

# Army, Police Top Brass Discuss G20 Security Arrangements

Counter-Drone Measures, Vehicle-Borne IED Blasts; Possible Fidayeen Attacks Discussed In The Meeting

**Marine, NSG Commandos To Be Deployed To Secure The Venue**

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The top brass of army, police and paramilitary forces on Tuesday held deliberations on security arrangements, including crowd control and counter-drone measures and emerging threat of Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) and potential Fidayeen attacks during the high-profile G20 Summit in the Valley this month.

The joint meeting at the Police Control Room (PCR) here was chaired by ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar with the officers of police, intelligence agencies and



security forces in which threadbare discussions were made regarding overall security arrangements to be adopted for safe and smooth conduct of upcoming G-20 being hosted at Srinagar, a police spokesperson said.

Kilo Force Maj Gen Mohit Seth, IG CRPF Kashmir Ops Sector Manvinder Singh Bhatia, IG BSF Kashmir Frontier Ashok Yadav,

joint Director SIB Dipankar Trivedi and other officers from police and other central forces attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the spokesperson said, Kumar reviewed the security arrangements and emphasized the need for coordinated efforts to ensure foolproof security for the summit. The officials, he said, also

discussed the deployment of security personnel, traffic management, and crowd control measures to be adopted for the peaceful conduct of the summit.

"The ADGP also urged all agencies to work in a coordinated manner in order to ensure the success of the summit, which is expected to be attended by several high-profile dignitaries

from across the world," he said.

The meeting, the spokesperson said, focused on the deployment of security personnel, counter drone measures and other critical aspects of security planning.

Kumar, he said, directed the officials to ensure that the security arrangements are put in place well before the summit, and the deployment of security personnel should be done in a manner that does not cause inconvenience to the local residents & tourists.

"The ADGP also emphasized the need to be vigilant and take pre-emptive measures to prevent any untoward incident during the summit. He further advised them that additional security measures should be placed at the vulnerable locations to avoid any untoward incident during the G20 summit," he added.

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## Tulmul Fest Arrangements Reviewed

Senior police and civil officers on Tuesday reviewed the security, transport and other arrangements for the annual Mata Kheer Bhawani Yatra which is scheduled to take place in Kashmir later this month, an official spokesperson said. Jammu Divisional Commissioner (DC) Ramesh Kumar and Additional Director General of Police Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh chaired a meeting which was attended by functionaries of different departments besides the representatives of Mata Kheer Bhawani Committee, **More on P6**

## MeT Predicts More Rains In Valley

AGENCIES

**Srinagar:** Weather department on Tuesday forecast intermittent light to moderate rain at many places of Jammu and Kashmir during the next 24 hours.

Quoting a meteorological department official, reports said that a brief spell of rain and thunderstorm was expected at scattered places towards evening on May 3.

From May 4-6, he said, "weather was likely to be fair to partly cloudy. A brief spell of rain/thunderstorm may occur towards late afternoon/evening."

From May 7-8, he said, rain was likely at "many places".

Regarding temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 10.6°C against 11.3°C on the previous night and it was 0.9°C below normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 9.0°C against 7.8°C on the previous night while the tourist resort of Pahalgam recorded a low of 6.5°C against 4.7°C on previous night.

Kokernag recorded a low of 8.3°C against 7.7°C on the previous night and **More on P6**

'Modi Surname' Remark

## No Relief To Rahul In Defamation Case

Press Trust Of India

**Ahmedabad:** The Gujarat High Court on Tuesday refused to grant interim relief to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on his plea for stay of conviction in a 2019 criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark, saying no protection can be granted to him at this stage and it will pass a final order post-summer vacation which ends in early June.

Counsel for Gandhi (52), Abhishek Manu Singhvi, cited "extreme urgency" to request the HC for interim relief or a final order and during final submissions maintained there was hardly any instance in criminal defamation where an accused was sentenced to more than 3 to 6 months in jail, and that his client was a first-time offender.

The complainant's lawyer opposed Singhvi's prayer for interim relief to Gandhi, sentenced to two years in jail by the trial court in Surat, and said if the disqualified MP cannot apologise for his



A foreigner lady smiles while walking along the Boulevard Road in Srinagar on a rainy Tuesday afternoon. KO Photo, Abid Bhat.

