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P5 STATE

2 KILLED, 14 INJURED AFTER BUS OVERTURNS IN RAJOURI

Jammu- Two persons were killed and fourteen others were injured when a bus they were traveling in turned turtle in Rajouri district on Thursday. Official sources said that the...

THINK

TRICHOTILLOMANIA: CAUSES AND TREATMENT

Pathological hair pulling, also known as Trichotillomania, is a widespread yet underdiagnosed psychological condition. Trichotillomania is a condition in which people feel compelled to pluck their hair out.



P11 SPORTS

J&K SKIER ARIF KHAN QUALIFIES FOR 2 EVENTS AT 2022 WINTER OLYMPICS

Jammu and Kashmir-based alpine skier Arif Mohammed Khan has become the first Indian athlete to qualify for two different events of the Winter Olympics, set to be held...



Quote!

The hard days are what make you stronger

Aly Raisman

NEWS DIGEST

One Death, 139 New Corona Cases In J&K

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Thursday 139 fresh cases of novel coronavirus while one more person succumbed to the deadly infection in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

According to the officials, Kashmir Valley reported 102 new cases of coronavirus while the remaining 37 were detected from various districts of the Jammu division, **More on P10**

Road Named After Soldier Killed In 1962 War

KISHTWAR: The district administration here on Thursday named an approach road to College Community Hall and its extension upto village Panditgam after a soldier who was killed during the India-China war in 1962. The road was named after Lance Naik Lachman Dass during a ceremony organised as per the government's **More on P10**

Driver Found Dead In Anantnag

SRINAGAR: A young driver was found dead on Thursday under mysterious circumstances in Verinag area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district, 33-year-old Aijaz Ahmed Wagay was found dead under suspicious circumstances in his native Nowgam village of Dooru on Thursday morning, **More on P10**

Dozens Join BJP In Jammu

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina on Thursday claimed the party enjoys immense public support as dozens of political leaders and social activists joined the party here. He said this support will reflect in the assembly polls. Leaders from the Congress and the Dogra Swabhimaan **More on P10**

...Delimitation Dilemma

NC MPs To Submit Dissent Note Today

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Three Members of Parliament (MPs) from Kashmir Valley will submit their dissent note over the proposed allocation of Assembly seats in J&K to the delimitation commission on Friday.

National Conference Lok Sabha member, Justice (retd.) Hasnain Masoodi said on Thursday that the party MPs will file their objections to the proposal tomorrow.

The draft proposal shared by the delimitation commission with MPs from Jammu and Kashmir on December 20 has

Widespread Snow, Rains From Jan 4

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Cold wave conditions intensified across Kashmir as the minimum temperature at most places in the valley went down, even as the Meteorological Department has forecast further fall in the temperature over the next few days, officials said on Thursday.

Barring Gulmarg the minimum temperature at all other weather stations in the Kashmir valley went down on Wednesday night, the officials said.

They said the resort recorded a low of minus 9.6 degrees Celsius, up from minus 10.4 degrees the previous night.

The officials said Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 8.9 degrees Celsius down from minus 6.6 degrees Celsius the previous night.

They said Srinagar recorded the minimum temperature of minus 4 degrees Celsius on Wednesday night down from the previous night's minus 2.3 degrees Celsius.

They said Qazigund recorded the minimum of minus 4.2 degrees Celsius, while the nearby south Kashmir town of Kokernag **More on P10**

6 Militants, Soldier Killed In South Kashmir Encounters

Zaid Bin Shabir

SRINAGAR: Three militants and a soldier were killed in an overnight encounter with government forces in Anantnag district, taking the number of militants killed in the last 24 hours to six, police said Thursday.

Pakistani militant Sultan alias Rayees and his two local associates Nisar Ahmad Khanday of Kapran and Altaf Ahmad Shah of Dooru were killed in an encounter that broke out on Wednesday night after a joint team of police, army's 19 RR and the personnel of CRPF 164 battalion laid a siege around Nowgam village of Dooru and launched a cordon and search operation to hunt down the hiding militants, a police spokesperson said.

He said bodies of all the militants associated with JeM were retrieved from the site of encounter. As per police records, **More on P10**

Number Of Active Militants In Kashmir Now Below 200: IGP

Press Trust Of India

For the first time since militancy broke out in Kashmir, the total number of militants active in the valley has fallen below 200 and the recruitment of youngsters by militant outfits has also been kept in check, top security officials said on Thursday.

Addressing a press conference in the Qazigund area of Anantnag district in south Kashmir, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar and General Officer Commanding (GoC) of the Army's 15 Corps Lieutenant General D P Pandey said the security situation has improved in the valley.

"Majority of the operations conducted this year were based on human intelligence," Lt Gen. Pandey said, adding that the



number of active militants in the valley has come down to 180. Giving further details, Kumar said this is the first time since insurgency broke out that the total number of active militants across Kashmir has fallen below the 200-mark.

"It is also for the first time that the number of local militants is below 100 -- at 85 or 86," he said. Kumar said 128 youngsters have joined the militancy **More on P10**

....Hyderpora Killings

Amir's Father Moves HC To Seek Return Of Body

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The father of Amir Magray, one of the four persons killed in an encounter in Hyderpora area of Srinagar in November, on Thursday filed a petition in the Jammu and Kashmir High Court seeking the return of his body of his son, maintaining his "innocence" and the family's long contribution in the fight against militancy.

The 18-page petition was filed by Amir's father Mohd Latief through his



lawyers Deepika Singh Rajawat and Mohd Arshad Chowdhary. The move came two days after **More on P10**

NIA Rounds Up Mechanic In Downtown Raid

SRINAGAR: The sleuths of National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday arrested a youth on charges of stone pelting from the Old City here.

An NIA team accompanied Jammu and Kashmir Police raided the Zaldagar residence of Arsalan Feroz on Thursday morning and took him into custody, reports said. The NIA took Feroz him to the agency's headquarters in Srinagar for further questioning. Police registers describe Arsalan Feroz as a 'chronic stone pelter'.

Arsalan, a mechanic by profession was arrested by the police on October 23, this year and was later handed over to the special operations group (SOG) Srinagar on October 27 for questioning. He was released on November 29, **More on P10**

Dr Farooq Terms SIT Report On Hyderpora Killings 'Wrong'

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Thursday termed the "clean chit" given by the Jammu and Kashmir police's special investigation team to security forces in the Hyderpora encounter as "wrong" and demanded a judicial probe into the incident.

"The police report is wrong. Police have done it to save themselves. Police had killed them and there is no doubt about it," Abdullah told reporters on the sidelines of a function at the Tagore Hall here.

He said a judicial probe should be announced to bring out the truth of the Hyderpora encounter.

"Police should not work like this wherein they cause pain to the



hearts of people," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said.

Three civilians were killed in the encounter at Srinagar's Hyderpora.

Asked about the delimitation commission's draft report, Abdullah said the NC has framed a response to the report and will **More on P10**

Unfazed Mehbooba Hits Back At SIT

"Bullying us into silence by penal action warnings will not work," PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said on Thursday after the Special Investigation Team probing the Hyderpora encounter threatened legal action against political leaders for making "speculative" statements about the investigation.

A Pakistani militant and three other persons were killed in Hyderpora on November 15 and the police had claimed that all the slain men had links to militancy. The families of the three, alleging foul play, had said they were innocent, prompting the police to order the inquiry. Separately, a magisterial probe was also ordered by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in **More on P10**

'Sale of Pakistan MBBS Seats'

SIA Charges Hurriyat Leader Zaffar Akbar, 8 Others

Says Funds Were Used To Fuel Unrest After Burhan's Killing, Special Status Revocation

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The newly formed Special Investigation Agency (SIA) of Police on Thursday filed its first charge sheet against nine people, including Hurriyat leader Zaffar Akbar Bhat for allegedly selling medical seats in Pakistan to Kashmiri students and using the money to fund militancy in Jammu and Kashmir.

The case was registered in July last year by the Counter Intelligence wing of Kashmir police on the basis of information through "reliable sources" that several persons including some Hurriyat leaders were hand in glove with some educational consultancies and were selling Pakistan-based MBBS

and seats in other professional courses in various colleges and universities, a police spokesperson said Thursday.

Besides Mohammad Akbar Bhat alias Zaffar Akbar Bhat, Chairman of Salvation Movement, others named in the case include Fatima Shah, Altaf Ahmad Bhat, former Mirwaiz south Kashmir, Qazi Yasir, Mohammad Abdullah Shah, Sabzar Ahmad Sheikh, Manzoor Ahmad Shah, Mohd Iqbal Mir of Mahaz Azadi Front.

While five persons, including Zaffar Akbar Bhat have been arrested, three others, including two in Pakistan, are either absconding or evading their arrest, the spokesperson said.

He said that the charge sheet U/S 173 CrPc in Case FIR No. 05/2020 U/S 13, 17, 18, 40, ULP Act, 420 IPC of PS CIK Srinagar has been produced before the Court of Special Judge Designated Court under NIA Act Srinagar.

Also, he said, **More on P10**

6 A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE INDICATED that the money involved could be around Rs.4 crore per annum, on the basis of the fact that allocation of seats for distribution by individual Hurriyat leaders where around 40 seats for MBBS programme every year"



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عنوان: مضمون درخواست منجاب فہمدہ نمبر جویم عبدالرشید دانی سائل بغرض

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عاشق حسین عبدالرشید مزدوری 35

دعا احمد عبدالرشید دکانداری 33

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02	محمد اقبال بخش ولد غلام نبی بخش	پسر مفتی	مزدوری	28 سال	3500/=
03	کوثر خان بخش غلام نبی بخش	دختر مفتی	زیر تعلیم	24 سال	
04	ربیعہ خان بخش غلام نبی بخش	دختر مفتی	زیر تعلیم	23 سال	

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I have applied for fertilizer license .If anybody having any objection in this regard He/She May contact office of the Chief Agriculture officer Anantnag within the period of 7 days .After that no objection will be entertained.

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S/O:- Abdul Rasheed Bhat
R/O:- Brinty Batpora

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Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
(IRRIGATION & F C), DIVISION

SDA BUILDING NEAR POLICE CONTROL ROOM BATAMALOO SRINAGAR KASHMIR-190009
Fax/Phone: 0194-2470119 email: exenifcdsrinagar@ifckashmir.com

Subject: - BOQ Corrigendum

Reference: This office e-Bid No. 02 of 2021-22 issued under No. No. I&FCD/Sgr/CS/IC-14/7924-34 Dated: 21.12.2021

Refer this office E-Bid No. 02 of 2021 **issued under No. No. I&FCD/Sgr/CS/IC-14/7924-34 Dated: 21.12.2021** Wherein it was erroneously recorded **as 3354845** in the quantity cell for the item namely "Training of Nallah/Re-sectioning by way of removal of shoal /Earth work in bulk excavation mixed with Moram Kankar, pebbles, sand, Bajri, Boulder (River Bed material) by mechanical means (Hydraulic Excavator) to entire satisfaction of Engineer In charge at site as per proposals. The excavated material so available so available to become the property of agency and to be disposed off by the agency of its own the periphery of the Nallah site and restricted areas against consideration cost towards the department (within minimum cost of Rs. 264/Cum). The royalty towards Geology and Mining Department to be borne by the agency at its own in addition to the consideration cost towards the department. Also the agency is himself responsible if damages caused during execution to the Government or Public property. while uploading BOQ.

Which may please read **12804.75 . as quantivty for the said item.**

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in original E-Bid Notice.

Sd/-
(Er. Aajaz Ahmad Keen)
Executive Engineer
Irrigation & F C Division Srinagar

No: I&FCD/Sgr/CS/C-14/
Dated: - 27/12/2021

DIPK-15863/21

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU KASHMIR

Office of The Executive Engineer

P.H.E Division Budgam

H.Q: Budgam.

NOTICE INVITING E – TENDERS:

Pg. 1st

Short Terme– NIT No: 86/PHE/Bud/Civil of 2021–22.

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

Table I

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (In Rs)	Amount of earnest money (in Rs)	Time for completion (in Days)	Class of contractor	Major head of account	Tender Call
1	Providing of drinking facility by way of water pipe line system at Gohlar, Laribal and Goripora. PYT Halqa Goripora. S.No (18) (Under DDP 2021-22)	7.29	500/-	14,580/-	15 Days	DEE / CEE	Dist. CAPEX (PRI/DDP Grants)	1st
2	Providing / Laying and fitting of pipes in village Waterwani Nasla-pora. (District Capex 2021-22)	3.46	300/-	6,920/-	10 Days	DEE	Dist. Capex	2nd
3	Laying of water pipes for 11 wards at Dandosa S.No. 1215	2.90	300/-	5,800/-	20 Days	DEE	Dist. CAPEX (PRI/DDP Grants)	3rd
4	Laying of water pipe line from sump to Bashir Medicate at Kawoosa Jagir. (DDC Grants)	2.00	200/-	4,000/-	7 Days	DEE	DDC Grants	3rd
5	Shifting of pipeline aside road, effected due to road widening of Parimpora Soibugh road by ERA Snagar.	1.13	150/-	2,260/-	8 Days	DEE	Dep. Works (ERA)	2nd
6	Providing drinking water supply to Mohammad Ashraf Sofi of village Batpora Chinar colony under District Capex.	0.43	100/-	860/-	8 Days	DEE	Dist. CAPEX (PRI/DDP Grants)	1st

Fresh for NIT 61 of 2021-22 S.No. 4, NIT 82 of 2021-22 S.No. 2, NIT 79 of 2021-22 S.No. 04, NIT 81 of 2021-22 S.No. 03

Position of AAA:- Partially Available; Position of funds:- Assured;

Position of TS:- Under Process;

The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktendersgov.in>
From 30-12-2021 (10:00a.m) 06-01-2022 (04:00p.m)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website: www.jktendersgov.in As per schedule of dates given below

TABLE (II)		
01	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	30-12-2021
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 30-12-2021 10:00 a.m To 06-01-2022 upto 04:00 p.m
03	Bid Submission Start Date	30-12-2021 from 10:00 a.m
04	Bid Submission End Date	06-01-2022 upto 04:00 p.m
06	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online)	07-01-2022 from 11:00 a.m

Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money, CDR/FDR and Treasury Receipt (mentioning there in the NIT No. S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favor of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 90 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam) on 07-01-2022 at 11:00 a.m. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

No:- PHE/Bud/7166-7200

Dated:- 28.12.2021

(Er. Najeeb A Trambboo)
Executive Engineer,
PHE Division Budgam.

DIPK-15887/21

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Executive Engineer
Mechanical Division Anantnag
Telephone/ Fax 01932-222559 email id: xenmedang@gmail.com

TENDER DOCUMENT (Abstract)		
01	Contract	Painting and greasing of various Snow Clearance Machines of Workshop Sub Division Khanabal.
02	Reference of NIT	MDA/TS/E-Tender/161 of 2021-22 dated: 29-12-2021
03	Time of Completion of Contract	10 days
04	Position of funds	Available
05	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	32500.00
06	Cost of tender documents	200.00 In shape of E- Challan/GR to be uploaded in the online bid Bank: Jammu and Kashmir Bank Branch: T. P. Anantnag IFSC: JAKAOEMPIRE Account No: 0014010100006015
07	Bid Security Declaration	To be submitted with BOQ
08	Online tender download/ start date	29-12-2021 (5:00 PM)
09	Online tender submission End Date	14-01-2022 (02:00 PM)
10	Date and time of opening of Technical Bid online (Cover 1 st)	15-01-2022 (02:00 PM) in Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, (MED), Anantnag.
11	Date and time of opening of Financial Bid online (Cover 2 nd)	After evaluation of cover 1 st in Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, (MED), Anantnag.

Gist of E-TENDER

No: MDA/TS/E-Tender/161 of 2021-22 Dated: 29-12-2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division Anantnag, invites E- Tenders in two cover system on item wise basis from reputed and registered Firms/Mechanical contractors for the following work:

S.No	Name of work	Estt. cost (In Rs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs)	Bid Security Declaration	Time of Completion	Administrative Approval	Technical Sanction
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Painting and greasing of various Snow Clearance Machines of Workshop Sub Division Khanabal.	32500.00	200.00	To be submitted with BOQ	10 days	Accorded	Yes

The tender documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of quantities (BOQ), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from Government website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule given in the "Abstract" appended to this notice:

Instructions to Bidders:

01. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format with digital signature on the official website www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers; viz Techno- Commercial/ Financial cover

1.1 Cover 1st shall contain:

1.1.1 Bid security Declaration duly signed by the contractor/ Firm has to be uploaded in lieu Of CDR, as annexure "C", without which tender cannot be entertained

1.1.2 Registration Certificate of Sales Tax Department quoting GST No.

1.1.3 Scanned copies of PAN Card/ latest GST Clearance certificate or acknowledgement of latest returns.

1.1.4 Scanned copies of the Annexure "A", and "B" duly signed and accepted.

1.1.5 Scanned copy of E- Challan/GR/DD etc. for an amount of Rs.200/- duly signed with date

1.2 Cover 2nd shall contain:

1.2.1 Price bid, as per BOQ uploaded by this Department/Division.

02. The Department/ Division will not be responsible for delay in submission of bids due to any reason.

03. The cost of tender documents is Non- Refundable and Non- Transferable.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Mechanical Division Anantnag

DIPK-15922/21

No: MDA/TS-1011/5577-81 Dated: 29-12-2021



Vaccination Drive For Age Group 15-17 To Start In Jan: Govt

Agencies

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Thursday appealed to parents that they should get their children vaccinated so that schools could be reopened without any risk.

Asad said that the COVID vaccination drive for the age group of 15-17 years will start soon, while age group 18 has already been covered under vaccination drive. "Now schools and coaching centres are being mapped, where children are studying, so that vaccination drives could be initiated on time."

