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Crimes Against Women In J&K Rose By 15.62% In 2021: Report

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Jammu: Crimes against women in Jammu and Kashmir recorded an increase of 15.62 per cent in 2021 compared to the preceding year, with over 7,000 people being arrested, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) said in its latest report. However, the conviction rate remained low as only 95 people were awarded sentences, while cases under investigation touched 6,275 by the end of last year. These include 2,329 cases pending investigation from 2020 and nine cases that reopened for investigation, the report said. It said crimes against women marked a steady rise from 2019 to 2021, with the highest 3,937 such

cases reported in 2021 against 3,405 cases in 2020. In 2019, there were 3,069 such cases. According to the 2011 census, there are 64 lakh women in Jammu and Kashmir, and the crime rate per lakh population in 2021 stood at 61.6, the report said. The report said 315 cases of rape, 1,414 incidents of attempt to rape and 14 dowry deaths were lodged in 2021, and incidentally, 91.4 per cent of the accused involved in rape were known to the victim, the report said.

Crimes Against Children Up By 39% In J&K: NCRB

Crimes against children in Jammu and Kashmir have reported a jump of 39.4 percent in 2021, NCRB data said. The report, according to KNO, states that J&K has reported 473 crime cases in 2018 followed by 470 in 2019, 606 in 2020 and then 845 in 2021. As per data the most prominent crimes against children are kidnapping and abduction as 478 incidents of kidnapping were reported in the year 2021 and in 478 cases 493 victims were involved. It said there were 1,013 cases of kidnapping and abduction cases recorded in Jammu and Kashmir thereby



As many as 1,851 cases were also registered in connection with assault on women with the intention to outrage their

modesty. Of these, 14 cases were reported from shelter homes for women and children, and five rape cases were reported in custody. Two cases of voyeurism and 26 cases of stalking were also reported during the last year, the report said. It said 501 cases of cruelty by husband or his relatives, one case of acid attack, two attempted acid attacks came to light during the year. There were 1,013 cases of

abduction of women. Of these, in 447 cases, women were kidnapped for marriage. Nine cases related to women-centric cybercrimes such as publishing or transmitting sexually explicit material and blackmailing or morphing/fake profiles were registered, 20 cases related to miscarriage, infanticide and foeticide and three cases of human trafficking, the report said. It said 7,109 people, including 648 women, were arrested and 6,994 of them were charged. Ninety five people, including five women, were convicted, while 1,056 were discharged and 1,175 acquitted by the courts. The report said 1,135 cases ended up as false. **More on P6**

PM Commissions INS Vikrant

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Kochi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned India's first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant here on Friday, that put India into a select league of countries with domestic capability to build such large war ships. The Prime Minister commissioned the carrier, built at a cost of Rs 20,000 crore, at a function organised at the Cochin Shipyard Limited here. With the commissioning of Vikrant, India joined a select group of nations having the niche capability to indigenously design and build an aircraft carrier. The commissioning ceremony was attended by a host of dignitaries including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Kerala Governor **More on P6**

SC Refuses Probe Into 'Genocide' Of KPs, Sikhs

Asks Petitioner To Make Representation To The Govt

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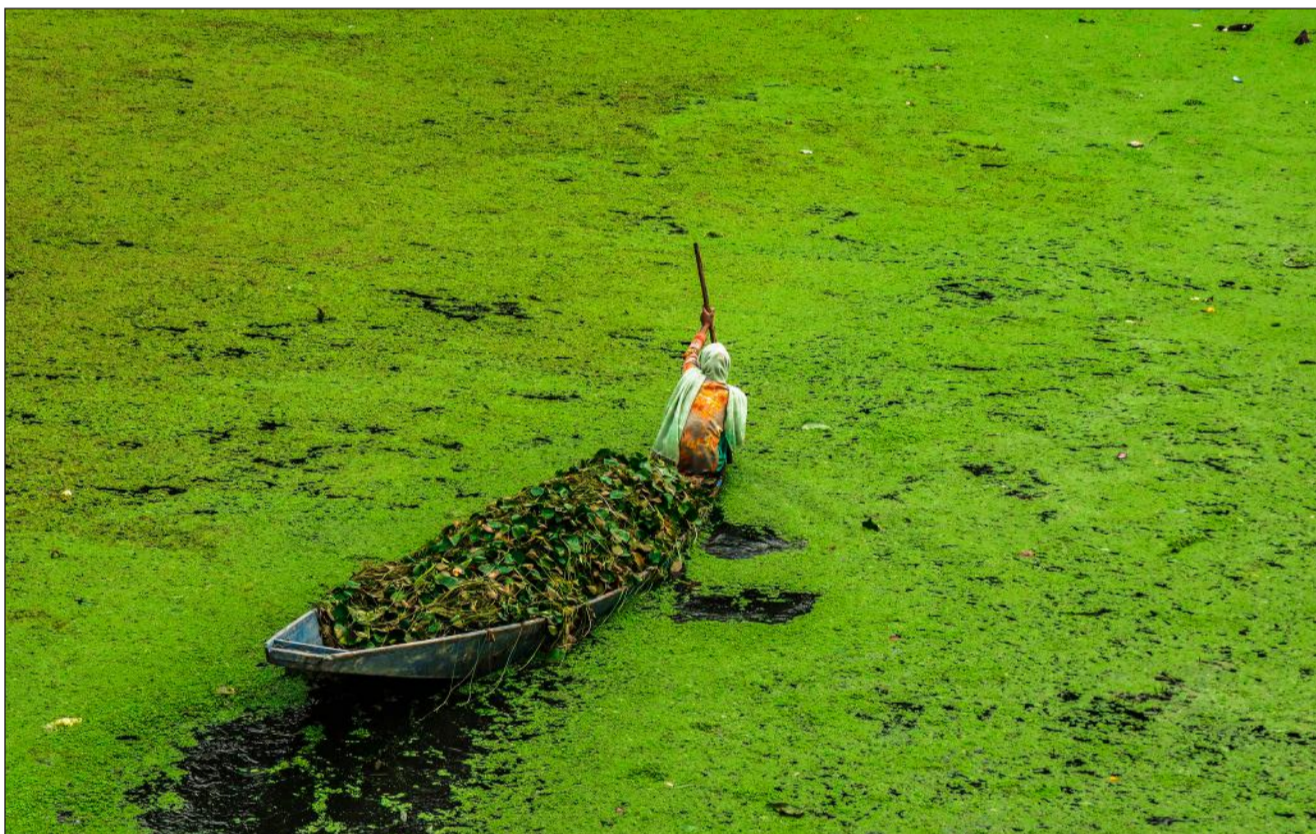
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday asked an NGO that raised the issue of the alleged genocide of Hindus and Sikhs in Jammu and Kashmir during 1989-2003 to make a representation before the Centre and the appropriate authority. In its plea, the NGO We the Citizens sought the constitution of a Special Investigation Team to identify the perpetrators who were involved, aided and abetted the alleged genocide. The plea was heard by a bench of Justices B R Gavai and C T Ravikumar. The petitioner's counsel argued before the apex court that the genocide and exodus of over one lakh Sikhs and Hindus from the Kashmir Valley during that period had never been noticed by the state administration at that time. "Have you made a representation to the government?" the bench asked. The counsel said they have not. "You withdraw it and make a representation," the court said. The top court, which disposed of the petition, allowed the



petitioner to withdraw the plea with the liberty to make a representation to the government and the appropriate authority. At the outset, the bench said, "It is purely in the domain of the executive. You approach the government." The counsel referred to Article 370 of the Constitution, which was abrogated by the Centre in August 2019, and also Article 35-A. While the provisions of Article 370 granted special autonomous status to Jammu and Kashmir, Article 35-A provided special rights and privileges to natives of the erstwhile state. The petitioner's lawyer also referred to a book and said it gives an account of how the state administration had failed in taking care of Hindus and Sikhs during that period. The plea sought directions to conduct a census of Hindus and Sikhs, who have **More on P6**

SC To Hear Plea On 'Backdoor Appointments' In Courts

The Supreme Court Friday agreed to hear a plea that alleged that relatives of former judges and staff were favoured in the appointments in judicial institutions and courts in Jammu and Kashmir. A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Hima Kohli issued notice and sought a response from the Jammu and Kashmir High Court on its administrative **More on P6**



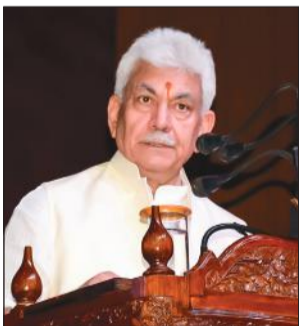
A woman rows her boat loaded with lotus leaves, through the weeds and algae in the polluted waters of Dal Lake in Srinagar on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Need to Come Out of Discrimination Syndrome: LG

Says Admin Working Without Any Regional Bias; Smart City Not Possible Without Smart Citizens, Jammu To Be Developed As Eco-City

Observer News Service

Jammu: Claiming that the present administration was working for equitable development, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that people need to come out of discrimination syndrome. "There were times when some people ran shops by creating a divide between the Jammu and Kashmir region. Such people still exist but I would like to clear that administration is working without any regional bias and it is time to come out of this discrimination



phobia," LG Sinha said. He inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 14 projects of Jammu Smart City worth Rs 113 crore. LG Sinha further said that

both Kashmir as well Jammu are integral part of India and there is no question of any kind of discrimination or appeasement with any region. "People of Jammu also need to understand that every time crying discrimination will not work. Some miscreants still keep nurturing these thoughts in mind of people to exploit emotions but by falling in their trap they rather deceive the development targets," he said. Moreover, the LG said that a smart city is unimaginable without smart citizens. "To deserve a smart city people need to be **More on P6**

Youth Have Rejected Path Of Destruction: DGP

Says Pak Sending Drugs At Large Scale To Drag Youth Into Menace

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that the youth of Jammu and Kashmir have rejected the path of destruction and are participating in the peace activities, the Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said on Friday called upon the security forces to identify the people and OGWs who support these anti national elements and help sustain the "terror eco-system". Singh made these remarks while chairing a meeting of police, army, BSF and CRPF officers in the frontier district of Kupwara on Friday, a police spokesperson said.



The DGP, he said, stressed the need for a joint strategy to be followed by JKP with other security agencies, saying that it would lead to more success in maintaining peace and order and ensuring a congenial atmosphere. "He stressed to keep vigil on the **More on P6**

Man Commits 'Suicide' In Police Custody

A 42-year-old man allegedly hanged himself inside a police lock-up in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, a senior police officer said. A magisterial probe has been initiated into the death of Abdul Majeed, a resident of Pargal village, at Darhal police station in the morning, Rajouri Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Mohammad Aslam said. He said Majeed was arrested by police in connection with a case registered at the police station last year under section **More on P6**

152 More Test Corona Positive In J&K

Jammu and Kashmir reported 152 fresh cases of novel Coronavirus on Friday, taking the number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic in the Union Territory to 478083 Kashmir Valley registered 112 new cases of Covid-19 while 40 others were detected from various parts of Jammu division, officials said. However, no fresh fatality was reported during the last 24 hours. So far, 4782 people have succumbed to the virus in J&K—2350 in Jammu and 2432 in the Valley. Giving details of the new cases, the officials said that **More on P6**

Pulwama Cricketer Dies Of Heart Attack

A young cricketer from Pulwama district on Friday died at the playing field in the neighbouring Anantnag district of South Kashmir after suffering a heart attack. 22-year old youth Imtiyaz Ahmad Khan of Naina village of Pulwama collapsed on ground during a cricket match in Bijbehara area of Anantnag on Friday afternoon, reports said. Khan, reports said, had bowled two overs of the game before he vomited and collapsed on the ground during fielding. The cricketer, reports said, was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. **More on P6**

Scuffle Leaves Teen Labourer Dead

A teenage labourer from Banihal was killed during a scuffle between labourers in Shopian district of South Kashmir, an official said Friday. 19-year-old Nasir Ahmad Naik of Banihal was critically injured during a scuffle between labourers at their rented accommodation in Muradpora area of the district on Friday evening, he said. The injured teenager, he said, succumbed on the way to the hospital. Meanwhile, a local news agency GNS quoted an unnamed police officer as saying that three people were arrested from the **More on P6**