## Man Hides Inside Bank To Rob It Overnight, Arrested

Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** A dismissed bank employee who was caught while allegedly trying to transfer money into his account had hid himself in the false ceiling on the premises overnight, officials said on Tuesday.

Mohammad Abrar's attempt to transfer money from the Mendhar branch of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank early on Tuesday alerted the officials, who immediately informed the police and the accused was caught red-handed, they said.

A resident of Ari village in Mendhar, Abrar was said to be a former employee of the bank but dismissed in 2021 for his alleged involvement in a fraud.

He entered the bank during working hours on Monday and



managed to hide inside the false ceiling, an official said.

However, he failed to hack the bank's security system as he tried to transfer the money, alerting the officials, they said.

The local police station was immediately informed and the accused arrested, he said.

The officials said Abrar is being questioned to ensure that no other bank employee was involved in the attempted robbery. **More on P6**

## Police Files Chargesheet Against Gujarati Conman

Court To Hear Kiran Patel's Fresh Bail Plea Today

Majid Nabi

**Srinagar:** Jammu and Kashmir police on Tuesday filed a chargesheet against Gujarati conman Kiran Jagdish Bhai Patel under several sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including that of cheating and hatching a criminal conspiracy against the Union Territory administration by posing as a top official in the Prime Minister's Office.

The chargesheet against Patel was filed in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Srinagar in a case FIR number 19 of 2023 registered against him at the police station Nishat. He has been charged with



cheating, impersonation, and criminal conspiracy under Sections 419, 420, 468, 471, 170, 120B of IPC and Sections 3, 5 of Emblem and Names (Prev of improper use) Act, 1950.

Patel, a resident of the

Ghodasar area of Ahmedabad, was arrested by the Jammu and Kashmir police in March from a five-star hotel in Srinagar for posing as Additional Director (Strategy and Campaigns) Prime Minister's Office, **More on P6**

## Police Probes Right-Wing Leader's 'Hate Speech'

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The Jammu and Kashmir police have started a probe into a purported hate speech video showing a right wing leader in Samba district of Jammu calling the members of Hindu community to "pick up swords and be ready for war", against the Muslims.

The unidentified leader from Antar Kashtriya Hindu Parishad (AHP) in the video shared widely on social media can be heard telling people that "war is not a new thing, and it has been done in past eras too". The programme was held at Ghagwal in the Samba district of the Jammu division. The purported hate speech video surfaced on various social media platforms on Tuesday.

Senior Superintendent of Police

(SSP), Samba Benam Tosh told Kashmir Observer that the police was verifying the details of the alleged hate speech and necessary action will be taken as per law.

"We are checking the details and are in touch with top officials. We will take legal action once things get clear," Tosh said.

In the viral video which surfaced on Twitter and Facebook, the AHP leader can be seen addressing people in a hall and asking them if the "DNA of Hindus and Muslims were the same". The audience can be heard responding with a "no". The video has been released on Twitter by the page HindutvaWatch.

At the meeting, a policeman can be seen sitting on the stage with AHP leaders.

"Be ready for war. Whoever survives in this, **More on P6**

## Govt To Engage Sanginis, Sahayikas In Anganwadi Centers

Agencies

**Srinagar:** The UT government on Tuesday sanctioned the recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) and Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) for Anganwadi centers across Jammu and Kashmir.

As per the order issued by the social welfare department, the recruitment will be done strictly as per the procedure laid out in the new Human Resource policy issued under the Government Order No. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022.

"The eligibility criteria for the selection of Sanginis require that women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years should be considered for the post. The candidates should

be domiciles of the UT of J&K and residents of the Electoral Ward where the Anganwadi Centre is located," the order said, adding that the minimum qualification for Anganwadi Workers should be 10+2 and a maximum of graduation. The selection will be done purely on merit basis based on the marks obtained in 10+2.