He said that the health department along with the school education and rev-



enue department are working together to start a vaccination drive for children under the age group 15-17 years. "In Srinagar district the process of vaccination

for this age group will be rolled out from 03 January 2022."

"I want to appeal to all the parents of the concerned age group that they

should get their children vaccinated so that the pandemic can be defeated, while schools can also be reopened," he said while adding that parents can send their children to schools with a sense of security only if the children are vaccinated.

He further said that this age group is vulnerable to COVID, so it is mandatory that this age group is vaccinated. "Vaccination would help in reopening schools with a sense of confidence that the transmission of virus would be stopped to some extent."

About positive cases in Srinagar, Asad said that the positive cases in the district are under control and no case of new variant Omicron has been detected so far. (KNS)

Govt To Launch Anti-Encroachment Drive In All Tehsils Across City

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

Srinagar:-- To review the functioning of the Revenue Department and to ensure efficient and prompt public service delivery in the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Thursday chaired a meeting of the Revenue Department in the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

The meeting held threadbare deliberations on various Revenue related matters including removal of encroachments on Kahcharai and State Land, writing of Jamabandies, recovery fee, progress under DILRMP/SVAMITVA/ULPIN preparation of digitization, redressal of grievances, evacuee properties details, digitization of Geo-tagging of Waqf Board and Waqaf Council.

NAME CHANGE

I do hereby inform every concerned through the medium of this notice that I want to change my name to Adeela Hameed D/o Dr Abdul Hameed from Adeela Hameed Kuthoo D/o Dr Abdul Hameed Kuthoo as per my J&K Board of School Education records for renewing my passport.

If anybody has any objection regarding the same he/she should approach the Passport Seva Kendra Srinagar within a period of 07 days from this date. No objections would be considered after the expiry of this period.

Adeela Hameed D/o Dr Abdul Hameed R/o Jamia Market, Harwan, Srinagar

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CORRIGENDUM

Please read para (b) of Notice No SSB/Secy/Health/2021/8124-32 dated 29-11-2021 issued by this office as:-

"If at any stage of the selection or later on, it has been found that he/she is possessing the higher qualification than that is prescribed for the post, his/her candidature shall be cancelled ab-initio, without any further notice and that he/she shall have no objection if his/her candidature for the posts having prescribed qualification "Minimum Matric and Maximum 10+2," be rejected". INSTEAD OF

"If at any stage of the selection or later on, it has been found that he/she is possessing the higher qualification than that is prescribed for the post, his/her candidature shall be cancelled ab-initio, without any further notice and he/she shall have no objection if his/her name for the Class IV post be rejected.

Accordingly, all such candidates, are hereby informed that they shall deposit a fresh Affidavit in consonance with the contents of this Corrigendum to aforesaid Notice, duly attested by a Ld. Judicial magistrate 1st Class either in the Central Office of the J&K Services Selection Board, at Hema Complex, Sector -3, Channi Himmat, Jammu or Zum Zum Building, Rambagh, Srinagar, by or before 05-01-2022, failing which no claim in this regard shall be entertained and the J&K Services Selection Board shall take further necessary action in the matter under rules.

(Ashok Kumar) JKAS,
Controller of Examination
Services Selection Board Jammu

No. SSB/COE/Health/2021/9188-96
Dated: 29-12-2021

DIPK-15930/21

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
SKIMS Medical College-Hospital
Bemina Srinagar (J&K)-190017
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHITRY

Sub: Conduct of written test (Objective Type) for engagement of Counsellor and Data Entry Operator on contractual basis advertised vide Notification No. 01 SKIMS MCH OF 2021 dated 18.09.2021.

NOTICE

It is notified for information of all the candidates who have applied for the post of Counsellor and Data Entry Operator on contractual basis for Addiction Treatment Facility (ATF) at SKIMS Medical College, Bemina - advertised vide Notice No. 01 SKIMS MCH OF 2021 dated 18.09.2021 that their written test (Objective Type) shall be held as per the following schedule. The candidates are directed to report one hour before to the examination venue.

S. No.	Name of Post	Date of Written Test	Time	Venue	Availability of Admit Cards/Roll No. Slips w.e.f
01	Data Entry Operator	08-01-2022	1.30 PM	Lecture Hall Complex, SKIMS MC.	05.01.2022
02	Counsellor	12.01.2022	1.30 PM	Lecture Hall Complex, SKIMS MC.	08.01.2022

The list of eligible candidates for the post of Counsellor and Data Entry Operator is available on the official website of SKIMS Medical College, Bemina i.e. www.skimsmc.edu.in. The eligible candidates for the aforementioned posts are advised to visit the aforementioned website to download the Roll No. slips/Admit Cards w.e.f the date (s) indicated against each or can collect their admit card from the Department of Psychiatry, SKIMS Medical College/Hospital, Bemina. No candidate shall be allowed to sit in the examination hall without Roll No. Slip/Admit Card. The examination will be of 60 minutes duration with 50 objective multiple choice questions and merit list shall be drawn accordingly. There shall be no negative marking.

The candidates appearing in the written test shall not be allowed to carry any electronic gadgets such as calculators, mobile phones, Bluetooth devices, scanning devices, pagers, head-phone, earplugs, I-Pad, tablets, pc or any other computing/communication devices into the written-test venue. The candidates are advised to bring blue/black ball point pen with them.

Note: No TA/DA shall be paid for participation in the written test.

Sd/-
(Dr. Abdul Majid)
Prof. & HOD Psychiatry & Nodal Officer, ATF Scheme

No. SKIMS/MCH/PSY/2021/560-68
Dated: 28 -12- 2021

DIPK-NB-6245/21

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

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Website: www.jkbopee.gov.in E-mail: coe@jkbopee@gmail.com/helpdesk@jkbopee@gmail.com

Subject: Conduct of 2nd Physical up-gradation / allotment round of Counselling for admission to (12th based) Paramedical (PM) Diploma courses- 2021.

References:- Notification No. 109-BOPEE of 2021 dated 17-10-2021

Notification No158-BOPEE of 2021
Dated 29-12-2021

Consequent upon receipt of shortfall in respect of Notification No. 109-BOPEE of 2021 dated 17-10-2021 from various Colleges / Institutions and the seats, which have remained unfilled after conclusion of first round of counselling held from 01-10-2021 to 16-10-2021, it is hereby notified that the Board shall conduct second round of counselling (Physical) for up gradation/ allotment of seats to the eligible candidates for admission to (12th based) Paramedical (PM) Diploma courses-2021 as per the following schedule:-

Date	From Rank To Rank
04-01-2022 (Tuesday)	1-739
05-01-2022 (Wednesday)	741-1657
06-01-2022 (Thursday)	1658-2585
07-01-2022 (Friday)	2586-3841
08-01-2022 (Saturday)	3842-5175
10-01-2022 (Monday)	5176-6575
11-01-2022 (Tuesday)	6576-8188

The candidates are advised to report at BOPEE office Srinagar/Jammu on their respective date / day at 09:00 am to 10:30 am for registration and subsequent counselling.

Note 1: The following shall be eligible to participate in this round of counselling :-

- Candidates, who have been allotted a seat in first round of counselling and have joined the allotted College / Institution.
- Candidates, who could not participate in the first round of counselling for one or the other reason.
- Candidates, who have opted CNA/ SNA during first round of counselling.

Note 2: The following shall not be eligible to participate in this round of counselling :-

The candidates, who have been allotted seat(s) in the first round of counselling but failed to join the same within the prescribed time limit fixed by the Board.

Note 3:- The candidates who have joined the allotted Colleges / Institutions shall have to bring a copy of fee receipt deposited by them at their respective College / Institution for submission at the time of their up-gradation / allotment Counselling.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in the information Brochure/ Notifications/ Notices issued by the Board from time to time on the subject.

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DIPK-NB-6244/21

No. BOPEE/Exam-10/2021 Dated: 29-12-2021

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

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HIGHWAY STATUS

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

PRAYERS

FAJR 6: 07
ZUHR 12:33
ASR 3:52
Magrib 5:34
ISHA 6: 59

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This Day In History

- 535 - Byzantine General Belisarius completes the conquest of Sicily, defeating Ostrogothic garrison of Syracuse, and ending his consulship for the year
- 1600 - British East India Company chartered
- 1669 - France & Brandenburg sign secret treaty
- 1670 - France & England sign Boyne-treaty
- 1744 - English astronomer James Bradley announces discovery of Earth's nutation motion (wobble)
- 1756 - Russia joins the Alliance of Versailles
- 1758 - British expeditionary army occupies Goree (Dakar) Senegal
- 1775 - Battle of Quebec in American Revolutionary War; Americans defeated trying to take British stronghold
- 1783 - Import of African slaves banned by all of the Northern US states
- 1805 - End of French Republican calendar; France returns to Gregorianism
- 1861 - 22,990mm of rain falls in Cherrapunji Assam in India in 1861, a world record
- 1862 - Battle of Stone's River (Battle of Murfreesboro), Tennessee in American Civil War
- 1901 - In the first election under their new constitution, Cuba elects a Congress and their first president, Tomas Estrada Palma
- 1924 - Italian Fascist Mussolini orders the suppression of opposition newspapers
- 1942 - Battle of the Barents Sea between British Navy and German Kriegsmarine off North Cape, Norway
- 1944 - Japanese army evacuates harbor city Akyab
- 1944 - World War II: Hungary declares war on Germany.
- 1946 - US President Harry Truman officially proclaims end of WW II
- 1951 - 1st battery to convert radioactive energy to electricity announced
- 1952 - Danny Nardico stops former world middleweight champion Jake LaMotta in 7 rounds in a light heavyweight non-title bout in Coral Gables, Florida; LaMotta is knocked down for the only time in his career, his corner stopping fight after the round
- 1955 - The General Motors Corporation becomes the first U.S. corporation to make over \$1 billion USD in a year.

From KO Archives

No need to talk to Hurriyat: Abdullah

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: Terming Hurriyat Conference leaders as black crows, Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah today said there was no need to talk to the conglomerate as they would only toe the line fed from across the border.

I welcome the extension of cease-fire by the government but that does not mean that we will remain blind-folded towards the civilian killings by militants, Abdullah said addressing the Pakhr-e-Kashmir (pride of Kashmir) function here organized in memory of veteran Kashmir leader Mirza Afzal Beigh.

Taking a dig at Hurriyat leaders, Abdullah said these people are like black crows, no matter how much detergent you apply, they will remain like that hinting that these leaders wanted only Pakistan and nothing else.

If the Centre feels that it should initiate talks with Hurriyat Conference, I will not create any hindrance. But for God sake one should understand that talking to them means talking to Pakistan, the chief minister said. He said he was not averse to talking to Pakistan but let them first stop killings of the innocent in our state.

About Pakistan's decision to reduce the troops at the line of Control (LoC), the chief minister advised the audience to take it with a pinch of salt as history is witness when we were initiating friendship in Lahore, Islamabad was pushing its troops and stooges in Kargil.

Describing the Centre's extension of cease-fire as a bold initiative, Abdullah said this is to tell world that India has always adopted the path of nonviolence and will stick to it.

Farooq, Centre's Surrogate All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) chairman, Prof Ab-dul Ghani Bhat, Thursday described the conglomerate as the heartbeat of the people. In an oblique reference to the chief minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, who described the Hurriyat leaders as 'black crows', Prof Bhat said it (APHC) would not like to represent the interests of government of India as a surrogate of the Centre.

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 31 DECEMBER, 2000)

Social Distancing Measures Reimposed At Mecca's Grand Mosque



Agence France-Presse

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia on Thursday reimposed social distancing measures at the Grand Mosque in the Muslim holy city of Mecca, after recording the highest number of infections in months.

Workers have returned floor markings removed on October 17 to guide people to social distancing in and around the Grand Mosque -- which is built around the Kaaba, the black cubic structure towards which Muslims around the world pray.

Saudi authorities said they will reimpose "social distancing requirements between worshippers and pilgrims" at the Grand Mosque, without specifying whether a capacity has been set.

Earlier, the kingdom had said social distancing and masks were again required in both indoor and outdoor venues.

The kingdom of approximately 34 million people has so far recorded more than 554,000 coronavirus cases, including 8,874 deaths, the highest number of fatalities among the Gulf Arab countries.

On Wednesday, Saudi recorded 744 cases, the highest number since mid-August.

The Covid-19 pandemic hugely disrupted Muslim pilgrimages,

which are usually key revenue earners for the kingdom, bringing in some \$12 billion annually.

The six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states -- Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar -- have been recording their highest numbers of new cases in months.

Despite having the world's highest vaccination rate, the UAE has recorded the largest number of infections among Gulf countries at more than 757,000.

On Wednesday, it recorded 2,234 infections, the highest number since June.

The Emirates' Abu Dhabi crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, sought to reassure the people that "the UAE health sector is fully geared and prepared to address any challenges", according to the official WAM news agency.

The UAE is gearing up to host New Year's Eve celebrations, including at Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest tower, in the emirate of Dubai.

Dubai, which is heavily dependent on tourism, was one of the world's first destinations to welcome back visitors July 2020.

It is also counting on the six-month Expo 2020 trade fair to boost its economy.



PEOPLE QUEUE AT A CORONAVIRUS TESTING clinic as the Omicron variant of the coronavirus continues to spread in Sydney, Australia, December 30. — Reuters

WHO Warns Of Covid 'Tsunami' As Omicron Variant Fuels Record Surges

Agencies

A Covid "tsunami" threatens to overwhelm health-care systems, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said on Wednesday, as record surges fuelled by the Omicron variant dampened New Year celebrations around the world once again.

Governments are walking a tightrope between anti-virus restrictions and the need to keep societies and economies open, as the highly transmissible variant drove cases to levels never seen before in the United States, Britain, France and Denmark.

The blistering surge was illustrated by AFP's tally of 6.55 million new infections reported globally in the week ending on Tuesday, the highest the figure has been since the WHO declared a Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020.

"I am highly concerned that Omicron, being more transmissible, circulating at the same time as Delta, is leading to a tsunami of cases," said WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

"This is and will continue to put immense pressure on exhausted health workers, and health systems on the brink of collapse."

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The variant has already started to overwhelm some hospitals in the United States, the hardest-hit nation where the seven-day average of new cases hit 265,427, according to a Johns Hopkins University tracker.

Harvard epidemiologist and immunologist Michael Mina tweeted that the count was likely just the "tip of the iceberg", with the true number likely far higher because of a shortage of tests.

But there was some hope as data indicated a decoupling of the number of cases and hospitalisations.

"We should not become complacent," top US infectious diseases expert Anthony Fauci said Wednesday, but "all indications point to a lesser severity of Omicron".

At a drive-through virus testing site in Miami, Florida, on Wednesday, there were long lines of cars with people waiting to provide samples.

"Half of my family has it, you know this new variant is very, very spreadable, like way more spreadable than the first time around," said resident Victoria Sierralta.

"It's like we're back in like the first stage of Covid. It's absolutely crazy."

'This is serious'

Millions around the world will again welcome a new year in the shadow of the pandemic, which is known to have killed more than 5.4m people so far, with festivities dampened or cancelled in many countries.

Greece on Wednesday banned music in bars and restaurants to try and limit New Year's Eve parties, with public events already cancelled.

The mayor of Mexico's capital has cancelled the city's massive New Year's Eve celebrations after a spike in cases.

Despite the outbreak concerns, the streets of Mexico City were busy on Wednesday.

"I don't think that such an event with such economic importance should be cancelled, however health comes before everything else," said 59-year-old teacher Victor Arturo Madrid Contreras.

With the "cancellation, they are sending a message ... 'You know what? This is serious'."

Omicron To 'Soon' Replace Delta As Dominant Global Strain

Agencies

The fast-spreading Omicron variant is likely to soon replace the Delta strain globally, experts in Singapore have warned, as countries after countries have reported a record surge in Covid cases.

The warning comes as the World Health Organization (WHO) has cautioned that the more transmissible Omicron together with the currently circulating Delta variants might lead to "a tsunami of cases," putting immense pressure on national health systems.

"From current data, it looks like Delta will go down over time relative to Omicron," Dr Sebastian Maurer-Stroh, executive director of the Agency for Science, Technology and Research Bioinformatics Institute in Singapore, told The Straits Times on Wednesday.



Professor Dale Fisher, a senior consultant at the National University Hospital's Division of Infectious Diseases, said that Omicron is already dominant in Australia, India, Russia, South Africa and the UK.

"We are seeing a global transition from Delta to Omicron because with a greater transmissibility, the virus is fitter and has a reproductive advantage," Fisher was quoted as saying.

In India, the Omicron infection tally has climbed to 961, of which 320 patients have been

discharged from hospitals.

A Covid-19 tracker, developed by UK's University of Cambridge, has predicted that India may soon see an intense but short-lived virus wave "within days", even as the highly transmissible Omicron variant of Covid is spreading like wildfire in the country.

Britain reported a new record increase of 183,037 coronavirus cases in the latest 24-hour period, bringing the total number of coronavirus cases in the country to 12,559,926, according to official figures.

The total number of cases and deaths in the UK stands at 12,559,926 and 148,089 respectively, according to government data.

The US, which has recorded more than 54 million cases to date, reported over 5,12,000 cases on Tuesday, the highest single-day spike since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020.

Iran Carries Out New Space Launch Amid Nuclear Talks



Agencies

"WE WILL SPEED UP WORK SO that we can become one of the six countries that can launch satellites into the GEO (geostationary) orbit,"

Iran has successfully launched a domestically-built satellite carrier rocket, named Simorgh (Phoenix), sending three research devices into space, the Defense Ministry says.

"In this space research mission, for the first time, three research devices were launched simultaneously at an altitude of 470 kilometers and at a speed of 7,350 meters per second," a spokesman for the ministry, Ahmad Hosseini, said on Thursday.