Couple Held With Heroin In Udhampur

A couple from Punjab were arrested and seven kg of heroin seized from their possession in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Friday, a senior police officer said. Additional Director General of Police, Jammu, Mukesh Singh said Lovepreet Singh and his wife Mandeep Kaur were travelling in a private car when they were intercepted by police, leading to the major drugs haul. The accused, hailing from Ram Tirth Road in Punjab's Amritsar, are interstate drug smugglers **More on P6**

26 Injured In Rajouri, Poonch Accidents

At least 26 passengers, four among them from Bihar, were injured on Friday in two separate road accidents in the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu division. According to officials, 14 passengers were injured when the vehicle (JK12-5772) they were travelling in, met with an accident on Poonch-Digwar road on Friday morning. All the injured were shifted to district hospital Poonch for treatment. The injured include four residents of Bihar, who have been identified as Aparnav, Raj Kumar, Mansoor Mian and Ram Bahadur. **More on P6**

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با اجلاس نائب تحصیلدار ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول

مضمون کاغذات درخواست مناجاب عادل احمد شیخ ولد غلام محی الدین شیخ ساکنہ ونی گند تحصیل کتزر بمراو عطا گی RBA سرٹفکیٹ تحت

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اشتهار بمراو آگاہی ہر خاص و عام

معاملمندج عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سائل دفتر ہڈا میں زیر کارڈی ہے اس سلسلے میں ہڈاری حلقے سے رپورٹ بشولر یکا رڈ طلب کیا گیا ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل اور اس کا والد گذشتہ پندرہ سال سے دہ ہڈا میں رہا ہیں پڈیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل کی مہوار آمدنی 1150 روپے بتلائی گئی ہے سرٹفکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ یہ اندر دفتر ہڈا میں پیش کرے معیار گڈر نے بعد کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

نائب تحصیلدار aqk

از نیابت چوکر با اجلاس ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول

مضمون درخواست سید باونڈتر مرحوم غلام احمد علی ساکنہ موضع یال تحصیل کتزر بمراو عطا یی unemployment certificate بتج نور سائل ہڈر حاصل ہڈیشن

اشتهار بمراو آگاہی ہر خاص و عام

معاملمندج عنوان الصدر کے نسبت ہڈاری حلقے سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے بروے رپورٹ ہڈاری حلقہ سائل مذکورہ کا والد گذشتہ 08 سال مورہ 02-02-2014 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے جو کہ PHE میں ہڈر اسٹ کی حقیقت سے کام کرتا تھا۔ اب سائل مذکورہ اپنے والد ہڈیشن حاصل کرنے کی خواہاں ہے سائل کسی بھی سرکاری یا غیر سرکاری نگہ میں کام نہیں کرتی ہے اور تاحال بے روزگار ہے۔ زیر بحث ہڈیشن حاصل کرنے کی غرض سے Unemployment Certificate بتج نور سائل ہڈر حاصل کرنے کی خواہاں ہے اس بارے میں اگر کسی شخص یا شخص کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنا عذر یا اعتراض ساتھ یہ اندر پیش کریں۔ میعاد گڈر نے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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از نیابت سرکل بد ما تحصیل سنٹرل سرنگر

مضمون: چٹھی آمدہ از دفتر اسسٹنٹ کمشنر یونیورسٹی بنگلہ بڑا جی ڈی ہڈیشن تحفکیٹ بتج

پیمانہ گان متونی علی محمد شیخ ولد غلام محمد شیخ ساکنہ بونہ پورہ بد ما لوسرنگر

اشتهار بمراو آگاہی ہر خاص و عام

معاملمندج عنوان الصدر میں ایک چٹھی از دفتر اسسٹنٹ کمشنر یونیورسٹی بنگلہ موصول ہوئی۔ معاملہ زیر تحت کے نسبت راقم نے متعلقہ ہڈاری حلقے سے رپورٹ طلب کیا۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق مسمی علی محمد شیخ ولد غلام محمد شیخ ساکنہ بونہ پورہ جو کہ پیش سے ترکاں تھا اور لیبر کمشنر ڈیپارٹمنٹ میں اندراج تھا۔ متونی مورخہ 15-2-2022 کو فوت ہو چکے ہیں۔ متونی نے اپنے پیچھے مندرجہ ذیل وارثان جائز چھوڑے ہیں۔

نمبر شمار	نام افراد کتبہ	رشتہ منہراہ متونی	عمر تخمینا	پیشہ	آمدنی
۱۔	رفیقہ	بیوہ	55 سال	گھریلو کام	Nil
۲۔	جاوید علی	(شادی شدہ) فرزند	30 سال	ترکاں	
۳۔	ممتازہ	(شادی شدہ) دختر	28 سال	گھریلو کام	
۴۔	مسرت علی	(شادی شدہ) دختر	26 سال	گھریلو کام	

اس طرح متونی کے وارثان جائز کی تعداد 4 افراد پر مشتمل ہیں۔ ان کے علاوہ کوئی بھی وارثان جائز در باندہ نہیں ہوا۔ متونی کے تین اولاد شادی شدہ ہیں البتہ متونی کی اہلیہ سہ ماہیہ رفیقہ شوہر کی آمدنی پر ہی منحصر تھی۔ قبل از کہ معاملہ زیر بحث ہمزید کارروائی مکمل میں لائی جائے ہر خاص و عام کو بذریعہ اشتہار اطلاع کی جاتی ہے کہ اگر مطلوبہ تحفکیٹ کی اجرا کرنے میں کسی شخص یا شخص کو کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے عذرات دفتر ہڈا میں دفتری اوقات کے دور ان اصالتا یا وکالتا پیش کرے۔ معیار گڈر نے بعد کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING BARAMULLA.

E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER (RE TENDER)

NIT NO: - 109/XEN/REW/BLA/2022-2023 DATED.31/08/2022 (RE TENDER)

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF LT. GOVERNOR, J&K UT E-TENDERS (IN SINGLE COVER SYSTEM) ARE INVITED ON ITEM RATE BASIS FROM APPROVED AND ELIGIBLE CONTRACTORS REGD. WITH J&K STATE GOVT. CPWD, RAILWAYS AND OTHER STATE/CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING WORK:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	EMD AMOUNT	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA/TS
1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9
1	C/O Irrigation khul at different spots Kitchama, Under B2V, Block Narwah	4.90	200	9800	20 days	DEE	B2V	AAA Accorded
2	Improvement of main kaul from Masjid sharief to H/O Maqbool Parrey and onwards by way of side walling and culverts at required spots at Andergam, Under B2V, Block Pattan	5.00	200	10000	20 days	DEE	B2V	AAA Accorded
3	Widening of road from Jamiya Masjid Ghat to Munariya P/H Palhalan F., Under B2V, Block Pattan	4.80	200	9600	20 days	DEE	B2V	AAA Accorded
4	UPGRADATION OF ALL INNER LINKS/LINK ROAD AT PALHALAN-G. Block PATTAN, under B2V2.	4.61	200	9220	20 days	DEE	B2V	AAA Accorded
5	C/o Food Store at Yarbugh P/H Yarbugh Block Rafiabab under B2V	4.75	200	9500	20 days	DEE	B2V	AAA Accorded
6	construction of 3 no. Culverts near H/O Nissar Ahmad Reshie, Manzoor Ahmad Bhat and Gh. Hassan Beigh at Mundji Under B2V Block Zaingeer	4.57	200	9140	20 days	DEE	B2V	AAA Accorded
7	Fencing of health sub centre at Binnar A, Block Nadihal under B2V	4.80	200	9600	20 days	DEE	B2V	AAA Accorded

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	01-09-2022
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 01-09-2022 to 06-09-2022 up to 6:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date	01-09-2022
4	Bid Submission End Date	06-09-2022 up to 6:00 PM
	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 07-09-2022 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.

4. The contractor could take part in the tendering process of only those works which are to be executed in Gram Panchayat (G.P) to which he/she belongs. If the response from concerned (G.P) is less than, Bids from bidder other than the concerned Gram Panchayat of the Block will be accepted.

5. If the Bidder quotes his Bid exceeding the tendering Cost, his bid will be automatically rejected.

6. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein Name of work and NIT No. in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender Inviting Authority).

7. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.

8. All The Bidders has to deposit Earnest Money (2% of Advertised cost) in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering as per the Circular of Finance Department.

9. The 1ST Lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3 % of allotted cost of Contract as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 Days after opening of financial bid and shall be released after successful completion of DLP as per norms. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% performance security.

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

11. The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited, if:-

a) Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

12. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

13. 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.

14. 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 vendors.

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

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

17. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as LI immediately after opening of financial bid.

18. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

19. DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED IN SOFT:

20. Scanned copy of valid registration card along with Latest Renewal , EMD/TR as per NIT, GST, Latest clearance, PAN.

21. The earnest money in favour of un-successful/ non-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original, irrespective of Hard copies, failure of submission of tender document fee by the bidder using site shall entail him for blacklisting.

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Dated: 31-08-2022

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60% People Delaying Treatment Due To Lack Of Health Cover: Survey

Press Trust Of India

Around 60 per cent respondents have been delaying treatment due to lack of health cover and 67 per cent who have medical insurance find it difficult to understand, a study by Pristyn Care Data Labs said. According to the study

ing treatment due to the lack of any health cover. The survey based on inputs received from over 1,100 people and internal data of more than 4 lakh patients found that 24 per cent patients find deduction of money at the time of making a claim very challenging



conducted during August 1-25, 2022 by the startup firm, a vast majority of people want alternative treatments such as ayurveda, unani, siddha, homeopathy and naturopathy to be covered under health insurance. "India has the lowest rates of health insurance penetration and COVID-19 induced medical inflation has caused people to delay surgeries. Elective surgeries are not life-threatening but any delay can impact the overall quality of life," Pristyn Care co-founder Harsimarbir Singh said in a statement. With the rising costs of medical treatments in the country, as per the study, nearly 60 per cent of the respondents are delay-

and 17 per cent find the paperwork involved in the process complex. "Among the dozens of healthcare pain points, long waiting time for the claim approval is the biggest pain point as one vastly underestimates the costs associated with medical treatments," Singh said. The study said that as per industry reports, 27.5 million couples in India suffer from infertility and many doctors believe that these numbers will increase. "20 per cent of survey respondents also believe that IVF and infertility procedures should be covered under insurance given the rising costs," the study said.

Twitter Readies Edit Feature For Premium Users

Associated Press

New York- Permanently misspelled tweets might soon be a thing of the past. Twitter said Thursday it's working on allowing users to edit their

To make it clear that a tweet has been modified, they'll be labelled and appear with an icon and timestamp. Users can look up past versions of the tweet by tapping the label. Twitter said it's testing



tweets, which it said is one of the most requested features to date. The social media company said in a blog post that it's testing the Edit Tweet feature internally with plans to roll it out later this month to subscribers of its premium Twitter Blue service. The edit function will give users 30 minutes to make changes such as fixing typos or adding hashtags after first publishing a tweet.

the edit feature with a small group of users so it can identify and resolve potential issues. This includes how people might misuse the feature, the company said in a blog post. You can never be too careful. The time limit and version history play an important role, Twitter said. They help protect the integrity of the conversation and create a publicly accessible record of what was said. (AP)

Moulvi Abbas Admitted To SKIMS, Undergoes Surgery

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Veteran Kashmiri leader Moulvi Abbas Ansari, who was admitted to a hospital here on Friday, was recuperating after undergoing an emergency surgery for a hemorrhagic stroke.

Moulvi Abbas Ansari was



admitted to the Sheri Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Friday morning where doctors conducted surgery on him for Chronic Subdural Hematoma (CSDH).

Hundreds of people rushed to SKIMS after the news of hospitalisation of senior most Kashmiri political and religious figure spread. With social media agog with rumours about Maulana's condition his son Masroor Abbas took to microblogging site twitter to rebuke rumour mongering about his father's

health.

"Abaji had to be admitted to Soura Medical Institute this morning due to a minor hemorrhagic stroke and the doctors performed a timely & successful surgery and now he is safe and sound. People are requested not to pay heed to rumors. Maulvi Sahib has regained consciousness and his condition is improving now. People are requested to pray for his complete and speedy recovery," Masroor tweeted.

One of the most popular leaders in the Kashmir valley, Moulvi Abbas Ansari is the last surviving politician from the Plebiscite Front era.

