviation Minister's positive words to introduce Indian music on flights.

"Music played by most airlines across the globe is quintessential of the country to which the airline belongs. For example, it is most likely that we shall come across jazz in an American airline or Mozart in an Austrian Airline and Arab music in an Airline from the Middle East.



UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE JAMMU

UNIQUE DISABILITY IDENTITY CARD (UDID)

"UDID for Persons with Disabilities" project is being implemented to issue a Unique Disability Identity Card to each person with disabilities to encourage transparency, efficiency and ease of delivering the government benefits to the person with disabilities.

Objective

1 To enable the PwDs to obtain the new UDID card / Disability Certificate to avail schemes and benefits provided by the Government through its various Ministries and their Departments.
2 This card will be valid pan-India.

Benefits

1 Persons with disabilities will not need to make multiple copies of documents, maintain, and carry multiple documents as the card will capture all the necessary details which can be decoded with the help of a reader.
2 The UDID card will be the single document of identification, verification of the disabled for availing various benefits in future.
3 The UDID Card will also help in stream-lining the tracking of the physical and financial progress of beneficiary at all levels of hierarchy of implementation – from village level, block level, District level, State level and National level.

Who can apply

All Person with Disability/Disabilities on www.swavlambancard.gov.in
For Fresh Cases: Click link apply online, fill online application, attaches scanned copy of required documents.

1. Person with Disability already having Disability Certificate (Whose data have been migrated in UDID Portal) : All PwDs who have been issued Disability Certificate click Apply online and click "Already having Disability Certificate" and user your details by Beneficiary ID/State ID or Aadhaar Number (if linked). PwDs will search her/his details, fill up application and submit.

2 Person with Disability already having Disability Certificate (Whose data have not been migrated in UDID Portal): they will continue to fill up application as fresh and select option "Have Disability Certificate?: Yes" in Disability Details Tab. Fill up other details and submit application.

3 Person with Disability not having Disability Certificate: - PwDs May kindly apply and choose option "Have Disability Certificate? No" in Disability Details Tab while filling up application and submit application.

Documents

* Scanned copy of recent colour photo.
* Scanned image of signature (Optional)
* Scanned copy of Address Proof (Aadhar/Driving License/State Domicile etc)
* Scanned copy of Identity Proof (Aadhar Card/PAN Card/Driving License etc)
* Scanned copy of Disability Certificate (Only for those Persons with Disability who have been issued disability Certificate is by the competent Authority).

Nodal Officer

Chief Medical Officers

The percentage of disability:-
>40% -White UDID card is issued
<40% but >80% - a yellow UDID card is issued
<80% or more -blue UDID card is issued

Facilitating Officer

District Social Welfare Officers

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PRESS NOTE

Dr. Asgar Samoon visited the KM Technical Training and Management Institute and formally inaugurates the Institute



The **K M TECHNICAL TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE**, (Sister concern of Kashmir Motors) a new, not-for-profit Institute situated near samandar bagh opposite S. P. College, College road near directorate of school education, was officially inaugurated today by the principal secretary **Dr. Asgar Samoon** and deputy director trainings **Er. M Ashraf**. The Academies are founded on the basis of the **Soichiro honda** (Founder of Honda) vision to develop home-grown leaders who possess a strong sense of ethics and civic responsibility, and who will contribute to their country's future.

The academic block has 3 well-furnished class-rooms and can accommodate up to 200 students. There are 3 laboratories, and 60 seater library, a conference room and rooms for the faculty.

In the first batch there are 30 students who are undergoing one-year full-time ITI training. Besides this he had his appreciation to management and staff Wished best of luck and guidance in all ways.

Nothing could be more important to this region's future than the task that has been assigned to us, and we must not fail, from what I've seen and learned here, I have every confidence that together, we students, faculty, staff, donors and supporters will all participate in leading the way to new grounds.

R.M.S ADS

Director/-
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