He said the space center's components performed flawlessly and the stages of the satellite carrier's launch took place according to plans. "Finally, the intended research goals [of the mission] were fulfilled," Hosseini said.

Hosseini said the launch followed several achievements in the Islamic Republic's civilian space program.

In 2017, Iran's Imam Khomeini Space Center successfully

launched the Simorgh carrier with a mission of putting satellites into the orbit.

"We will speed up work so that we can become one of the six countries that can launch satellites into the GEO (geostationary) orbit," he added.

The United States has expressed concern that Iran's satellite launches are part of an effort by the Islamic Republic to develop ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

Iran, which has long maintained its nuclear program is entirely civilian in nature, says its satellite launches and rocket tests do not have a military component.

Windscreen Of BA Plane Shatters Mid-Air At 35,000 Feet



Agencies

British Airways jet flying from Gatwick to Costa Rica suffered a cracked windscreen after it was hit by a block of ice that fell from a plane that was flying 1,000 feet above the jet.

The Boeing 777 with some 200 passengers was flying to San Jose in Costa Rica on Christmas Day when the mishap took place. The block of

ice that fell from another plane that was flying 1,000 feet above the BA jet, caused misfortune for the passengers who were unable to get home for Christmas. The incident, described as 'one-in-a-million', cracked the two-inch-thick windscreen, which has a similar build to the bulletproof glass to withstand extreme force. Despite the scare, the pilots managed to fly to San Jose, where all repairs were done.

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NEWS MAKER

Destitute Mughal Empire 'Heir' Demands India 'Return' Red Fort

A destitute Indian woman who claims she is heir to the Mughal dynasty has demanded ownership of an imposing palace once home to the Mughal emperors.

Sultana Begum lives in a cramped two-room hut nestled within a slum on the outskirts of Kolkata, surviving on a meagre pension.

Among her modest possessions are records of her marriage to Mirza Mohammad Bedar Bakht, purported to be the great-grandson of India's last Mughal ruler.

His death in 1980 left her struggling to survive, and she has spent the past 10 years petitioning authorities to recognise her royal status and compensate her accordingly.

"Can you imagine that the descendant of the emperors who built the

Taj Mahal now lives in desperate poverty?" the 68-year-old asked.

Begum has lodged a court case seeking recognition that she is the rightful owner of the imposing 17th-century Red Fort, a sprawling and pockmarked castle in New Delhi that was once the seat of Mughal power.

"I hope the government will definitely give me justice," she said. "When something belongs to someone, it should be returned."

Her case, supported by sympathetic campaigners, rests on her claim that her late husband's lineage can be traced to Bahadur Shah Zafar, the last emperor to reign.

By the time of Zafar's coronation in 1837, the Mughal empire had shrunk to the capital's boundaries, after the conquest of India by a communal venture of British merchants, known



as the East India Company.

An enormous rebellion 20 years later -- now hailed as India's first war of independence -- saw mutinous soldiers declare the now frail 82-year-old as the leader of their insurrection. The emperor, also a renowned Urdu

poet, knew the chaotic uprising was doomed and was a reluctant leader.

British forces surrounded Delhi within a month and ruthlessly crushed the revolt, executing all 10 of Zafar's surviving sons despite the royal family's surrender.

"I HOPE THAT today, tomorrow or in 10 years, I will get what I'm entitled to," she said. "God willing, I will get it back ... I'm certain justice will happen."

Zafar himself was exiled to neighbouring Myanmar, travelling under guard in a bullock cart, and died penniless in captivity five years later.

Symbol of India's independence

Many of the Red Fort's buildings were demolished in the years after the uprising and the complex fell into disrepair before colonial authorities ordered its renovation at the turn of the 20th century. It has now become a potent sym-

bol of freedom from British rule.

India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru hoisted the national flag from the ramparts of the fort to mark the first day of independence in August 1947, a solemn ritual now repeated annually by his successors.

Begum's court case hinges on the argument that India's government is the illegal occupant of the property, which she says should have been passed down to her.

The Delhi High Court rejected her petition last week as a "gross waste of time", but did not rule on whether her claim to imperial ancestry was legitimate.

Instead, the court said her legal team had failed to justify why a similar case had not been brought by Zafar's descendants in the 150 years since his exile.

Her lawyer Vivek More said the case would continue.

"She has decided to file a plea before a higher bench of the court challenging the order," he said.

'Justice will happen'

Begum has endured a precarious life, even before she was widowed and forced to move into the slum she now calls home.

Her husband -- who she married in 1965 when she was just 14 -- was 32 years her senior and earned some money as a soothsayer, but was unable to provide for their family.

"Poverty, fear and lack of resources pushed him to the brink," she added.

Begum lives with one of her grandchildren in a small shack, sharing a kitchen with neighbours and washing at a communal tap down the street. **AFP**

ATAL INNOVATION RANKING

SKUAST-Kashmir Ranked
'Band Excellent' Institution

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Achieving another milestone towards excellence in agricultural education and innovation, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Education and Technology of Kashmir has figured among the top performers in ATAL Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIA).

Government of India's Ministry of Education has placed SKUAST-K in 'Band Excellent' category – the second-best performance after the 'Outstanding Category' – in ATAL Innovation Ranking in the group of Government and Government-aided universities or deemed to be universities of the country.

This is at the back of SKUAST-K achieving the sixth rank among state agricultural universities in India.

ARIA is implemented through AICTE and MoE's Innovation Cell to rank all major higher educational institutions and universities in India on indicators related to promotion and support of 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development' amongst students and faculties. In this edition of ARIA, MoE has divided the ranking into four categories: Outstanding, Band-Excellent, Band-Former, Band-Promising, and Band-Beginner).

SKUAST-K, which participated for the first time in the all-India ranking competition, has secured its place in 'Band Excellent' figuring in league with IITs, NITS, IIMS and other top-notch universities of the country. This year 1438

Higher Education Institutions of the country had participated in the ranking system.

Talking about the development, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K Prof Nazir Ahmad said, "We got 'Band Excellent' in the first attempt, which is recognition of our efforts towards creating an ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship in the university and taking a lead in state agricultural universities. For future, our target is to figure in the 'Outstanding' category in the ATAL Ranking.

For the past few years, SKUAST-K has taken a host of initiatives under the World Bank-ICAR funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) for promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship culture in the university. Under NAHEP, the university also carried out a host of national and international training programmes on innovations and entrepreneurship for the students and teachers.

The outcome-based learning programmes on innovations and entrepreneurship in collaboration with Lemon School of Business, Nagpur and West Sydney University, Australia and Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand are a few to mention of. These programmes catapulted into an array of idea generation by the students, resulting in securing five BIG BIRAC grants from DBT for incubation of the "Proof of Concept" which in itself is a great achievement for the University and having the privilege of being the only university with five BIRAC grants in India.

2 Killed, 14 Injured After
Bus Overtakes In Rajouri

Observer Monitoring Desk

JAMMU: Two persons were killed and fourteen others were injured when a bus they were traveling in turned turtle in Rajouri district on Thursday.

Official sources said that the bus (JKO2AE-3393) on way from Rajouri to Gambir Mughala met with the accident near Kakora mode, resulting in on the spot death of two persons and injuries to at least fourteen other passengers, according to news agency GNS.

The injured were removed to hospital in at least five ambulances rushed to the spot by authorities soon after getting information, they said.

SSP Rajouri Mohammad Aslam confirmed the death of



two persons. He said the rescue operation was still underway.

"A massive rescue operation

has been launched and all the injured are being removed to hospital," he said.

Charges Filed Against Police
Follower In Bribe For Job Case

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday filed a chargesheet against a police follower for demanding and accepting a bribe from a person for adjusting his relative in the police department.

According to an ACB spokesperson, chargesheet was filed against Abdul Gafoor of Nakka Manjari Mendhar Poonch currently posted in IRP-18th Battalion Gulshan Ground Jammu, in the court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption Rajouri, in a case FIR No. 38/2018 U/S 5(1)(d), 4-A r/w Section 5(2) of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act Svt. 2006 (as amended in 2014) registered against him at police station vigilance now ACB Jammu.

The ACB spokesperson said that case against Gafoor was filed on the basis of enquiry report forwarded by Addl. Director General of Police Security Hqrs, over the complaint of Abdul Majid of Dharana, Tehsil

Mendhar, District Poonch in which he had alleged that Gafoor, then posted as Follower No F-22/4th Security Bn, had demand and accepted bribe of Rs.15 lakh from the complainant with the assurance to get his close relatives adjusted in Police Department.

"However, despite paying the bribe amount, neither his close relatives were adjusted nor the amount in question returned to him etc. After registration of formal case against the alleged accused, the investigation was conducted and statements of witnesses recorded under section 161 Cr.PC. and it came to fore that accused Abdul Gafoor being a member of Police Department and by taking the advantage of his good relation with superior officers has misused his official position and with dishonest intention has

ant for providing government job of his close relatives which is serious violation of the Police Rule/Norms," he said

He further said that on the strength of facts and circumstances, together with cogent and clinching evidence brought on record, the investigation has established the commission of offences U/S 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2) and 4-A of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act Svt. 2006 are made out against the said public servant.

"The prosecution sanction in respect of in-service public servant namely Follower Abdul Gafoor No.F-22/ AP 4th Security PID No. ARP-055730 was obtained from the competent authority," the Bureau spokesperson said.

He said that the case has been listed for next hearing on March 2, 2022.

5 Held For Robbing Petrol
Pump Employee In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Five men, including the kingpin of a gang of robbers, were arrested and Rs 2.31 lakh in cash looted from a petrol pump employee recovered by police in the border area of Jammu district, officials said on Thursday.

Giving details, Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Chandan Kohli said the arrests were made in connection with an incident that took place in the Arnia area on Tuesday and the looted cash amounting to Rs 2.31 lakh was recovered within 48 hours by police.

He said eight men attacked the petrol pump employee, Kaku Ram, with sharp weapons and looted Rs 2.31 lakh from him.

A case was lodged at the Arnia police station and a probe launched, the SSP said.

Three teams were formed under the supervision of Superintendent of Police (SP), Headquarters, Ramnath Gupta.

Acting on "reliable information", police zeroed in on the accused and arrested five of them.

The arrested men have been identified as Gurnam Singh alias Goru, Subash Kumar alias Pampi, Amrik Singh alias Kaka, Jagandeep Singh alias Babbal and Rahul Kumar, police said.

Police have recovered the looted cash and have also seized three sharp weapons and two-wheelers used in the crime.

During interrogation, the accused told the police that they had carried out reconnaissance of the area. Further investigation in the case is going on and more arrests are likely to be made, police said.

Pulwama Gets First Gas
Insulated Substation In J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department (PDD) has recently commissioned the first Gas Insulated Substation (GIS) in the State Industrial Development Corporation (SIDCO), Lassipora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama which has given relief to locals as well the industrialists working in the area.

The first GIS of Jammu and Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited (JKPTCL) in J-K has a capacity of 160 MVA and has been constructed at a cost of around 88 crores.

Gulzar Ahmad, in charge of the GIS in Lassipora, said that "this is the latest generation of the grid stations and this kind of system needs less land as compared to the old type grid stations besides that it is just like a plug and play and is less susceptible to faults."

He added that GIS has a load of just around 70 MVA which means more than half of its capacity remains unutilized and it has helped us in decreasing power curtailment hours in most parts of Pulwama, Shopian and a few parts of Kulgam district.

Ahmad added that GIS has several advantages as it has had zero maintenance for five years and it has made Pulwama and Shopian power sufficient for around the next two decades.

"A gas-insulated substation (GIS) uses a superior dielectric gas, sulfur hexafluoride (SF6), at a moderate pressure for phase to phase and phase to ground insulation and a huge stock of this gas remains available with the department," he added.

He said that the department is working to connect more and more areas on the GIS so that more and more people can get relief.

Ahmad added: "There might be some areas that won't have witnessed any major change which is because of the overloaded receiving stations and the capacity of these receiving stations is being enhanced." —(KNO)

Two Kashmiri Journalists
Bag RedInk Awards 2021

KO Web Desk

SRINAGAR: Two Kashmiri journalists Majid Maqbool and Syed Shahriyar have won Mumbai Press Club's RedInk Awards 2021 in two separate categories.

Multimedia journalists Tridip Kanti Mandal and Syed Shahriyar were the joint winners of RedInk Awards 2021 for the category Human Rights (TV) story: 'My Life in Kashmir' – A Year Since the Abrogation of Article 370 for The Quint.

Journalists Mahtab Alam & Majid Maqbool were the joint winners of RedInk Awards 2021 for the category of The Arts.

Alam did a story for The Wire



whereas Maqbool wrote the story for Mint Lounge.

The RedInk Awards for Excellence in Indian Journalism were presented by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana virtually on Wednesday evening.

Instituted by the Mumbai Press Club a decade ago, this was the tenth edition of "peer recognition for excellent writing and good journalism.



Nehru YUVA Kendra Anantnag organized two days Block level sports meet of block Bijbehara/ Dachnipora at Jablipora on w.e.f 26/12/2021 to 27-12-2021.. A large number of students from various sports Club and Mehla Mendals of the Block participated in the various events. Prizes were awarded to the Winners and Runners up teams and Third Places.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

FRESH SHORT TERM E-NIT NO 75-PHE/HYD/BPR OF 2021-2022

4th CALL

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are invited (in single cover system) on "item rate basis" from Reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies of repute in PWD/ Railways and other State Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	App Cost of Rest. (in Lacs)	Cost of T.D	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	M.H of Account	Position of Funds	Adm. Approval
01	Shifting of pipe utilities/ providing and fixing of pipe effected due to construction of Pirbuthoo to Chandaji road under PMGSY	Rs.16.31 Lacs Incl Cost of Pipes	800.00 Indicate Name of work with NIT S.No on TR/ E-Challan	25 Days	BEE/ CEE	Deposit Contribution	AVAILABLE	ACCORDED

01. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings (if any), book of quantities (BoQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below.

01	Publishing Date	30/12/2021 (1:00 PM)
02	Download date Starts	From 30/12/2021 (1:00 PM) to 06/01/2022 (4:00 PM)
03	Bid submission date starts	30/12/2021 from 1:00 PM
04	Bid submission date ends	06/12/2022 upto 04:00 PM
05	Submission of hard copies	Hard copies shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as 1 st lowest bidder (L1) at the time of opening of tenders. The cost of tender documents will be collected through e-Challan / receipt under head of account 0215. However, the unsuccessful bidders will submit the same separately after the opening of bids online. NOTE: - All Bidders have to upload and submit Bid Security Declaration form as per Annexure "A" instead of Earnest Money (EMD) as per the Circular issued by Finance Department vide order No A/Misc (2018)-III-895/J/Dated 22/12/2020
06	Date and time of opening bids online	07/01/2022 at 11:30 AM in the office of Executive Engineer PHE (Hyd) Division Bandipore

No: -PHE/Hyd/Bpr/6617-26
Dt: -30/12/2021
DIPK-15937/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PHE (Hyd) Division Bandipore

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION KASHMIR
SAMANDERBAGH- S.P COLLEGE ROAD SRINAGAR-190001

Sub:- Select list of the candidates for the post of "General Teacher" (Education Department) District Cadre Srinagar in pursuance to Advertisement Notification No. 06 of 2017 (Item No. 010) under SRO-202 of 2015.
Ref:- Administrative Department's communication No. Edu-NG J/137/2021-01-SED dated 16.12.2021.

NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to the recommendation made by J&K Services Selection Board vide communication No. SSB/Secy/Sel/dual/38/2019/K/7471-73 dated 02.11.2021 conveyed by the Administrative Department vide aforementioned communication, Smt. Anju Bala D/W/o Raj Kumar (whose full particulars are reproduced below) is hereby informed to deposit all the testimonials/certificates and verification of character and antecedents form prescribed by the Government in light of Order No. 528-JK(GAD) of 2021 dated 21.06.2021 in the Directorate of School Education Kashmir within a period of 10 days from the date of issuance of this notification.

S.No	Stream	District	SSB S.No	Candidate Name	Father/Husband Name	ADDRESS	Category
1	General Teacher	Srinagar	11	ANJU BALA	RAJ KUMAR	RAM BAGH, SATWARI, JAMMU CANTT / TEHSIL MANDAL, 180003, Jammu,	SC

The documents shall not be entertained after expiry of the stipulated time period.

No:- DSEK/Estt/III/B-Trs/3015-18

Dated:- 29/12/2021

DIPK-15878/21

Director School Education
Kashmir

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
MECHANICAL HOSPITAL & CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR
(Phone No: 0194-2496089, E-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in) Website: www.medkmr.or

NIT No: MHCHD/TS/2021-22/257

Dated: 29.12.2021

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Date of sale of tender documents.	From 30.12.2021 to 04.01.2022 (2.00 P.M)
Last date of receipt of Tenders.	05.01.2022 up to 2PM.

For & on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, sealed tenders affixed with Rs.5/- revenue stamps are invited from the registered firms/Govt. Contractors for the below mentioned work:

S.No	Description of work.	Estimated cost in Rupees	Cost of Tender document in Rs.	Time of completion	AA NO.	TS No.
1.	Repairs / Rewinding of Motor/Pumping Units of Central Heating at SDH Beerwah.	24,000/-	100/-	3 Days	DHSK/ Acctts/3488, Dt: 20-10-2021	170 of 12/2021 (AEE-3 rd)

The tender document can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours against cost mentioned above, in the form of IPO/Demand Draft or Cash Payment. Tender documents shall be issued subject to production of certificates to the following effect:

- Latest Sales tax clearance certificate/or as applicable as per new GST rules.
- J&K State Sales Tax Registration Certificate/ GST registration certificate.
- Documentary proof of similar nature of work in any Govt./Semi-Govt. Department.

