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Govt Clears Air On Voter Enrolment, Says New Voters Mostly To Be J&K Youth, Left Out Persons'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday cleared air over the estimated 25 lakh new voters being enrolled in the Union Territory, saying that a large number of new voters will be the youth of J&K, who have attained the age of 18 years after January 2019, besides other left out persons.

According to government officials, who spoke to Kashmir Observer, it is projected that 18 plus population in J&K as on July 1, 2022 is expected to be 9896000, whereas the



registered electors in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir as on date are only 7602397, thus there is a gap of 2293603.

"It is this gap which was used to convey tentative expectation from the special summary revision," he said, adding that the last

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SSR in Jammu and Kashmir was held with reference to January 1, 2019 as the qualifying date.

"Thus the youth of Jammu and Kashmir who have attained 18 years of age after 1st January 2019 are expected to be registered in the Electoral Roll during

this SSR, along with other left out persons," officials said.

They further said that prior to the abrogation of Article 370, the assembly electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir were made under the ambit of Jammu and Kashmir Representation of

People Act 1957, wherein only permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir were eligible to get registered in the Assembly Rolls and possess consequential voting rights in Assembly Elections. "With the abrogation of Article 370 and applicability of Representation of

People Act 1950 and 1951, any citizen of India who has attained the qualifying age and 'ordinarily residing' at a place is eligible to get registered in the Electoral Roll of that place, if not disqualified otherwise," they said.

It is in this context, the officials said, the media was briefed that any person **More on P6**

Dr Farooq Calls For All-Party Meet On Aug 22

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: A day after Election Commission (EC) announced that people from other parts of the country, who are temporarily residing in the Union Territory, can register as voters and exercise their franchise in the next elections, J&K's major political parties Thursday said it was a time to convene an all party meet to chalk out future course of action.

National Conference Chief Dr Farooq Abdullah and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti made separate appeals for APM.

Abdullah has convened an all-party meeting here on August 22 to formulate a common position on the issue of inclusion of outside voters in Jammu and Kashmir electoral rolls.

The meeting, scheduled to be held at 11 am **More on P6**

Govt Orders Major Reshuffle In Administration

Basharat Qayoom Posted DC Anantnag, Singla Shifted To GAD

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday ordered major reshuffle in the administration by shifting senior officers, including five Deputy Commissioners, in the interest of the administration.

In an order issued here on Thursday, the UT administration transferred Bipul Pathak, IAS (AGMUT:1992), Principal Resident Commissioner, J&K Government, New Delhi, and posted him as Director General, Jammu and Kashmir Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development.

Alok Kumar, IRS, Principal Secretary to the Government, School Education Department, holding additional charge of Estates Department, has been asked to hold the charge of Administrative Secretary, Civil Aviation Department and Civil Aviation Commissioner, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Saurabh Bhagat, IAS (AGMUT:2002), Director General, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development, has been transferred and posted as Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Science and Technology Department.

Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, IAS (AGMUT:2005), Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department, has been also asked to hold the charge of Principal Resident Commissioner, J&K Government, New Delhi, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Sarmad Hafeez, IAS (AGMUT:2009), Secretary to the Government, Tourism

Department, has been asked to hold the charge of Administrative Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Doifode Sagar Dattatray, IAS (AGMUT:2014), OSD in the J&K Socially and Educationally Backward Classes Commission, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara.

Devansh Yadav, IAS (AGMUT:2016), Managing Director, J&K Trade Promotion Organization, holding additional charge of Managing Director, J&K IT Infrastructure Company and Managing Director, JKI Limited, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar.

Basharat Qayoom, IAS (JH:2016), Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag.

Syed Fakhruddin Hamid, IAS (AM:2017), Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Budgam.

Khalid Jahangir, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, has been transferred and posted as Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization.

Shahbaz Ahmad Mirza, KAS Deputy Commissioner, Budgam, has been transferred and posted as Special Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department.

Vikas Sharma, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, Doda, has been transferred and posted as Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing.

Ashok Kumar Sharma, KAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, has been **More on P6**



A GROUP OF MEN TRYING THEIR LUCK WHILE FISHING in Khushal Sar wetland in the capital city of Srinagar on a hot summer day Thursday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Waqf Board Cracks Down On Unauthorised Khadims

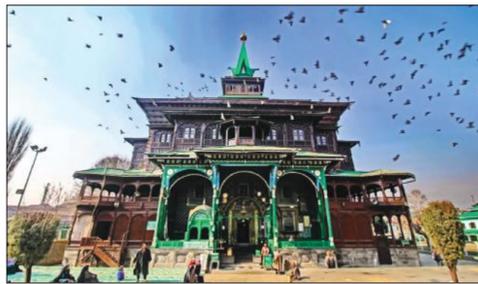
Over 100 Khadims, Donation Boxes Removed From Major Shrines In Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Waqf Board authorities on Thursday removed over 100 unauthorised caretakers of shrines and dozens of donation boxes in a major crackdown to enforce ban imposed on collecting donations through force or exploitative means from the devotees.

Following the directions by the Waqf Board regarding ban on unethical practices at the shrines, the officials have removed the unauthorised caretakers (Muajvirs) from the shrines where they had occupied the spots for decades.

Officials said that it was



a very hectic process to remove these Muajvirs from the shrines as they had occupied the spots a few decades ago. "We faced tremendous hardships while removing the Muajvirs from the spot, but successfully, we have managed to come up with the expectations of the **More on P6**

'Drone Dropping Case' NIA Raids Multiple Locations In J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday carried out searches at multiple places in Jammu and Kashmir in connection with the drone dropping of weapons.

News agency KDC quoting sources reported that NIA sleuths with the assistance of police and paramilitary CRPF personnel are carried out raids at over half-dozen locations in Jammu and Kashmir including Srinagar, Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Doda.

In Srinagar, the sleuths of NIA raided the residence of Sarjeel Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Ahad, a resident of Rose Lane colony

Chanapora house no 152. The raids were also conducted at the residence of LeT militant Faisal Munir son of Sadiq Hussain, a resident of Talab Khatikan.

Earlier, Jammu police have claimed that Faisal Munir was involved in plotting 2000 Hari Singh High School fidayeen attack in which he was arrested, convicted and bailed out but had again become active in the militancy for past one-and-a-half-year to two years and along with Mian Sohail, son of Mian Younis of Chainpura Kathua and Habib son of Sheru of Haria Chak, Kathua were transporting arms, ammunition and explosive **More on P6**

Govt Blocks 8 YouTube Channels For 'Anti-India' Content

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government on Thursday ordered the blocking of eight YouTube channels, including one operating from Pakistan, for allegedly using "fake and sensational thumbnails" and spreading disinformation related to India's national security.

The channels that were blocked under the Information Technology Rules-2021 include seven Indian news channels, a statement from the Information and Broadcasting ministry said.

The blocked YouTube channels had over 114 crore views and 85.73 lakh subscribers and the content was being monetised, it said.

The blocked channels are Loktantra TV, U&V TV, A M Razvi, Gouravshali **More on P6**

SHORT TAKES

J&K Clocks 419 New Corona Cases

Jammu and Kashmir registered 419 fresh coronavirus cases on Thursday, taking the infection tally to 4,75,109 in the Union Territory, officials said here. While 58 cases were reported from Jammu division, 361 cases were reported from Kashmir valley, the officials said here. The death toll due to the virus remained unchanged at 4,779 as no new fatality linked to the pandemic was reported from the Union Territory, they said. **More on P6**

Man Dies After Falling From Rooftop

A man died after falling from a rooftop in Razwan area of central Kashmir's Budgam district on Thursday. 41-year-old Abdul Hamid Sheikh, a resident of Razwan fell down from the tin roof of his house on Wednesday evening, reports said. Sheikh, who sustained critical injuries due to the fall, was removed to SKIMS Soura for treatment. However, he succumbed to injuries on Thursday morning. Meanwhile, Police have taken cognizance of the incident. **More on P6**

Auto Rickshaw Crushes Minor To Death

A 4-year-old boy was killed after being hit by a speeding auto vehicle in Hajin town of north Kashmir's Bandipora district, officials sources said. They said that on Thursday morning an auto carrying milk barrels crushed a Minor boy identified as Haris Mushtaq (4), son of Mushtaq Ahmad Hurra of Parray Mohalla Hajin, resulting in critical injuries to him. The injured was immediately rushed to CHC Hajin **More on P6**

Elderly Man Injured In Bear Attack

An elderly man on Thursday was attacked and injured by a black bear in Uri area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district. 70-year-old Qalander Shah suffered multiple injuries when a bear attacked him while he was in his Behak (makeshift house especially for summers) in Zamboor Patan area of Uri, reports said. The injured was later shifted to GMC Baramulla, they said. A police official confirmed the incident to a local news agency GNS and said that Shah's condition was 'largely stable'. **More on P6**

Minor Boy Found Hanging In Budgam

A minor boy was found hanging on Thursday in Khansahib area of central Kashmir's Budgam district. A 12-year-old (name withheld) was found hanging at his native village Raithan in Khansahib area on Thursday evening, reports said. The boy was removed to the sub-district hospital by his family. However, the doctors there declared him dead. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident and set investigations in the motion. Body will be handed **More on P6**

LG Grets People On Janmashtami

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday extended his heartiest greetings on the eve of the auspicious occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami. In a message, the Lt Governor said that the life and teachings of Lord Krishna have a profound significance, which continues to enlighten and guide us in our daily life, an official spokesperson said. "On this auspicious occasion, let us imbibe Lord Krishna's message of love, compassion, discipline, knowledge and selfless action, and **More on P6**



How To Perfectly Answer The 'Tell Me About Yourself' Interview Question

Hannah Riley | ZDNet

The "tell me about yourself" interview question can be hard to answer if you're not prepared. Searching for a job is stressful enough without adding in a dose of self-perception. You might feel stumped on how to answer this question because it can be difficult to talk about yourself with no guidelines. Luckily, speaking confidently about your successes can be much easier when your answers have a good structure.

Here are our best tips for formatting and nailing your response. Why do interviewers ask, "Tell me about yourself?"

A job interview is all about getting to know you. Interviewers ask the "tell me about yourself" interview question as a way to transition from small talk into their technical and behavioral interview questions.

The interviewer wants to gauge if you are able to communicate clearly and professionally. Freezing up the first time you're put on the spot gives a bad impression.

The interviewer hopes the candidate can answer the question in a natural way that shows they are prepared and care about the interview. A great answer can help you stand out in a job interview.

If you're asked this question during a phone interview, you can have your answers in front of you. If the interview is in person, you should be prepared to answer without checking your notes.