A champion of Shia-Sunni unity, he founded Ittehadul Muslimeen in 1962 after returning to Kashmir following a decade long stay in Iraq where he studied theology at the famous Najaf Seminary. He also served as convener of the Muslim United Front (MUF) and later chairman of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference.

Moulvi Abbas retired from active political life in 2010 devoting his entire time to spiritual pursuits. He has not been keeping well for some time, family sources said.

Govt Releases Rs 20 Crore For Macadamization Of City Roads

Agencies

Srinagar: Craving for the macadamization, some Srinagar roads that are in shambles from the last some years, are all set to be renovated as the government has released Rs 20 crore in favor of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC). here Tenders have also been issued for 74 works in the areas fall-

ing under the jurisdiction of the corporation.

Sources within SMC said that a total of Rs 20 crore has been released for the macadamization of the Srinagar interiors, falling under its jurisdiction.

"The SMC had proposed Rs 40 crore for the macadamization process. However, only Rs 20 crore has been released on August 16 this year," they said, adding that the

tenders have also been floated by the SMC.

"The tenders for 74 works have been floated by SMC yesterday," they said, adding that the work would be started soon in this regard to ensure hassle free movement to the commuters, who are presently facing tough times due to the potholed roads across Srinagar.

The officials in SMC said that they are

expecting to start the work as soon as possible, adding that once the tendering process is done, the work will be started on a war footing basis.

Pertinently, most of the roads falling under SMC's jurisdiction have developed potholes, causing immense hardships to the commuters, passing through these congested roads. (KNO)

DC Inspects Ongoing Works On Under-Construction Flyovers In City

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Friday undertook a whirlwind tour of different City areas to oversee progress of works being carried out on several major developmental projects including construction of Flyovers on NH-44 (Jammu-Srinagar highway) at Lasjan, Sanat Nagar, Nowgam and Bemina Junctions.

While taking onsite inspection of the work on Lasjan Flyover being executed at a cost of Rs. 155 crore, the DC was informed by Project Manager NHA that 70 percent of the work on the project has been completed and work is going on in full swing.

On the occasion, the DC directed the concerned executing agency to speed up the work by deploying additional men and machinery to complete the project within the set timeline.

At Nowgam junction, the DC took stock of the work on 0.85 km span flyover being carried out at a cost of Rs 44 crore for which completion timeline by/before March 2023 has already been set as per terms of the contract.

DC also inspected the proposed construction site of Rs 41 crore project of Sanat Nagar Flyover. The DC was informed that the tendering process of the project shall be put into motion and as soon as it is completed physical work will be taken up on the ground. The DC also gave onspot directions with regard to shifting of utilities already taken



As soon as these prestigious projects on NH-44 (Jammu-Srinagar highway) are completed it shall improve transport facilities in Srinagar and also will prove helpful to overcome traffic congestion along the highway and on other important road corridors

care in the project.

Later Aijaz inspected the pace and progress of ongoing work on construction of flyover at busy junction of Bemina bypass being executed at a cost of Rs 31.49 crore by PWD.

On the occasion, the DC directed the concerned executing agency to accelerate the pace of work by employing additional men and machinery to complete

the prestigious project in set timelines apart from resolving issues of utility shifting.

"As soon as these prestigious projects on NH-44 (Jammu-Srinagar highway) are completed it shall improve transport facilities in Srinagar and also will prove helpful to overcome traffic congestion along the highway and on other important road corridors" Aijaz said.

Protesters Restrain PDD From Installing Meters At Abi Guzar

Agencies

Srinagar: The installation of Smart Meters in the Abi Guzar area of Srinagar city triggered a massive protest on Friday.

The women protesters foiled the bid of the Power Development Department employees to install the Smart Meters in the area. A large number of women came out of the house and forced the employees to leave the area.

"We are too poor and these days when it is difficult to meet both ends, how come the government can put an

extra burden on us? We won't allow PDD to install these meters here," some of the protesting women said.

The protesting women raised slogans against the PDD and the government. Some of the angry women tried to break the meters. A couple of meters that were installed in the area were pulled down by the protesters.

The protesters said that they are poor and lack basic facilities in their area. "We are poor and cannot afford bills generated by these Smart Meters," said a female protester.

44th All India Cell Biology Conference Begins At KU

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The 44th All India Cell Biology Conference and a national symposium on 'Molecular and Cellular Insights of Human Diseases' started at the University of Kashmir on Friday.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan inaugurated the two-day event that

brings leading researchers from the country and abroad on a common platform, in online and offline modes, to share research and innovative techniques.

In her presidential address, Prof Nilofer said the conference is a great opportunity for mentorship of young students by renowned cell biologists to help them develop

long-term connectivity with veterans and move forward in the right direction.

"Shared knowledge and institutional collaborations are today very important to find common solutions to a host of common problems facing mankind in the realm of diseases, like the recent Covid-19 pandemic," Prof Nilofer said.

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This Day In History

- 1650 - Battle of Dunbar; Oliver Cromwell's English New Model Army defeats Scottish force in surprise attack
- 1683 - Turkish troops break through defense of Vienna
- 1725 - Britain, France, Hannover & Prussia sign Covenant of Hannover
- 1752 - Britain and the British Empire (including the American colonies) adopt the Gregorian Calendar, losing 11 days. People riot thinking the government stole 11 days of their lives
- 1777 - Flag of the United States flown in battle for the 1st time at Cooch's Bridge, Delaware, a skirmish during American Revolutionary War
- 1791 - French Revolution: The new French Constitution, declaring France a constitutional monarchy, is passed by the National Assembly
- 1798 - Battle of St. George's Caye: Week long battle begins between the Spanish Empire and Great Britain off the coast of Belize
- 1864 - Battle of Berryville, Virginia, Confederate forces retreat in face of Union strength
- 1882 - French/Vietnamese/Chinese battle at Hanoi, 100s die
- 1900 - Russian troops now control both sides of the Amur River on the Russo-Manchurian boundary
- 1917 - 1st night bombing of London by German aircraft back across Hindenburg Line
- 1919 - President Woodrow Wilson set out on a tour of the USA to rouse public opinion behind the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations
- 1924 - Civil war breaks out in China (Gen Tsi moves to Shanghai)
- 1934 - Tunisia began its move for independence
- 1939 - World War II: Britain declares war on Germany after invasion of Poland. France follows 6 hours later quickly joined by Australia, New Zealand, South Africa & Canada

From KO Archives

J&K Favours 'Pro-Active Decentralisation'

NEW DELHI: The Jammu and Kashmir Government today strongly pleaded for restoration of autonomy to the State while favouring the "pro-active policy of decentralization and greater delegation of power to the State".

The State's point of view was put forth by acting Chief Minister and Housing and Urban Development Minister, Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Shah while participating in the 8th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Inter-state Council held here to discuss the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission.

Shah clearly stated that as far as J&K is concerned, "no discussion of Central-State relations can proceed without prefacing it with a reference to our case for restoration of autonomy that our Government has mooted within the frame-work of Article 370 of Constitution of India." He said that recommendations of the State Autonomy Committee are important to bring the pattern of relations between the Union of India and the State of Jammu and Kashmir within the ambit that obtained after signing of the instrument of Accession which lasted till 9th August, 1953. He said that Autonomy Report together with its endorsement by J&K legislature is now on the National Agenda.

He said that despite certain avoidable misgivings in certain sections within the Country, the State is confident that given an objective appraisal of our case, and with our continuing efforts to familiarize our enlightened brethren, there should soon be a far more receptive endorsement of the frame-work being suggested in the report He said "it is our firm and sincere belief that the proposals put forward by us mark the first step in ensuring that Jammu and Kashmir is restored to a state of tranquility enabling us to resume the path of development and well-being as a part and parcel of the Union of India"

Referring to the Article 370 which defines J&K relationship with the Centre, Shah said that many of Sarkaria Commission's recommendations do not fully apply to J&K, but the State is nevertheless strongly in favour of a pro-active policy of greater delegation and decentralization. The process of economic liberalization currently underway reinforces the case for wider role for the states in various spheres requiring governmental intervention" he added.

(Kashmir Observer, September 03, 2000)

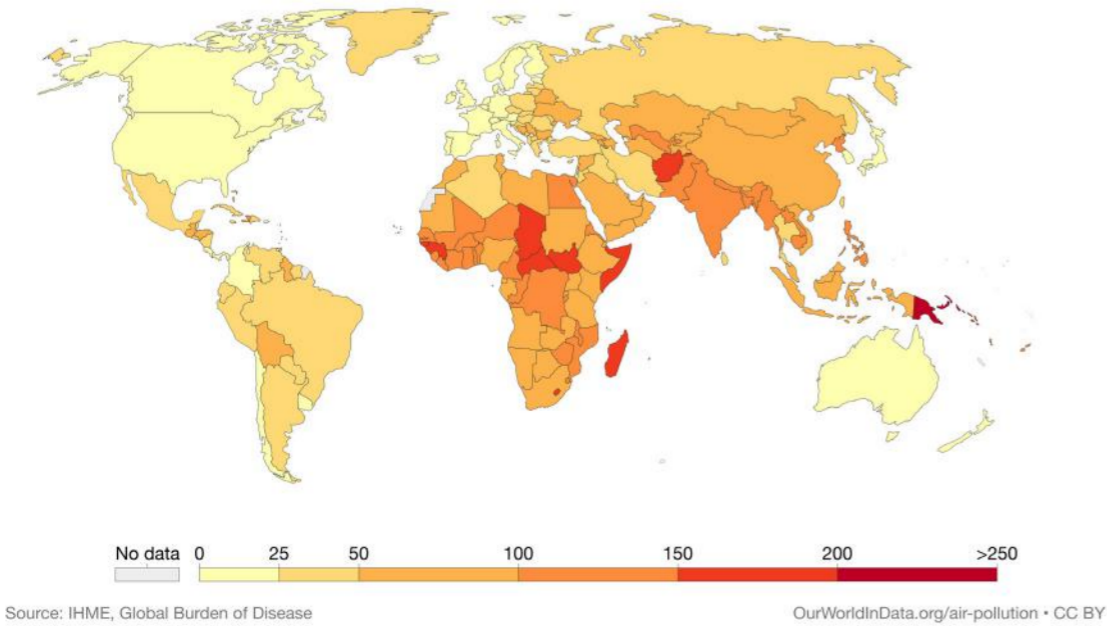
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Death rates from air pollution, 2017

Death rates are measured as the number of deaths per 100,000 population from both outdoor and indoor air pollution. Rates are age-standardized, meaning they assume a constant age structure of the population to allow for comparisons between countries and over time.



Faizan Arif

Recently in April this year, E-rickshaws were introduced for the first time in Kashmir Valley. The chargeable battery-driven auto-rickshaws ply from Gawadal to Bohri Kadal area of Downtown Srinagar. Ease of commute has been the overstated benefit of these newbies on roads. Popular opinions say, the more the merrier, given that such public transport can reduce traffic jams, help decongest public transport and make navigating in peak hours very easy. However, the most important element of its introduction in the valley has to be its potential to mitigate air pollution. In the face of an impending global climate crisis, e-rickshaws in the valley need to be seen as more than just another vehicle on the streets.

Understanding the science behind it is going to facilitate our appreciation of it as. Take this:

When carbon-based fuels are burned, incomplete combustion causes the emission of carbon dioxide (CO2) and other pollutants, including particulate matter (PM) (aerosols), which include particles that can cool or heat the Earth's climate by reflecting or absorbing the radiation of the sun. A particular type of PM, black carbon (BC), survives relatively for a short period (one week) in the atmosphere but absorbs vast amounts of solar radiation. Solid fuel burning, especially indoors, and high-emitting diesel engines, emit high levels of BC which contributes to climate warming.

The high levels of BC pollution in urban air in developing countries are also attributed to polluting industries and the operation of older vehicles. Global temperatures are estimated to have been excessively warmed by more than 15% due to it. Evidence from modelling studies suggests that climate change is likely to increase ozone concentrations, a major cause of respiratory illnesses in urban areas. To protect current and future generations from the health effects of fossil fuel burning, it is essential to reduce emissions as quickly as possible.