The tenders should reach the office of undersigned on 05.01.2022 up to 2 P.M and shall be opened on the same day or any subsequent date convenient to the undersigned in presence of the tenderers who may be present on the spot.

The envelope containing tender should properly be superscripted with Tender Notice no, Name of work and Name of tenderer.

Executive Engineer
Mechanical Hospital & Central Heating Division,
Srinagar.

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On A Wing And A Prayer

2021 has ended on a somber note in Kashmir. The outgoing year again saw little difference in the routine of the Valley. The violence continued unabated. The militancy, despite the killings of a large number of militants, held centre stage now and then. Once again a rising number of militant killings has led to corresponding replenishment in their ranks. According to estimates, the number of militants continues to hover around 200. Militancy-wise, the Valley is poised precariously where it was at the start of the last year.

Going forward there is little hope that this state of affairs will change for the better. That is if the union government chooses to continue to deal with Kashmir through a security-centric approach. More so, when the changing geopolitical situation in the region might make such an approach more infructuous. For example, the US withdrawal from Afghanistan has disrupted the geopolitical arrangement that with all its drawbacks had become a source of new regional stability. An Afghanistan without a US presence is teetering on the edge of a fresh turmoil if the world doesn't help with the aid. The consequent disorder would further spill over into Pakistan which in turn could cross into Kashmir.

This unhelpful scenario will only be further set back by the continuing lack of dialogue between Pakistan and India. Even though the two countries re-affirmed the 2003 ceasefire along the Line of Control in February and which has since held, they have failed to resume a formal dialogue. Such an environment has every potential to send Kashmir adrift unless both countries take concrete measures to pre-empt this possibility.

So, what would the 2022 Kashmir be like? Very uncertain, indeed. Shall we see the continuation of militancy in the UT? This is a distinct possibility even if Pakistan lacks the weight to support another cycle of insurgency in J&K. There is no underestimating the ability of the militant networks in Pakistan to act autonomously of the government. More so, when the US exit from Afghanistan is likely to offer them space and time to refocus their energies eastwards.

There is also a possibility that Kashmir could remain peaceful with a few sensational attacks occasionally breaking the calm. But we could also be looking forward to a very tumultuous year, considering the fact that the UT will likely be holding an election to Assembly. And elections over the past three decades have always brought the worst out of the Valley. The exercise becomes a bitter contest of contending political ideologies and conflicting sentiments and their most likely physical fallout is the sudden rise in violence followed ultimately – and this has largely been the feature of the past decades – by the participation in the polls. So, here we keep our fingers crossed but meanwhile welcome the arrival of new year. May the new year bring peace to Kashmir that doesn't have to be enforced but evolves out of a genuine process of addressing the long-standing issues and grievances in the UT.

OTHER OPINON

Tick Tock Challenge

It is striking that even though more than one hundred years have passed since Albert Einstein discovered the Theory of Relativity, underscoring the relativity of time, human civilization is yet to earmark an 'International Day for Time' or invent some such equally silly moniker in reverence of Chronos. This absence of ceremony in honour of Father Time, ironically, reiterates the supposed infallibility of Einstein's theory. A ubiquitous celebration of the bearded man bearing a scythe and an hourglass – an eighteenth-century sculpture by the German artist, Ignas Günther, portrayed time with these tools – is not logical because, as Einstein says, the human experience of time is variable. Or is it?

December is the month in which humanity, it can be argued, experiences time in a discernibly unvariegated form. This is because the final month of the year is associated with the turning of time, seasons, light towards closure, finality and, in this second year of the pandemic, endings.

The public discourse on time has been markedly metaphysical, tinged with the spirit of philosophical enquiry into such ideas as mortality. In the layman's eye, time can acquire an equally abstract dimension in science: consider the complicated possibility of time-travel, a notion that Einstein reasoned is plausible. These illuminating, but also dense, reflections on time have undermined a distinct, but relatively under-examined, aspect: time's political dimension. Astoundingly, evidence of the weaponization of time by the State hangs from our walls, or stands erect in India's chowks. For the clock, or the clock tower, David Rooney writes in About Time, is the perfect embodiment of time's political character, manifest in the complexity of these time-keeping devices in nudging civilians towards a clock-like order. Scorn and amusement had accompanied the unveiling of the Bangali Big Ben in the South Dum Dum municipality some years ago: this Smaller Ben, the intelligentsia argued, was a crude expression of Mamata Banerjee's ambition to transform Calcutta into London. What went unnoticed was that Didi's artefact fits snugly into an entire historical tradition that has imagined clock towers and the seemingly benign clock as potent symbols of the State's control of public life and, one can add, liberty – "[T]he history of clocks," Rooney writes, can be used to "look at capitalism, the exchange of knowledge, the building of empires..." and "morality – right and wrong – as well as identity – who we are..."

The proof that Rooney accumulates, of the clock's mediation of capital, knowledge, empire, morality, identity – the building blocks of power and politics – is formidable.

Telegraph India

America's 'Suez Moment'

The End of American Century



"The chance of a global conflict involving real armies and real arms has never been higher. Biden should bear this in mind" (Illustration by MEE)

David Hearst

America has just had its Suez Crisis," commented a member of the Iranian delegation at the nuclear talks in Vienna about the fall of Afghanistan to the Taliban, "but it has yet to see it."

It's not just the fall of Kabul. In 2021, President Joe Biden truly reaped a bitter harvest from the strategic foreign policy errors of four of his predecessors. As he was the vice president for one of them, Barack Obama, he has trouble seeing this as well. The seeds of each of the major global conflict zones post - Afghanistan, Ukraine, Taiwan, and Iran were planted long ago.

What unravelled this year was no less than three decades of bungled US global governance.

What could possibly go wrong?

With that belief came two assumptions that proved to be fatally flawed: that the US monopoly on the use of force would last forever - it ended with Russia's intervention in Syria - and that the US could continue to enforce a "rules-based" world order - so long as it continued to make the rules. Biden has quietly buried both assumptions by admitting that great powers will be forced to "manage" their competition to avoid conflict that no one can win.

But hang on a moment. There is something not quite right here.

The cause and effect theory

Major conflicts, which have the potential to produce tank battles not seen since World War II, like Ukraine, do not just happen. There is cause and effect. The cause was the unilateral but at the time uncontroversial decision to expand Nato eastwards in the 1990s, abandoning the model of a largely demilitarised and missile-free Eastern Europe that had been discussed with president Mikhail Gorbachev a decade earlier.

This was done to give new meaning to Nato, a military pact whose purpose died when its enemy did. Complete rubbish was talked about Nato "cementing" democracy in Eastern Europe by guaranteeing its independence from Moscow. But remember the mood at the time. It was triumphalist. Not only was capitalism the only economic system left, but its neo-liberal brand was the only brand worth promoting.

For a brief moment, Moscow became an eastern gold rush, a Klondike for venture capitalists, Ikea, Carrefour, Irish pubs, and bible bashers. The Russians, meanwhile, were obsessed with designer labels, not politics.

The Americans in Moscow - at the time - did not bother much about what their hosts thought or did. Russia became irrelevant on the international stage. US advisers boasted about writing the decrees the Russian president Boris Yeltsin issued. And Yeltsin returned the favour by handing over the designs of the latest Russian tank and the wiring diagram of bugs placed by the KGB in the concrete foundation of an extension being built in the US embassy.

For Russian nationalists, this was nothing less than an act of treason. But doors were open so wide to the West that literally everything that was not nailed down flew through them - nuclear scientists, missile engineers, the cream of the KGB, and suitcases full of cash. Where do you think the Russians who settled in Highgate in North London, or the Hamptons on Long Island, or Cyprus, or Israel got their money from?

For a time, even the word "West" dropped out of Russian political vocabulary because the new Russians thought they had just joined it.

Ukraine, the West's victim

The first US ambassador to the newly created Russian Federation, Robert Strauss, spent more time defending what happened in the Kremlin than the White House. West-

ern embassies became spokesmen for a Russia they thought they now owned.

Strauss downplayed the first reports of the rise of the Russian mafia state, as a mere bagatelle. "This is what Chicago was like in the 20s," he told me. This was followed by inanities about the green shoots of democracy and the time it took to mow an English lawn. As if he knew.

Bill Clinton and Tony Blair were similarly blasé about what they did in Russia.

The Russian army was "a joke". When the Russians sent their armoured columns into Grozny in December 1994, the West thought it could be stopped by small bands of determined Chechens; their pilots had only three hours flying time each month: their frigates sailed in pairs - one to patrol, the second to tow

before Biden set a date for withdrawal.

A report for the US special inspector general for Afghanistan (SIGAR) warned in 2016: "Neither the United States nor its Afghan allies know how many Afghan soldiers and police actually exist, how many are in fact available for duty, or, by extension, the true nature of their operational capabilities."

Now that the tap of US income has been turned off, Afghanistan is on the verge of a nationwide famine. But, incredibly, the US is blaming this situation on the Taliban. It withholds money on the grounds of human rights, the night-time revenge killings on former state employees, or the suppression of education for women.

Much of the Afghan central bank's \$10bn in assets is parked overseas, in-

THEN THERE IS CHINA. PIVOTING
eastwards surely did not mean ending one Cold War and starting a new one with China, but that too is inexorably happening. Biden cannot decide whether to calm President Xi down or confront him, but doing each in sequence will not work

back the first one when it broke down; their submarines sunk.

And so Nato pushed eastwards.

No one at the time bought the argument that all Nato would do was to push the line of confrontation eastwards. Russia's pleas to negotiate a security architecture for Eastern Europe fell on deaf ears. They are not falling on deaf ears now, with 90,000 Russian troops massed on Ukraine's borders.

The victim of this gross act of western stupidity was Ukraine, which for at least the first decade after the fall of the Soviets had survived intact and largely in peace. Civil wars raged all around it, but Ukraine itself maintained its political and social unity despite being comprised of very different communities. With the exception of Western Ukraine, which never forgot that it had been captured by the Bolsheviks from the crumbling Austro-Hungarian empire, Russian and Ukrainian speakers lived in peace.

Now it is divided forever, scared by a civil war from which it will never recover. Ukraine will never regain its lost unity, and for that, Brussels is as much to thank as the bully boys from Moscow.

The new cold war

Then there is China. Pivoting eastwards surely did not mean ending one Cold War and starting a new one with China, but that too is inexorably happening. Biden cannot decide whether to calm President Xi down or confront him, but doing each in sequence will not work.

To get a measure of what mainland China feels when British warships sail through the Taiwan Strait, how would Britain react if Chinese warships appeared in the Irish Sea and sailed between Scotland and Northern Ireland?

The game of "managing" competition has human consequences as devastating as the superpower triumphalism of the 1990s, and those can be observed in Afghanistan today. The Afghanistan of the ousted Afghan president Ashraf Ghani truly was a Potemkin village, a facade of independent statehood.

An astonishing 300,000 troops and soldiers on its government's books did not exist. "Ghost soldiers" were added to official lists so that generals would pocket their wages, Afghanistan's former finance minister Khalid Payenda told the BBC. The black hole of the former corrupt regime's finances was an open secret long

cluding \$1.3bn in gold reserves in New York. The US Treasury is using this money as a lever to pressure the Taliban on women's rights and the rule of law. It has granted a licence to the US government and its partners to facilitate humanitarian aid and it gave Western Union permission to resume processing personal remittances from migrants overseas.

But the US does not hold itself to account for having nurtured a state that cannot function without the money that it is now withholding. The US has direct responsibility for the famine that is now taking place in Afghanistan. To withhold money from the Taliban because they took power militarily, rather than negotiate their re-entry with other Afghan warlords, also wears somewhat thin.

Same story

The Taliban walked into Kabul with barely a shot fired because everything crumbled before them. The speed of the collapse of Afghan forces blindsided everybody - even Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), who are accused by India and western governments of running the Haqqani network of the Taliban. The only country that really knew what was happening was Iran, because officers of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) were with the Taliban as they walked in, according to Iranian sources close to the IRGC.

Even the ISI were blindsided by the speed of this collapse. An informed source told me in Islamabad: "We had expected the NDS [National Directorate of Security] to put up a fight in Mazar-i-Sharif, Herat, Kandahar and Kunduz. That would have produced a stalemate and the possibility for negotiation a more inclusive government."

But we are where we are. "There were some improvements in the last 20 years. There was a middle class in Kabul, women's education. But if you want to lose everything, this is the way to do it. The Taliban will go headline if the place runs out of money. If you want to protect the liberal elements, you have to make Afghanistan stable."

The Pakistani source listed 10 jihadi groups, as opposed to the one jihadi group, al-Qaeda, that was around in 2001. And the ISI do not know what happened to the arms the Americans left behind.

"We simply don't know in whose hands they have ended up," he said. When they pressed the Taliban on forming an inclusive government, the Taliban shot back at them: "Do you have an inclusive govern-

THE US HAS ENTERED A
new era where it can no longer change regimes by force of arms or sanctions

ment? Do you have a government that includes the PML-N? What do you think it would be like in Pakistan if you had to reconcile groups of fighters who had killed each other's sons and cousins?"

Starved of funds, there is only one way for the breakaway groups to go - into the hands of the jihadists. He ended his analysis with the following thought: is it really in the US interest to stabilise Afghanistan? If they let the money through, it would mean supporting the very axis of China, Russia and Pakistan that they were now determined to push back. The faltering talks in Vienna, the crisis on Ukraine's border, renewed tension and military posturing in Taiwan, are all part of the same story.

Strategic mistakes

Washington would do well to look at the map of the world and think before it makes its next move. A long period of reflection is needed. Thus far it has obtained the dubious distinction of getting every conflict it has engaged with in this century wrong.

The chance of a global conflict involving real armies and real arms has never been higher and the tripwire to using weapons of mass destruction has never been strung tighter. Nor have all the world's military powers been better armed, able and willing to start their own inventions.

Biden should bear this in mind.

It is now in the US' strategic interest to staunch any more bloodletting in the battlefields it created this century. That means the US should come to a deal with Iran by lifting the sanctions it imposed on Tehran since the 2015 JCPOA. If it wants to balance the growing Chinese and Russian influence in the Middle East, that is the surest way to do it.

Iran is not going to give up its missiles any more than Israel is going to ground its air force. But a deal in Vienna could be a precursor to regional Gulf security negotiations. The Emiratis, Qataris, Omanis and Kuwaitis are all ready for it. If Washington wants to apply rules, let it do so first with its allies, who have extraordinary impunity for their brutal actions.

If Washington is the champion of human rights it claims to be, start with Saudi Arabia or Egypt. If it is the enforcer of international law, let's see Washington make Israel pay a price for its continued settlement policy, which makes a mockery of UN Security Council resolutions, and the US' own policy for a resolution to the Palestinian conflict.

The Abraham Accords were devised to establish Israel as America's declared and open regional surrogate. Had Donald Trump secured a second term, such a policy would have been a disaster for US strategic interests in the Middle East. Already Israel thinks it has a veto on US decision making in the region. With this policy fully in place, it would have been in charge of it, which would have meant permanent conflict created by a military power that always strikes first.

Israel acts with ruthless logic. It will use any opportunity to expand its borders until a Palestinian state becomes an impossibility. It probably has already succeeded in that aim. However, this is not US policy. But this expansion continues, almost week in, week out, because no one in Washington will lift a finger to stop it. Doing nothing about armed lynch mobs of settlers attacking unarmed Palestinian villagers in the West Bank is the same as agreeing to them.

If you want to be a champion of rules, apply those rules to yourself first.

This is the only way to regain lost global authority. The US has entered a new era where it can no longer change regimes by force of arms or sanctions. It has discovered the uselessness of force. It should drop the stick and start handing out bucket loads of carrots. It should get on with the urgent task of deconfliction.

After the damage done this century by conflicts ordered, created and backed by US presidents - Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Libya - that is not only a responsibility but a duty.

Another US strategic mistake would be its, and Western Europe's, last.

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MINDFUL FRIDAYS

HAIR PULLING
DISORDER

Trichotillomania: Causes And Treatment



“A PERSON WHO HAS UNDERGONE childhood trauma is more prone to develop trichotillomania. Researchers have seen parallels with the triggers for obsessive-compulsive disorder and believe that chaotic, traumatic childhood events or strained early connections with parents or caregivers may be to blame for the condition's emergence



“ACCORDING TO some studies, Habit Reversal Therapy (HRT), is the best type of behavioural therapy for treating trichotillomania (HRT). It is divided into five stages:

Wasim Kakroo

Pathological hair pulling, also known as Trichotillomania, is a widespread yet underdiagnosed psychological condition. Trichotillomania is a condition in which people feel compelled to pluck their hair out.

Many persons with trichotillomania are unaware that they have a diagnosable mental health condition. They just think of their hair pulling as a nasty habit. Others may suffer from severe physical and mental symptoms related to it.

In this article, I will be discussing the symptoms and causes of trichotillomania, as well as the various treatment methods available.

What is Trichotillomania?

People who suffer from trichotillomania have an overwhelming desire to pull their hair out. Many people take out their scalp hair sometimes. People with trichotillomania, however, may pull hair from the various other parts of their body such as beards, eyelashes, or eyebrows.

Some people who suffer from trichotillomania eat the hair that they pluck from various parts of their body. It has the potential to cause serious gastrointestinal issues.

Trichotillomania develops in most people during their adolescence. Some of them may then battle with the disorder throughout adulthood, either continuously or occasionally.

When hair pulling is coupled with depression, it can impair social and occupational functioning. When you're caught in a hair-pulling bind, you may feel helpless. However, it is a disorder that can be successfully addressed.

What are the symptoms of trichotillomania?