Other ways that interviewers might ask this question

The "tell me about yourself" interview question sometimes sounds different. Interviewers might ask:

- Tell me more about your background
- I'm interested in learning more about you
- Tell me about your time working at "x" company.
- Can you tell me more about your experience?
- Tell me something I don't already know from your resume

Be ready for any version of this question with your structured and practiced answer.

Breakdown: How to answer the "tell me about yourself" interview question There are many strategies for answering the "tell me about yourself" interview question. The way you choose

to structure your answer may depend on your previous experience. A recent graduate will have a much different answer to a director who has been employed for decades.

While it's important to prepare your answer, you should also leave room for spontaneity and make sure it doesn't come out sounding too rehearsed.

Once you find a form that fits your experience the best, make sure you practice. Write down your answer so you can rearrange it, make sure it flows, and keep track of key points.

Whichever method you choose, be sure to tie it back to the specific job and company you're interviewing for. The answer should make the interviewer think it makes sense you are interested in the role.

Components of your answer

Your answer to the "tell me about yourself" question should describe your current situation, your past job experience, the reason you're a good fit for the role, and how you align with the company values.

Current situation

Tell the interviewer about your current position and a recent big accomplishment or positive feedback you received. Avoid speaking negatively about your current job.

The interviewer wants to hear how your current role is similar to the position you're applying for.

If you're currently a student, use this time to talk about relevant school experiences like classes you've taken, projects you liked, or internships.

Past job experience

The interviewer likely has your resume in front of them, so don't just tell them what they already know. Use this question to touch on your past work history and highlight areas that are applicable to the position you have now.

Describe your past job experience in chronological or reverse-chronological order.

If you switched industries, explain why with a quick personal anecdote that demonstrates your passions or interests.

Your "why"

Why did you choose this job to apply to? Why are you the best candidate for the role? Use this time to sell yourself to the interviewer and give them your "why." If you've tailored the other parts of your answer to the job you're interviewing for, this part will be easy.

Explain how this role aligns with your personal career goals to show you'll put

in the effort to be successful.

Aligning and connecting your goals, passions, and strengths with the company/role

Research company culture. If you and the company both value working in teams or doing things individually, talk about that here. Be sure to mention if you have other interests or skills you've been working on that make you a better asset to the company.

Knowing the overall mission of the company to help you tailor your "why." If you're interviewing for an outdoor apparel company that values a good work-life balance, don't talk about how you love working nights and weekends to complete projects.

How long should your answer be?

Remember that interviewers want to learn more about your work experience and your personality. Answering this question in a couple of sentences might seem less-than-thorough and talking for ten minutes is a red flag that you might do the same in meetings.

Try to keep your answer to one to three minutes. Watch your interviewer's body language and feel free to expand on any portions they look excited about.

Do's and don'ts for answering "tell me about yourself"

There are some rules when answering the "tell me about yourself" interview question. Interviewers have certain expectations when it comes to how you answer this question, so you don't want to deviate far from them. One of the most important and basic interview tips is to stay professional. Being overly negative or oversharing about your personal life could end up costing you the job.

Do Stay positive

No company is perfect. Talking negatively about other places you've worked for may give the interviewer the impression that you won't be happy at the new company either. If the interviewer asks why you left a job, keep it simple with an answer like, "I was looking for a new challenge."

Avoid making long-term plans

You wouldn't talk about plans a month from now on a first date, so why would you bring it up in an interview? Rushing into conversations about future goals with the company can seem premature. Save these conversations for later stages in the interview process.

Know your audience

Learning about the company you're

interviewing with ahead of time is crucial. You can tailor your answer to focus on where you align with the company culture and be able to ask more informed questions at the end of the interview.

Concentrate on examples you can quantify

Saying that you brought in new customers is okay, but saying that you "increased website visits by 27% in one quarter" is much more meaningful and impressive. If you don't know the exact numbers, make a realistic estimate.

Highlight your personality

Mentioning that you quilt or play chess reveals more about you than just what you do in your spare time, it shows a part of your personality. Interactive roles like volunteer work or being a part of a softball team demonstrate that you are friendly and are able to communicate well with others.

Don't Get too personal

Avoid mentioning too much information about your private life. Talking about politics or your religious affiliation, marital status, or children might end up working against you. You wouldn't want the interviewer to pick a candidate based on the answers to any of these questions.

Memorize your responses

Giving a canned response may sound inauthentic. Remember a few of your main points and fill in the gaps naturally. Memorizing answers might even make you more likely to make mistakes if you forget a few words and can't find where you left off.

List your strengths without examples

Just saying that you are great at teamwork doesn't mean very much without an example to back it up. Add a sentence telling a story about a time you demonstrated each trait you highlight in your career.

Overwhelm the interviewer

Pick three or four personal strengths and stick to them. Going on and on about yourself or getting too personal might spoil the interviewer's first impression of you. Keep it short, sweet, and professional to leave them interested. Summarize your resume point by point. The person interviewing you has already read your resume, so telling them exactly what's on it could make them lose interest. Tell them the high points that are most relevant to the position you're applying for and add a few things you liked about each one.

Office Of The Medical Superintendent JLN Hospital Rainawari Srinagar

NIT No. 01 of 2022
Dated: 17-08-2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor J & K U.T. e-Tenders are invited from the interested Persons/Parties having at least one year experience in the said field Govt, recognized Hospitals/ other departments for collection of entry Fee for Car Parking for Four Wheel vehicles, three wheelers, two wheelers at JLN Hospital Rainawari Srinagar for the Year-2022-23, 2023-24 w.e.f. 01-09-2022.

The NIT Containing all the Details/Terms and Conditions can be downloaded from the J & K Govt. Official Website (www.jktenders.gov.in).

S.No.	Particulars	Due Date
01.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	17-08-2022
02.	Date and time of Publication of NIT Online.	18-08-2022
03.	Date and time for downloading the NIT Online.	18-08-2022
04.	Date and time for submission of Bid Online.	18-08-2022
05.	Last date for submission of Bid Online.	26-08-2022
06.	Date and time for opening of Bid Online.	29-08-2022
07.	Check list of documents required for bidder to Upload Online.	1. Pan Card 2. Labour registration 3. CDR 4. Bid Fee 5. Undertaking 6. Experience Certificate.

Medical Superintendent
JLN Hospital Rainawari
Dated: 17-08-2022

DIPK-8260/22

Terms and Conditions for Car Parking

- The minimum reserve Bid starts from Rs. 10.00 lacs and interested bidders have to start Bid proceedings from the said amount and the highest bidder shall be approved for the contract.
- A bidder should read all the Terms & Conditions carefully and follow the parameters strictly before submitting their Bid. In case of any doubt/reservation if any regarding the terms & conditions and specification therein, the same can be raised before the Medical Superintendent JLN Hospital Srinagar.
- The contract of collection of Entry Fee shall be w.e.f. 01-09-2022 to 31-03-2024. And no claim for extension on any pretext will be entertained beyond the allotted period.
- The bidder should have a valid Labour Registration Certificate duly issued by the Competent Authority.
- The intending bidder shall be bound to accompany CDR for an amount of Rs. 50,000/- (Rs. Fifty thousand only) and the Bid Fee of Rs. 750/- (Rs. Seven hundred fifty only) in the shape of Demand Draft from J&K Bank pledged to Medical Superintendent JLN Hospital Rainawari Srinagar without which no Tender/Bid/Offer will be accepted.
- The successful bidder shall have to deposit 5% of the total amount as a token amount on spot and 50% of the total bid amount shall have to be deposited by the higher bidder within one month after taking over the possession of the contract and the balance amount to be deposited by or before 31-03-2023.
- In case of successful Bid fails to deposit the token amount 5% plus 50% of the bid amount, the CDR of the bidder shall be forfeited and the contract will be allotted to the Second Highest bidder and action as warranted under Rules shall be initiated against the Defaulters.
- The bidder shall submit an undertaking Certificate that I will abide all Rules and Regulations of the Hospital Authorities and shall always maintain discipline in the Parking lot.
- The successful bidder shall be bound to execute an agreement from 1st- Class Magistrate with Medical Superintendent JLN Hospital Srinagar with regard to abiding all the Rules & Regulations/Terms & Conditions before taking over the possession of the Collection Post.
- The Parking Fee for all vehicles (except Govt./Hospital employee vehicles) as per the approved schedule for six hours is detailed as under. Vehicles which remain parked beyond six hours will be charged extra Rs.05 per hour accordingly. However, the vehicles which enters in the Hospital for Drop-out/Pick-up the patients shall not be charged any Parking Fee.

S.No.	Description of the Vehicle	Charges/Fee
01.	Four Wheelers	Rs. 20/-
02.	Three Wheelers	Rs. 20/-
03.	Two Wheelers	Rs. 10

National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2021 and 2022

An advertisement inviting applications for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for 2021 and 2022 has been published in newspapers on 15th July 2022.

2. It is for information of all including aspiring applicants that Applications/nominations may be submitted through online mode on the password protected centralized portal (www.awards.gov.in).

3. The Award portal is open for submitting applications/nominations w.e.f. 15th July, 2022 to 28th August, 2022. Eligibility criteria and other details are available in the simplified and rationalized Guidelines for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities available on the website of the Department (www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in) as also on the Award Portal (www.awards.gov.in)

4. Applications in physical form/e-mail will not be accepted/considered for these National Awards.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION Ganderbal

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

(1st Call)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
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SINGLE COVER SYSTEM (upto Rs.2.50 Crores)

EE/R&B/Divn/Gbl/e-Tender NIT No.146 of 2022-23 issued under endorsement No.8879-88

Dated:16.08.2022

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

S.No	Name of the Work	Adv. Cost (Rs.In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees}	Earnest Money (In Rupees}	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class Of Contactor
1.	Construction of Tiled lane from masjid shareef to H/o Gh Mohammad Sheikh via H/o Mohammad Ramzan Bhat at Dadrembagh Ganderbal Municipal Council Ganderbal. (under Normal Grants.)	Rs.1.98 Lacs	Rs.200/=	Rs.3960/=	10-Days	Normal Grants	DEE
2.	Development of Kalaspati road at Rayil from Kullian to Rayil under District Sector.	Rs.10.00 Lacs	Rs.600/=	Rs.20000/=	20-Days	District Sector	DEE/CEE
3.	Upgradation of Doderhama Qamarsahib Narayanbagh road incl. Dab to Narayanbagh, Chundina Shallabugh under State Sector.	Rs.14.64 Lacs	Rs.600/=	Rs.29280/=	20-Days	State Sector	DEE/CEE/BEE

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

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	16-08-2022
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	17/08/2022 from 2:00 PM.
3.	Bid submission Start Date	17/08/2022 from 2:00 PM.
4.	Bid Submission End Date	22/08/2022 upto 4.00 PM.
5.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids(Online)	23/08/2022 at 10:00 A.M in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal

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

Note:- The Date of Treasury Challan and CDR must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date. Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.