The eligibility criteria for the selection of Sahayikas require that women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years should be considered for the post. "The candidates should be domiciled of the UT of J&K and the minimum qualification required is matriculation. In case no matriculate candidate is available in the ward, candidates with **More on P6**

## S H O R T T A K E S

### Australian HC Calls On LG Sinha

Australian High Commissioner to India Barry O'Farrell on Tuesday called on Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here and discussed investment opportunities in the Union Territory, especially in the horticulture and food processing sector. The High Commissioner called on the LG at Raj Bhavan here. "It was a pleasure to meet Hon'ble High Commissioner of Australia, Shri Barry O'Farrell AO @ AusHcIndia," the **More on P6**

### Maharashtra Tourist Dies In Gulmarg

A tourist from Maharashtra died on Tuesday after suffering a heart attack in the ski-resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district. 55-year-old Machindra Thakur from Thane, Maharashtra fell unconscious after complaining about chest pain in Gulmarg Valley on Tuesday afternoon, reports said. He was taken to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Gulmarg for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him dead. Meanwhile, police **More on P6**

### Mortar Shell Diffused Along LoC



A 120 mm mortar shell was found along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said on Tuesday. Some villagers saw the shell lying at a river bank in the **More on P6**

### Militant Associate Held In Shopian

Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested a militant associate of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) from Shopian district of South Kashmir. Tanveer Ahmad Wani son was arrested by a joint team of police, army's 44RR and the personnel of CRPF 14 battalion during a cordon and search operation (CASO) in Daramdora village of Keegam in the district, a police spokesperson said. The CASO, he said, was launched on the basis of specific input. **More on P6**

### Gandhi's Grandson Passes Away

Mahatma Gandhi's grandson and social activist Arun Manilal Gandhi died on Tuesday in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra following a brief illness. The funeral of the 89-year-old journalist and writer was held at Kolhapur late in the evening, his son Tushar Gandhi told PTI. Arun Gandhi was born on April 14, 1934 at Durban in South Africa to Sushila Mashruwala and Manilal Gandhi, second of the four sons of Mahatma Gandhi. **More on P6**

### NIA Raids Multiple Places In Kashmir

The NIA carried out raids at multiple locations across Kashmir valley early Tuesday in connection with a militancy funding case and detained one person for questioning, officials said here. Raids were carried out at nearly a dozen locations in Srinagar, Avantipora, Pulwama, Kulgam and Anantnag areas. One person has been detained for questioning by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) from Sozeith area of **More on P6**





## Comparative Genomics Helps Researchers Understand Human Genome Better

Press Trust Of India

Scientists have found that at least 10 per cent of the human genome is highly conserved across species, with many of these regions occurring outside of protein-coding genes.

They also found that more than 4,500 elements are almost perfectly conserved across more than 98 percent of the species studied.

The findings are part of a series of studies published in the journal Science by 150 researchers across seven time zones, including the US and Sweden, forming the Zoonomia Project.

This study found that most of the conserved regions, which have changed more slowly than random fluctuations in the genome, are involved in embryonic development and regulation of ribonucleic acid (RNA) expression.

The researchers said that regions that changed more frequently shaped an animal's interaction with its environment, such as through immune responses or the development of its skin.

The researchers also pinpointed parts of the genome linked to a few exceptional traits in the mammalian world, such as extraordinary brain size, superior sense of smell, and the ability to hibernate during the winter.

With an eye toward preserving biodiversity, the researchers found that mammals with fewer genetic changes at conserved sites in the genome were at greater risk for extinction.

They say that even having just one reference genome per species could help scientists identify at-



risk species, as less than 5 per cent of all mammalian species have reference genomes, though more work is needed to develop these methods.

Through this and several other papers, the Zoonomia team demonstrated how comparative genomics can not only shed light on how certain species achieve extraordinary feats, but also help scientists better understand the parts of our genome that are functional and how they might influence health and disease.


In these studies, the re-

searchers identified regions of the genomes, sometimes just single letters of DNA, that are most conserved, or unchanged, across mammalian species and millions of years of evolution - regions that are likely biologically important.

They also found part of the genetic basis for uncommon mammalian traits such

as the ability to hibernate or sniff out faint scents from miles away. And they pinpointed species that may be particularly susceptible to extinction, as well as genetic variants that are more likely to play causal roles in rare and common human diseases.