The various symptoms include:

- repetitive hair pulling without being aware
- a sensation of relief after pulling out hair
- inability to stop hair pulling, despite repeated attempts to stop
- anxiety and tension connected to hair pulling
- a need to undertake additional repetitive activities related to the hair (e.g., counting or twisting hairs)
- trichophagia or eating of the plucked hair
- skin discomfort or tingling at afflicted locations
- obvious hair loss or bald patches at affected areas.

Trichotillomania can be linked to a variety of mental health issues, including:

Anxiety

Depression

OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder)

ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)

Autism

What are the various risk factors and causes?

Doctors are unsure what causes trichotillomania to develop.

Some people claim that pulling their hair relieves boredom or tension while others may pull their hair to cope with negative feelings.

Certain variables can increase a person's risk of getting trichotillomania. These risk factors include:

Genetic contribution: A person who has a first-degree relative (parent or sibling) with the condition is more likely to develop it themselves.

Childhood trauma: A person who has undergone childhood trauma is more prone to develop trichotillomania. Researchers have seen parallels with the triggers for obsessive-compulsive disorder and believe that chaotic, traumatic childhood events or strained early connections with parents or caregivers may be to blame for the condition's emergence.



According to one study, more than two-thirds of sufferers of Trichotillomania had been through at least one traumatic event in their lives, with a fifth of them being diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This has led to speculation that it is a type of self-soothing or a coping mechanism for some individuals.

Changes in neurophysiology or neurochemistry:

Changes in brain function or chemistry that could lead to trichotillomania are also being investigated by researchers. Such changes may affect the impulse control ability of their brain and hence cause hair pulling disorder.

What are the various treatments available for Trichotillomania?

Many persons suffering from trichotillomania do not seek treatment. Some people may not be aware that they have a diagnosable mental health condition and think of hair pulling as a bad habit. Others, for a number of reasons, may be hesitant to seek a diagnosis or treatment.

Treatment of Trichotillomania is determined by the severity of the symptoms. Frequently, a mental health professional will suggest the following:

Pharmacotherapy (Medications):

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The various medications that may help include:

SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors) which are a type of antidepressant clomipramine, a tricyclic antidepressant, naltrexone, an opioid antagonist olanzapine, an antipsychotic.

Behavioral Therapy

According to some studies, Habit Reversal Therapy (HRT), is the best type of behavioural therapy for treating trichotillomania (HRT). It is divided into five stages:

Awareness training: The person learns to recognise the psychological and environmental elements that can lead to a hair-pulling episode.

Consider what kinds of situations make you want to pull your hair out. Is that something you only do when you're depressed? Angry? Confused? Frustrated? Understanding what makes you want to pull your hair out can help you develop other, more positive coping strategies. Carrying ziplock bags and putting pulled hair in those bags can also help you measure your progress and comprehend how much hair you're pulling out. Write down every time you pull your hair over the course of two weeks. Keep track of what happened soon before the hair-pulling, as well as your emotions before and after you pulled your hair. Take note of the time of day as well as the activities.

Competing response training: The person practises substituting an alternative

behaviour for hair pulling. One method that may help the sufferer quit pulling their hair is the "Notice, Interrupt, and Choose Plan." This entails recognising when they're tempted to take their hair out and interrupting the chain of emotions and the temptation to pull hair out by listening to pleasant reminders in their head. Then they have the option of doing something else, something that will relax and soothe them.

They can make a list of alternate behaviours that they can perform instead of hair pulling once they've discovered the warning signs and triggers. Whatever alternative behavior is chosen, it should be simple to carry out and to obtain. Here are some ideas for alternate behaviors to express emotions and feelings:

- Scribbling or drawing on paper
- Painting
- Listening to music that expresses the feelings is a great way to unwind.
- Making a phone call to a buddy
- Cleaning
- Playing computer games
- Stretching etc.

If sufferer unintentionally pulling your hair, they might need a physical reminder to get them to stop. They may consider wearing ankle weights or a rubber glove on the arm that pulls as a physical barrier to inhibit hair pulling.

They may use a cooling or numbing hair product as a "competing response." There is no quick remedy for trichotillomania, but one can lessen their hair pulling behaviour with training, patience, and practise.

Motivation and compliance: The individual engages in activities and behaviours that remind them of the need of adhering to the HRT regimen. Receiving appreciation from family and friends for success gained throughout therapy is one example.

Relaxation training: It entails the use of techniques such as meditation and deep breathing to help the person relax. These aid in the reduction of stress and the resulting hair pulling. Hair plucking is frequently the result of an unwillingness to sit and be present with unpleasant feelings or negative emotions. Sufferers can use mindfulness meditation exercises to help themselves accept these negative or unpleasant emotions as a normal part of life. Through these exercises, they may be able to understand that they aren't always necessary to avoid. Hair pulling will reduce when the strong desire to avoid discomfort fades.

Generalization training: It involves putting new skills into practise in a variety of contexts so that the new behaviour becomes second nature.

Most mental health professionals agree that HRT should be the first-line treatment for trichotillomania.

If you or any of your family members, friends or acquaintances have Trichotillomania, It's vital to remember that you have nothing to be ashamed of now that you understand all of the symptoms, causes, and treatments. It is possible to live a happy life, to overcome this problem, and obtain the necessary help. During therapy, you may learn a lot about yourself and be able to help others after understanding some of the fundamental issues that produced Trichotillomania. Remember that no one can ever take away your true beauty, which is so much more than your hair.

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

EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl/E-tendering FRESH SNOW NIT No. 310 of 2021-22 of R&B Division Ganderbal issued under endorsement No.19938-47 Dated:29.12.2021

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

S. No	Name of Sub Division and State No.	Earnest Money amount in Rs.	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6
2	Snow Clearance of Roads/Areas Falling within the jurisdiction of (R&B) Division Ganderbal. Stage No.17 as per (Annexure-A)	2000/-	200/-	A, B, C & D	3054-Snow

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	29-12-2021
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 29-12-2021 at 3:30 PM to 04-01-2022 upto 4.00P.M.
03.	Bid submission start date	29-12-2021 from (3:30 PM)
04.	Bid submission end date	04-01-2022 upto (04.00P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	04-01-2022 at (4.05 P.M) 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 of the in the Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Ganderbal/ Bandipora (Tender receiving authority)

b. Upload Valid Registration CARD /Renewal, PAN Card , Latest clearance certificate Form GST-3B of Latest Quarter /Qualifying Month i.e, 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 Duty renewed copy of Enlistment Registration Card;

b. Scan copy of Treasury Challan.

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

14 snow.

15 Labour Regulations: The contractor shall abide by all existing labour enactments and rules, regulations, notifications and by-laws as applicable. The

employment of child labour is prohibited in the contract. The contractor shall comply with the child labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

16 All other terms and conditions as applicable and are in vogue shall hold good for this work;

34. In case of any damages caused to BT Surface the executing agency shall be solely responsible & the cost of damages shall be recovered for the work done payment of the concerned (Mechanical Deptt./Contractor)

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

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

D. 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:-19938-47

DT: 29-12-2021

DIPK-15882/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
R&B Division Ganderbal.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
JAL SHAKTI PHE DIVISION UDHAMPUR**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Date of Issue: 27/12/2021

Dead line of submission of Bids: 10/01/2022

Bid Identification No. e-NIT No: 116 of 2021-22 dated 27/12/2021 under endorsement No. JSDU/ 12621-49 dated 27/12/2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division, Udhampur invite tenders by e-tendering mode on item rate from approved and eligible Govt. contractors registered with J&K Govt./ CPWD/ MES and Railways etc. for the following works.

S. No.	Name of work	Estd. Cost	Cost of document / tender fee (In Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Repair of water supply pipeline Amroh W.No. 6 W.No. 1 Block Kulwanta BDC Grants 2021-22 Panchayat Amroh (5 TH CALL)	Rs. 2.45 Lacs	200.00	"D" from concerned Block only	30 Days
2	Providing and laying of GI pipes 15mm & 20mm for Pyt. Chore Panjiyan (BDC Grants 2021-22)	Rs. 1.77 Lacs	200.00	"D" from concerned Block only	30 Days
3	Providing water supply through GI pipes at various locations in Block Narsoo. (BDC Grants 2021-22)	Rs. 3.71 Lacs	300.00	"D"	30 Days
4	Providing of GI pipes, sockets etc in different Panchayats of BDC Chenani by way of Providing, Laying and fitting of GI pipes at Kota Dhar and Providing and laying of Distribution line to Mohalla Gujad from 5000 Glns GSR at Kharangal (BDC Grants 2021-22)	Rs. 8.97 Lacs	500.00	"C & D"	30 Days

Position of AAA :- Accorded.

Position of funds :- Partially Available.

1. Date of Publishing 28/12/2021.

2. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 28/12/2021 from 14:00 (Hrs)

3. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 28/12/2021 (15:00 Hrs) to 10/01/2022 (1800 Hrs).

4. The complete bidding process will be online.

5. The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 11/01/2022 (1300 Hrs) in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Udhampur.

6. The cost of tender documents (Non-refundable/ Non-Transferable) should be in the shape of e-challan/Treasury Receipt to be deposited in MH:0215-WSS (Revenue Head) or through RTGS in J&K Bank Branch Udhampur bearing Bank Account No. 0028010200000047, IFSC code JAKA0UDMPUR in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE), Division Udhampur.

7. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Udhampur and shall be communicated separately.

8. The irrevocable Performance Bank Guarantee @ 3% in the shape of CDR/FDR/ irrevocable Bank Guarantee shall have to be submitted before award of contract duly pledge to Executive Engineer, PHE Division Udhampur valid upto 90 days beyond the expiry of O&M period.

9. The Bid documents consisting of instructions to Bidders (ITB), Bid Data Sheet (BDS), Qualification Criteria and Documents to be furnished with the Bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, Contract Data, Drawings, Specifications, the schedule of quantities and set of terms and conditions of contract and other forms will be uploaded on the website: www.jktenders.gov.in on or before [10/01/2022 upto 18.00Hrs] The Bidders can download the bid documents after the due date upto last date for submission of online bid.

10. Bids shall be received "on line" on or before [10/01/2022 upto 18.00Hrs]. The bidder must possess Compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and proper user I.

11. The hard copy shall have to be submitted by the L1 within 3days after opening of Financial bid in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Udhampur during office working hrs.

12. A Bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding documents may ask on line in the e-procurement portal using his / her DSC or through email : xenphceviludhampur@gmail.com, provided the queries are raised 05 days prior to the deadline for on-line submission of bids.

13. Bids received on line shall be opened on 11/01/2022 at 1300 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Udhampur in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives, who wish to be present. Bidders can witness the opening of bids after logging on to the site through their DSC. If the office happens to be closed on the last date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

14. Bids must be accompanied by bid securing declaration form duly completed, Bid security and cost of bid documents including GST of the amount as specified for the work in the table above.

15. The Employer reserves the right to cancel any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

16. The rate quoted shall be inclusive of all taxes as applicable at the time of payment.

17. All the required material shall be arranged by the Contractor.

The Bidding will be under 2 cover system

(A) Cover I (Technical Cover)

Scanned copy of below mentioned documents have to be uploaded by the bidder for Technical

Qualification

a) Scanned copy of tender Fee

b) Scanned copy of registration Card duly renewed for the year 2021-22.

c) Scanned copy of PAN Card

d) Bid security declaration form as per format

e) Affidavit on correctness of information submitted with the bid

f) Mobile No. and email Id

(B) Cover II (Financial Cover)

a) Bidder shall quote the rates in the BOQ.

1. No extra payment shall be made on account of dewatering even if involved at site of work, bidders are advised to quote their rates accordingly.

2. The service tax, Income Tax or any other tax shall be effective @ the prevailing rates fixed by the Govt. From time to time and shall be deducted at source from the amount payable to contractor.

3. The contractor shall draw agreement deed within 7days with the department after the issuance of allotment letter.

4. Any loss to the laborers during execution of work shall wholly-solely be the responsibility of the contractor.

5. No extra carriage, lead or lift of any kind of material shall be paid, the bidder shall have to quote his rate inclusive of all carriages / material handling charges / toll / taxes etc. and the payment shall be made as per actual work done on rate basis as per BOQ.

6. The validity of the bid shall be 30 days from the date of opening "Price Bid".

7. The Contractor shall have to take photographs of each site of work before execution, during execution and after completion of work.

8. GEO Tagging of each work shall have to be done by the Contractor and the contractor is advice to quote his rates accordingly.

9. Cement, steel shall be arranged by the contractor of following brand :

Cement :- ACC, Ambuja, Shree Ultra, Ultra tech (OPC / PPC only)

Steel :- TMT Bar : TATA Tisco, SAIL, Jindal Panther only

10. The Contractors registered with CPWD / MES / Railways etc. are eligible to cast the tenders strictly as per their respective enlistments / tendering limit. The approved copy of the enlistments should be uploaded along with respective tender documents by the bidders.

Signed for and on behalf of
the LT. GOVERNOR OF UT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

DIPK-15853/21

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti PHE Division Udhampur

**Office of the Deputy Director
Law Enforcement, Kashmir**

Message for Farmers

All the Orchardists/farming community of the valley are advised not to Purchase/ use the below mentioned batch No of pesticide product batch in their fields, which has been declared as **MISBRANDED** by the Central Insecticides Laboratory Faridabad

The details of MISBRANDED Pesticide product batch is as under:-

S. N o	Name of the Product	Active Ingredient	Batch No	Date of Manufacture	Date of expiry	Manufactured / Marketed By
1	Excel Mera 71	Ammonium Salt of Glyphosate 71% SG	BDX-189	25-04-2021	24-04-2023	Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd

All the Enforcement Officers/ Inspectors are directed to seize the stocks of the above said pesticide product batch and proceed further as per the provisions of Insecticides Act-1968 and Rules made there under.

Issued through Information & Publications, Directorate of Agriculture
Lalmandi, Srinagar

Sd/- Deputy Director Law Enforcement
DIPK-15943/21
Kashmir

THE JAMMU & KASHMIR MEDICAL COUNCIL

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NOTICE

As selected and recommended by the selection committees constituted for conducting the interviews and selection of candidates for engagement/appointment of contractual services of candidates for one year for different posts in J&K Medical Council office at Jammu and Srinagar advertised vide this office notice No: MRC/J/2021/6697 dated 03/12/2021, following is the selection list of candidates as well as waiting lists as mentioned at Annexure "A" for J&K Medical Council office at Jammu and as Annexure "B" for J&K Medical Council office at Srinagar.

Selected candidates shall have to join the J&K Medical Council offices at Jammu/Srinagar within a period of ten days from the date of publication of this selection list failing which the candidate next in merit from the waiting list will be allowed to join without any further notice

NO: MRC/J/2021/6739 Dated 29-12-2021

DIPK-NB-6266/21

Registrar

J&K Medical Council

Annexure "A" (for J&K Medical Council Office at Jammu)

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Ms. Jyoti Kumari	Sh. Prem Lal	R.S. Pura, Jammu	70.54	Selected

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Mr. Kishab Gupta	Sh. Ashwani Kumar Gupta	627/A, Near Post Office, Subash Nagar, Jammu	65.56	Waiting

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Ms. Rucha Gupta	Sh. Subash Gupta	Jammu	84	Selected

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Mr. Sunali Khosna	Sh. Surjeet Singh Khosna	H.No.90, Pucea Danga, Jammu	77.28	Selected
2.	Mr. Dhanish Sharma	Sh. Parveen Kumar Sharma	H.No.210, New Plot Upper Laxmi Nagar, Jammu	61.68	Selected

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Mr. Varun Sharma	Sh. Bodh Raj Sharma	Moh Danga, Near Hanuman Mandir, Kandoli Nagrota, Jammu	61.65	Waiting

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1	Ms. Pooja	Sh. Vijay Kumar	Jakh, Distt. Samba, J&K	69.13	Selected
2	Mr. Varun Sharma	Sh. Bodh Raj Sharma	Moh Danga, Near Hanuman Mandir, Kandoli Nagrota, Jammu	65.65	Selected

Annexure "A" (for J&K Medical Council Office at Jammu)

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Mr. Vipul Pangotra	Sh. Dharmपाल Sharma	Main Bazar Udhampur, Near Gopal Studio, J&K	64.55	Waiting

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Mr. Gagan Mehra	Sh. Parveen Kumar	Purani Mandi P/O Dogra chowk, Tehsil & District, Jammu.	85	Selected
2.	Mr. Balakrishnan Pal	Sh. Jenki Das	Ward N.9 Majal, Tikamgarh MP A/P Gulabi Bagh, Canal Road, Jammu	76.5	Selected

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Mr. Sachin Kumar	Sh. Vishawa Nath	Kanyala Tehsil Damsal, Jammu	75	Waiting
2.	Ms. Reena Kulbir Kour	Sh. S. Vandeer Paul Singh	GTB Nagar Channi Ramna	69	Waiting

Annexure "B" (for J&K Medical Council Office at Srinagar)

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Mudair Bashir Khan	Bashir Ahmad Khan	Khalid Colony Soura, Srinagar	72.73	Selected
2.	Muhtab Yousaf	Mohd. Yousaf Dar	Kawoosa Khalisa Budgam	66.71	Selected

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Irfana Rashid	Ab Rashid Shah	Kabarnagar Fatehpore	65.32	Waiting
2.	Sanaib Altaf	Miryan Mohd Altaf	Barzullah	64.97	Waiting

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Tajamul Islam Wani	Ab Rashid Wani	Batergam Kupwara	65.37	Selected
2.	Owais Ahsan	Peer Ahsan Ahmad	Pethbugh Dialgam Anantnag	60.65	Selected

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Fridous Ahmad Sheikh	Gh Nabi Sheikh	Checkpoint Trehgam Kupwara	59.92	Waiting
2.	Aaafq Ahmad Malik	Mohammad Ramzan Malik	Kawoosa Khalisa Budgam	59.16	Waiting

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Yasir Hussain	Gh. Abbas Sheikh	Lohama, Dachhan Kishtwar (At Present Bemina)	67	Selected
2.	Ishfaq Ahmad Allaie	Abdul Majied Allaie	Armoona Wadwan, Budgam	59	Selected

S.No.	Name of the candidate	Parentage	Address	Total Points obtained	Result
1.	Amir Rashid Bhat	Abdul Rashid Bhat	Saida-Kadal, Rainawari Srinagar	54	Waiting
2.	Shayib Nazir Bhat	Nazir Ahmad Bhat	Sheikal Alam colony, Kawadara, Srinagar	48	Waiting

Govt Launches Exercise To Extend Food Security Cover To Left-Out Beneficiaries

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) has launched an exercise to bring all the deserving left-out households and beneficiaries if any, under the ambit of the Public Distribution System in Jammu & Kashmir.