1. The Bidders shall upload earnest money equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering pledged in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal and 3% of the allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG by the successful bidder pledged in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal. The Performance Security i.e. 3% shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% Performance Security/ after award of the contract for the Work is issued.

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

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

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

5. The earnest money shall be forfeited if-

- Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified timelimit.
- Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No.8879-88

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Sd/
Executive Engineer



**National Investigation Agency,
Ministry Of Home Affairs,
Government Of India**

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In Case No. RC-32/2021/NIA/DLI (Terrorist Activities of LeT's frontal terrorist organization-TRF in J&K)



Latief Rather s/o Habibulah Rather r/o Village-Badipora, Chadoora, PS-Budgam, Distt- Budgam, is a hardcore terrorist of proscribed terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Toiba's frontal organization-"The Resistance Front" (TRF).

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Govt Reconstitutes Apical Constitution Committee In SKIMS

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The government on Wednesday ordered for re-constitution of the apical selection committee in the Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences Soura.

As per order issued by the Government Chief Secretary will be Chairman of the committee and Director SKIMS and Ex-Officio Secretary to the government will be member Secretary of the government.

Administrative Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, J&K, Director, AIIMS, New Delhi or Dean as his representative in the event of non-availability of Director, AIIMS, Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh or Dean as his representative in the event of non-availability of Director, PGIMER, Dr S. K. Singh, Department of Endocrinology & Metabolism, BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, Prof

M. Afzal Wani, former HoD Neurosurgery-cum-Dean Medical Faculty, SKIMS & Principal SKIMS Medical College, Bemina, Director General, Codes, Finance Department, Principal, Government Medical College, Srinagar and Principal, SKIMS Medical College Bemina will be members of the committee while Dean, Medical Faculty, SKIMS, Soura will be co-opted member.

The Apical Selection Committee would be assisted by experts from outside Jammu & Kashmir including two for Selection/Promotion to the Faculty positions at the level of Professor/Additional Professor and one for Associate Professor/ Assistant Professor to be nominated by Director SKIMS and Professor & Head of the concerned Department for selection/promotion of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Additional Professor.

After Witnessing Surge, Covid Cases Dip

Agencies

Srinagar: After witnessing a surge in Covid cases from last month, Jammu and Kashmir is once again on decline as active cases have reduced from over 5,200 to around 3,300 in the last 12 days.

As per the data available the active in J&K presently are 3,327 while the cases reached 5,261 on 6 August and number of active cases in Jammu have reduced to 512 which were around 2,000 before some days.

The total number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir

are 3,327 including 2,815 from Kashmir division and 512 from Jammu division

Officials told KNO the cases showed an upward trend in Jammu division first followed by Kashmir and similarly cases are on decline in Jammu first followed by Srinagar.

They said that the majority of affected persons were unaware that they had COVID as they never tested for it and despite being positive, they kept on doing their routine activities as symptoms were like the common flu.



Director SKIMS Discusses Establishment Of Cadaver Organ Transplant Program

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Director SKIMS Prof. Parvaiz A. Koul on Thursday had a detailed discussion with the visiting team from MOHFW Government of India about the establishment of Cadaver Organ Transplant Program at SKIMS.

Prof. Parvaiz A Koul apprised the team about the functioning of Kidney Transplant Program at SKIMS and desired the urgent need for establishing the Cadaver organ retrieval Centre at SKIMS.

Later, the meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of HOD Urology & Kidney Transplant Unit Dr. M Saleem Wani with the visiting team on National Organ Transplant Program and starting of Cadaver

Transplant Program at SKIMS.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Shazia Wafai senior Regional Director Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Govt. Of India and Irfan Ahmad Lone transplant coordinator SOTTO J&K.

During the meeting threadbare discussion was held regarding the Cadaver Transplant program and its awareness amongst the medical professionals and the general public.

Prof. Saleem Wani briefed the participants about the ongoing Kidney Transplant Program at SKIMS. "SKIMS has a well-established Kidney Transplant Centre and is successfully conducting kidney transplants since 1999", he said.

He also emphasized for Cadaver retrieval Centre at

SKIMS and underlined the need for liberal financial assistance for the same.

The team decided to have a sustained campaign for the deceased donor program and establishment of green corridors for organ transport.

Prof. Saleem wani informed the visiting team about the cadaver transplant awareness program conducted by the department in SKIMS 8 years back in March 2014 and the organ pledge done for the first time in J & K during that program.

The visiting team from MOHFW expressed satisfaction for the successful Kidney Transplant Program at SKIMS and appreciated the Transplant Team headed by Prof. Saleem Wani for successful management of the program.

NIT Inks MoU With CIIT Baramulla

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Centre for Invention, Innovation, Incubation, and Training (CIIT) Government Polytechnic College Baramulla under the Directorate of Skill Development, Govt. of J&K.

The MoU was signed between Director, NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal and Principal Government Polytechnic College Baramulla Er. Altaf Gowhar.

Prof. M.F Wani, Dean R & C, Dr. Shahid Saleem, Head T&P, Dr. Saad Parvez, Head IIEDC, and Dr. Dinesh Kumar, A.P.MED, and other faculty members from Government Polytechnic College Baramulla were present on the occasion.



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In his key address, Director, NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal said this MoU will further strengthen ties between two institutions. It is indeed of matter of great pleasure as technological institutions are coming together to sign the historic MoU, he said.

"We will take this MoU forward for the benefit of students, faculty members, and other staff members of both respective intuitions.

It will help us to serve humanity through technological dimensions", he said.

Prof. Sehgal said it is a very positive step that the MoU will encourage academic partnership and fruitful research collaboration between two prestigious technological intuitions of Jammu and Kashmir. We are aiming forward for the joint research projects and student exchange programs, he added.

Dean Research and

Consultancy (R&C) NIT Srinagar, Prof. M F Wani said NIT Srinagar will collaborate with CIIT Baramulla in identifying the current skill gaps existing in the area of Manufacturing Technology and Automobile Engineering.

"NIT Srinagar will suggest the training curriculum to be adopted for bridging this gap. Both the parties shall endeavor to promote and support promotional activities to be undertaken by them in the area of skill development," he said.

In his message, Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari said this collaborative move will bring synergy in finding novel and innovative solutions to the problems faced by the industry in the region.

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The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her Diploma certificate/s issued as per below mentioned details:-

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Whereas Mr. Asaf Rasool Kanue, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 11-02-2022 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely Mr Tariq Ahmad Bhat to repay an amount of Rs. 1,58,45,649.08/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Eight Thousand Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty Nine Paise Eight) being the balance outstanding as on 11-02-2022 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken symbolic possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 12th day of August of the year 2022.

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This Day In History

- 627 - Prince Frederik Henry conquers fort Groenlo
- 1757 - Battle at Gross Jagerndorf: Russian army beats Prussia [NS=Aug 30]
- 1772 - Gustav III seizes effective control of Swedish government & restores full power of monarchy, which had been subordinate to parliament since 1720
- 1791 - Benjamin Banneker sends a copy of his Almanac and writes a letter to Thomas Jefferson criticizing his pro-slavery stance and requesting justice for African Americans using language from the Declaration of Independence
- 1796 - Spain & France sign anti-British alliance
- 1812 - US warship Constitution defeats British warship Guerriere
- 1816 - Java again in Dutch hands
- 1839 - Details of Louis Daguerre's 1st practical photographic process are released in Paris
- 1887 - Dmitri Mendeleev makes a solo ascent by balloon to an altitude of 11,500 feet (3.5 km) above Klin, Russia to observe an eclipse
- 1891 - William Huggins describes astronomical application of spectrum
- 1914 - German fleet bombs English coast
- 1915 - World War I: the Battle of Van begins
- 1919 - Afghanistan declares independence from UK
- 1942 - WWI: Over 4,000 Canadian & British soldiers killed, wounded or captured raiding Dieppe, France
- 1944 - Last Japanese troops driven out of India
- 1944 - Nazis give parts of Paris to Resistance
- 1953 - The democratically elected Prime Minister of Iran Mohammad Mosaddegh is overthrown in a coup orchestrated by the United Kingdom (under the name 'Operation Boot') and the United States (under the name TPAJAX Project)

From KO Archives

2 IAF Jets Crash On Srinagar Airport

Airport Sealed Off, Pilot Killed, Inquiry Ordered

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two MIG-21 fighter jets crashed one after another shortly after takeoff this afternoon from Srinagar airport, killing a pilot and injuring another. A court of Inquiry has been launched to probe the crashes, official sources said.

The two MIG-21 'BIS' fighter jets belonging to the Indian Air Force, reportedly on training sorties took off at around 1330 hours from runway 31 with a safe distance of about 1000 meters, defence sources said.

The sources said that Flying Officer Dhinsa was directed to eject after the fighter jet he was piloting was seen getting out of control and drifting towards left side. The observations were reportedly made by the Control Towers.

Dhinsa could not eject from the zooming jet which had hardly gained any height. The jet crashed closer to runway in a ball of fire.

Meanwhile the pilot of the jet, Flight Lt. Deswal, baled out the reason for which is not known. Reading to the second MIG-21 also crashing, they said. Deswal was injured and rushed to hospital by the rescue teams.

The twin crash created panic among the airport officials and the airforce personnel living nearby.

A large number of fire tenders rushed towards the crash site as both the jets had caught fire after crashing. The two jets were not armed when they took off from the Srinagar airport on training sorties, sources said. Sources said the wreckage of the two planes was scattered in a one kilometer area of the airport.

The airport was immediately sealed off and removal of wreckage of the two destroyed fighters from the runway started to make it functional for the Air Force and civilian flights. Today's incident caused a considerable delay in the Indian Airlines and Jet Airways flights. The area was under cordon when reports poured in this evening. Journalists were not allowed to go near the crash site. Official sources investigating teams were collecting samples from the wreckage. Till this evening the body of the slain pilot was not recovered. "In such a crash there is always possibility of body being blowing into smithereens," one of the squadron leaders of Indian Air Force said this evening.

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K O V I E W

Renewed Violence

The recent days have witnessed a sudden spurt in violence in Jammu and Kashmir, with militants escalating their attacks on minorities and outsiders. Two days ago, one more Kashmiri Pandit identified as Sunil Kumar was killed and his brother Pintu Kumar was injured after they were fired at by militants in the Shopian district. Grenade attacks have also increased in frequency. Last week, security forces killed two militants after they mounted an attack on an army camp in the border district of Rajouri in Jammu and Kashmir. Three Army personnel also lost their lives and two others were injured.