The findings come from analyses of DNA samples collected by more than 50 different institutions worldwide, including many from the San Diego Wildlife Alliance (US), which provided many genomes from species that are threatened or endangered.



**Imtiyaz Ahmad Wani  
1966-2021**

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Sometimes in life there are losses. Losses that can never really be replaced. Losing you has been the hardest thing we ever had to live with. We didn't expect you to leave us so soon and were not ready to say good bye. We would have sacrificed everything for Just one more day with you.

But hard times made us learn the profound truth about unconditional love - the love that even defies death and lives on. We learned that some bonds dont break because even though you're not physically here but your heart is - it lives inside us as we carry it along with love.

It's with us when we discover something new and when beauty unfolds before us in the most unexpected places.

We carry it, at times, when we find courage to heal and to grow just to fulfill your dreams that we still live within us .

We carry it within ourselves - always.

Someday we will meet again and there wont be any time or space to separate us from each other. But until that day, we find comfort in knowing that you are still with us and your heart safely tucked inside ours. Some hearts belong together and nothing ever can change that.

We loved you then. We love you now. We always did and ever will. Forever in our minds. Forever in our hearts. We will carry you with love and in humility.

**"Always in our thoughts forever in our hearts"**

From  
**Hina Imtiyaz, Taheen Imtiyaz, Aniq Imtiyaz**

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**Office Of The Executive Engineer  
(R&B) Division Baramulla**

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER  
e-NIT No: 05/580-89/2023-24/RnB/Bla Dated 27.04.2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on percentage age basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) incl. cost of Tar & 18% GST	Earnest Money	Cost of T/Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Macadamisation of Chander-seer Inner links	29.23	Rs 58500/-	Rs 1100/- 15 Days	MH-5054-C&T	AAY Class (Registered MoJ with HMPQ)
2	Improvement/ Up-gradation of Masjid Aangan to Kachwa	14.54	Rs 29100/-	Rs 600/- 15 Days	MH-5054-C&T	AAY Class (Registered MoJ with HMPQ)
3	Improvement / Up-gradation of Inner links at Muqam & Darwa	33.98	Rs 68000/-	Rs 1100/- 15 Days	MH-5054-C&T	AAY Class (Registered MoJ with HMPQ)
4	Macadamisation of inner links at Nihalpora	19.42	Rs 38900/-	Rs 800/- 15 Days	MH-5054-C&T	AAY Class (Registered MoJ with HMPQ)
5	Improvement / Up-gradation of Sharkwara inner links including Panchayat, Girls High School etc.	33.98	Rs 68000/-	Rs 1100/- 15 Days	MH-5054-C&T	AAY Class (Registered MoJ with HMPQ)
6	Up-gradation of inner links at Wagla	24.27	Rs 48600/-	Rs 800/- 15 Days	MH-5054-C&T	AAY Class (Registered MoJ with HMPQ)
7	Improvement/ Up-gradation of Sumo Stand Wagora with inner links	24.28	Rs 48600/-	Rs 800/- 15 Days	MH-5054-C&T	AAY Class (Registered MoJ with HMPQ)
8	Macadamisation of Wanigam Bala inner links	29.14	Rs 58300/-	Rs 1100/- 15 Days	MH-5054-C&T	AAY Class (Registered MoJ with HMPQ)

Position of AAA: Accorded  
Position of funds: Available

1. The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q.), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) on the dates listed below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	27.04.2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	02.05.2023 to 10.05.2023 (4:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	03.05.2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	10.05.2023 (4:00PM)
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	11.05.2023 (11:00AM)

2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/ FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 3% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 3% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

4. The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders' bids will be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender receiving authority).

5. Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

1.1 Bidders are advised to download the bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as the "Bidders Manual Kit" option on the website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to familiarize themselves with the bid submission process.

1.2 In order to participate in the bidding process, bidders must obtain a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) under the Information Technology Act of 2000. Any approved Vendor can provide bidders with a digital certificate.

1.3 Bidders must submit their bids in electronic format with a digital signature online. No physical bids will be accepted.

1.4 Bids will be opened online in accordance with the time schedule specified in Para-1.

1.5 Bidders must upload online scanned copy of all required documents (within the document upload limits) with their technical bid.