In this connection, FCS&CA Department has requested all the Deputy Commissioners through the respective Divisional Commissioners, to initiate an exercise to include the left-out eligible persons/ beneficiaries, if any, in light of the criteria already notified by the Government of India and Government of Jammu and Kashmir in this regard and within the assigned district wise and category wise targets.

"The exercise is aimed at bringing all the needy persons under the ambit of the assured food security, as per their entitlement, through the Targeted Public Distribution System," a spokesperson of FCS&CA Department said and added that the Deputy Commissioners have been requested to approach the Government in case any district exceeds the quota or requires additional quota.

The spokesman said that the Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA Department,



ment, Zubair Ahmad sensitized the officers about this issue and also reviewed the progress achieved on other initiatives in a meeting with the provincial head and districts heads of the Department.

The spokesman said that in order to streamline and make the Public Distribution System more credible and transparent, the Department is vigorously pursuing Aadhaar seeding of beneficiaries in all categories in a mission mode so that all the genuine beneficiaries get identified and avail their entitled quota in a smooth and transparent manner. "In the event of any beneficiaries being without Aadhaar, the DCs have been requested to order special drive for enrolment of such beneficiaries in coordination with the field functionaries of FCS&CA Department," he said and requested the beneficiaries to complete their Aadhaar seeding at the earliest.

Baldev Prakash Takes Charge As J&K Bank's First MD & CEO

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Baldev Prakash Thursday joined the J&K Bank as its first Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO). Bank's Executive President Sunil Gupta, who was flanked by Presidents, Vice-Presidents and other senior officers warmly welcomed the MD & CEO on his first day at the corporate headquarters here.

With his national level knowledge of policy making and strategizing in critical areas of banking at State Bank of India (SBI) besides international exposure in remittances business including treasury operations at Muscat (Sultanate of Oman), Baldev Prakash brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Bank's maiden position of Managing Director & CEO.

Notably, his appointment was approved by the Bank's Board of Directors during its meeting held on Tuesday, a day after J&K Government appointed him as Director on the board of the Bank. Reserve Bank of India had accorded approval on October 26, 2021 to his candidature as MD & CEO of the Bank for a period of three years from the date of taking charge.



Soon after taking the charge from the outgoing CMD, R K Chhibber, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash called a meeting of Presidents and other Vertical Heads to get a brief about the overall organisational structure of the Bank besides taking a preliminary review of different departments and their functions. Speaking on the occasion, MD & CEO said, "I have come to know very well that J&K Bank has a remarkable legacy of serving the people for over 83 years. With a strong emotional connect of people, it has a systemic significance in the financial landscape of J&K and Ladakh UTs."

Commending the role played by the outgoing CMD, R K Chhibber in steering the institution out of testing times, MD & CEO said, "Mr. Chhibber has played a vital role at the critical juncture and steered the Bank out as a better

institution. He has also succeeded in inculcating compliance culture firmly in the Bank."

He further said, "I see it as my responsibility to build further upon the Bank's legacy and work towards transforming it into a new-age financial institution. However, I believe financial institutions today succeed only because of better customer-services, excellent team-work and effective compliance culture. So, let us keep focus and work as a team so that going forward together we make this institution better in every respect."

Pertinently, having joined State Bank of India (SBI) in 1991, he has over 30 years of experience in banking in various roles at small and large size branches at SBI. Lastly, he was the Chief General Manager, Digital and Transaction Banking Marketing, at SBI, Mumbai.

Nations Try To Balance Omicron Restrictions While Keeping Economies Open



Agencies

ROME/WASHINGTON: Global COVID-19 infections hit a record high over the past seven-day period, Reuters data showed on Wednesday, as the Omicron variant raced out of control and governments tried to contain its spread without paralysing fragile economies.

Almost 900,000 cases were detected on average each day worldwide between Dec. 22 and 28. A number of countries posted all-time highs during the previous 24 hours, including Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, the United States and many nations in Europe.

Studies have suggested Omicron is less deadly than some previous variants. But the sheer

number of people testing positive could overwhelm hospitals in some countries and leave businesses struggling to carry on without workers who government officials have ordered to quarantine.

Researchers in South Africa found that a key part of the immune system's second-line defense - its T cells - are highly effective at recognizing and attacking the Omicron variant, preventing most infections from progressing to critical illness.

Political leaders in some nations, fearful of the economic impact of keeping so many workers at home, were considering shortening the period required for isolation after a positive COVID test or exposure.

Johnson And Johnson Sees New Allegations In Baby Powder Case

Bloomberg

NEW YORK: A lawyer for claimants suing Johnson & Johnson over its baby powder wants a bankruptcy judge to force the pharma giant to produce requested information, saying it's hindering efforts to investigate the case.

"There has been what appears to be a concerted effort to obstruct, limit and delay discovery," in the case, Michael S. Winograd, co-counsel to two official claimants' committees, wrote in a Dec. 28 letter. A Dec. 23 response from J&J saying it wouldn't fulfill the requests "has necessitated a forthcoming motion to compel," wrote Winograd, a partner at Brown Rudnick.

J&J spun its talc liabilities into a separate unit, LTL Management LLC, and put the unit into bankruptcy Oct. 14, adding to the complexity of the case and sparking controversy because it's a profitable company. It's facing 38,000 lawsuits charging that its talc products caused cancer and has pushed to create a trust to pay victims.

Winograd said the original claimant committee emailed

information requests to J&J counsel on Dec. 16. After "radio silence for four days," J&J said it wouldn't accept requests about future claims for LTL. Representatives for J&J didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

A Jan. 11 hearing scheduled to consider LTL's proposed appointment of Joseph W. Grier III

as legal representative for future talc claimants should be delayed, the letter said.

"For a number of reasons, including circumstances that have arisen during discovery over the past week, the current schedule has become untenable," Winograd wrote. At the very least, he said, consideration of future claims should be postponed until after a decision on whether to dismiss the case is rendered.

The case is LTL Management LLC, 21-30589, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey.

Swiss Bank UBS Sued By Couple For Sharing Wife's Account Info

Bloomberg

ZURICH: UBS Group AG was sued by a couple who said the Swiss bank should not have disclosed the wife's account information to the Internal Revenue Service because she was not a U.S. citizen.

Jonathan and Esther Zuhovitsky said in a suit filed Wednesday in Manhattan federal court that they endured

an intense audit as result of the disclosure and at one point were even referred for prosecution by the IRS criminal division, though no charges were ultimately filed and they escaped having to pay millions of dollars in penalties.

Once a byword for hidden wealth, Swiss bank accounts were aggressively targeted by U.S. tax authorities in the 2000s. UBS paid a \$780 million fine to the U.S. in

2009 for aiding tax evasion by U.S. citizens and disclosed the identities of thousands of American account holders.

The Zuhovitskys claim in their suit that the U.S. crackdown shouldn't have applied to them. Though Jonathan Zuhovitsky is a naturalized U.S. citizen who held power of attorney over the account, his wife is a citizen of Israel and Austria who has never lived in the U.S.

PRESS RELEASE



Nehru YUVA Kendra Anantnag organized two days Block level sports meet of block Sagam/ Breng at HSS Devalgam w.e.f 21/12/2021 to 24-22-2021.. A large number of students from various sports Club and Mehla Mendals of the Block participated in the various events. Prizes were awarded to the Winners and Runners up teams and Third Places.

PRESS RELEASE



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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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Sub: - Transfer of Registration Certificate for Guest House "Kohsheen" situated at Zero Bridge, Srinagar in favor of Managing Partner, Mr. Shabir Ahmad Bhat.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Mr. Shabir Ahmad Bhat, Managing Partner, Guest House "Kohsheen" situated at Rajbagh, Srinagar has approached this office for transfer of the registration certificate of the above said Guest House in his favour;

Whereas, the Guest House "Kohsheen" Raj Bagh, Srinagar has been registered with this Department in the year 1982 and the registration certificate bearing No.Reg/CS/870/DT/L-2 dated 8.6.1092, has been renewed upto 31.03.2021 in the name of Haji Gh. Mohammad, Assad Bhat, Ali Mohammad Bhat & Others;

Whereas, the owners of the said guest house have executed a partnership deed before the Sub-Registrar Srinagar, on 22.08.2021, whereby the applicant Mr. Shabir Ahmad Bhat S/o Late Assad Ullah Bhat R/o Zero Bridge, Srinagar has been nominated as Managing Partner, to operate the said guest house for the purpose of tourist trade only;

Whereas, the applicant is also holding a registration certificate under No. JKHT00000436 for Hotel Le-Grand Blue, Zero Bridge, Srinagar and therefore do not need to submit any antecedents documents;

Whereas, the applicant has also submitted Photo copies of Land Revenue documents and original registration certificate;

Whereas, transfer of registration certificate for the Guest House is purely for the purpose of running operation management of the said Guest House and do not confer any right of ownership of the Guest House 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 the applicant for transfer of registration certificate from Haji Gh. Mohammad, Assad Bhat, Ali Mohammad Bhat & Others to the name of Mr. Shabir Ahmad Bhat S/o Late Assad Ullah Bhat R/o Zero Bridge, Srinagar, is considered, the matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/Financial Institutions/ Banks/Organizations, etc. for purpose of inviting objections, if any. Objections, if any, should reach the office of the undersigned within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice. No objections beyond period of 7 days will be entertained and necessary changes will be effected in the registration records of this office in respect of the above mentioned Guest house under rules after submission of all documents/formalities.

The transfer of the registration shall be cancelled or withdrawn in case any deficiency in the documents submitted by the applicant or violation of NOCs is found.

No: Reg/GH/101/543/DTK
Dated: 28/12/2021

Deputy Director Tourism
Registration

DIPK-15849/21

FileNo.JSD-HRM02(4)/1/2021-HRM-PME

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU/SRINAGAR.

Subject:- Fixation of Seniority of Shri Vinod Kumar Bagati. AEE (retired I/C Executive Engineer) in the final seniority list of Assistant Executive Engineer (Civil) of Jal Shakti Department.

NOTICE.

Whereas, on the recommendations of Departmental Promotional Committee/J&K Public Service Commission, vide Government Order No.269-PW (Hyd) of 2013 dated 04.10.2013, 258 Assistant Engineers were regularized/ promoted as Assistant Executive Engineers; and Whereas, among others, Shri Vinod Kumar Bagati was regularized as AEE w.e.f. 14.09.2001 and figuring at Sr. No. 190 in the said Govt. Order; and

Whereas, vide Govt. Order No.329-PW (Hyd) of 2013 dated 26.11.2013, final seniority list of Assistant Executive Engineers as it stood on 01.01.2007, were notified. In the said final seniority list Shri Vinod Kumar Bagati figuring at serial No. 208 i.e below Shri Ravi Kumar (Sr.No. 207) and above Shri Naresh Kumar (Sr. No. 209); and

Whereas, again tentative Seniority list of AEEs, was notified/ issued vide Circular No. 03-PHE/1&FC of 2019 dated 16.04.2019 for inviting necessary objections, the name of Shri Vinod Kumar Bagati had inadvertently been missing in the said tentative seniority list; and

Whereas, Shri Bagati was not submitted any objection at that point of time in this regards and thereafter, vide Govt. Order No. 289-PW (Hyd) of 2019 dated 24.07.2019, final seniority list of AEEs as it stood on 01.01.2019 was issued/ notified; and

Whereas, Shri Vinod Kumar Bagati, retired I/C Executive Engineer has now requested to incorporate his name in seniority list and confirmed him as Executive Engineer; and

Whereas, while examining the case, it has been observed that the inter-se-seniority of Shri Vinod Kumar Bagati, AEE is require to be fixed at appropriate place in the final seniority list of AEEs as it stood on 01.01.2019. notified vide Govt. Order No. 289-PW (Hyd) of 2019 dated 24.07.2019 at Sr.No. 156-A i.e below Shri Bashir Ahmad Baba (Sr.No. 156) and above Shri Vijay Kumar (Sr.No 157).

Now, therefore before fixation of inter-se-seniority of Shri Vinod Kumar Bagati, Assistant Executive Engineer in the final seniority list of Assistant Executive Engineers notified, vide Govt. Order No.289-PW(Hyd) of 2019 dated 24.07.2019 at Sr.No.156-A i.e below Shri Bashir Ahmad Baba (Sr.No.156) and above Shri Vijay Kumar (Sr.No.157) is issued. All the concerned likely to be affected are called upon to file their objections, if any, within a period of 15 days from the date of issuance of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that nobody has any objection in this regard and necessary orders to this effect shall be issued accordingly.

No.JSD/HRM/60/2021
Dated:- 29.12.2021

Sd/-

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No: 83 of 2021

Dated: 28-12-2021

Subject: Re-Tender Corrigendum in respect of Notice No.: 83 of 2021, dated: 08-12-2021.

Due to Administrative Reasons, the 'Tender' in respect of the above 'Notice' for "Construction of Display Centre for 'Agri-Horti Products' at JKHPMC's Premises in Narwal, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir on "Item Rate" Basis" is hereby Re-Tendered. Fresh Dates shall be published in due course of time.

Note: Bidders who have participated in the earlier 'tender' for this eNIT, can re-upload the copies of the Cost of Tender Document and Bid Declaration uploaded earlier.

Sd/

DIPK-NB-6225/21

Managing Director

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI MECH. G.W.D DIVISION JAMMU

Sub: Deep Drilling of 125 mm dia Bore Holes by using ODEX method including installation, testing, commissioning of Mark-II Hand Pumps and construction of platforms at Bhalwal Block of District Jammu on Turnkey Basis (EPC) under District Capex Budget 2021-22 (under PHE, PRI, BDC, DDC Grants or any other head).

Ref: - This office e-NIT No. GWD/163 of 2021-22 Dated:- 14.12.2021

EXTENSION NOTICE-II

- Due to no response, the above mentioned subject e-NIT on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> is extended upto 05.01.2022 till 6 PM.
- Similarly the opening of technical bid online is extended upto 07.01.2022 or any other working day convenient to tender opening authority.

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged as uploaded/ advertised earlier.

No. GWD/7888-91

Dated: 30.12.2021

DIPK-15976/21

Sd/-

Executive Engineer

Jal Shakti (M) G. W. D Division Jammu

Heavy Showers Pound Chennai, 3 Dead In Rain Related Incidents

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: Heavy to very heavy rains pounded Chennai and the suburbs on Thursday, inundating roads and subways and three persons were killed in rain-related incidents here. Three persons (two women and a boy) died of electrocution here, Minister for Revenue and Disaster Management, KKSSR Ramachandran said. It was a repeat of scenes witnessed here last month as motorists struggled to manoeuvre their vehicles on flooded roads and subways while showers led to traffic congestion in the city and suburbs.

The intense spell may turn out to be one of the heaviest witnessed in recent years, while police said three subways were closed and in view of inundation and traffic moved at a snail's pace in at least 14 arterial city thoroughfares.

Greater Chennai Corporation said that over 145 pumps were used to de-clog inundated locations. Metrorail authorities said services were extended by an hour from 11 PM onwards in view of rains so as to help passengers reach their destinations safely.



Starting from noon, most areas in the city and suburbs began receiving rainfall and it was heavy to very heavy in several locations.

According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), the highest rainfall of 17.65 CM was recorded in MRC Nagar here. It was 14.65 CM and 10 CM at Nungambakkam and Meenambakkam respectively.

In other areas, including those falling under neighbouring Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram districts, the showers ranged from 1 CM (Madhavaram) to 10 CM (Nandanam). The rainfall data was recorded between 8.30 AM and 6.15 PM today.

Isolated heavy to very rainfall activity is likely to continue over north coastal Tamil Nadu and adjoining areas of south coastal Andhra Pradesh during next three days and decrease thereafter, the IMD said.

Weather enthusiasts made claims in the social media vis-a-vis the intensity of rains and on showers beating previous records. One such claim said Thursday's rains in Chennai was the heaviest for a single day in the month of December after 2015.

IMD officials here, however, did not confirm such claims.

Officials said a conclusion could be arrived at only after

looking into actual rainfall for the 24-hour period and following a scrutiny of previous data.

Enthusiast Pradeep John (Tamil Nadu Weatherman) tweeted, "Mylapore crosses 200 mm. One of the craziest spells of lifetime. Chennai City (Nungambakkam) beats 2015 annual rainfall." In another tweet, he said, "2015 annual rainfall is overtaken by 2021 & is the 3rd wettest year of all time behind 2005 & 1996." He had also given data for Chennai city (Nungambakkam) to support his claim.

Tamil Nadu witnessed heavy rainfall during the north east monsoon (October-December) monsoon and according to the weather office, presence of 'convective cells,' led to rainfall.