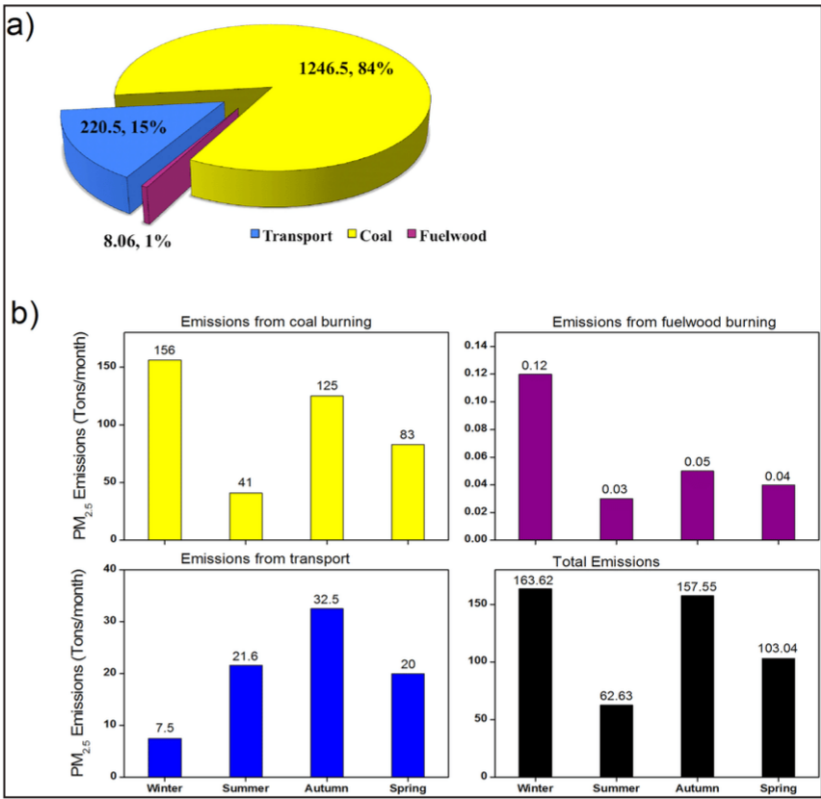
Researchers say combining policies that address local air pollution and global climate change will provide enhanced climate change mitigation benefits. Medium-term efforts to control air pollution will provide additional benefits to long-term strategies that aim to curb climate change. Short-term reductions in BC can potentially delay the impact of global warming by approximately 10 years, allowing researchers and policymakers to do more research and step up their efforts. As far as vehicle interventions go, reducing emissions from super-emitting diesel trucks and buses is the most attractive option.

Health Impacts

Poor air quality is causing people to become ill and die prematurely, especially in low- and middle-income countries. Air pollution is linked to an estimated 4.2 million premature deaths a year, according to the World Health Organization. When indoor air quality is considered, that number rises by an estimated 2.9 to 4.3 million deaths a year, according to The Lancet Commission.

High PM2.5 concentrations, particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns, are a significant health risk in densely populated urban areas in most low- and middle-income countries. It has been linked to both acute and short-term illnesses, and increased rates of respiratory and cardiovascular disease, asthma, pneumonia, and other health problems over time. PM2.5, which is largely caused by carbon burning and exudes from power plant smokestacks, vehicle exhaust systems, and open

Electric Transport
Kashmir's Cure for
Air Pollution?



fires, was identified as the sixth highest risk factor for death worldwide in a 2018 report by the Health Effects Institute (HEI) and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME).

In addition, as a growing body of evidence indicates, COVID-19 patients may experience worse outcomes from long-term exposure to air pollution. During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, the European Public Health Alliance reported that cities with higher levels of air pollution also had higher mortality rates with more severe symptoms among COVID-19 patients.

Air pollution linked with cognitive decline and dementia

As per the opinion (a 25 July 2022 report) from the authoritative Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollutants (COMEAP), science advisers to the UK government, have said for the first time that dementia and a declining mental ability in older people around the world may be caused by air pollution.

As a result of reviewing nearly 70 studies, the group concluded there was an association between exposure to air pollutants and "an acceleration of the decline in cognitive function often associated with ageing, and with the risk of developing dementia."

Due to a scarcity of investigative studies, the committee wasn't able to estimate how many older people had proven to have mental decline following exposure to air pollution. However, according to a 2018 study of Londoners, air pollution may be responsible for roughly 60,000 of the 209,600 new cases of dementia in the UK every year.

Acid Rain

The formation of acid rain is caused by elevated levels of sulphur and nitric acids in the atmosphere due to emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and sulfur dioxides (SO2). Water molecules in the atmosphere combine with Sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen oxides, emitted from industries and vehicles, leading to the formation of mild sulfuric and nitric acids which fall back on land as acid rain.

In highly industrialized areas and urban areas with high car traffic, factories and automobiles emit high levels of gaseous emissions every day. As a result, these areas experience exceedingly high amounts of acid rain.

Acid rain is very harmful to agriculture, plants, and animals. It washes away all nutrients which are required for the growth and survival of plants. It causes respiratory issues in animals and humans. Aquatic ecosystems are adversely affected by acid rain that falls into rivers and ponds. It damages the buildings and monuments made up of stones and metals.

Situation in Jammu and Kashmir

Despite Srinagar's reputation for pristine environments, scientists from the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) and the University of Kashmir found that air quality declines drastically during the winter in Srinagar.

As per Times of India, Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Former Head of the Department of Earth Sciences at Kashmir University, now Vice-Chancellor at IUST Awantipora, and one of the authors of the study said, "The number of cars on the roads needs to be decreased to check the emission of fossil fuels. Every year, J-K adds up to 1.5 lakh vehicles. We are forced to use our own vehicles because of the lack of a very efficient transport system."

In 2018, according to the figures for 2016, Srinagar's air was declared the 10th most polluted in the world by the World Health Organization.

"From November onwards, we tend

to have air quality issues. Air quality remains largely within permissible limits during summer and spring, but during autumn and winter, it's very polluted. During the cold months, our air is only clean when we have precipitation episodes (rain or snow). At this time, breathing Srinagar's air is equal to smoking 40 cigarettes a day," Mudasir Ahmad Bhat, an environmental scientist, and researcher based at the University of Kashmir said in a conversation with Rising Kashmir.

As per 'Preliminary Study on Air Quality of Srinagar, (J&K), India' by Meh-vish Sheikh & Ishtiyak Ahmed Naja, published in June 2018, there is a higher concentration of NO2 at Lal chowk which is a commercial area and vehicular emission could be one of the reasons for a higher value of NO2.

The concentration of NO2 varied

A recent study on the effect of ambient concentrations of particulate matter and carbon dioxide in Srinagar City, by Nikhil Savio, Farooq Ahmad Lone, Javeed Iqbal Ahmad Bhat, Nayar Afaq Kirmani and Nageena Nazir, published in April 2022, revealed that throughout the year from June 2019 to May 2020, CO2 concentration was seen to be increasing in Srinagar city

from 17.97µg/m3 during November to a maximum of 19.01µg/m3 during January, which is clearly higher than the permissible limit of 10 µg/m3.

current WHO guideline value of 10 µg/m3 (annual mean) was set to protect the public from the health effects of gaseous nitrogen dioxide.

As per another study 'Winter Burst of Pristine Kashmir Valley Air' by Zainab Q. Hakim, Gufran Beig, Srinivas Reka, Shakil A. Romshoo & Irfan Rashid, published in February 2018, indicates that the air quality of Srinagar deteriorates significantly, particularly during winter, where the level of PM2.5 touches a peak value of 348 µg/m³ against the Indian permissible limit of 60 µg/m³.

It revealed that the annual PM2.5 emissions are highest from coal burning which is around 1246.5 tons/year followed by the emissions from vehicular combustion which is 220.5 tons/year, and the least are the emissions from fuel wood burning which is around 8.06 tons/year.

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On a monthly basis, the maximum average concentration of CO2 was found during December and Shalimar recorded the highest carbon dioxide value of 637.57 ppm.

The recorded maximum average values at other locations were 622.33 ppm, 614.40 ppm, 592.23 ppm and 579.33 ppm at Jehangir Chowk, Dalgate, Parimpore and Pantha Chowk, respectively.

On the other hand, the maximum average concentration in spring reached 626.86 ppm in Jehangir Chowk and the minimum average for the same season was recorded in Shalimar (592.06 ppm). The average value of all the sites during the spring season was 609.29 ppm.

This is clearly higher than the global average atmospheric carbon dioxide, 414.72 ppm recorded in 2021 based on analysis from NOAA's Global Monitoring Lab.

In the face of climate change and air pollution, e-transport is a promising answer

The experts suggest various solutions

that can help reduce the concentration of particulate matter (pollutants) in the air, including proper road macadamization, dumping of agricultural waste, and using clean energy sources instead of coal and wood. Additionally, scientists recommend regulating fuel adulteration by petrol pump owners and introducing cleaner alternatives like CNG and battery-powered vehicles.

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) released a paper in April 2018 on the pollution caused by autos. According to it, approximately 1200 tonnes of carbon dioxide, 4 tonnes of NOx and 0.5 tonnes of PM10 are emitted from the total fleet of auto rickshaws plying in the city of Bengaluru per day, and auto rickshaws contribute to 0.44 million tonnes of carbon emissions per year. Switching to electric autos could result in a reduction of carbon emissions by 0.11 million tonnes per year, PM10 emissions by 114.5 million tonnes per year, and NOx emissions by 37.6 million tonnes per year.

A rickshaw powered by electricity requires little maintenance and is cheaper to operate than one powered by petrol or compressed natural gas. In North India, where deteriorating air quality levels have rendered urban areas uninhabitable, the emission-free e-rickshaw is being hailed as the humble agent of change for a cleaner, less fossil fuel-dependent future.

While e-rickshaws are behind the auto-rickshaws from a technological standpoint, they are more energy-efficient and less polluting. The use of e-rickshaws could reduce the consumption of fuel oil for passenger transportation, which is both economically and environmentally beneficial.

People in Kashmir have suffered various times when there has been a shortage of petrol and diesel in the Valley. Had there been e-rickshaws, people would have been less dependent on fossil fuels.

Electric buses eliminate both CO2 and black carbon emissions, so switching from local buses to soot-free vehicles can be an effective carbon reduction strategy. As per a Forbes report, Shenzhen, China, has switched to an electric bus fleet and now

has over 16,000 electric buses and 22,000 Electric Taxis, reducing not only pollution but also noise. The other report suggests the switch from diesel buses to electric is expected to achieve an estimated reduction in CO2 emissions of 48% and reductions in pollutants, including particulate matter.

The Top Five most effective interventions that improve both health, by reducing PM2.5, and climate, by reducing carbon dioxide emissions, according to the report, Air Pollution Interventions: Seeking the Intersection Between Climate and Health, are:

- Replacing coal with renewable sources of energy for total power production;
- Replacing diesel and gasoline-powered vehicles with electric vehicles in both the public and private sector;
- Eliminating uncontrolled diesel emissions;
- Preventing crop burning; and
- Preventing forest fires.

I recently talked to an e-rickshaw owner in Lucknow who claimed the cost of the vehicle to be around 1.5 lakh, which on a single full charge of 7-8 hrs, covered a distance of 80 - 100kms. His monthly earnings were about 10 thousand. The vehicle had a maximum speed of 30kms per hour.

There is a need to increase the number of e-rickshaws already introduced in J&K earlier this year across Jammu and Kashmir. However, E-rickshaws' low speed can add to traffic jams in the already congested cities of Jammu and Srinagar. So, proper planning is required to ensure hassle-free movement of vehicles and at the same time shift to these eco-friendly vehicles.

The bottom line remains that electric cars, trains, buses, and rickshaws are essential for achieving cleaner air in urban centres and can contribute to the mitigation of climate change as well. They're ultra-efficient and emit no exhaust. Also, it will require clean electricity to power them.

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Can Diaries Get Digital?

Paula Vene Smith

The first time I taught a college course called “The London Diary” for young Americans studying abroad back in 2002, each student ended up with a tangible book of memories, a handwritten record of their semester in London. But when I taught the course 15 years later, the first question my students asked was whether they could keep their journals online. The question brought home to me how the image of a diary has shifted from words scribbled in a blank book to images and digital text on a screen.

WHY NOT GO DIGITAL?

Even while journaling apps like Penzu and Diaro become more widely available, estimates and surveys suggest that a sizable number of the world’s diary keepers still keep handwritten diaries.