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

6. The department will not be held responsible for any delays in online submission due to unanticipated circumstances.

7. The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other Uploaded bid documents shall have to be produced on demand by the successful bidder at the time of contract signing, and in the case of unsuccessful bidders, 2 percent EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla, will be released only after production of Original Treasury Challan of uploaded Scanned copy (Cost of tender document).

8. Bidders are advised not to change the contents of the BOQ (Bill of Quantities). They should never attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

9. Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.

10. Price escalation and Taxes:-

10.1 The allotted cost shall be calculated after adding 18% GST on the quoted amount by the lowest bidder.

10.2 The allotted cost shall be deemed to include price escalation and all other taxes up to the completion of the work. Other Taxes and levies shall be deducted from the contractor's bills on the gross amount of the bill at the rates in effect at the time of recovery.

11. Bidders are advised to use the "My Documents" area in their R&B e-Tendering portal user account to store any required documents.

12. All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All documents pertaining to the bid must be in English):

- All bidders must upload copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number and e-mail address.
- A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor Registration Act.
- Treasury Challan/Earnest money
- Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card
- A valid Contractor who does not own HMP and is bidding for Bitumen Macadam Works is required to upload an MoU with HMPQ, from whom the material/machinery for the subject work will be procured. The Memorandum of Understanding must be registered and duly executed in the Hon'ble Court of 1st Class Magistrate, specifying clearly that failure on the part of the HMPQ shall be deemed failure on the part of the bidder, and vice versa
- Scanned copy of GSTIN registration and most recent clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B from the previous quarter or month, whichever is applicable, ending 03/2022.

13. Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Bitumen Macadam Works executed by the agency during the year 2022-23.

14. Bidders are expected to submit technical bids along with scanned copies of all required documents. No document (s) that have not been uploaded will be accepted in hard copy for evaluation consideration. However, if need arises, Hard copies of any specific supporting documents, on the other hand, may be required on demand in support of documents posted online for clarification during technical evaluation.

15. The bidder should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submitting a bid, and no claim based on constrained site conditions will be entertained after the bid is accepted.

No: 580-89

Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Baramulla

DIPK-1029/23 Dated: 02.05.2023

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**Office of the Divisional Forest Officer  
Planning and Publicity Division.**

Short Term TENDER  
e-NIT NO: - 03 OF 2023-24 DATED: - 01/05/2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K/Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:-

S. NO	NAME OF WORK	ADV. COST (Rs. In lacs)	Earnest Money	CLASS OF CONTRACTOR	Cost of Tender Document	TIME OF COMPLETION
1.	Maintenance of nursery stocks (medicinal plants) Pathribal Nursery Co.70/V Daksum Anantnag (District Anantnag)	1.59796	Rs.3196/-	"D" Class PWD Contractor/ Forest Contractor/ JKFDCC Contractor	Rs.200/=	180 Calendar Days
2.	Maintenance of nursery stocks (medicinal plants) Chontibagh Nursery Co.47b/Gul Tangmarg (District Baramulla)	1.02	Rs.2040/-	"D" Class PWD Contractor/ Forest Contractor/ JKFDCC Contractor	Rs.200/=	180 Calendar Days

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills of quantities, (B.O.Q) set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- <https://jktenders.gov.in>.

Scheme: CAPEX  
Position of Funds: - Budgeted  
Position of AA/TS: - Accorded  
Receiving/ Opening Authority: Tender Opening Committee

Publishing Date:-	01-05-2023
Download Start Date:-	02-05-2023 from 01:30 PM
Bid submission Start Date:-	02-05-2023 from 01:30 PM
Bid submission End Date:-	11-05-2023 upto 06:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:-	12-05-2023 at 11:30 AM (In the office of the DFO Planning & Publicity Division, at Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh, Srinagar).
Date of opening of Financial Bid	To be opened online after evaluation of technical bids received