Attacks like these go alongside the targeted killings of policemen and migrant labourers. This has only further increased the security responsibilities of the UT government, which is already bogged down in fighting the militancy. The surge in violence has come despite the fact that the number of militants has dwindled to under 200 over the last year, the first time this has happened since 2015 when the militant commander Burhan Wani reinvigorated the then flagging militancy.

Ever since the withdrawal of J&K autonomy in August 2019, around 500 militants have been killed in the UT, most of them local youth. Though this has reduced the number of militants, the violence has continued unchanged. And over the last year, the violence has increased as militants have chosen to attack soft targets - civilians, panchayat workers, J&K police personnel visiting home, outsiders and minorities - instead of engaging security personnel. Security forces, as a result, now not only have to combat militancy but also protect a large section of population including many from among their own ranks.

The resurgence in the violence hasn't, however, dented the larger drift of normalcy in the Valley yet. While the violence has become more conspicuous in recent months, it is still on the margins in so far as its impact on daily life. Tourism is at an all time high after many years. Between January and June over 10 million tourists have visited the Valley. Most hotels, according to UT's tourism department, are booked through the summer. And as things stand, tourism will continue.

But, at the same time, it is important that the law and order doesn't deteriorate further. The coming weeks and months of summer will be crucial in terms of the evolving security situation in the Valley. Summer is usually the time when the infiltration takes place and a little more escalation in the influx of the fully equipped militants could change the ground situation in Kashmir for the worse. But on a positive note, the overall situation has by and large stayed stable and we are already drawing toward the end of summer. Here's hoping it stays that way and things improve further from hereon.

OTHER OPINION

Finding a home

A recent report, "Review of Guardianship and Adoption Laws", by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances and Law and Justice has pointed to the huge mismatch between the number of people wanting to adopt children and the number of children legally available for adoption, and suggested that the way to remedy that would be to ensure that "orphan and abandoned children found begging on the streets... are made available for adoption at the earliest". To do so, it has suggested periodic district surveys to identify children who are orphaned/abandoned. The report argued that in a country with millions of orphans, only 2,430 children were available for adoption. It is true that there are always more people wanting to adopt children than the number of children actually available for adoption; it has been so historically, but the increasing chasm, as the report indicates, will undoubtedly have to be addressed. According to the report, there were 27,939 prospective parents registered with the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) as on December 2021, from nearly 18,000 in 2017. There were 6,996 orphaned, abandoned and surrendered children residing in childcare institutions considered adoptable, but only 2,430 were declared legally free for adoption by Child Welfare Committees. It claimed that the waiting time for adoption had increased to three years from one year, in the past five years. The total number of children adopted in 2021-22 was only 3,175.

But the process of adoption in the country was tightened — procedurally and legally — in response to rampant malpractices and inter-country adoption rackets. CARA was installed as the nodal body for in-country and inter-country adoptions, to monitor and regulate the process, ensuring through stringent rules that the adoption is in the best interests of the child, and no illegality is involved. While the parliamentary committee has interpreted that there is automatic happiness when a child in an institution is placed in a home, it is important to exercise caution. No doubt, the country should take care of its children orphaned due to circumstances, but even as it acknowledges that institutionalisation may be detrimental over the long term, it should pay equal attention to the finer aspects of child care, and allow itself to be guided by a child-centric philosophy. There are no shortcuts in ensuring orphaned children come to no harm.

The Hindu

Is India Ready for the Global Electric Vehicle Wave?

Can India's electricity grid and infrastructure suit electric vehicles?



Lone Shahid

Environmental pollution is currently a global concern. The rate of toxic emissions coming out from Internal Combustion (IC) Engines are suddenly increasing at dangerous levels, leading to Global warming and health related issues. The increasing cost of fuel is also giving researchers a think about India's Go-Green campaign. This has forced scientists, researchers and policymakers to start thinking of using green technology. Additionally, at the recently concluded COP26, India has pledged to reduce its carbon emission to net zero before the year 2070.

Hence, the 21st century is set to become the century for the evolution of various technologies with the main focus on the Automobile Sector. Electric vehicles, for example, are one among the many options being considered.

India is gearing up to attain 30% market penetration of Electric vehicles by 2030.

From 2035 onwards, no new petrol or diesel engine cars will be sold in the UK and similarly the US is aiming for half of all new vehicles sold to be electric. But there are a number of concerns about EVs that are still making people think twice before buying them. The output potential of India's electricity grid is one among them.

According to a report submitted by the Brookings Institution of India, electric vehicles will account for the most significant load capacity in the country compared to industries like steel.

As everything has its positive and negative impact, the demand for electricity to power EVs is projected to increase almost 640 Twh by 2030 and 1,110 Twh in order to meet the EV@30% goal.

The erratic and unreasonable power cuts across the country sets apart India's EV challenge compared to the international market.

Only 1% to 2% of the total supply demand of electricity which is currently 200-300 Gwh will be required to charge expected 1-2 Lakh electric vehicles by 2030.

Power quality is no longer a question as almost every electronic device today has built-in features to cope with power cut offs but reliability plays a role especially from infrastructure perspective. To ensure efficiency and optimisation of power, all the edifices of Electric vehicles must work shoulder to shoulder with electricity service providers.

To include the provisions of electric vehicle charging in buildings, the ministry of housing and urban affairs (MOHOA) also amended Model building bylaws (MBBL)2016.

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The 84 GW of grid-connected renewable electricity out of the total 366 Gw of power generation in 2019 is proof of India's push to generate power from renewable sources.

Infrastructure has miles covered yet miles to go
The growing demand of EVs will not only reduce emission levels but also the love affair between cars and oil is losing its spark too.

The study done by Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India's Transportation (e-merit) portal in India reveals that only 7,96,000 EVs have been registered till December 2021 and the installation of 1,800 charging stations on public places. It shows that the country needs to push the accelerator to achieve recommended ratio.

For the location of public charging stations, Ministry of Power (MOP) provides minimum requirements which include at least one charging station in a grid of 3*3 Km. After every 25km, one charging station is to be setup on both sides of highways/roads.

With the roll out of Phase-II of FAME (Faster Adaptation and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric vehicles) India scheme , Department

of heavy industries allocated Rs 1,00,000 cr for the development of charging infrastructure.

India currently has around 1,827 operational public electric vehicle charging stations out of which 940 EV charging stations are spread across the metro cities including Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, surat, Ahmadabad, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Government of India is taking measures to increase the public charging infrastructure further.

However, the EV charging infrastructure business is capital intensive. As per estimates the initial up front cost is approximately Rs 29 Lakh without subsidy , excluding land adding operating cost of Rs 10 lakh per year which makes asset utilization critical.

The EVs are not priced at par with ICE vehicles. This impacts the purchase decision of buyers. It is the rising price of batteries which is one of the reasons for the high price of EVs. The need of the hour is to manufacture batteries domestically which will help reduce the cost of EVs in India.

India oil corporation and Bharat petroleum have given a call of setting up of 22,000 EV charging stations across cities and on national highways. The IOCL has taken charge of 10,000 EV charging stations, BPCL taken responsibility of another 7,000 while the remaining will be installed by Hindustan petroleum corporation.

As of now, IOCL has installed 439 EV charging stations and devise to install 2,000 more over the next year ,BPCL has established 52 charging stations while HPCL has already inaugurated 382 Charging stations so far.

To multiple adaption of EVs and easy range anxiety of end users, India has an Ev super app coming. The government is working on launching a master application that will provide information on location and availability of vehicle charging station.

State run CESL is in the process of collating information from the private sector for the super app schedule to go live in 4-6 weeks.

The details app will provide include availability, charger type and charging tariffs. The app will also allow the customer to make and change reservations at nearby charging stations.

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



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Employment Despair

UNEMPLOYMENT is a very serious problem for the young people in Kashmir. There are thousands of people who do not have any work to do and are not even able to find work for themselves. Unemployment refers to the situation where a person wants to work but cannot find employment in the labour market, and that is a phenomenon which is widely common in Kashmir. There are so many young dynamic and talented people who deserve to hold good positions but are not being provided with the right

opportunities. It is ironic how jobs and opportunities are still achievable only through sifarish even in the 21st century and it might sound surprising or people might argue that it is not the case anymore, but truly it is. Besides the lack of jobs, lockdowns to contain the coronavirus for two consecutive years forced many industries to shut down thus increasing unemployment, making the scenario even worse. Also, an unemployed person is more likely to do socially unacceptable work to earn bread. Thus, very often in a society

where there are a huge number of unemployed people, there will be a great proliferation of thieves, snatchers, bank-robbers and much more serious anti-social elements.

Unemployment has aided to the deteriorating mental health condition of the youth, many young people nowadays are committing suicide owing to a spectrum of social deprivations including unemployment. The government needs to pay heed to the plea of qualified young people and find more ways to create jobs. Moreover, people should focus on becoming

job creators and not job seekers and they should not lose hope on not finding a job but rather work towards building their own ways of income so that they overcome unemployment for themselves and for people who would eventually work for them and their venture. The deserving students of Kashmir have been deprived of the right opportunities for long enough, now it is time for the authorities to stand up and create a productive platform for the talented youth of the valley.

Fazil Mir

MINDFUL FRIDAYS

Art of Asking About Someone's MENTAL HEALTH

Wasim Kakroo

"AGAR WHO POOCH LE HUMSE KAHO KIS BAAT KA GHUM HAY
TOU FIR KIS BAAT KA GHUM HAY AGAR WHO POOCH LE HUMSE"

Mental health can be a sensitive subject to discuss, whether you have a friend who seems anxious or a family member who seems depressed. However, you shouldn't ignore a possible mental health problem simply because you feel uncomfortable bringing it up. The other person can be eager to discuss their feelings but unsure on how to do so.

A few direct questions might encourage people to open up if they choose to. It also demonstrates your concern for others when you respond to their queries. While enquiring, you should keep in mind that you shouldn't use these questions as a checklist, because nobody wants to sense that they are being interrogated. However, try to start a discussion by posing a question or two. It's okay if they aren't interested in conversing. You can inquire once more later.

Below are some of the ways through which you can attempt to ask for somebody's mental health:

1. HOW ARE THINGS GOING?

When we ask somebody, "How are you?" it usually sounds casual and hence frequently results in a polite response like "Fine, thanks for asking."

However, if you're truly interested in finding out how someone has been doing, wait until later in the conversation. Cut through the small talk and let them know that you are genuinely interested in their wellbeing.

You could make the following observation: "I've noticed that lately, you haven't been taking your walks. Are things all right?"