A weather forecast by the IMD (issued 12.30 hours on December 30) had said: "Thunderstorm with moderate rain is likely to occur at a few places over coastal Tamil Nadu. Thunderstorm with moderate rain is likely to occur at many places over Villupuram, Cuddalore and Delta districts, Puducherry and Karaikal. Light rain is also likely to occur at isolated places over Interior Tamil Nadu districts." PTI

Chhattisgarh Cops Arrest Hindu Seer Kalicharan Maharaj From MP; Court Sends Him To 2-Day Police Custody

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Police arrested Hindu religious leader Kalicharan Maharaj from neighbouring Madhya Pradesh on Thursday over his alleged derogatory remarks against Mahatma Gandhi, following which a court here sent him to police remand for two days, an official said.

Acting on a specific input, a team of Raipur police apprehended Kalicharan Maharaj alias Abhijeet Dhananjay Saraag around 4 am from a rented room near Bageshwar Dham, located about 25 km from Khajuraho town in MP, Raipur Superintendent of Police Prashant Agrawal told PTI.

Three separate teams of Raipur police were sent to trace Kalicharan in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Delhi. The seven-member team which was sent to MP got the success and arrested Kalicharan near Khajuraho, where he was staying in the rented room, he said, adding that he was brought here in the evening via road route.

"Kalicharan was later produced in the court of Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Chetna Thakur this evening. The court sent him to

police remand for two days till January 1," Agrawal said.

The supporters of the religious leader expressed solidarity with him by raising slogans like 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Har Har Mahadev' in the court premises in Raipur district.

The arrest of Kalicharan Maharaj, however, led to a slugfest between the BJP-governed Madhya Pradesh and the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh.

Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra claimed the action was a violation of the inter-state protocol, a charge denied by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, who asked Mishra whether he was happy or sad with the arrest of the person who "abused" Mahatma Gandhi.

Baghel also said that action will be taken against those using abusive language against the Father of the Nation, who gave the message of peace and non-violence to the world.

MP Home Minister Mishra termed the Chhattisgarh Police's action as "highly objectionable".

"We have objections to the way Chhattisgarh acted in the matter. It is a violation of the

inter-state protocol which the Chhattisgarh Congress government should not have done. The federal structure did not allow such an action," Mishra told reporters in Bhopal when asked about the seer's arrest.

"They should have informed us. If they wanted, they could have summoned him (Kalicharan) by sending a notice. I have asked Madhya Pradesh Director General of Police to immediately talk to Chhattisgarh's DGP and register a strong protest on the way this arrest was effected and also seek an explanation on the issue," the minister said.

Chhattisgarh CM Baghel, meanwhile, denied any violation of protocols in the seer's arrest from the neighbouring state.

"Narottam Mishra ji should first tell whether he is happy or sad with the arrest of the person who abused Mahatma Gandhi. No rules were violated and action was taken as per the legal provisions," Baghel told reporters in Delhi, where he had earlier in the day attended a meeting of finance ministers of states called by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

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Widespread Snow

recorded a low of minus 3.6 degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 4.4 degrees Celsius.

The MET Office has forecast further fall in the minimum temperature over the next few days.

It said there is a possibility of light rain/snow at a few places mostly in higher reaches over two days from January 1, while there is likelihood of widespread snow/rain of moderate intensity during January 4 to 6.

Kashmir valley is currently under the grip of the 40-day harshest winter period known as 'Chilla-i-Kalan' which began on December 21.

'Chilla-i-Kalan' is a period when a cold wave grips the region and the temperature drops considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies including the famous Dal Lake here as well as the water supply lines in several parts of the valley.

The chances of snowfall are the most frequent and maximum during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches, receive heavy to very heavy snowfall.

6 Militants, Soldier

he said, all the killed militants were part of group involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on security forces and civilian atrocities.

"Several terror crime cases were registered against them, including attack on family of a police personnel at Kokagund in which his wife and daughter received injuries," he added.

Giving more details of the operation, the police spokesperson said that when the presence of militants was ascertained they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter.

"In the initial exchange of fire, four security forces personnel including a policeman received gunshot injuries. They were evacuated to hospital for treatment of their injuries however; one Army Jawan succumbed to his injuries and attained martyrdom. In order to evacuate the trapped civilians around the encounter site, the operation was halted till safe evacuation of all the civilians," he said.

Earlier, the police spokesperson said that three more militants were killed in Mirhama area of Kulgam on an input driven operation carried out by police, army's 9RR and the CRPF 18 battalion.

He identified the killed militants as Shahid alias Shahzaid of Pakistan, Mohammad Shafi Dar of Tiral and Uzair Ahmad of Mirhama, all associated with Jaish.

As per police records, the spokesperson said that Shazaid was listed among the top most wanted militants operating in J&K while as the other two militants were also categorized. He said all the killed militants were part of a group involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on security forces and "civilian atrocities".

"Incriminating materials, huge cache of arms & ammunition including 02 M-4 rifles, 04 AK-47 rifles were also recovered from the sites of encounters. All the recovered materials have been taken into case records for further investigation. Police have registered cases in both the incidents under relevant sections of law in respective police stations and further investigation is in progress," the police spokesperson said.

He quoted IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar

as saying that two of the killed militants, including Mavia along with another militant Suhail Rather were involved in the gruesome attack on a police bus in Zewan, in which 3 policemen were killed and 11 others injured.

"IGP Kashmir has termed the elimination of most wanted terrorists as a big success and congratulated the joint forces who work relentlessly with great synergy and coordination on ground. He also paid rich tributes to the martyred Army Jawan who made supreme sacrifices in the line of duty and also prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured personnel," the police spokesperson said.

He further added that a joint press conference was held at 2-Sector Hqrs Wuzan by GoC 15 Corps Commander Lt. Gen. DP Pandey, IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar-IPS and other officers.

Number Of Active

ranks so far this year, of whom 73 have been killed in encounters and 16 arrested.

Lt Gen. Pandey said compared to the last two years, the recruitment of youngsters by militant outfits was down in 2021.

"Last year, it was more than 180. It shows that there is an awakening in the civil society. People have realised the futility of taking up violence. They understand what is happening across (the border).

"We should look at it positively. The civil population is helping us neutralise the militants and also enabling us to break the cycle of violence.... I am sure we will see greater peace and a lesser number of youngsters coming out to join the militancy ranks in the next year or so," he said.

The GoC said those aged above 20-21 years are not falling prey to the militant outfits' plans and thus, the latter have started recruiting boys aged 15-16 years.

"Also, the second trend which is coming out is that they (youngsters) are no longer proud of themselves picking up weapons, so they are not declaring their names. Whoever is joining is hiding his identity," he added.

"It was very clear and evident during a recent operation, which came into spotlight for various reasons that all the family members belonging to the OGW network or the local militants came out in the open and claimed innocence.

"Today, I feel the society does not want to accept OGWs (overground workers) and militants into their houses or in the proximity," Lt Gen. Pandey said, apparently referring to a recent encounter in Hyderpora, in which the families of the three victims claimed that the slain men were innocent.

Asked about the increase in the number of foreign militants killed in encounters, the GoC said the local militants are now refusing to carry out operations.

"That is another challenge that they (militant outfits) are facing and therefore, Pakistani militants are now coming to the fore to lead operations. As they will emerge from the heights, from the cover and carry out the operations, they will be neutralised," he added.

Kumar said the foreign militants were on the higher ridges of the mountains in the summer months but as the winter has arrived, they have come down to the plains.

"So, a foreign militant is killed in almost every encounter, which is good for us," he said.

On a question about the situation along the Line of Control (LoC), Lt Gen. Pandey said it is absolutely fine and the ceasefire is being honoured.

"People are going about their routine activities, they are pretty happy on either side of the LoC," he said.

The GoC, however, said the militant launchpads across the border continue to be full and there are inputs of attempts to cross over to the Indian side in the winter as well.

"But I can assure you that we are fully ready for any such eventuality to ensure that no infiltration takes place. If any does take place, we will be neutralising them the way the operations are being conducted in the hinterland," he said.

The GoC said infiltration "will happen", but "it has been controlled".

"This year, the infiltration numbers are far lesser compared to the previous years," he added.

SIA Charges Hurriyat

that challan was produced against three others in terms of section 299 Cr.P.C to declare them absconders while as the investigation with regard to the other aspects of the investigation/suspects (Co Conspirators) is in progress and the facts will be presented to the Court through a supplementary charge sheet.

Giving details of the case, the police spokesperson said that the information on the basis of which criminal investigations were started into the matter also suggested that the money collected from the parents of the aspiring or potential students was used, at least partly, to support and fund militancy and separatism in different ways.

"During investigation oral, documentary and technical evidences were collected and on analysis of collected evidences it surfaced that MBBS and other professional degree related seats were preferentially given to those students who are close family members or relatives of killed terrorists," he said.

"Evidence also came on record to show that money had been variously put into channels that ended up in supporting programmes and projects pertaining to terrorism and separatism," he added.

Giving an example, the police spokesperson said that money collected in disguise of providing medical and other technical courses in various institutions of Pakistan were used to fuel up the unrest post killing of militants, including Burhan Wani in 2016 and every effort was made to disturb the peace and tranquillity post abrogation of article 35A and 370 of Indian Constitution.

He said that the examination of witnesses corroborated by other circumstantial evidence indicated that many families who approached Hurriyat leaders to avail the programme of Hurriyat on the behest of ISI that aimed at "incentivising terrorism" by compensating the family of slain militants by way of providing free of cost MBBS and engineering seats as monetary consideration.

The police spokesperson also hit out at Pakistan saying that by incentivising the next of kin of killed militants, Pakistan was trying to keep the pot boiling and tends to radicalize the impressionable minds in the veil of technical education.

"As per investigation, on an average the cost of a seat ranged between 10 to 12 lakhs and depending upon the political heft of a Hurriyat leader who intervenes, concessions were extended

to the aspiring student and his family," he said.

On the basis of available evidence, he said, a conservative estimate indicated that the money involved could be around Rs.4 crore per annum, on the basis of the fact that allocation of seats for distribution by individual Hurriyat leaders where around 40 seats for MBBS programme every year.

"The historical bonhomie between Hurriyat leaders and their masters in Pakistan has been again exposed through the investigations and has exposed their nefarious designs once more of being hand in glove with the terrorists based in Kashmir valley and Pakistan and the undercurrents of their close knit relationship is only to destabilize the UT of J&K and Union of India," the police spokesperson said.

Amir's Father

the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police probing the Hyderpora encounter claimed that while one civilian was killed by a foreign militant, two others, including a local "militant" (Magray), died in crossfire after being used as human shield by the hiding militant.

A Pakistani militant and three other persons were killed in Hyderpora on November 15 and the police claimed that all the slain men had links to militancy. The families of the three, alleging foul play, had claimed that they were innocent, prompting the police to order an inquiry. Lt Governor Manoj Sinha had also ordered a magisterial probe into the incident.

"...That being close to Amir, the petitioner knew everything good and bad about him, thus can state on oath that his son was never involved into any anti-national activities or was associated with any such outfit that conspires to bring harm to the nation," Latief, a resident of Gool area of Ramban district, said in his petition.

Invoking Article 21 of the Constitution which extends the right to have decent burial as per religious ceremonies and rules, for his son, the petitioner said he has been instrumental in fighting and curbing militancy in Gool and Singaldan area by working as a civilian volunteer with the Army.

Referring to an incident of August 6, 2005, when he along with his wife and other family members killed a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant who barged into his house and fired indiscriminately upon the inmates, the petitioner said he was conferred the State Award for Bravery for the year 2012 by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir for showing exemplary courage despite being injured in the firing which also resulted in the death of his cousin.

"That apart from the same, the petitioner has been well appreciated by the Indian Army for his service towards the nation in eliminating militancy in his area -- Gool Sangaldan, Ramban," the petition said, enclosing copies of appreciation letters and certificates given to him by authorities in acknowledgement of his service.

In view of the family's open support to the Army, the petitioner has remained vulnerable to attacks, owing to which security was provided to them, which is still in place outside their house.

"...It is obvious that Amir was groomed in an atmosphere of patriotism and away from anti-national activities and forces, thereby, associating Amir with militancy is not justified to any stretch of imagination and shall also discourage all those who hold

India close to their hearts and are fighting militancy in difficult situation in Jammu and Kashmir, without caring about their lives and families," the petition said.

Referring to the return of the bodies of two others, a building landlord and a doctor with whom Amir was working as an office peon on November 18, the petition pleaded the court to direct the respondents -- Union Home Ministry, Jammu and Kashmir administration and Director General of Police -- to hand over his body to the family.

"The magisterial probe was time bound and was supposed to submit its report within 15 days but despite passage of more than one month, no such report has been submitted so far," the petition said.

It said the petitioner met the Lt Governor on December 7 to press for the return of Amir's body and for the making magisterial probe public, and the LC "sought two days" time to make the report public, but the time has lapsed giving cause of action to the petitioner to approach the by filing the present petition.

The petitioner said he and his wife are grieving and restless as the respondents have not even given them a chance to see the face of their son the last time.

Expressing his wish to bury his son close to his house, the petitioner wants to ensure burial of his dead son within a prescribed period after exhumation and in an atmosphere required to maintain peace.

Seeking an early hearing of his plea, the petitioner pleaded in his appeal that the exhumation of Amir's body needs to be done at the earliest to save it from getting fully decomposed.

NC MPs To

number of seats to be reserved for Scheduled Castes and Schedule Tribes.

As already reported, the panel has decided to reserve seven seats for SCs and nine seats for STs in the 90-member Assembly--(KNO)

NIA Rounds Up

a local news agency KDC reported.

Dr Farooq Terms

submit it soon.

"We have framed a response to the delimitation panel's report, which will be submitted to the commission. It will be made public soon," the Member of Parliament from Srinagar added.

Unfazed Mehbooba

the encounter which was one of the rare operations carried out jointly by the army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police within the city limits.

In a tweet, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said, Remarks on the SIT probe by different political parties isn't mere speculation. They are grounded in facts. The administration's aversion & discomfort with truth coming to the fore is well known. Bullying us into silence by 'penal action' warnings won't work (sic)".

In a statement here on Wednesday, the SIT said speculative statements from the political leaders have a tendency to create provocation, rumour, fear and alarm among the general masses or particular section of society. This kind of approach is against the rule of law and may attract appropriate provisions as envisaged under law," chairman of the SIT said.

The SIT said the government had ordered a magisterial probe into the incident and all such persons making statements should have approached

the inquiry officer with genuine evidence they have, for corroboration or contradiction.

"The SIT constituted in the instant case is still investigating the matter, all such persons are once again advised to provide any type of evidence if they have regarding the incident so that every aspect of investigation is covered and concluded on merits," the statement said.

One Death, 139

taking the total number of people infected by the virus in J&K to 341167.

In the Valley, officials said, Srinagar reported the highest 51 new cases of coronavirus, Baramulla 15, Budgam 13, Pulwama 7, Kulgam 6, Ganderbal 4, Kupwara 3, Bandipora 2 and Anantnag 1. Shopian was the only district in the Valley where no fresh cases were registered.

In the winter capital, officials said, Jammu reported a maximum of 16 new cases of virus, Poonch 5, Udhampur 4, Kathua and Reasi 3 each, Doda 2 and Samba 1. The three districts of Rajouri, Kishtwar and Ramban detected no new cases of Coronavirus.

"Moreover, 120 Covid-19 patients recovered during the time, 19 from Jammu Division and 101 from Kashmir," officials said.

Also, they said that one more person succumbed to Covid-19 related complications in Jammu division on Thursday taking the death toll in the pandemic to 4526 in J&K--2198 in Jammu and 2328 in Kashmir.

Road Named After

decision of renaming the local government schools and public infrastructure like roads and buildings after martyrs, who died in the line of duty, an official spokesperson said.

He said Additional District Development Commissioner Sham Lal, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Kishtwar, Zakir Hussain, BDO Mugalmaldan, Arun Badyal, Xen PWD R&B Kishtwar, Ramesh Jamwal, family members of the fallen soldier, Municipal Councillor ward No 9 Shabir Ahmed, prominent citizens and police personnel attended the programme.

"Earlier, 4 educational institutions have been named by District administration after the names of martyrs of Indian Army soldiers, CRPF, and police personnel who hailed from district Kishtwar and were killed in line of duty," he added.

Driver Found

reports said. The boy was later taken to the hospital by his relatives.

"On preliminary examination by the doctors, there was no external bodily injury albeit it (body) with cyanosis (a bluish discoloration of the skin due to poor blood circulation)", officials told a local news agency GNS

An enquiry under section 174 CrPC has been initiated to ascertain the cause of death, they added.

Dozens Join

Sangathan along with their supporters from Kathua, sarpanches and panches joined the BJP in presence of Raina at the party headquarters here.

Welcoming the new entrants into the party fold, Raina said prominent social personalities and senior leaders of other parties are joining the BJP every day to serve the masses better. This clearly indicates the immense public support that the party enjoys and it will reflect in the assembly elections, he said.

Raina asked the new entrants to strengthen the party and work with the principle of "nation first" in mind. (PTI)

India Beat South Africa By 113 Runs, Take 1-0 Lead



Agencies

CENTURION: Visitors wasted no time after the lunch break to bowl out hosts for 191 to register a 113-run win and also won their first Test ever here at the Super-Sport Park, Centurion on Thursday to take a 1-0 lead in 3-match Test series.

Resuming the post-lunch session at 182/7 Mohammed Shami dismissed debutant Marco Jansen caught behind by wicket-keeper Rishabh Pant for just 13. Shami got his third wicket in the second innings and his eighth wicket overall in the match.

In the very next over Ravichandran Ashwin dismissed tailenders Kagiso Rabada and Lungi Ngidi to wrap up the Proteas for a paltry 191 and guide India to their first-ever win at Centurion. This is Virat Kohli's second Test win in South Africa the first one came in Johannesburg in 2018.

Earlier in the day, the South African team started at 94 for 4 and the team reached the triple-figure mark with skipper Dean Elgar hitting a boundary in the fifth ball of the day to Mohammed Shami.