Fans of digital diaries grant them an edge in convenience, portability, searchability and password protection. Jonathan, one of my 2018 students, described in an essay for class how digital diarists can upload entries to multiple platforms, keeping some portions offline or restricted to a select audience while other parts go completely public. It’s harder to control distribution, encrypt entries or build an index with a journal kept on paper.

I already expected my students to use electronic devices to read course materials, to communicate with me and with their families back home, to write essays for class, and to navigate London. Why not let them keep digital diaries, too?

DIARY AS ARTIFACT

Poet and literary scholar Anna Jackson was researching the private papers of novelist Katherine Mansfield for her book “Diary Poetics” when she made an unexpected discovery. Jackson came across a “piece of the world” that was also an element of Mansfield’s journal – a kowhai flower between two pages in a notebook:

“After all this time, there it still was, still yellow, still between the same two pages Mansfield had placed it between all those years ago. A piece of the world she wrote about was right there as a piece of the world still, not a piece of writing.”

Jackson’s experience shows the power of holding in your hand the diary as a physical object. What scholars call the manuscript’s “materiality” links writer to reader in an unexpectedly intimate way.

For historians and diary scholars, manuscripts are artifacts. A book’s binding, paper quality and ink can signal an anonymous diarist’s socioeconomic status. Changes in penmanship may show how the writer felt – drowsy, extra careful or agitated – while writing certain passages.

Some clues, like the bit of evidence provided by inserting a memento, relay intentional messages. Others, like crossed-out words, may reveal information the writer did not plan to share.

Physical evidence can also hint at what happened after a text was written. Damaged or missing pages may indicate a strong reaction to the contents. A few years ago, conservators at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, England, discovered a concealed entry in the diary of a 17th-century British



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sailor. In his diary, he originally confessed to committing a rape, but later wrote a different account of the event, pasting the new page so carefully over the original that it went unnoticed for more than 300 years.

DIGITAL YET MATERIAL

Every original mark in a diary reflects an impulse of the moment. As diary instructor Tristine Rainer says in “The New Diary,” “At any time you can change your point of view, your style, your book, the pen you write with, the direction you write on the pages, the language in which you write, the subjects you include. ... It’s your book, yours alone.”

With so many convenient features, digital

diaries remain a popular choice. This option, we might be surprised to learn, even has its own form of materiality.

In “How to Read a Diary,” literature scholar Desirée Henderson notes that digital diaries, too, are objects, shaped by tools the diarist selects – in this case, software and hardware – to create the diary. The writer’s design choices, such as site structure, networking parameters, embedding of graphics, image and audio files and hyperlinks, offer grist for interpretation not unlike reading the nonverbal signs of a traditional diary.

WRITING INTO THE FUTURE

As I thought about offering my students

the online option, I began to imagine them many years from now, coming upon that London diary from their college days. I remembered my first group of students drawing sketches on their pages, attaching a Travelcard, café napkin, or theater ticket. I remembered Anna Jackson with the kowhai flower. I couldn’t shake my conviction that future diary readers will be less enthralled by a digital product – even enhanced with multimedia – than by the quirky, untidy books hand-lettered by their predecessors.

In the end, I assigned my students – at least those who were physically able – to create their London diaries by hand.

They could still use their phones to capture images or take preliminary notes, but in the end they would produce a material keepsake.

Several students decided to write in their notebooks while also keeping a digital diary. The dual process felt natural to them. To his blog Jonathan posted, “Like many children of the 21st century, I love the idea of keeping everything journaled online. This way I can make notes on my phone as I walk, have them automatically update on my computer, where I can expand with more time. If I wake up in the middle of the night with an idea, I don’t need to wake up a roommate with a lamp. However, the course also requires an analog diary.”

Every diary, “analog” or digital, can be read as an artifact layered with meaning – one that conveys clues to its writer’s life and times in both nonverbal signals and words.

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Parenting Tips: 6 Body Safety Rules To Teach Your Kids

Akanksha Agnihotri

Parenting tips: Parents frequently worry about the safety of their kids and try hard to teach them about things like water safety and street safety. We make sure they have raincoats on when it’s raining, apply sunscreen when sunny, and look both ways before crossing the street. But we frequently neglect to instruct them on proper body principles. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) states that 1 in 6 boys and 1 in 4 girls are sexually abused before the age of 18 and according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, in 96 per cent of the cases, most of the sexual abusers were known to the children.

Therefore, the safety of your children should be your first priority and it is highly important to make your child aware and educate them about the body safety rules. Teaching children about bodily safety and having these safety dialogues are never too early. For both the parent and the child, having this talk might be unsettling, frightening, or even intimidating, but avoiding it will do your child a great disservice. (Also read: Parenting tips to keep in mind when leaving kids alone at home)

“Keeping an open communication, and including this topic in your parenting conversations can make all the difference for your child. Reinforce that you will always believe them and that they can tell you anything and will never get in trouble no matter what happens” says Psychologist and Certified Parenting Coach, Fathima, she further shared 6 body rules that every parent should teach their children, on her recent Instagram post.

1. My body is my body and it belongs to me

Teach your kids to say “NO”. If they don’t want to kiss or hug someone they should be able to say no to a person. Teach them the difference between a good touch and a bad touch.

2. I have a safety, people

Teach them they can trust five people. Make a list of 4-5 safety people whom they can come and tell if they feel worried, scared or unsure.

3. The correct name for the private parts

Teach them the right name of the private parts. Teach them no one can touch their private parts and no one should ask them to touch it. They can always come and tell to their safety people if they feel uncomfortable about it.

4. Safe and unsafe touch

Teach them at an early age around 2.5 to 3 years to differentiate between safe and unsafe touch. Make them understand safe touch like hugging, high-fives makes them feel loved, safe and comfortable. Unsafe touch makes them feel uncomfortable and unsafe.

5. Early warning signs

Teach them the early warning signs. If they feel frightened or unsafe, they may sweat a lot, have a sick tummy, become shaky and their heart might beat fast.

6. No Body Secrets

Teach them they should never keep any secrets which make them uncomfortable or feel bad about it. Teach them they should come and tell the safety people about it if they feel unsafe or bad about it.

– Hindustan Times



Abducted Girl Traced Within 24 Hours: Police

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday claimed to have recovered an abducted minor girl within 24 hours in Budgam and arrested an accused person involved in the commission of crime.

In a statement issued here, a police spokesperson said that on Thursday evening, Police Post Soibugh received a written complaint from a resident of Khan Mohalla Soibugh stating therein that his minor daughter did not return home after school hours and the school administration stated that she didn't attend the school today.

Accordingly, a case under FIR number 306/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Budgam and investigation was set into motion.

"Subsequently, a special Police team under the supervision of IC PP Soibugh was constituted to trace out the missing girl. During the course of investigation, the Police team acting swiftly and raided various suspected locations. After strenuous efforts and working on some leads, the special team learnt that the missing girl was abducted by one Salib Ahmad Hella son of Assadullah Hella resident of Khuri Batapora Kulgam. The Police party accordingly raided the specific location and recovered the abducted girl. The abductor has also been arrested within 24 hours after the complaint was lodged," the spokesperson said.

After fulfilling all legal formalities, he said, the girl was handed over to her legal heirs.

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

‘Nasha Mukht Abhiyan’

Mehta Bats For Digital Literacy, Intensive IEC Campaign

Observer News Service

Kathua: Chief Secretary, Arun Kumar Mehta chaired a meeting of Departmental heads on Friday to review ongoing development works including Central Sponsored Schemes and other development projects here at Conference hall of DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey gave a detailed account of the district development profile.

While chairing the meeting, Chief Secretary was apprised by the DC about the Physical and Financial achievements of the district under District Capex.

While reviewing the PMGSY sector, the Chief Secretary called for carrying out quality verification so as to ensure that durable assets are created.

With regard to the performance of the Agriculture Sector, the Chief Secretary laid thrust on conducting study of cropping intensity in Kathua district through collaboration with SKUAST-J. He also called for performance check

of FPOs, Common hiring centres, farmers self help groups. He also emphasized on implementing Farm-Gate App in the agriculture sector. The chief secretary further asked for technological interventions to give a boost to farmer's income in consonance with the PM's Vision of Doubling the farmer's income.

On Horticulture, he directed the horticulture officer to promote high density plantation in the areas best suited for the purpose.

Highlighting the significance of the digitization of land records the Chief Secretary asked for completing the task within the set deadline for the overall benefit of the masses. He made out that the department would be provided with the requisite technological assistance in the shape of tablets, drones for surveys etc so as to enhance overall efficiency of the department.

While reviewing the status regarding the availability of tapped water connections and toilet facilities under JJM and SBM respectively, he stressed upon achieving

100% saturation under these schemes. The Chief Secretary urges the department of forests to take up plantation near the sources of JJM so as to arrest soil erosion.

On the issue of Power Scenario in the District, the Chief Secretary reiterated that administration is making all out efforts to ensure round the clock power supply to the consumers. He said that people also should come forward by clearing their pending liabilities. On appraisal of T&D losses, AT&C losses, the Chief Secretary stresses on reducing the same besides increasing the collection of revenue. Referring to the need for expanding the scope of self employment schemes, the chief secretary asked for organizing Tehsil level awareness camps.

While directing Divisional Commissioner, the chief secretary asks for convening monthly review meetings for regular performance appraisal of all the development works and welfare schemes going on in the district.

To ensure optimum utilization of health infrastructure established in the district, the

chief secretary stressed upon chalking out strategy so that the public of the region could be benefitted at large.

Regarding the appraisal of the performance in different sectors, the Chief Secretary directed all departments to adopt a public friendly approach in work culture. He also pressed for ensuring digital penetration across all the departments in the district.

Emphasizing on the need of Digital Literacy, the Chief Secretary called for devising out a mechanism to acquaint children with financial aspects i.e imparting financial literacy besides ensuring generation of Aadhaar cards and opening of bank accounts for each student. While deliberating upon the issue of tourism potential of Kathua District, Chief Secretary directed Director Tourism Jammu to explore all possibilities of giving fillip to adventure tourism by creating ample opportunities involving the youth through the Youth Clubs of Mission Youth. He also directed the Tourism Authorities to come up with an integrated solid waste management plan for tourist spots.

Mela Patt Kicks Off In Bhaderwah

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Hundreds of people thronged Khakhal Mohalla here to celebrate the historic Mela Patt, a three-day festival devoted to Lord Vasuki Nag.

The festival commenced on Thursday evening amid tight security arrangements, an official said.

Hundreds of people are taking part in this year's festival after two years of Covid pandemic-related restrictions in which only necessary rituals were performed, he said.

The organisers appealed to authorities to declare the event as a heritage festival.

Mela Patt, a symbol of Nag culture, is celebrated on Nag Panchami and hundreds of devotees converge at Khakhal Mohallah village in Doda district to pay obeisance to the bravery and spiritual power of King Nag Pal.

First celebrated in the 16th century by King Nag Pal, the ruler of a small principality then called Bhadarkashi (present-day Bhaderwah), the festival is organised seven days after the conclusion of Kailash Yatra. Thousands of people from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere take part in it to seek blessings of Vasuki Nag.

This festival is not only the symbol of the religion but also depicts our proud historical background and mutual brotherhood, Naresh Gupta, the main organiser, told PTI

and appealed to the administration led by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to announce the event as a heritage festival and ensure its inclusion in the annual tourism calendar.

"Perhaps this is the only festival of India which is being celebrated since last more than 600 years without any untoward incident, clearly depicting communal harmony of this area and respect for Raja Nag Pal."

Gupta also expressed resentment at the attitude of the tourism department, especially the Bhaderwah Development Authority (BDA), for its alleged failure to promote the event.

"We were expecting BDA to promote this festival to attract tourists but they are in deep slumber and there is dire need to wake up them."

The festival includes the traditional but unique folk dance, locally known as Dikko dance, performed by people irrespective of their religion, caste, and gender to highlight peace, pride, and communal harmony.

"Patt", the royal robe presented by the Mughal emperor Akbar to Raja Nagpal, was also displayed.

District Development Council, Doda, vice-chairperson, Sangeeta Bhagat said, "I was mesmerised after participating in the unique rituals which have got all the ingredients to be showcased to the outer world to attract national and international visitors."

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Crimes Against Women

four were labeled a mistake of fact or of law or civil dispute, 57 cases were found to be true but there was insufficient evidence, the report said.

In all, 4,343 cases were disposed off by police, it said.