Alternatively, you might bring up an emotionally upsetting experience the individual has gone through by saying, "I've been wanting to ask, how have you been doing since your son passed away?"

No interruptions should be made while the other person is responding. Try to



avoid cracking any jokes to lighten the mood. Show that, you can manage simply being by their side, if the other person chooses to share their pain.

2. HOW MUCH STRESS HAVE YOU BEEN EXPERIENCING LATELY?

As opposed to an internal issue like anxiety, it might occasionally be simpler to discuss an external factor like stress. In comparison to directly asking about someone's mental health, asking about someone's stress level may seem less intrusive. Yet it can result in a similar discussion about mental health.

3. HOW HAS BEEN YOUR APPETITE AND SLEEP LATELY?

Sometimes, even when people are hurting emotionally, they feel comfortable talking about outward signs of their emotional pain.

Additionally, mental health frequently has an impact on sleep and appetite. Therefore, a person going through a difficult period can say, "I haven't been feel-

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ing hungry recently," or "I haven't slept in a week."

Your responses to their statements can provide you with a chance to speak further. Acknowledging their pain and expressing your wish for them to feel better can be a genuine way to express your empathy towards their current situation.

You can say something like, "That must be incredibly difficult. Have you considered discussing it with your doctor?"

4. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT?

People occasionally require assurance that it's okay to bring up difficult topics. By inviting them to do so, you can change the topic of the conversation from trivial to important issues.

But don't force them to talk about the issue if they seem uninterested in discussing about anything. Simply let them know you're available to listen if they ever want to speak about it in the future.

5. DO YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE TALKING TO SOMEONE?

Your loved one may be hesitant to talk to a therapist. Asking them in a nonjudgmental manner if they'd consider seeking professional help might persuade them to do so.

Talking about therapy as a viable option may at the very least help them become

open to the concept if they haven't been considering it.

Talking about this idea may also show that there is no reason to feel ashamed about visiting a therapist. If they indicate a desire to receive help, you can offer to take them or to assist them in making an appointment.

Reminding the person that they can talk to an online therapist might also be useful. Many people perceive online counseling as less threatening than face to face counseling.

6. HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

When you have a mental health issue, simple chores become much more challenging. Someone who is having a hard time feeling good would appreciate your help. Help can take many different forms, from getting groceries to providing emotional support through regular video calls.

However, if they are unsure of what they require, don't be shocked. Offer particular assistance if you observe something that could be useful, such as, "Can I assist you today with some household tasks?"

7. WHEN WOULD BE THE MOST IDEAL TIME TO CONTACT YOU ONCE MORE?

Don't force your presence in somebody's life by saying, "I'm going to call you several times a day simply to make sure you're OK". Over-involving yourself in someone's life will probably make them want to avoid you.

However, you can ask and let them know that you'd like to speak with them again. Find out when they would like you to call them or contact them by asking them about it. Its okay if they want you to text them today evening or see them in a few weeks. Just follow through and do what you claim you're going to do to show that you're sincere.

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How Much For an Ideal Life?



Paul Bain

Money can't buy happiness. Many of us are told this at some point in our lives, but that doesn't seem to stop many people from wanting more of it – even very rich people. The question is, how much money do we each need to satisfy our desires?

Economists often treat people as having unlimited economic wants but limited resources to satisfy them – a foundational economic concept known as scarcity. This idea is often presented as a basic fact about human nature. Our recently published research found instead that only a minority of people actually have unlimited wants, and that most would be happy with a limited, if still significant, sum of money.

We surveyed people about this issue in 33 countries spanning all inhabited continents, obtaining responses from about 8,000 people in total. We encouraged participants to focus on what it would mean to have all their wants fulfilled by asking them to imagine their "absolutely ideal life", without worrying about whether it was realistically achievable.

To assess economic wants, we asked people to consider how much money they wanted in this ideal life. But money rarely comes for free, and we

thought their responses could be influenced by what they imagine it would take to obtain large amounts of money – working long hours, high-risk investments, or even criminality.

So we made it about chance, by asking them to choose a prize in a hypothetical lottery. They were told the chances of winning each lottery were the same so their choice was about how much money they wanted in their ideal lives, not which lottery they were most likely to win.

The lottery prizes started at US\$10,000 (converted to local currencies, so £8,000 for UK participants) with options increasing by a multiple of 10. At the time we ran the study, the top prize of US\$100 billion would have made them the richest person in the world.

WHO WANTS TO BE A BILLIONAIRE?

Our prediction was straightforward: if people truly have unlimited wants, they should always choose the maximum US\$100 billion. But in all 33 countries, only a minority chose the top prize (8% to 39% in each country). In most countries, including the UK, the majority of people chose a lottery equivalent to US\$10 million or less, and in some countries (India, Russia) the majority even chose US\$1 million or less.

We also wanted to understand differences be-

tween people with limited and unlimited wants. Our analyses ruled out many personal factors – responses didn't vary meaningfully by gender, education, or socioeconomic status. However, more younger people reported unlimited wants than older people, although this varied across countries. In less economically developed countries, the influence of age was weaker.

We also examined cultural differences using an widely used model of major dimensions of cultural difference. We found that more people chose the US\$100 billion lottery in countries where there was greater acceptance of inequality in society (called "power distance"), and where there was more focus on group life (called "collectivism").

For example, Indonesia is high in power distance and collectivism and almost 40% of the Indonesian sample chose US\$100 billion. The UK is relatively low on collectivism and power distance, and fewer than 20% chose the maximum lottery prize.

Finally, we asked people about the most important change they would make if they won the prize, as well as to rank different values that were important to them, such as having power or helping others. Here there was some inconsistency. People with unlimited wants were more likely to tell us they would use the money to help others, but in terms of values they were no more concerned with

helping others than those with limited wants.

THE CONSEQUENCES OF (UN)LIMITED WANTS

Assuming people have unlimited economic wants provides a rationale for policies that prioritise economic growth, such as interest rate policies, to allow people to achieve as many wants as possible. But the never-ending pursuit of wealth and growth has increasingly damaging consequences for our world.

Showing that unlimited wants is not a human universal, and that the level of people's wants varies with values and culture, suggests they are open to social influence. Advertisers already know this, spending huge amounts to try to convince us to want things we previously neither knew nor cared about. Even some economists have questioned whether wants produced by marketing should really be called wants.

The results of this research give us hope that human nature is not fundamentally at odds with sustainable living. Many are paying more attention to how to improve and even reorient society to live fulfilling lives without exhausting our planet's resources. Understanding the lives and motivations of people with limited economic wants may teach us something about how to achieve this.

– The Conversation

Rift Between Govt, Kerala Govt Widens As CPI(M) Accuses Raj Bhavan Of Making Move To Topple Left Dispensation

Press Trust of India

Thiruvananthapuram: Amid mounting tension between the Kerala government and Governor Arif Mohammad Khan on various issues, the ruling CPI(M) on Thursday alleged that Rajbhavan-based political moves are being made to "topple" the left dispensation.

CPI(M) state secretary Kodyeri Balakrishnan alleged that the RSS has a role in the anti-government moves. "CPI(M) is facing new political challenges (in the state). RSS is working on an agenda for the next three years. Delhi is the centre of such activities. RSS offices are headquarters of this (the anti-government moves)," Balakrishnan alleged at a party function here.

Accusing the Rajbhavan of also playing a role in the "planned move to topple" the LDF government, the senior CPI(M) leader said it would be resisted with the support of the people.

His statement came a day after Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan stayed the controversial appointment of a Malayalam Associate Professor in Kannur University. The CPI(M) is also upset over the Governor's decision not to sign many ordinances.

Several ordinances, including the Kerala Lokayukta (Amendment) Ordinance, issued by the LDF government lapsed on August 8 as Khan had not signed them owing to paucity of time to go through them, sources said.

Meanwhile, the opposition Congress today backed the Governor's move on the Kannur University issue, saying he had acted legally in his capacity as Chancellor.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's private secretary K K Ragesh's wife Priya Varghese had been proposed to be appointed as Associate Professor in the Malayalam Department by Kannur University, which triggered a huge political row as she had the lowest research score but the highest in the interview round and was declared as first in the selection process.

Justifying the Governor's action to stay the proposed appointment, Leader of Opposition in the state Assembly V D Satheesan said Khan had actually used his power to prevent the Kannur University's attempt to make an illegal appointment.

A comprehensive probe should be conducted into all similar appointments of close

relatives of ruling party leaders allegedly made in other universities across the state during the past six years, he demanded.

The senior Congress leader reiterated his charge that faculty posts in state universities are 'reserved' for the relatives of the CPI (M) leaders.

"Justice has been denied to deserving persons (job aspirants) openly. The same has happened in the past six years as well. The Governor should take steps to investigate and cancel all such appointments," Satheesan told reporters here.

Noting that as per the law passed by the state Assembly, the Governor has the power to cancel illegal appointments made in universities, he said the opposition would definitely oppose his actions if he acted against law.

The university's decision to approach the court against the Governor's action is to restore justice, he further alleged and said if they do so, the Congress-led UDF would also seek legal recourse to ensure that such violations don't take place again in the southern state.

Earlier, Balakrishnan in an article on CPI(M) mouthpiece "Deshabhimani" made a scathing attack against the Governor, saying that the BJP-led government at the Centre was trying to put the Left government in a dilemma using Khan.

In a detailed article, Balakrishnan charged the Governor with acting as a 'tool' of the Narendra Modi government and the BJP.

The senior Marxist leader pointed out that as per rules of the parliamentary democratic system of the country, the President and the Governor should act in accordance with the advice of the union and the state cabinets respectively.

On Wednesday, Khan, in his capacity as Chancellor of universities in the state, stayed the proposed appointment of Associate Professor in the Department of Malayalam in Kannur University.

He also invoked provisions of the Kannur University Act and issued show-cause notices to all the stakeholders.

The Governor's decision came shortly after he told mediapersons to wait for 30 minutes to know what had happened regarding the controversial proposed appointment of the wife of a Left leader in the varsity's Malayalam department.

DGPs Should Keep Watch On Demographic Changes In Border Areas: Amit Shah



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New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said police chiefs of border states should keep a watchful eye on the demographic changes taking place in the border areas.

Shah was addressing the National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022, which was attended by the top brass of the country's police forces.

The two-day conference held in Delhi discussed subjects like cryptocurrency, counter-drone technology, cyber and social media surveillance, emerging challenges due to 5G, demographic changes and growing radicalisation in border areas.

Shah said it was the responsibility of the director generals of police (DGPs) to gather all technical and strategic information in their states, especially in the border districts.

The DGPs of border states should keep a watchful eye on the demographic changes taking place in border areas, he said.