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: - <https://jktenders.gov.in>
- The date for opening of Technical & Financial bids online shall be opened as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bids uploaded must be accompanied with Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest in favour of DFO Planning & Publicity Division, Forest Complex, at Sheikh Bagh Srinagar. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids.
- Bids uploaded must be accompanied with earnest money deposit (EMD) @02% of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to DFO Planning and Publicity Division, Srinagar.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website [jktenders.gov.in](http://jktenders.gov.in)
- To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Department duly renewed for the current year 2023-24, PAN, Valid GST Registration, CDR/FDR (EMD), Govt. Treasury receipt/Challan (cost of Tender Document).
- The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department before issuance of award of contract.
- The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
- The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
- The successful bidder have to produce hard copies of original CDR/FDR and Govt. Treasury receipt after opening Technical/ Financial bid.
- The tender accepting Authority however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- If any Tenderer faces any difficulty in uploading the Tender, he can contact the Office of the DFO Planning & Publicity Division, Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh Srinagar during Office hours as he can be facilitated.
- All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per detailed tender document.

For further details, terms and conditions log on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)

Sd/-  
Divisional Forest officer,  
Planning & Publicity Division,  
Srinagar.

No:-DFO/P&P/173/E-Tender/Capex-2023-24/NIT-03/106-III  
DIPK-1014/23 Dated:-02/05/2023

**SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
**Office Of The Purchase & Procurement Officer**

Subject: Cancellation of e-NIT No: 01 of 2023 dated 11/04/2023.

The tender was invited vide e-NIT No 01 of 2023 dated 11/04/2023, for supply of different types of plant material for parks pertaining to SMC, is hereby cancelled due to poor response and the fresh tenders will be invited shortly.

Sd-  
Purchase & Procurement Officer,  
Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

No: SMC/PPS/106-12  
DIPK-NB-506/23 Dated: 02/05/2023

**From The Office Of Advocate  
Saleem Jehangir & Associates**  
CHAMBER NO 316  
DISTRICT COURT COMPLEX, SRINAGAR

Showkat Ahmed Malik  
S/o Late Mohammed Ismail Malik  
R/ o Iqbal Colony Indira Nagar Srinagar.  
V/S

Public at Large

In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of Section 148A CPC. That the caveators has reason to believe/apprehension that non-caveator may file a suit or other type of proceedings before the Hon'ble High Court or District court on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation or cooked story and may succeed in obtain some relief/order at their back/exparte against the caveators and such eventuality the caveat will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators are given opportunity of being heard by this Hon'ble Court before passing any order.

Advocate  
nj

**از عدالت چیف جوڈیشل مجسٹریٹ سب جج سرینگر**  
**بالاجلاس راجا محمد تسلیم**  
رجسٹرار برص انڈیا دھتیس  
ایس۔ ایم۔ سی سرینگر  
(مسول)

علی محمد مغل و ولد عبدالرحمان مغل سرائے باغ  
منقل پڈت گذر بل نور باغ سرینگر  
(مسول)

درخواست برادر اندراج کرنے تاریخ نوگتی  
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# Off-Road Parking To Be Cheaper Than On-Road: CEO Smart City

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Smart City Ltd., Athar Amir Khan Tuesday said that off-road car parking charges will be cheaper than on-street car parking slots.

This initiative, he said, is aimed at encouraging motorists to park their vehicles at designated car parking slots rather than on the streets, which causes jams and hinders pedestrian movement as well.

The CEO further said the new parking charges will be available online, allowing motorists to check where their vehicle is parked. "This feature is expected to provide convenience to

the drivers," he added.

He also said the new policy will also help reduce air pollution and enhance the quality of life in the city. "Off-road car parks are often situated in areas away from the city center, encouraging motorists to take alternative modes of transportation such as public transit, cycling, or walking," he said.

"This initiative will encourage people to make more sustainable choices when it comes to transportation," said Khan. "By making off-road parking cheaper, we're promoting the use of public transit and other sustainable modes of transportation, which will help reduce congestion and improve air quality," he added.

## PCK Notifies Power Shutdown In Kashmir Parts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Power Controller Kashmir has informed that, the power supply to Receiving Station Gopalpora shall remain affected due to facilitating pending stringing of 33 Kv Kanganhal Line on May 04 and 06 from 10.00 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, in order to facilitate augmentation of the 33 Kv Lisser- Hiller line the power supply to receiving stations Shankpora, Hiller and Ar-

kashipora shall remain affected on May 04 and 07 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to receiving stations Delina, Sopore-2 and Jetty shall remain affected on May 06, 09 and 15 from 10 am to 4 pm due to carry out the stabilization work.