The report said chargesheet was filed in 2,346 cases 1,196 cases from 2020 and 801 cases of 2021.

The NCRB also said 12 cases were registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes-related acts and another nine were related to the prevention of damage to public property.

PM Commissions

Arif Mohamad Khan, state Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Ernakulam MP Hibi Eden, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar and top officials of Navy and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).

Modi unveiled a plaque to mark the induction of INS Vikrant, named after its predecessor that played a crucial role in the 1971 Indo-Pak war, into the Navy.

The carrier is equipped with state-of-the-art features.

BSF Develops

Delhi under the chairmanship of BSF Director General (DG) Pankaj Kumar Singh.

The TSU was established under the BSF in 1976 and it develops and manufactures anti-riot tear smoke munitions for supply to both central and state police forces. The BSF is primarily deployed to guard the Indian borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh, besides playing a variety of roles in the country's internal security domain.

A video clip shared by the force showed at least six tear smoke shells placed tightly in a metal cage fixed under a hexacopter drone. The drone system drops the tear shells from the air at designated spots.

During the meeting, the BSF DG praised the TSU for bringing out a variety of non-lethal munitions for police and security forces as he said "indigenous production of these items has reduced the country's dependence on foreign munitions".

The TSU also produces a variety of other lachrymatory munitions, flash-bang shells, impact munitions and customised products for special operations, the BSF spokesperson said.

Crimes Against

witnessing 16 percent increase in such cases as in year 2020, 868 such cases were reported

Kidnapping and abduction cases in J&K had shown an abrupt decrease in the last three years as 1,137 such cases were recorded in 2018, 961 in 2019 and 2020 and last year it has increased again as 1,013 such cases were reported last year.

As per data, seven cases of murder of Children, four cases of infanticide and three cases of foeticide in J&K last year.

SC Refuses Probe

been victims or survivors of "genocide" in Jammu and Kashmir and are now residing in different parts of India, and also for the rehabilitation of those who had migrated after the exodus in 1990.

It said, "The dastardly genocide and exodus of Kashmiri Hindus and Sikhs which happened in 1989-90 in the Kashmir valley is a glaring example of complete failure of constitutional machinery in preventing the genocide

and protecting the life, property of the Kashmiri Hindu and Sikh in the Kashmir valley".

The plea referred to books such as "My Frozen Turbulence in Kashmir", authored by Jagmohan who was Jammu and Kashmir governor during the relevant period, and "Our Moon Has Blood Clots" by Rahul Pandita.

"These books describe the firsthand account of incident of murder, arson and migration of Hindus and Sikhs from Kashmir," the plea said.

"Kashmiri Pandits (Hindus) and Sikhs have always been in the forefront of the struggle against secessionism, communalism and fundamentalism in Kashmir. The final exodus of Kashmiri Hindus and Sikhs began from the Kashmir valley in 1989. This was a genocide of the highest order with the intent to ethnically cleanse the Kashmir valley from Hindus and Sikhs," it said.

SC To Hear Plea

side, saying it should be vetted by the Chief Justice of the High Court. The bench said the response to the plea shall be filed within six weeks.

The PIL filed by an NGO 'Jammu and Kashmir People's Forum has alleged that several qualified youths were not considered by the High Court in appointments for several administrative posts to various judicial institutions including the judicial academy, legal services authorities, and courts from district level to the High Court.

The plea claimed that instead of going by the regular recruitment process, contractual workers and daily wagers who were a decade back have since been absorbed against the vacancies as regular employees without affording a chance for the general public.

It said that reservation rules were also bypassed by the High Court even though many of the posts were not sanctioned.

The plea gave names of the relatives of the judges from district to High Court level, court staff, and bar association members to canvas the argument that favour was granted in the appointment process.

It sought directions for a probe by an independent agency and to the High Court administration to not make any further "backdoor appointments" in judicial establishments like the state judicial academy, legal services authorities, and those recruited under the E-Court mission.

Need to Come

smart citizens. People throwing trash on roads and blaming municipalities will not work together, we need to be cautious with our actions and habits, to deserve a smart city," he said.

He said people need to be the eyes and ears of administration to keep the infrastructure in good shape.

"There were reports in newspapers that anti social elements are defacing the infrastructure but police are doing a good job to apprehend the accused. Civil society also needs to criticize such incidents," he said.

Earlier, dedicating the Smart City Projects to the people, the Lt Governor said these projects will create smart living by improving quality of life, better public services, opportunities for local economic development and easier accessibility to everyone.

"Our aim is to transform Jammu as an eco-city for sustainable economic activities and to also nurture

ecological assets," he said.

Six projects have been initiated to harness the benefit of rich ecology, enhance the wellbeing of citizens and resource efficiency by appropriate strategic approach, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also impressed upon multi-stakeholders contribution and people's participation to make J&K UT's cities and towns resilient, competitive, and dynamic with strong social infrastructure to tackle the challenges of growing urbanization.

The Lt Governor further observed that the concept of Smart City without Smart Citizen is meaningless.

Highlighting the impact of the Smart City projects inaugurated today, the Lt Governor said that the Facade Lighting of Mubarak Mandi, the priceless heritage of Dogra Dynasty, will add aesthetics to the heritage building, and boost the local economy by attracting more tourist influx.

The 10 new digital panels and advertisement panels at 110 locations apart from generating revenue for Jammu Municipal Corporation will also provide employment opportunities to locals, he added.

The Lt Governor observed that the project of street development from Mubarak Mandi to Raghunath Bazar, will provide a new experience of smart urban mobility to the citizens while preserving the cultural richness of the old market and locality of about five and a half kilometer road and its adjoining city.

He expressed hope that once the project is completed in June 2023, Raghunath Bazar, Jain Bazar, Kanak Mandi, Moti Bazar will emerge as a smart commercial hub and will also provide new opportunities for economic growth to the existing businesses.

Another street development project from Canal Road to Talab Tillo Chowk costing Rs 20 crore has been planned to be completed with an integrated approach, keeping in mind the urban design process, urban management, mobility and local economic development, it was informed.

Speaking on the achievements of the revenue department, the Lt Governor said, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, major revenue reforms were introduced by the government in the last two years.

Initiatives like 'Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani' and institutionalization of 1553 Patwarkhanas has empowered the common citizens.

Through digitization and land pass books, land disputes will be substantially reduced and it will be easier to check fraudulent transactions.

The land passbooks that have been distributed today are valid documents and to ensure its security, a unique number and QR code have been arranged in the passbook given to the land owners, he added.

The work of digitization of land records is going on in all 20 districts and out of 6912 villages, the process of digitization has been completed in 3049 villages i.e. land records of about 44.11 percent villages have been digitised, it was informed.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also directed all Deputy Commissioners to complete the modalities for the disbursement of next installment under PM Kisan to all the beneficiaries of Jammu Kashmir.

Youth Have

anti-national and anti-social activities by increasing area domination and Naka check points. He praised Police, army and other security agencies for their role in making Kupwara a militancy free district and directed the officers to be more vigilant and keep pressure on the anti national elements and their supporters," he added.

Singh, the spokesperson said, stressed upon officers to identify the people and OGWs who support these anti national elements and help sustain the "terror eco-system". The DGP, he said, also appreciated the recent successes of J&K Police and other security forces against terrorism in different encounters.

"He said that synergy between the forces in our Counter Terrorist Grid has led to success. Communication at the grass root level of all forces enhances this synergy," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the DGP emphasized upon the officers that while dealing with any anti-militancy activities and law and order scenario, civilian convenience and security should always be kept in mind.

"He said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have stood firm with the J&K Police against the war against terrorism," he added.

Appreciating the joint efforts of Police and other security forces for making the Kupwara a "terrorist free" district, the DGP as per the spokesperson said that Jammu and Kashmir is place were all the forces are working together for a single mission.

"He said that North Kashmir districts have much importance from security point of view and it is must for all ranks to focus on better coordination among the forces to foil cross border terror and narco smuggling attempts," the spokesperson said.

"He said that unfortunately we have a neighbour who is always trying to create trouble here and added that we all have to remain alert to foil their each and every evil attempt," he added.

Later, speaking to the media the DGP congratulated the people of Kupwara particularly the youth for their cooperation in making Kupwara a terrorist free district.

Singh, as per the spokesperson said that the youth of J&K have rejected the path of destruction and are participating in the peace activities.

With regard to the infiltration, he said that in recent times some infiltration attempts were made however the majority of them were foiled strongly.

"He said a couple of times some infiltrators managed to sneak to this part for which strategies have been made to track them down. The DGP said we have a strong security grid on LOC because of which the infiltration has come down," he added.

The DGP, according to the spokesperson, said that drug trafficking has increased as Pakistan is continuously sending drugs at a large scale to drag the youth into the menace.

"It is also being used to generate funds for terror activities," he said, while urging social and religious leaders to sensitize the public, particularly the youth about the conspiracy and magnitude of the problem.

The spokesperson said that Singh also stated that militants are using the pistols to carry out attacks in urban areas and added that in recent times Police along with other security forces have seized a huge quantity of arms and ammunition including pistols.

With regard to the attack on a migrant worker in South Kashmir, the DGP said that the militant involved has been identified and would be brought to justice very soon.

Earlier, the DGP inaugurated the newly constructed Joint Interrogation Center, martyr's memorial and newly constructed building of Kot(armoury) in DPL Kupwara.

"The new JIC has state-of-art interrogation system and will be equipped with the latest gadgets and technology to achieve better results in investigative and operational work to counter terror ecosystem," the spokesperson added

Man Commits

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"At around 9.15 am, Majeed hanged himself in the washroom of the lock-up of Darhal police station," the officer said.

He said soon after the incident, a team of senior officers of police and civil administration reached the police station and inspected the site and all legal formalities were conducted under their supervision.

Thereafter, the post-mortem was conducted by a board of doctors at Government Medical College (GMC), Rajouri and later the body was handed over to the legal heirs for last rites after all the legal procedures, the officer said.

The family of the deceased, however, did not buy the police version that he had died by suicide and demanded an impartial inquiry into the incident.

"He was arrested on Sunday in connection with some case and was killed in the custody," one of the relatives claimed amid protest by the family outside GMC hospital.

However, they dispersed peacefully after a senior police officer visited them and assured them of a fair probe to know the facts. (PTI) Man Commits 'Suicide' In Police Custody

Jammu: A 42-year-old man allegedly hanged himself inside a police lock-up in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, a senior police officer said.

A magisterial probe has been initiated into the death of Abdul Majeed, a resident of Pargal village, at Darhal police station in the morning, Rajouri Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Mohammad Aslam said.

He said Majeed was arrested by police in connection with a case registered at the police station last year under section 341 (Punishment for wrongful restraint) and 354 (whoever assaults or uses criminal force to any woman, intending to outrage or knowing it to be likely that he will there by outrage her modesty) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

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152 More Test

Srinagar reported the highest 28 new cases of virus, Baramulla 27, Budgam 21, Pulwama 10, Kulgam 9, Kupwara 6, Ganderbal 7, Bandipora 2 and Shopian and Anantnag 1 each.

In the winter capital, they said, Jammu reported a maximum of 27 new cases of infection, Udhampur, Samba and Ramban three each, Kishtwar 2, Doda and Poonch one each. The three districts of Rajouri, Kathua and Reasi detected no new cases of Covid-19.

Besides, they said, 164 Covid-19 patients recovered during the last 24 hours—35 from Jammu division and 129 from Kashmir Valley. (ONS)

Pulwama Cricketer

However, the doctors there declared him dead.

Reports said that heart attack is believed to be the cause behind his death. (ONS)

Scuffle Leaves

spot while two others managed to flee before the arrival of the police party. (Agencies)

Couple Held With

and a case under the relevant provisions of law has been registered against them, the officer said. (PTI)

26 Injured

Other injured have been identified as Zaheen Akhter, Taj Mohammad, Mohammad Rafiq, Mohammad Hanief, Mohammad Suleman, Ritu Sharma, Resham Bi, Shabnam Akhter, Mohammad Hanief and Tarlochan Singh.

Meanwhile, 12 more passengers were injured in a separate road accident in the neighbouring Rajouri district.

The accident took place at Sehar village in Kalakote sub-division of Rajouri district on Friday when a minibus (JK11-1257) was hit by a truck.

The injured have been identified as Sham Lal, Sakina Bi, Naik Ram, Mohammad Amin, Asham Bi, Anwar Hussain, Ghulam Qadir, Chandrika Devi, Neetu Devi, Kamla Devi, Seema Sharma and Ghulam Hussain.