The home minister further said that since becoming the prime minister in 2014, Narendra Modi has not only given a thrust to internal security of the country but has also strengthened the mechanism to face challenges.

He said states should give top priority to the issues related to national security as this is the fight for the future of the country and the youth, for which everyone has to come together and win at any cost.

Shah added that in the field of internal security, the government has achieved greater success in dealing with terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, various extremist groups in the north-east and Left Wing Extremism.

Under Modi's leadership, the central government has enacted many new laws, increased coordination with states, increased budgetary allocations and made optimum use of technology, he said.

"The prime minister has tried to change the nature of the DGP conference since 2014, and we see that we have been successful in finding solutions to many problems," the Union home minister said.

Shah said a system has been developed for the first time in the country in the form of the National Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) and it should percolate down to the grassroots level.

Referring to the problems of circulation of narcotics, he said it was not enough to just catch a consignment since the complete uprooting of the drugs network and getting to the

bottom of its source and destination are of utmost necessity.

The home minister said the central government was preparing a database of different types of crimes, and for the first time, with a scientific approach, so much work has been done on so many fronts simultaneously.

"We have to make good use of 5G technology to strengthen the security system," he said.

Shah said the basic principle of a modern intelligence agency should not be "need to know" but "need to share" and "duty to share", because no success will come unless the approach changes.

"Along with technology, we should also give equal thrust to the use of human intelligence," he said, adding this conference helps young officers gather in-depth knowledge on issues of national security.

The home minister said the sessions selected for deliberation in the last two days were relevant and important, and discussions were held on counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation, challenges of Maoist underground and front organisations, cryptocurrency, counter-drone technology, cyber and social media surveillance, protection of islands, emerging challenges due to 5G, demographic changes and growing radicalisation in border areas.

Govt Hikes Windfall Profit Tax On Export Of Diesel; Cuts Tax On Domestic Crude Oil

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New Delhi: The government on Thursday hiked the windfall profit tax on the export of diesel to Rs 7 per litre and brought back a tax on jet fuel exports, but slashed the levy on domestically produced crude oil in line with softening rates.

At the third fortnightly review, the government raised the windfall profit tax on the export of diesel to Rs 7 per litre from Rs 5 a litre and brought a Rs 2 a litre tax on ATF exports, a finance ministry notification showed.

Earlier this month, the government had scrapped the windfall profit tax on ATF (Aviation Turbine Fuel) exports. Alongside, the tax on domestically produced crude oil has been cut to Rs 13,000 per tonne from Rs 17,750.

The tax on exports has been raised as cracks or margins rose but the same on domestically produced oil was reduced as international oil prices slid to a six-month low.

India first imposed windfall profit taxes on July 1, joining a growing number of nations that taxes super normal prof-

its of energy companies. But international oil prices have cooled since then, eroding profit margins of both oil producers and refiners.

On July 1, export duties of Rs 6 per litre (USD 12 per barrel) were levied on petrol and ATF and a Rs 13 a litre tax on the export of diesel (USD 26 a barrel). A Rs 23,250 per tonne windfall profit tax on domestic crude production (USD 40 per barrel) was also levied.

Thereafter, in the first fortnightly review on July 20, the

export tax on diesel was cut to Rs 5 a litre and that on ATF scrapped, following a drop in refinery cracks or margins. But the levy on domestically produced crude oil was raised to Rs 17,750 per tonne in line with a marginal increase in international crude prices.

At the third fortnightly review, the taxes on fuel exports has been raised but that on domestically produced crude oil has been cut.

The reduction in taxes earlier this month came as India's trade gap swelled to a record high in July as elevated commodity prices and a weak rupee inflated the country's import bill.

The gap between exports and imports widened to USD 31.02 billion in July from USD 26.18 billion in June. This, as a result of exports falling and elevated commodity prices



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Govt Clears Air

who fulfils the requirements of registration and is ordinarily residing in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir (owing to any reasons such as profession, studies, posting, etc), can get registered in the Electoral Rolls of Jammu and Kashmir, provided he gets his name deleted from Electoral Roll of his native constituency, as registration at two places is not permitted under law.

"It is worthwhile to mention here that, even prior to abrogation of Article 370, these people were eligible to get registered in the Electoral Rolls, if they were ordinarily residing in any of Assembly Segments of Jammu and Kashmir, but had the right to vote only in Parliamentary Elections and were categorized as Non Permanent Resident (NPR) voters," they said.

Giving reference of the last Parliamentary Elections held in J&K, the officials said that there were approximately 32000 such NPR voters. "The Procedure for getting registered in the Electoral Roll involves filing of Form-6 by the eligible person, which contains complete details of the applicant including his family trail. There are specified documents prescribed by the Commission which are to be submitted as proof of residence as well as proof of age," they said.

On receipt of any such documents along with requisite documents, he said, a Booth Level Officer, BLO (who happens to be a local officer of the polling area), is appointed by the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), who conducts a detailed physical verification of the particulars mentioned in the Form 6, and submits his report.

The officials further said that it is based on the documents as well as the report of the BLO, the concerned ERO, if satisfied, grants registration to an applicant. Further, as a counter-check, there is also a provision in law to object to the inclusion of any name in the electoral roll through Form-7, by any elector of the concerned constituency.

"Thus there are multiple statutory safeguards existing in the present system against inclusion of an in-eligible person in the Electoral Roll," officials emphasised.

About the Kashmiri migrants, the officials said that there is no change in the provisions for their registration which the media was briefed about from last to many elections.

"They have the special provision of getting registered in the electoral rolls of their native (prior to their migration) assembly segments, though residing outside. For their facilitation, three AERO (Migrants) are designated, at Jammu, Udhampur and Delhi. Every SSR special camps are organized at the camps where these migrants are putting up," they added.

Regarding the members belonging to Armed Forces, including Army, BSF, CRPF, the officials said, it was told that there already exists a provision for them to get registered as Service Voters for their native Assembly Constituency and avail the facility of Electronically Transferred Postal Ballot System (ETPBS).

"However, for the Armed Forces personnel who are posted at Peace Stations there is an additional option available to get registered as a General Elector at the peace station," officials added.

Dr Farooq Calls

on Monday at Abdullah's residence in Gupkar area of the city here, will discuss the future course of action with regard to the Election Commission allowing outsiders to register as voters in the Union Territory.

Dr Farooq Abdullah has invited leaders of all political parties for a meeting to discuss the recent announcement by the J&K govt regarding inclusion of non-locals in the voter lists. He personally spoke to the leaders & requested them to attend the meet at 11 AM on Mon, 22nd Aug," the NC said in a tweet.

Meanwhile, the party in a statement said Abdullah has invited leaders of

all major political parties, except the BJP, for the meeting at his Srinagar residence.

The statement said the NC president has personally spoken to PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, J-K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Waqar Rasool, JKPC working president Raman Bhalla, CPI(M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami, Apni Party president Syed Altaf Bukhari, Peoples Conference chairman Sajjad Ghani Lone and leaders of the Aam Admi Party here.

Abdullah requested the leaders to attend the meeting to formulate a common position on the issue of the inclusion of non-local voters, the statement said.

Pertinently, the PDP president had earlier in the day said that she contacted Dr Farooq and asked him to call an APM over the issue.

Addressing a presser at her Gupkar residence here, Mehbooba said that, "Decisions are not being taken in the interests of the nation, but in the interests of BJP. We have been witnessing how the elections are being rigged everywhere in the country, even before and after the elections as well. The BJP is not going to change the country into Hindu Rashtra, but in BJP Rashtra," she said, adding that the way Article 370 was removed unconstitutionally and Indian constitution was subverted, it is all in the interests of BJP as after the decision, the party sold J&K plot in rest of the country.

"Despite spending a hefty amount for deradicalization, the decisions are being taken that will certainly radicalize the youth. The government cannot change the ground reality, but it needs to resolve the issue once and for all," she said.

"It's not about the legality but about the intentions behind it. The government is not following any rule," she said when asked about the voting rights of non-locals.

At a press conference on Wednesday, Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Hirdesh Kumar said the

Union Territory is likely to get around 25 lakh additional voters, including outsiders, after the special summary revision of electoral rolls being held for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370.

Govt Blocks 8

Pawan Mithilanchal, SeeTop5TH, Sarkari Update, Sab Kuch Dekho and Pakistan-based News ki Duniya.

The Indian YouTube channels were observed to be "using fake and sensational thumbnails", images of news anchors and logos of certain TV news channels to mislead the viewers to believe that the news was authentic, the statement said.

They also made false claims such as the demolition of religious structures by the government, ban on the celebration of religious festivals, and declaration of religious war in India, it added.

"Such content was found to have the potential to create communal disharmony and disturb public order in the country," it said.

It said the YouTube channels were also used to post "fake news" on various subjects such as the Indian Armed Forces and Jammu and Kashmir.

"The content was observed to be completely false and sensitive from the perspective of national security and India's friendly relations with foreign States," the statement said.

It said that the content blocked by the Ministry was found to be detrimental to the sovereignty and integrity of the country, security of the State, India's friendly relations with foreign states, and public order.

Accordingly, the content was covered within the ambit of section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, the statement said.

Govt Orders

Since December last year, the government has issued directions for blocking 102 YouTube-based news channels and several other social media accounts.

transferred and posted as Director, Estates, Jammu, relieving Subash Chander Chhibber, JKAS, Director, Youth Services and Sports, 1&K of the additional charge of the post.

Vishesh Paul Mahajan, JKAS, Director, Horticulture, Planning and Marketing, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commissioner, Doda.

Earlier, Bhupinder Kumar, IAS, Transport Commissioner, J&K was transferred and posted as Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department.

Dr. Piyush Singla, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag was transferred and posted as Administrative Secretary, General Administration Department.

Rahul Sharma, IAS, Secretary in the General Administration Department has been transferred and posted as Transport Commissioner, J&K.

As per a separate order, Alok Kumar, IRS, Principal Secretary to the Government, Youth, Services & Sports Department is posted as Principal Secretary to the Government, School Education Department.

"He shall also hold the charge of Estates Department," the order adds.

Waqf Board

people and all the Mujavirs from the major shrines in Srinagar, especially at Khanyar Dastgeer Sahab shrine were removed," they said

Providing the details, the officials said that the administrator with the staff removed 35 Mujavirs from Dastgeer Sahib shrine, Khanyar, while 52 Mujavirs were removed from Makhdoom Sahib shrine and 15 were removed from Khanqah-e-Moula shrine.

The officials further said that 36 Mujavirs were removed from Aishmuqam Pahalgam shrine while 20 were removed from Chrar-e-Shareef and eight from Khawaja Naqshband Sahib Shrine in Khawaja Bazar.