In the 46th over of the South African innings, Shami dropped a caught and bowled chance of well set Dean Elgar on 63.

The Protea captain Elgar punished Indian pacers Shami and Jasprit Bumrah from there on hitting three boundaries. But India finally got the big wicket as Bumrah dismissed Elgar leg before the wicket for 77. Dean Elgar was Bumrah's third wicket in 2nd innings and South Africa's fifth wicket with a score of only 130.

After the fall of Elgar's wicket Quinton de Kock walked in and along with Temba Bavuma took the hosts total past the 150-run mark. The partnership could not last long as Mohammed Siraj got the prized scalp of de Kock. The southpaw inside-edged Siraj's delivery onto the stumps.

In the next over Shami was introduced into the attack and the pacer dismissed Wiaan Mulder for just 1 as India inched closer to victory. Post lunch it was a mere formality for Virat Kohli led side as they registered a convincing 113 run victory to help India win their first Test in Centurion and also take a 1-0 lead in 3-match series.

Rasheed Hits 90* To Guide India To U-19 Asia Cup Final

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Shaik Rasheed hit an unbeaten 90 as India dished out a clinical performance to thrash Bangladesh by 103 runs here on Thursday and set up a summit clash with Sri Lanka in the Under-19 Asia Cup.

One-down Rasheed made his runs in 108 balls to help India post 248 for eight after being invited to bat.

Rasheed paced his innings to perfection after India had lost both their openers—Angkrish Raghuvanshi (16) and Harnoor Singh (15) — inside the 50-run mark, in the 17th over.

The Indian bowlers, then, produced a cohesive effort to bundle out Bangladesh for 140 runs in 38.2 overs.

Ariful Islam top-scored for Bangladesh with a 77-ball 42, while opener Mahfijul Islam made 26.

Bangladesh's chase never got going as the Indian bowlers picked up wickets at regular intervals, with only Ariful providing some resistance.

For India, Ravi Kumar (2/22), Vicky Ostwal (2/25), Raj Bawa (2/26) and Rajvardhan Hangargekar (2/36) shared eight wickets between them, while Kaushal Tambe (1/5) and Nishant Sindhu (1/25) picked up a wicket each.

Even though it wasn't an extravagant knock from Rasheed, he did enough to give the Indian bowlers a target to defend. He struck three boundaries and one six during his unconquered innings.

For Bangladesh U-19, left-arm orthodox spinner Rakibul Hasan was the pick of the bowlers with figures of three for 41 from his 10 overs.

India will face Sri Lanka in the title clash in Dubai on Friday.

Sri Lanka defeated Pakistan by 22 runs in another semifinal clash.

Sri Lanka made a modest 147 all out after opting to bat and then restricted Pakistan to 125.

J&K Skier Arif Khan Qualifies For 2 Events At 2022 Winter Olympics

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Jammu and Kashmir-based alpine skier Arif Mohammed Khan has become the first Indian athlete to qualify for two different events of the Winter Olympics, set to be held in Beijing from February 4, next year.

Khan achieved the rare feat recently by qualifying for his second event—giant slalom—a month after booking his first Winter Olympics ticket in alpine skiing slalom category in an Olympic qualifier in Dubai.

The news was confirmed by his promoter JSW Sports. "JSW-supported Alpine skier Arif Khan who had earlier earned a provisional quota for the slalom event at the 2022 Winter Olympics, has now qualified for the giant slalom event as well.

"For the first time in history, an Indian will be competing in two different events at the Winter Olympics," JSW Sports wrote in a Facebook post on Wednesday night.

While India was represented by two athletes—Jagdish Singh (cross country skiing) and Shiva Keshavan (luge) -- in the 2018 Winter Games, Khan is the only person to have qualified for the 2022 Winter Games so far.

Khan is a professional alpine skier from north Kashmir's Tangmarg and has qualified for giant slalom event at Kolasin, Montenegro recently. He has represented India in more than 100 ski events held across the world and has been undergoing training in Europe for the most part of this year.



Real Kashmir Announce Academy Trials For Pattan Zone

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Real Kashmir FC on Thursday announced that trials for its academy at Pattan Zone will take place on Sunday, January 2, 2022.

The venue for the trials has been fixed at Government Degree College Pattan in district Baramulla. The trials will begin at 12:00 PM.

In a statement, RKFC said the trials are open for players born 1-01-2007 to 31-12-2009.

"The club is looking for young cubs to become a part of the beautiful game," the club statement said.

Interested players have been requested to bring their original

date of birth certificate. For more inquiries, players can call on 7006973092.

The trials come as part of the club's efforts to spread its grassroots development program outside of Srinagar city. Real Kashmir will open a football academy in north Kashmir and these trials will be a stepping stone towards the same.

"The club from Srinagar has brought so much positivity to the state, and I believe taking it to different parts

of the interior of Kashmir will also help make these places more accessible and shared the same positive feelings that football brings. Overall, it has been a fantastic experience," RKFC owner Sandeep Chattoo said in a statement.

The club statement added that north Kashmir's Pattan will be the first location of the academy, which will then extend to every area in north as well as south Kashmir.



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I want to do the necessary changes in my passport as the name of my mother has gone wrongly as Mehbooba while as her real name is Mehbooba Abdullah. As I have to do the above mentioned change in my passport in the name of mother, if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she should intimate the concerned authorities within the stipulated time of one week from the date of publication of this notice in this newspaper. After the expiry of the timeline no objection would be entertained by the concerned authorities.

WITH REGARDS,

Nawaz Shafi
S/O: Mohd Shafi Bhat
Mother Name: Mehbooba Abdullah
R/O: Khonmoh Srinagar

PRESS RELEASE



Nehru YUVA Kendra Anantnag organized two days Block level sports meet of block Shangus /Chittergul on w.e.f 25/12/2021 to 26-12-2021. At Shangus. A large number of students from various sports Club and Mehla Mendals of the Block participated in the various events. Prizes were awarded to the Winners and Runners up teams and Third Places.

Babar Azam Nominated For 2021 ICC Men's ODI POTY Award

Agencies

DUBAI: The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Thursday unveiled nominations for its ODI Player of the Year award, with Pakistan skipper Babar Azam one of four contenders for the accolade.

The national skipper scored 405 runs in six matches in the outgoing year at an average of 67.50 with two centuries in the 50-over format.

Alongside Azam, Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan, Ireland's Paul Stirling and South Africa's Janneman Malan have been named as contenders for the award.

Last year, India's Virat Kohli had bagged the ODI Player of the Decade for his standout performances in the previous 10 years.

Describing Azam as the "top-ranked batter", the ICC said the Pakistan skipper played only six ODIs in 2021, "but he made vital contributions" in both the series his team played this year".



With the nomination, the ICC also posted a video recap of Azam's feats in 2021 and titled it "Babar Azam: pride of Pakistan".

The global cricket body said Azam was the second-highest run-scorer with 228 runs and was the player of the match in both of Pakistan's wins in the 2-1 series victory against South Africa in April 2021.

"He was the architect of Pakistan's chase of 274 in the first ODI with a century and laid the foundation with an 82-ball 94 in the final ODI where the visitors posted 320 batting first."

Veteran Ross Taylor To Retire From International Cricket

Agencies

WELLINGTON: Veteran New Zealand batsman Ross Taylor says he will retire from international cricket after the current domestic season.

The second test against Bangladesh next month, in which he likely will equal Daniel Vettori's record of 112 tests for New Zealand, will be his last.

Taylor won't play in the Black Caps test series against South Africa in February but will play one-day international series against Australia in Australia in February and against the Netherlands at home in late March and early April.

The fourth ODI against the Netherlands in Taylor's home town of Hamilton on April 4 will be his last match for New Zealand.

"It's been an amazing journey and I feel incredibly fortunate to



have represented my country for as long as I have, Taylor said in a statement Thursday.

"It's been such a privilege to play with and against some of the greats of the game and to have created so many memories and friendships along the way. But all good things must come to an end and the timing feels right for me."

Taylor will retire as New Zealand's top-scorer in test and one-day international matches.



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir

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Subject: - Retirement of one partner from the Registration Certificate of "M/s Mahaan Tour & Travels" situated at Hawal, Srinagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, this office has received a joint application submitted by Mr. Rizwan Mehdi and Mr. Tajamul Hussain Kashoo partners of the Excursion Agency namely "M/s Mahaan Tour & Travels" situated at Hawal, Srinagar wherein they have requested for retirement of one partner namely Mr. Tajamul Hussain Kashoo from the Registration Certificate under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

It is in place to mention here that the Travel Agency is registered with Department under the Registration of Tourist Trade Act/Rules under Registration No. Reg /T/1575/416/DTK/37/L-7 dated 12.03.2016 and renewed upto 31.12.2020.

Whereas, the applicants along with their application have submitted Registration Certificate, NOC from concerned bank and Dissolution of Partnership deed duly stamped by Sub-Registrar by virtue of the said deed one partner namely Mr. Tajamul Hussain Kashoo is retiring from the said agency.

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

No: Reg/T/1574/1288/DTK
Dated:- 28.12.2021
DIPK-15889/21

Sd/-
Deputy Director Tourism
Registration (Kashmir)



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir

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Subject: - Change of Location in the Registration Certificate of the Travel unit namely M/s String Inc Tour & Travels.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, this office has received an application submitted by Mr. Wajahat Hussain Qadri proprietor of the Excursion Agency namely "M/s Strings Inc Tour & Travels" wherein he has requested this office for change of location of his Travel unit from Poloview Residency Road, Srinagar to MagarmalBagh, Srinagar under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, the Excursion Agency is registered with the Department under the Registration of Tourist Trade Act/Rules under Registration No. JKEA00000256 dated 28-10-2013 renewed up to 31.12.2024.

Whereas, the applicant along with his application has submitted copy of Registration certificate, Rent Deed from Intezamia Committee Masjid Hanafiah, Abubakar and NOC from concerned bank with regard no loan has been availed in the name of instant case.

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

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Rescheduling of Date of Interviews

It is hereby notified for the information of concerned candidates that due to non availability of Chairman, Selection Committee on said dates, the interviews for filling-up of various categories of posts, which were scheduled to be held on 01-01-2022 and 03-01-2022 will now be held on 18-01-2022 (For the post of Laboratory Assistant (Technical) at 11:00 a.m. & Laboratory Assistant (Design) at 2:00 p.m) and on 20-01-2022 (For the post of Laboratory Assistant (Information Technology) at 11:30 a.m. at the Institute.

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PRESS RELEASE



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Danish Siddiqui, Killed In Afghanistan, Gets Top Glory At RedInk Awards

Agenceis

Mumbai: Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui, who died during an assignment in Afghanistan, has been posthumously awarded as the 'Journalist of the Year' for 2020 by the Mumbai Press Club.

Chief Justice of India N V Ramana yesterday presented the annual 'RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism', instituted by the Mumbai Press Club, in a virtual event.

He presented the prestigious award to Siddiqui "for his spectrum of investigative and impactful news photography".

Danish Siddiqui's wife Frederike Siddiqui received the award.

"He was a man with a magical eye and was rightly regarded as one of the foremost photojournalists of this era. If a picture can tell a thousand words, his photos were novels," Chief Justice Ramana said while paying tributes to the scribe.

Senior journalist Prem Shankar Jha, 83, was bestowed with the lifetime achievement award "for his long and distinguished career of incisive and analytical writing".



"His reputation for hard work, the highest ethical standards, and intellectual rigour are unparalleled in the field," Chief Justice Ramana said while congratulating Mr Jha.

The Mumbai Press Club instituted The RedInk Awards a decade ago to recognise good investigative and feature writing and raise the bar of journalism in the country.

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Various other journalists were awarded in 12 categories as part of the 10th edition of the award event.

'I Follow PM': Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut On Not Wearing Mask at Event



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Nashik: Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut, who was seen without a mask at an event here on Thursday, claimed he was following the Prime Minister's 'example'.

On the sidelines of the event at Nashik in Maharashtra, some reporters asked the Rajya Sabha member why he was not wearing a mask, a norm to be followed to curb the spread of COVID-19.

To this, Raut said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi tells people to wear mask, but he himself doesn't wear one. Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray wears mask, but Modi is the leader of the nation. I follow the

Prime Minister and therefore, I do not wear a mask, and even people do not wear masks." At the same time, the Shiv Sena's spokesperson also said everyone should take care while attending public programmes.

"Prohibitory orders are on at present, but I wish there should be no such curbs during the day as it will stop the economic growth. (NCP MP) Supriya Sule, (her husband) Sadanand Sule, (NCP legislator) Prajakt Tanpure, (Maharashtra school Education Minister) Varsha Gaikwad have been detected corona-positive. Therefore, everyone should take care while attending public programmes," Raut said. PTI

Stricter Rules In All Large Cities As India Sees Spike In Cases



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MUMBAI: Authorities started to impose stringent rules on Thursday to prevent mass gatherings at parties and public venues ahead of new year celebrations as the nation sees a spike in COVID-19 infections.

Night curfews have been imposed in all major cities and restaurants ordered to limit customers, officials said.

However, state authorities were finding it difficult to limit crowding in markets, religious sites and holiday destinations as they were allowed to remain open, the officials said.

The country reported 13,154 new COVID-19 cases and 268 deaths in the last 24 hours, the health ministry said, with urban centres reporting a big jump. It was the highest number of daily infections since October.

Cases of infection by the Omicron variant rose to 961 across India.

Mumbai Police prohibited public gatherings of five or more residents until January 7 as it recorded a sharp jump in cases with 2,510 infections, the highest daily increase since May, local authorities said.

"It is being seen that social gatherings are going on in an unrestricted manner with people flouting all social distancing norms...we are trying our best to control the spread of the virus," said Rajesh Tope, the Maharashtra Health Minister.

Mr Tope said the next 48 hours were critical for authorities to prevent an escalation of fresh COVID-19 cases.

Earlier this week, India accelerated vaccine distribution by approving Merck's COVID-19 pill and two more vaccines for emergency use.

Asia's third-largest economy has already said it will allow COVID-19 booster shots for some of its population. The emergency approvals come at a time measures are being taken to ramp up oxygen supplies and hospital beds.

But an ongoing strike by thousands of junior doctors against the government has added pressure on the fragile health infrastructure.

Around 13,000 junior doctors across the country are continuing with the strike to protest against delayed postgraduate admissions, said Dr Manish, President of the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association India.

"We are continuing with the agitation," said Manish, who only uses one name. "If (COVID-19) cases are rising, then how is the government planning to deal with the situation without these doctors in the hospitals?"

Piyush Jain Ready To Pay Penalty, Wants His Money Back



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Kanpur-based businessman Piyush Jain has asked the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) to return the huge stash of cash seized from his premises after deducting tax and penalty.

Jain was arrested on charges of tax evasion and is presently in 14-day judicial custody.

Special Public Prosecutor Amrith Tandon, who represents DGGI, informed a court on Wednesday that Piyush Jain has revealed that he evaded tax and owes a penalty amounting to Rs 52 crore.

The lawyer for Piyush Jain, however, asked the court to instruct DGGI to deduct the Rs 52 crore owed by the trader as a penalty and return the remaining amount.

Tandon responded by saying that the recovered amount was proceeds of tax evasion and will not be returned. If Jain wants to pay an additional Rs 52 crore as a penalty, then DGGI will accept it, he stated.

In one of the biggest seizures in history, the DGGI seized over Rs 195 crore in cash, 23 kilograms of gold and sandalwood oil worth Rs 6 crore during raids

at several premises linked to Jain in Kanpur and Kannauj.

The officials searched the residential premises of Piyush Jain, partner of Odochem Industries, in Kanpur and seized unaccounted cash to the tune of Rs 177.45 crore. The DGGI officers searched the residential and factory premises of Odochem Industries in Kannauj and seized Rs 17 crore in cash during a 120-hour raid.

To count such a huge amount of cash, the DGGI officials sought help from the officials of the State Bank of India (SBI) and their currency counting machines. The money has been deposited in the State Bank of India (SBI) and will be held by the Government of India, Tandon told the court.

His arrest, meanwhile, has stirred up a political storm in the poll-bound Uttar Pradesh with the ruling BJP and the Samajwadi Party exchanging barbs over the staggering recovery of Rs 195 crore in currency notes seized from premises owned by Piyush Jain. The Congress, meanwhile, has accused the DGGI of diluting the case by claiming that the recovered money was a turnover amount.

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Decision On Which Covid Vaccine To Be Given As Booster Dose Soon

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NEW DELHI: There have been extensive deliberations on whether the precautionary (third) dose of Covid vaccine for healthcare and frontline workers and those above 60 years with comorbidities will begin.

"We are having an extensive debate (on which vaccine to be given as a precautionary dose). We've had a series of meetings in NTAGI (National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation) yesterday, the day before and today. "We are deciding what is the

population that will require this vaccine which includes frontline workers, healthcare workers and 60 plus with comorbidities. What are new vaccines available and which vaccine can be given in terms of safety and in terms of efficacy," Dr Bhargava said.

"So, we are analysing all the data that is available in terms of which vaccine can be given... whether it is going to be the same one or it is going to be different one. Before January 10 we will have to clear cut recommendations on the same. The drug controller and the NTAGI are meeting and that decision will be taken," he said.

According to the 'Guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination of children between 15-18 years and precaution dose to healthcare and frontline workers and 60 years population with comorbidities' issued by health ministry, prioritisation and sequencing of the 'precaution dose' for them would be based on completion of nine months from the date of administration of second dose, which is 39 weeks.

They will be able to access vaccination for the precaution dose through their existing Co-WIN account, the guidelines which will come into effect from January 3 stated.

Eligibility for the precaution dose will be based on the date of administration of the second dose as recorded in the Co-WIN system, which will send an SMS for availing the precaution dose when it becomes due, the guidelines stated.



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