Police said that the vehicle has been seized and all the injured are undergoing treatment in CHC Kalakote—(KNO)

Apni Party To Raise Statehood Demand With LG: Bukhari

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari on Friday said a party delegation would call on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha soon to formally demand the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

Addressing a press conference here, Bukhari also demanded the release of the youths who were detained in Kashmir Valley.

Bukhari said when his party was formed, it had three main agendas -- protection of job and land rights of Jammu and Kashmir residents and the restoration of statehood.

"We got the order of job reservation even though there is a point of domicile. But when the statehood is restored and a government is in place, we will restore the PRC (permanent resident certificate) for the citizens of J-K," he said.

There is 95 per cent protection of land as agricultural land cannot be brought by non-residents, he added.

Bukhari said a delegation of his party will call on the lieutenant governor to seek the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

"We held a meeting today where everyone unanimously decided that a delegation of Apni Party will meet the LG and demand the restoration of statehood formally," he said.

He said during his public meetings in the last three months, people have been advo-

cating the demand for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

"We will also submit memorandums to the LG through Deputy Commissioners in all the 20 districts across J-K. We want to register and achieve the statehood which was taken away from us on August 5, 2019, he said.

He said the prime minister and the Union home minister had promised in Parliament that Jammu and Kashmir's statehood would be restored.

The former state minister also demanded the release of the youths detained in Kashmir Valley in the past few months.

"Preventive detentions have taken place in the last few months. First they (authorities) said it was to maintain law and order. Then they said it was for the smooth conduct of the Amarnath Yatra. Now that the Yatra is over and it concluded smoothly, we demand that all the youths in jails be released, he said.

He said there was a draconian system of detaining people for some faults of their relatives.

They are not given employment. Some are told the verification of their credentials is awaited. "Should we then hang our youths in Lal Chowk as there is no future for them," he said.

Asked about the apprehensions of outsiders being added to the electoral rolls in Jammu and Kashmir, Bukhari said the government had given assurances that there would be no wrongdoing.

J&K Colleges To Get Ranking On Performance, Excellence: Kansal

Says Ranking To Be Carried Out On Basis Of Asset Of Transparent Criterion, Unique Index

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a first in J&K, performance of the colleges will be judged through comprehensive ranking system to be launched by Higher Education Department (HED).

Regarding this innovative initiative, Principal Secretary HED and Information Department, Rohit Kansal says ranking of all Higher Educational Institutions in J&K would be carried out on the basis of asset of transparent criterion and a unique index, an official spokesperson said Friday.

He said that the Department has roped in IIT Jammu as knowledge partner to design the unique index as well as a special portal to collect the information and rank the colleges.

"The MoU would be signed between the Directorate of Colleges J&K and the IIT Jammu soon. The two autonomous colleges of J&K viz. GDC Baramulla and GCW Parade would assist the Directorates of Higher Education in the unique initiative," he said.

"A core team would be drawn from Govt College Parade, GDC Baramulla and Director Colleges to help in the creation of indices and primary data would



be provided by the department to the IIT team for formulation of ranking indices," he added.

According to the spokesperson, the IIT team would be responsible for creating an index of colleges based on the department's suggestions, creation of an online portal/dashboard and processing of raw data to prepare the final college rankings.

He said that the rankings would be a useful guide for students in making a decision about whether a college is doing well in a general academic area compared with its peer institutions. Earlier the perception data was the major factor for choosing colleges in J&K by student community which was sometimes "misleading and amenable to manipulation".

He further added that now with the initiative hard quantifiable data would provide a more reliable basis for building a ranking matrix.

"The reliance on quantifiable data presents a result- or output-oriented approach in defin-

ing top colleges. The ranking is helpful in evaluating institutions based on what they have achieved over the last year," the spokesperson said.

He said that the performance of the college in a diverse range of activities including academics, sports activities, research, placement, innovation, diversity, quality would be used to develop an index which in turn would be used to rank the colleges.

"The IIT Jammu management is very much happy at the opportunity of carrying out such an exercise which would be among the first such initiatives in the country," he added.

Notably, Higher Education Department has already declared 2022 as the year of Excellence and all the colleges have been given broad guidelines for achieving excellence under five broad segments: Achievements under Academic Excellence, Enhancing Skills and Employability, Research and Innovation, My College My Pride, Rewarding Efforts and Achievement.

Efforts On To Neutralize Splinter Terror Groups In Rajouri-Poonch: Police

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Admitting the presence of about three splinter militant groups in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir, a senior police officer said security forces are making efforts to neutralise them.

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rajouri-Poonch range, Haseeb Mughal said search and cordon operations in broader areas are taking place on almost daily basis to provide a sense of security among the people and to ensure they continue their normal activities without any fear.

On August 11, two suspected militants of Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed outfit launched a pre-dawn suicide attack on an Army camp in Rajouri, marking the return of 'fedayeen' to Jammu and Kashmir after more than three years.

Both the militants were shot dead after an over four-hour gunbattle, while five soldiers were also killed in the incident.

"Police and other (security) agencies have prior information about movement of terrorists who took advantage of the natural camouflage in the shape of wild growth and vegetation, a normal phenomenon during monsoon...After that attack (on August 11), security was further heightened and an alert was sounded in view of the presence of two to three more splinter terrorist groups in the Pir Panjal

Migrant Worker Shot At In Pulwama, Hospitalized

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Unidentified terrorists on Friday opened fire at a migrant labourer in South Kashmir's Pulwama district, a police official said. Victim Muneerul Islam hails from West Bengal. He has been shifted to hospital, the official said.

The incident took place in the Ugergund area in the morning. An inquiry is being carried out, he added.

"Terrorists fired upon one outside labourer Muneerul Islam S/O Abdul Karim R/O West Bengal at Ugergund Newa in #Pulwama. He has been shifted to district hospital Pulwama where his condition is stated to be stable. Area #cordoned off. Further details shall follow," Kashmir Police posted on its official Twitter handle.

region," the police officer said during an interaction on social networking site Facebook.

He said the militant groups are on the radar of security agencies and are being regularly followed to neutralise them as soon as possible.

"A contact was established with one such group (within a week of the first attack) but they slipped away taking advantage of inclement weather and darkness coupled with dense forest," Mughal said.

J&K Felicitated By FICCI For e-Governed VCS Initiative

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Government was Friday awarded Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) Smart Policing Awards 2021 for the e-governed Vigilance Clearance System (VCS) initiative.

The smart digital initiatives by J&K, under the dynamic leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, among which the e-governance initiative i.e. Vigilance Clearance System (VCS), taken by General Administration Department (GAD), and under able guidance of worthy Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, the Information Technology landscape of Governance in J&K has witnessed

transformational change and numerous government services have been made online.

The award is a great achievement for the J&K Govt, as among the 2200 nominations received from across the country under different categories for Smart Policing Awards, the e-governed VCS was awarded among 19 awards.

The GAD and Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) over these years has transformed and brought efficiency and transparency in the system.

The VCS has transformed the process of issuance of No Objection Certificates/Vigilance Clearances to the government employees within a very short span of time without requiring submitting application in person sans follow up.

Muslims Perform Last Rites of KP Woman In Shopian

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In a classic act of communal harmony and amity, members of Muslim community Friday performed last rites of an elderly Pandit woman in Pargochi village in south-Kashmir's Shopian district.

Chunni Devi, 75, wife of Chunni Lal Kanna, died of prolonged illness on Thursday night.

Soon after news about the death broke, locals of the area flocked to the residence of 'Chunni ji'. After consoling the bereaved family overnight, the members of Muslim community this morning arranged wood and carried the body to crematorium besides performing other necessary rituals - in accordance with Hindu religion. Many elders and women were seen visiting the family to offer condolences on the death of elderly woman. (GNS)



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FRESH SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

INVITING E- TENDERS

NIET NO: 35e-Tendering/2022-23

Dated:31-AUGUST-2022

For and on behalf of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders are invited on Percentage Basis from approved and eligible Contractors for the following work:-

Sl. No.	Name of work	Est. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	Earnest Money (CDR)	Time of Completion in days/ Weeks	Class of Contractor (Civil)	Technical Sanction/ Dated	Head of Account
1.	Re-development of SMC office compound at karanagar	Rs. 29.97/-	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 59940/-	25 days strictly	AAY/ BEE	T.S 546 Dated: 30/08/2022	City Grants Capex 2022- 23

● Accord of Administrative Approval:

► Order No. 1603 SMC of 2022, Dated: 23-08-2022.

Other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

CRITICAL DATE SHEET

1	Publish date	31-08-2022
2	Document download date	31-08-2022 04:00 PM To 06-09-2022 04:00 PM
3	Bid submission/uploading date	31-08-2022 04:00 PM To 06-09-2022 04:00 PM
4	Bid Opening date	07-09-2022 11:00 AM
5.	Submission of hard copy for successful bidder	08-09-2022 10:00 AM To 04:00 PM

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- The Earnest Money (EMD) in respect of the advertised Cost of the work should be 2% in shape CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer LRWD SMC. EMD 2% of the successful bidder will be discharged when the bidder has signed the Agreement & furnished the required Performance Security
- The contractor shall have to furnish the performance security @ 3% in shape CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer LRWD SMC of the value of contract valid till DLP before issuance of LOA / LOI. In case of L-1 failing to provide performance security @ 3% for the work within 7 days after being notified, his bid shall be cancelled and work shall be executed through other sources U/R at the risk, cost and responsibility of L1.
- In case of Holidays/office happens to be closed on the date of opening of bids. Bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The intending tenderer/bidder should attach sales tax clearance certificate with upto date Validation without which no tenders/bids will be entertained.
- The bid shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer LRWD, SMC at Old Funds office Building Karan Nagar near National School Municipal Park on 07-09-2022 11:00 AM.
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Bank Receipt pledged in favour of Chief Accounts Officer SMC in the Municipal Account No: 0216010200000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch. Scanned copy of the same with mention of NIET No. & Serial no. to be uploaded along with all other documents. The bidder shall be barred / black list as per law for tender fee in form of Bank Receipt. Tender fee receipt and other relevant documents including Bid Security (CDR/FDR) duly filled up, if found with any ambiguity or unattested, correction / overwriting for any work, such tender / bid shall be considered as invalid bid and shall be out rightly rejected and action U/R shall be initiated. The Bid shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the Bid due date.

No.SMC/EELRWD/1694-1703

Dated:31-AUGUST-2022.


DIPK-NB-3603-22

Sd/-

Er. Sajad Ahmad Kawoosa,

Executive Engineer,

Left River Works Division, Srinagar Municipal Corporation.