The donation boxes installed by these Mujavirs were also sealed and taken into

custody, the officials said, adding that at some shrines, there were Shama Daan in which people used to donate money, were also removed.

"The Mujavirs at some shrines falling under the jurisdiction of Waqf have been given a day or two to vacate the spot," the officials said, adding that there are strict directions from the higher ups in this regard after complaints were received against these Mujavirs that they are involved in seeking donations forcefully from the devotees—(With KNO Inputs)

NIA Raids

consignments to South Kashmir and Jammu after collecting them from near the International Border.

Faisal Muneer, as per ADGP Jammu, was operating at the behest of Bashir Sajjad, a resident of Doda who is presently managing the LeT activities in Jammu sitting in Pakistan and another militant who was working under the code name of Albert.

Jammu police after unearthing the hideout at the residence of Faisal Muneer the case as per sources was taken over by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

J&K Clocks 419

There are 3,327 active COVID-19 cases in the Union Territory, while the number of recoveries has reached 4,67,003, the officials said.

Auto Rickshaw

who doctors on duty declared him dead on arrival.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident and have set investigations into motion. (GNS)

Minor Boy Found

over to the family for last rites after medico-legal formalities, an official said.

LG Greets People

dedicate ourselves to the service of the nation. May the festival bring joy and happiness for all," Sinha said.

Cong Leader Azad Calls On Vice Prez Dhankhar



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday called on Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar here.

The Vice President's Secretariat tweeted about the meeting between Dhankhar and the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister. Azad had been a member of

the Rajya Sabha. Dhankhar took over as the Vice President on August 11. "Former Union Minister and former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad called on the Hon'ble Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar at Upa-Rashtrapati Nivas today," the Vice President Secretariat tweeted.

Govt Appoints Inquiry Officer Over Settlement Of Pension Cases

Nominates Members For Effective Implementation Of VRRP

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The government has appointed an inquiry officer to conduct an in-depth inquiry over settlement of pension cases while the government has nominated members for the Constitution of joint coordination committee for effective implementation and integration of Village Poverty Reduction Plan.

As per an order, Seema Bhasin Director Finance Housing and Urban Development department has been appointed as inquiry officer and has been directed to submit a report within 15 days.

It said that secretary Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Mudasir Hussain, will be the presiding officer in the matter and the inquiry officer would submit their report within 15 days from the issuance of the order.

As per separate order issued by Sandeep Kour Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Alveen Kour Bali and Rifat Aftab Qureshi have been nominated as members for Constitution of joint coordination committee for village poverty reduction plan rollout and integration into Gram Panchayat Development plan—(KNO)

Sanjeev Verma Chairs Third BoDs Meeting Of JKFDCL



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Commissioner Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment (FE&E) Department, Sanjeev Verma Thursday chaired the third Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of J&K Forest Development Corporation Limited (JKFDCL) at Civil Secretariat here.

During the meeting, the Board reviewed the implementation of decisions taken in the previous board meetings and the members stressed on the need for transparency and efficiency in conduct of business.

While reviewing the overall functioning of the Corporation, the Chairperson of the board, Sanjeev Verma appreciated the efforts of Forest De-

partment in supporting the activities of the Forest Corporation, especially for the significant increase in markings handed over in 2021-22.

The board also took note of the Audit reports of the erstwhile J&K State Forest Corporation for the year 2020-21 and took on record the changes among Directors.

Among others, the BoDs meeting was attended by Dr. Mohit Gera, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests; Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary Tribal Affairs Department; Vasu Yadav, Managing Director, J&K FDCL, Director General Codes and representatives from Rural Development Department and Industries & Commerce Department.

Light Isolated Rains Forecast In J&K, Minimum Temp Drops



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Weatherman has forecast isolated light rain and thunderstorm over Jammu and Kashmir in next 24 hours even though the minimum temperature recorded a drop at most places on Thursday.

A meteorological department official here said that "scattered to fairly widespread rain and thunderstorm was expected on subsequent two days.

In last 24 hours till 0830 a.m., the official said, Batote received 16.6mm of rain followed by Gulmarg with 9.0mm, Pahalgam 6.9mm, Kokernag 4.8mm, Banihal 0.6mm and traces in

Srinagar, Katra and Baderwah.

Regarding minimum temperature, he said that Srinagar recorded a low of 19.6°C same as on the previous night. The temperature was 1.5°C above normal during this time of the year for the summer capital, he said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 16.4°C against 17.8°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.1°C above normal there, he said.

In Pahalgam, the mercury settled at 13.7°C against 14.7°C on the previous night and it was 0.7°C above normal for the south Kashmir resort.

Kokernag recorded a low of 14.9°C against 17.2°C the previ-

Trauma Reception And Resuscitation Training Program Held In Tangmarg

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Skill and Simulation Center, Regional Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Dhoibwan Tangmarg in collaboration with Kashmir American Society for Healthcare, Medical Education and Research (KASHMER) organised one day training programme for healthcare professionals.

Early management of patient in pre-hospital setting and Emergency Dept of a hospital can make significant improvement in reducing mortality and morbidity in patients that have suffered major trauma like road traffic accident, gunshot injuries, fall from heights, etc.

KASHMER with its implementing partners on ground, HELP Foundation J&K, is running critical care ambulance service in different districts of Kashmir to help provide treatment to critically sick patients from any cause on the scene and on way to definitive care facility.

The training was conducted by Dr Shamim Ahmed Bhat Consultant Emergency Medicine and his team. Dr Shamim works as consultant Emergency Medicine at King Saud Medical City Riyadh, KSA, and is also associated with EMS KASHMER.

He evaluates and audits every critical case dealt by EMS

to ensure improvement in care delivery in Pre-hospital setting and professional growth of staff. KASHMER has been providing FREE Critical Care Ambulance Services 24x7x365 "(9484100200)" to every needy patient in different districts of valley and is planning to extend these services to all districts.

Volunteers working with Kashmir ambulance service are also imparted life support training to ensure their contribution to society as required.

Dr Syed Riyaz Ahmed, Project Director of the organization stressed importance of educating masses regarding pre-hospital care and imparting basic life support skills.

He also emphasized upon strengthening the chain of survival by establishing proper communication between pre-hospital care staff and lead triage physicians of Emergency Depts in all hospitals that provide secondary and tertiary care. Training material, standardized patients and mannequins provided by the center were excellent.

Dr Imran Masood, training supervisor coordinated the event and participated in imparting training sessions also. Mohammed Shafi, master trainer provided all required support during the training session.

Toshkhana Brought Under Administrative Control Of Department Of Culture

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, approved the transfer of administrative control of Toshkhana Organization from the Hospitality & Protocol Department to the Department of Culture.

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

The 'Toshkhana' houses the royal gifts and antique items of the erstwhile Dogra Rulers of Jammu & Kashmir. In Jammu, the articles of the Toshkhana have been stored at Mubarak



Mandi Heritage Complex, whereas, the articles in Srinagar have been kept in a locker at Saddar Treasury, Srinagar.

The decision to transfer the administrative control of the Toshkhana to the Department of Culture will synchronize its functioning with the Department of Archives, Archaeology and Museums under the De-

PSAJK Welcomes Appointment Of Alok Kumar As Principal Secy Education

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) on Thursday welcomed the appointment of Alok Kumar as Principal Secretary School Education Department.

The Association said that Alok Kumar will bring new energy and new positive change in the entire education sector.

"The previous officials have started number of good initiatives to streamline the education sector and make it among the best performing sectors. We hope that Mr Alok Kumar will continue the legacy of that positive work and also add new initiatives from his

vast experience for the benefit of students and the teaching community," a spokesperson of PSAJK said.

The Association said that education sector in Kashmir has still not come out of the challenging period of the last couple of years.

"There are number of challenges staring at us which need collective effort to resolve. We will be extending our full support in every initiative that is aimed to benefit the students, teachers and all stake holders," he said.

"The LG administration is determined to develop the education on modern lines at par with global standards and we hope Mr Alok Kumar will help in fulfilling that vision."

Govt's Accelerated Pulses Production Program To Make J&K Self Sufficient, Boost Export

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In order to make Jammu and Kashmir self sufficient and subsequent boost pulses export, Department of Agriculture recently rolled out Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P).

A senior official of the department informed that the scheme would come up as biggest contributor of pulses in the country which otherwise has become heavily dependent on outside states and countries for its pulses requirements.

J&K has huge pulses requirement and dependency on outside states is more and the A3P scheme will not only make J&K self-sufficient in terms of pulses, but will also help the UT to become a major exporter of the pulses production for national

and international markets.

The move would help to improve the production level of pulses in J&K and subsequently help in doubling the economy of farmers.

The official said that outside J&K, pulses have a good market and J&K fortunately can give satisfactory production of pulses than national level due to its good weather conditions.

He added that J&K has more opportunities due to better weather conditions and better soil quality which can boost the several measures to accelerate the production level of pulses.

Notably, Bad-e-Nambal area in north Kashmir's Kupwara district never use any chemical fertilizer due to

Grievances Redressal Camp Held At Purkhoo Migrant Camp

Observer News Service

JAMMU: To provide doorstep delivery of services and on the spot redressal of grievances, the Relief & Rehabilitation Organisation (M) J&K organized an interactive and grievance redressal Camp for Kashmiri Migrants at Purkhoo Camp.

The Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) J&K, K.K. Sidha, along with Deputy Commissioner, Relief, Devender Singh Bhau, Riaz Ahmed, Assistant Commissioner and staff of Relief Organisation gave a patient hearing to the demands of the inhabitants of the Purkhoo Camp and redressed several grievances on the spot.

The Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) J&K assured the migrants that the UT Government and the Relief Organisation is committed towards delivery of services and mitigation of all the inconveniences of the migrants.

The spokesperson from the Purkhoo Camp apprised the Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner about the problems, issues faced by the migrants. The Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M), K.K. Sidha said that the interaction has been organized to have firsthand appraisal of all the issues of inhabitants of Purkhoo Camp, listen to their suggestions and inputs for their welfare.

Jal Shakti Deptt Engineer Held While Accepting Bribe: ACB

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Anti Corruption Bureau on Thursday said to have arrested Executive Engineer of Jal Shakti Department for demanding and accepting bribe.

"Anti Corruption Bureau Srinagar received a written complaint alleging therein that Executive Engineer of Jal Shakti Department, Ground Water Division, Kashmir is demanding rupees 1,36,000 as bribe for issuance of allotment orders in favour of the complainants. The complainants have already paid a bribe of `30,000 a few days back. Today the second installment of rupees 25,000 was supposed to be paid. However, before paying the bribe amount to the accused person, the complainants approached Anti-Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the accused public servant under law", reads an ACB statement.

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CORRIGENDUM FOR CANCELLATION

Subject: Repairs/Rewinding of 60 HP Submersible Motor at WSS Sambuora (Raw Water) (ENIT 08, S. No. 02).
Repairing To 63 KVA HT Transformer at WSS Bata Tachloo (ENIT 09, S. No. 1)
Repairing of 75 KVA Voltage Stabilizer at WSS Lariyar (ENIT 09, S. No. 02).
Repairs to 63 KVA HT Transformer at water supply scheme Liddermud (ENIT 10 S. No. 02).
Various Mechanical Works to be executed for the installation and testing of stand by pumping unit at Water Supply Scheme Trich (ENIT 10 S. No. 03).

Reference: This office ENIT No.: JSD/PHE/MDSA/08 of 2022-23 Dated: 19-05-2022 issued vide No.: 614-16 Dated: 19-05-2022.
ENIT No.: JSD/PHE/MDSA/09 of 2022-23 Dated: 21-05-2022 issued vide No.: 631-33 Dated: 21-05-2022.
ENIT No.: JSD/PHE/MDSA/10 of 2022-23 Dated: 21-05-2022 issued vide No.: 639-41 Dated: 21-05-2022.

Due to No/Poor response for above subjected works of the ENIT 08, ENIT 09 & ENIT 10 of 2022-23, the above said works are hereby Cancelled.
Inconvenience caused is regretted.

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Subject: Corrigendum-3 w.r.t e-NIT No. 101 of 2022, Dated: 07-07-2022.

Due to 'inadequate' response received in respect of the 'e-Tender' (RFP), for the above mentioned eNIT for "Request for Proposal for Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Equipment Including construction work for Fruit and Vegetable Processing Centre at Jablipora, Anantnag, J&K", the last Date of Online Bid Submission is hereby extended by a spell of Ten (10) Days' time. And as such the Last Date of Online Bid Submission shall now be on 26-08-2022. Subsequent Technical Bid Opening shall be done on 27-08-2022. Several queries raised w.r.t the RFP floated have been addressed and each email received has been responded to. Moreover, one 'Amendment' has been done in the RFP document and the same is available on JK Govt. e-Procurement Portal <https://jktenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>. The 'Amendment' shall take immediate effect and as such the prospective bidders and other connected stakeholders are advised to go through the "Corrigendum-3" on the said Website and submit their Bids (Proposal) accordingly.

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Mohammed Siraj To Play For Warwickshire



Press Trust of India

BIRMINGHAM: Indian fast bowler Mohammed Siraj will join the English county bandwagon as he gears up to play Warwickshire's last three first-class games in September. Siraj is currently playing the ODI series in Zimbabwe but is not there in India's T20 scheme of things. "Warwickshire County Cricket Club has signed India international fast bowler Mohammed Siraj for the final three matches of the County Championship season. The 28-year-old will arrive at Edgbaston ahead of the Bears home fixture against Somerset on Monday, 12 September," the county club stated in a media release. The right-arm fast bowler took 4/66 in the first innings of

the fifth and final Test between India and England at Edgbaston in July, before adding a further six wickets in three ODI matches that followed. A natural swinger of the ball, Siraj has played for his country 26 times in all formats, taking 56 wickets. In total, he has taken 403 wickets in 207 career matches with 194 of those in first-class cricket. "I can't wait to join up with the Bears squad. I have always enjoyed playing in England with India and I'm excited to experience County Cricket," Siraj said. Siraj will be the second Indian player to represent Warwickshire this season after Krunal Pandya signed up for the Royal London Cup One Day Championship.

ENG vs SA: Rain Shortens Opening Day's Play At Lord's



Agencies

LONDON: Ollie Pope's attempts to lead England out of trouble after the loss of early wickets were frustrated by rain which forced an early close to play on the opening day of the first Test against South Africa at Lord's. The 24-year-old Pope brought up his half-century just before lunch and he was unbeaten on 61, with England 116-6, when the rain came and the players were forced off shortly after 2 PM. The weather did not ease up all afternoon before the end of play was finally called at 4.31 PM. Pope was called on to remedy a dismal situation in the morn-

ing session after England slipped to 55-4, losing Jonny Bairstow for a duck, with Ben Stokes caught just on the stroke of lunch. Ben Foakes was the only wicket to fall — bowled by Anrich Nortje — in an afternoon session that lasted just over half an hour and featured only six overs. Bairstow went into the match in incredible form, having averaged 76.46 in 2022 with six centuries, but he was brought down to earth here, bowled for a duck by Nortje. Pope did his best to rectify matters but received precious little support as England went into the early tea break at 116-6 and did not re-emerge due to the weather.

Coric Crashes Rafael Nadal's Cincinnati Welcome Back Party



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CINCINNATI: Borna Coric spoiled the return of Rafael Nadal after a five-year absence from the ATP and WTA Cincinnati Masters on Wednesday with a 7-6 (11/9), 4-6, 6-3 upset victory in the second round. The 36-year-old Spaniard, who won the Cincinnati title in 2013, was playing his first match in well over a month after withdrawing with an abdominal injury from his Wimbledon semifinal against Nick Kyrgios. "When you come back from injury, if you win the first match things get better," Nadal said. "That was not the case today."

Nadal began the season with three titles and 20 consecutive wins but will head into the US Open after only one summer hardcourt match. "This tournament was difficult for me. He played better," Nadal said. "It's difficult to take a lot of positive things from this match. I need to practice. I need to return better. That's the truth." "I was looking forward to playing this match. It was all kind of crazy I would say." Kyrgios, meanwhile, lost his way amid objections to on-court advertising lights, with the Wimbledon runner-up falling 6-3, 6-2 to American Taylor Fritz. (AFP)

India Thump Zimbabwe By 10 Wickets In 1st ODI



Press Trust of India

HARARE: Pacer Deepak Chahar made an impressive comeback to international cricket with an incisive spell and openers maintained their consistency as India outclassed Zimbabwe by 10 wickets in the opening One Day International, here on Thursday. Donning the blue jersey for the first time in six months after a long injury lay-off, Chahar hit the straps right away with

figures of 3/27, which was instrumental in India restricting Zimbabwe to a sub-par 189 in just 40.3 overs. With very little scoreboard pressure, it was a walk in the park for the Indians as the in-form opening pair of Shikhar Dhawan (81 not out) and Shubman Gill (82 not out) knocked off the target in just 30.5 overs. Prasidh Krishna (3/50) and Axar Patel (3/24) also got their share of middle and lower-

order victims while Kuldeep Yadav (0/36) was restrictive despite going wicket-less. It was the record ninth-wicket stand of 70 runs between Brad Evans (33) and Richard Ngarava (32) that took Zimbabwe close to the 200-run mark. None of the Zimbabwe batters looked comfortable during those opening overs as Chahar got a lot of deliveries to dart back late while some straightened after pitching.

SC Stops CoA From Taking Over IOA

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: In an interim relief, the Supreme Court on Thursday ordered the status quo and said the Delhi High Court-appointed three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) will not take over the affairs of the Indian Olympic Association. A bench comprising Chief Justice N V Ramana and C T Ravikumar took note of the submissions of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and the IOA, that the world sports body does not recognise any unelected bodies like the CoA and consequently, India may be barred from taking part in international sports events. "We direct the parties to maintain the status quo. It is made clear that the charge is not handed over to the CoA. We direct the matter to be listed before an appropriate bench on Monday (August 22)," the bench said in its order. Consequently, the Delhi High Court-appointed CoA, comprising former Supreme Court judge Justice Anil R Dave, former Chief Election Commissioner S Y Quraishi, and former Secretary of Ministry of External Affairs Vikas Swarup, will not be able to take IOA over.



Barcelona Looks To Rebound After Early Setback



Agencies

MADRID: The expectations were high for Barcelona coming into the new season. The club's financial maneuvers allowed for some high-profile signings that significantly boosted the squad after a trophyless campaign without Lionel Messi. Barcelona was back in its place, seen as a reference in world soccer again, Laporta boasted a few days before the league opener. But it didn't take long for the hype to turn into more disappointment, and the Catalan club enters the second week of the season reeling and looking for ways to rebound. Another setback in a tough visit to Real Sociedad on Sunday could leave the club in a deep hole early on. Laporta was not able to register all the new signings as he

had expected ahead of the opener, and on the field the team struggled yet again, beginning its league campaign with a 0-0 home draw against Rayo Vallecano at the newly renamed Spotify Camp Nou. To make it worse, Barcelona's closest rivals all won their openers, with defending champion Real Madrid defeating promoted Almeria and Atletico Madrid routing Getafe, both in away matches. It won't help that Barcelona will have to face Sociedad without veteran midfielder Sergio Busquets, who was sent off in stoppage time against Rayo. It was also unclear if newly signed defender Jules Kounde would be allowed to be registered in time. Of the team's top signings, only Robert Lewandowski and Raphinha were added to the squad ahead of the opener. (AP)

Chelsea Investigates Incident Of Alleged Racist Abuse

Agencies

LONDON: Chelsea has started an investigation into an incident of alleged racist abuse during its Premier League match against Tottenham last weekend, the club said Thursday. Tottenham forward Son Heung-min was reportedly abused by a supporter while he took a corner during the second half of the 2-2 draw on Sunday.



"If identified, this individual will face the strongest action from the club," Chelsea said of the supporter.

World Cup Ticket Sales Top 2.45 Million



Agencies

ZURICH: World Cup ticket sales have reached 2.45 million, FIFA said Thursday, with more than 500,000 seats still available three months before the tournament starts in Qatar. FIFA said 520,000 tickets were bought in a first-come, first-served phase of sales that closed this week. Brazil's games against Serbia and Cameroon were among the most in-demand. The top 10 places ranked by ticket sales to their residents include Qatar and neighboring countries Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The United States, England, Mexico, France, Argentina, Brazil and Germany are also on the list released by FIFA. The cheapest tickets for fans from outside Qatar are priced at 250 riyals (\$69). Fans need a confirmed ticket purchase to book places to stay in Qatar through an official tournament website. The 64-game tournament in eight stadiums in and around Doha starts on Nov. 20 and has a total capacity of about 3 million tickets. About 2 million tickets were placed on general sale and 1 million were allocated for FIFA stakeholders such as member federations, sponsors and broadcasters, plus hospitality programs. FIFA previously said it got 3 million ticket requests for the World Cup final on Dec. 18 — Qatar's national day — at the new 80,000-seat Lusail Stadium. Tickets sales are now paused with FIFA promising an update in late-September about the last round of selling that runs through the tournament. More seats typically become available as stakeholders return some of their allocation, and during the World Cup from fans of teams that are eliminated. (AP)

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