POLICE CONSTRUCTION

DIVISION PHQ, J&K SRINAGAR

CIVIL WORKS FOR

NAME OF WORK	TENDER VALUE	COST OF DOC.
1. Repair/ renovation of Quarter No 19 block-07 at Gulshan Ground Jammu.	Rs. 2.38 lacs	Rs. 200/-
2. Repair/ renovation of Quarter No 09 block 09 at Channi Himmat Jammu.	Rs. 1.33 lacs	Rs. 200/-

GOVERNMENT OF UT JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PCD (PHQ)

J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGAR

INVITING FRESH E-TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/96/2022-23 Dated: - 22-08-2022

Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGAR on behalf of The President of India invites tenders by e-tendering on **Percentage rate 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 Work	Name of Division	Estimated Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
1	Repair/ renovation of Quarter No 19 block 07 at Gulshan Ground Jammu.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	2.38 lacs	200/-	4760/-	45 days	09-09-2022	"A", "B", "C" & "D"
2	Repair/ renovation of Quarter No 09 block 09 at Channi Himmat Jammu.	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jammu/ Srinagar	1.33 lacs	200/-	2660/-	45 days	09-09-2022	"A", "B", "C" & "D"

- Date of Publishing 02-09-2022 at 1100 hours.
- The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 1130 hours on 02-09-2022.
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 03-09-2022 to 08-09-2022 upto 1600 Hrs. The bids received will be opened at 1100 hours on 09-09-2022 on line.
- The complete bidding process will be on line.
- Technical bids of bidders shall be opened on line in the office of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar on 09-09-2022 at 1100 Hrs.
- The lowest bidder i. e. L1 shall be intimated to deposit the original copy of required earnest money in shape of CDR/ FDR and hard copies of all relevant documents as mentioned in clause 2 of general instructions to the bidders within five days from opening of financial bids.
- In light of Govt. Notification issued by Finance Department Civil Secretariat Vide No. A/24(2017)-651 dated:- 07-06-2018, the bidder must upload the copy of challan / receipt on account of cost of tender documents remitted in the treasury concerned for that the bidders must write an application to be addressed to treasury officer concerned requesting therein for remittance of amount as cost of tender documents towards M. H. 0055/ Revenue (others).
- The cost of tender documents should be submitted by the bidder in shape of treasury challan / receipt and upload the same.
- Earnest Money:- The earnest money deposit (EMD @ 2% of advertised cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar of the successful bidder (L1) shall be released, only after defect liability period, the DLP shall be calculated from the date of successful completion of the work to the satisfaction report of Engineer incharge.
- Performance Security :- In case, the successful bidder found unbalanced i.e. 15% or below the advertised cost, shall have to produce performance security @ 3% of the quoted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar within 5-days after opening of price bid and shall be released after successful completion of the work. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond DLP.
- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.
- The site for the work is available. The intending bidders are strongly advised to inspect the site of work before bidding.
- Financial Bids will be opened on line in the office of the Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.
- No Engineer or Gazetted rank or other Gazetted Officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the Government is allowed to work as a Contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from Government service, without permission of the Government. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor or any of his employees is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as aforesaid before submission of the tender or engagement in the Contractor's Service.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- The interested bidder can download the NIT/bidding document from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get (DSC) "Digital Signature Certificate" as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. This certificate will be required for digitally signing the bid. Bidders can get above mentioned digital certificate from any approved vendors. The Bidders, who already possess valid (DSC) Digital Signature Certificates, need not to procure new Digital Signature Certificate.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. The bids cannot be uploaded without Digital Signature. No Proposal will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para 2(III).
- Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been attached with bid.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids whatsoever reasons may be.
- All the required information for bid must be filled and submitted online.
- Bidders can contact the undersigned for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.
- Original Registration certificate of GST No. shall be uploaded on line.
- The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>
- No construction material shall be supplied by Police Construction Division, PHQ. However, the brands of the material will be approved by Engineer incharge of the concerned site in consultation with Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K.
- In case of any typographical error, if found in the rates or units etc. the same shall be corrected and paid as per sanctioned schedule of rates 2020 in vogue with contractor's Tender appreciation/depreciation.
- Any item of work not advertised in the rate list but found necessary during execution of work should be got approved by the competent authority before proceeding further beyond the allotment and payment for the same shall be made on sanctioned schedule of rates 2020 and LMR with contractor's overall appreciation/depreciation.

No:-e-NIT/EE-PCD/PHQ/2022-23/7210-17
Dated: 01-09-2022.
DIPK-9138-22

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PCD (PHQ) J&K Jmu/Sgr.

JKSC's 'My Youth My Pride' Attracts Sports Enthusiasts



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council on Friday said that its special initiative, My Youth My Pride, is gaining popularity and dozens of clubs and sports organisations are rushing to its head office to tie up with organisers for the programme.

The JKSC statement added that Secretary Nuzhat Gul has received scores of such delegations over many days.

MYMP's Ice-Stock Championship, organised by JKSC and J&K Ice Stock Association in the Gindun Sports Complex Rajbagh, Srinagar entered its second day, on Friday.

On the day one of the championship, Kupwara men comprising Aadil Manzoor Peer and Navaid Nabi bagged the top slots in the individual target men, while Srinagar's Ashiq Sultan and Shopian's Burhan Qayoom jointly shared the third place.

Srinagar eves compensated for the men in individual target women by bagging all the three positions with Simran Mehraj bagging the gold, Azhar fatima clinching Silver and Basira Amreen Khan getting hold of bronze but she had to share the third slot with her counterpart Mehwish Rashid from Budgam.

Events in the individual target for boys and girls were also held later on Thursday in which Srinagar district dominated the

proceedings in both the categories clinching top two positions in both categories.

Simran Mehraj and Azhar Fatima clinched Gold and Silver medals respectively in girl's category while Kiraan-ul Khair Wani and Ibaad-ul-Lone bagged top two positions in the Boys category. The third position in both the categories was shared by Basira Amreen Khan from Budgam and Mehwish Rashid Srinagar for girls and Huzaifa Farooq from Pulwama and Sozan Nazir from Kupwara.

On Day 2 of the championship, team target events in women, men, girls and boys categories were held.

The target men's team gold went into the kitty of Kupwara while Srinagar A bagged the gold and Srinagar B and Pulwama settled for bronze. Similarly in women team target Scarlet Queens of Srinagar pocketed gold while team 4-Musketeers bagged silver and teams of district Baramulla and Bandipora jointly shared bronze medal.

In boys team target category Extreme Srinagar and Growth Sports Kupwara bagged gold and silver medals respectively while Anantnag and Ganderbal shared third spot.

Similarly in the girls team target category T.F Sports and Fantastic Team from Pulwama bagged gold and silver medals while Growth Sports Kupwara and Srinagar jointly shared third place.

Injured Jadeja Ruled Out Of Asia Cup 2022



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja was on Friday ruled out of the remainder of the Asia Cup due to a knee injury and Axar Patel will replace him in the squad.

Jadeja had made a significant contribution with the bat in India's five-wicket win over Pakistan, making crucial 35 runs off 29 balls on August 28.

The Saurashtra all-rounder did not get to bat against Hong Kong but returned tidy figures with the ball, conceding only 15 runs from his four overs with a wicket.

"The All-India Senior Selection Committee has named Axar Patel as the replacement for Ravindra Jadeja in the ongoing Asia Cup," the BCCI said in a statement.

"Ravindra Jadeja has sus-

tained a right knee injury and is ruled out of the tournament. He is currently under the supervision of the BCCI medical team.

"His replacement, Axar Patel was earlier named as one of the standbys in the squad and will join the team in Dubai soon."

Axar comes into the tournament, having recently played the ODIs in Zimbabwe. He was also part of the squad on tours of West Indies and England.

Chaubey Beats Bhutia To Become AIFF's First Player-President

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Friday got a former player as its president for the first time in its 85-year history when Kalyan Chaubey trounced the legendary Bhauichung Bhutia in the election for the top post here.

The 45-year-old Chaubey, who played as a goalkeeper, emerged winner with a comprehensive 33-1 margin -- a result that was expected as former captain Bhutia did not have many supporters in the 34-member voters' list, made up of state association representatives.

Chaubey's last two predecessors -- Priya Ranjan Dasmuni and Praful Patel -- were full-time politicians.

The 'Sikkimese Sniper', also 45, is one of the biggest legends in Indian football and his candidature had got the elections additional traction.

Chaubey, a BJP politician who lost the last parliamentary election for the Krishnanagar seat in West Bengal, never played for the India senior team though he was in the squad on a few occasions.

He, however, played for India in age-group international tournaments. He was also a former goalkeeper at Mohun Bagan and East Bengal, both heavyweights in Indian club football with a rich legacy.

Pakistan Thrash Hong Kong To Set Up Sunday Date With India



Press Trust of India

SHARJAH: Pakistan mauled Hong Kong by 155 runs in a must-win group league game to enter the Super 4 stage of the Asia Cup here on Friday.

The win sends Pakistan into the Super 4 stage with their first outing against India on Sunday, September 4.

Sent into bat, Mohammad Rizwan and Fakhar Zaman scored fifties to guide Pakistan to a commanding 193 for two. Rizwan remained unbeaten on 78 not out off 57 balls, while Zaman scored 53 off 41 balls.

Ehsan Khan (2/28) picked up two wickets for Hong Kong.

Pakistan then produced a lethal bowling display to bundle out Hong Kong for 38 in 10.4 overs.

Shahdab Khan (4/8) was the pick of the bowlers for Pakistan.

Brief Scores:

Pakistan: 193 for 2 in 20 overs (Mohammad Rizwan 78 not out, Fakhar Zaman 53; Ehsan Khan 2/28).

Hong Kong: 38 all out in 10.4 overs (Nizakat Khan 8; Shadab Khan 4/8, Mohammad Nawaz 3/5).

English Football Flaunts Financial Power In \$2.2 Billion Spending Spree



Agencies

A record spending spree by Premier League clubs in the summer transfer market passed the \$2.2 billion mark before the window closed Thursday with Manchester United, Manchester City, Liverpool and — belatedly — Chelsea all signing players to conclude the reshaping of their squads.

The headline transfer on a typically frantic final day of trading was the arrival of Brazil winger Antony at United from Ajax for \$95 million, making him the fourth expensive player in Premier League history and football's most expensive deadline-day signing.

That took United's total spend in this wildest of transfer windows to about \$240 million — a figure only topped in the whole of Europe by Chelsea, which finally signed an out-and-out striker in Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang from Barcelona. In the club's first transfer window in the post-Roman Abramovich era, Chelsea spent a staggering \$280 million.

Man City's signing of Switzerland center back Manuel Akanji for \$17.5 million felt low-key by comparison, while Liverpool's only move — the loan signing of Brazil international Arthur Melo from Juventus — was still significant as it strengthened the team's injury-hit midfield.

Fuelled by income from huge global broadcasting deals worth about 10 billion pounds (\$11.8 billion) over three seasons, Premier League clubs have reverted to pre-pandemic levels of spending — and then some — to leave the rest of Europe in its wake.

England's top-flight clubs spent about the same on players as those in the top leagues in Spain (\$500 million), Italy (\$750 million), Germany (\$485 million) and France (\$540 million) combined, according to calculations by the Transfermarkt website.

The net spend of the Premier League teams was \$1.35 billion, compared to Italy (\$8 million) and Spain (\$64 million). In France and Germany, the leagues actually made a profit according to Transfermarkt.

Summing up the outrageous splurge by English clubs was the business conducted by Nottingham Forest since securing a return to the Premier League for the first time since 1999.

Forest signed three players on deadline day to take its total number of incomings across the window to a remarkable 21, at a cost of \$160 million.

The Premier League's record for spending in a single season — covering both summer and winter transfers windows — previously stood at 1.86 billion pounds (\$2.18 billion) in 2017-18.

That figure was surpassed in this transfer window alone.

DYSS Anantnag Organises Sports Activities



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) Anantnag organised various sports activities on Friday, on directions of District Administration and to raise awareness against drug abuse.

A District Level Inter Zonal Cricket competition for Under-14 and Under-17 Boys was held at two venues of Sports Stadium Anantnag and Sports Stadium Naanil.

Before the start of the competition a pledge was taken by the players to fight against the drug abuse.

In the first match of the Under-17 boys, Zone Anantnag and Bijbehara locked horns. Zone Anantnag won the toss and de-

cided to bat first, scoring 124 runs in the allotted 20 overs with Ananyat scoring 33 runs and Sehran taking 3 wickets for Bijbehara. In response Zone Bijbehara won the match with 3 wickets in hand.

In another match, Zone Srignufwara scored 114 runs and in reply Zone Mattan achieved this target with 6 wickets in hand. Haris played a brilliant knock 56 not out.

On Friday, the final match of Inter Zonal District Level U-14 boys cricket tournament was played at Sports Stadium Anantnag, between Zone Mattan and Zone Dooru. Dooru won the toss and decided the bat first, scoring 72/10 in 11.2 overs. Mattan chased target the chase in 10.2 overs to win the tournament.

Tribute Football Match Held At Bandipora



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: A tribute football match in the memory of late Irshad Ahmad sofi popularly known as "Shadaa" was held at SK Stadium, Bandipora on Thursday.

The match was organised by Bandipora Football Committee in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora and was played between SFA Bandipora and Downtown FC under floodlights to add sports fever and enthusiasm among players and spectators.

The SK Stadium was jam packed with spectators to boost the morale of players.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed

said that Sports is necessary for distraction from drugs. He said the tribute match organised by Bandipora Football committee in collaboration with District Administration is meant to raise the awareness regarding drug menace and ill effects of drugs.

Dr. Owais said sports are a positive reinforcement that can transform the lives of addicts by restoring healthy habits while doing away with drugs.

The tribute match was also attended by Chairman MC Bandipora, Joint Director Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad and other officers from Civil Administration and police.

The match ended at 9:30 pm with SFA Bandipora registering a thumping win against Downtown FC by 3-1.

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