Similarly, in order to facilitate re-conducting works the power supply to receiving stations Baramulla-1, Kanilbagh, Baramulla-2, Drangbal, Bagi-i-Islam and Sheeri shall remain affected on May 04 from 9 am to 3 pm.

## MYAS Team Visits KU, Discusses Y-20 Preparedness With VC, Other Officials

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A team of officials from the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) visited the University of Kashmir on Tuesday for wide-ranging discussions on logistical and other arrangements being put in place for the upcoming Youth20 Consultation being held in the varsity under India's G20 Presidency, on May 11.

The visiting team interacted with Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan during a high-level meeting chaired by her at the Vice-Chancellor's Secretariat.

Saying that Youth20 Consultation at KU is an

event of national importance, Prof Nilofer said that all necessary preparations for its smooth conduct are in the final stage as per the action plans chalked out with chairpersons of various committees.

She said the University has invited youth participants and students from other academic institutions in the UTs of J&K and Ladakh, to make the event more inclusive and result-oriented.

The visiting team included Neeraj Chandra Pujari, ASO, Vinay Kumar, Young Professional, Priyakshee Chaudhury, Young Professional and Atulya Mehta, Social Media Manager.



Non local laborers collecting plastic waste and leftovers in bags from Dal Lake amidst inclement weather on Tuesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

# Woman Stabs Her Fiancé In Srinagar, Arrested

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Police have arrested a woman; hours after she injured her would be husband with a knife at Kak Sarai area in the old city here Tuesday.

A police official told Kashmir Observer that a lady from Parimpora area on the outskirts of Srinagar was arrested by the police on the charges of injuring her fiancé at Kak Sarai area this afternoon.

Accused lady, a social-media influencer, has been identified as Asifa Bashir daughter of Bashir Ahmad of Parimpora Srinagar.

Elaborating, the official said the accused stabbed her fiancé with a knife, after the duo engaged in a verbal duel over some issue. He said the duo was in the car,

when the incident took place and accused in fit of rage attacked the victim with a knife.

The injured man, a scrap dealer by profession, has been identified as Adil Ahmad Kaloo of Bemina area of the city. A formal case under FIR number 57 of 2023 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Safa Kadal police station in this regard.

"One person Adil Ahmad Kaloo of Bemina Srinagar was stabbed by knife by his fiancé Asifa Bashir of Parimpora in broad daylight in Chattabal. The injured is stable. The lady was engaged to victim & nikaah had also taken place. FIR No 57/2023 in Safakadal PS. Accused lady arrested," police tweeted.

The victim, official said, came out of the car in an injured con-

dition, shouting mujhe bachao 'save me' and the accused, sensing trouble, accompanied her injured fiancé to the nearby Sri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) Hospital with the help of some passerby.

Doctors treating the injured at SMHS hospital told Kashmir Observer that he had suffered abdominal injuries in the attack and is stable. They said that he received four stitches in his abdomen.

Cursing her to be daughter-in-law for injuring her son, mother of the injured man who was wailing outside SMHS hospital said "she left my son injured, police must arrest her".

Family members and relatives of the victim, attending him in the hospital said their engagement had taken place a year ago.

## DC Srinagar Finalizes Action Plan For Rs 33.0 Cr Under NCAP

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A Meeting of District Level Implementation Committee on National Clean Air Program (NCAP) was today held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex to finalize the Rs 33 crore Action Plan under NCAP to reduce PM10 levels by

2025 to improve Air Quality Index in Srinagar District.

Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Athar Amir Khan was present on the occasion.

During the meeting, a threadbare discussion was held on various aspects and components incorporated under the Rs 33.0 crore Action Plan for implementation and monitoring of the National Clean Air Program including con-

ducting mass plantation, construction of water fountains, holding of IEC activities and new initiatives in Agriculture sector under Mission life etc.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a comprehensive review of the Action plans proposed by the Sub Committees constituted for formulating city specific plans for implementation and monitoring of NCAP in Srinagar District.

Office Of The Principal  
Green Vale Public School  
Dhobiwan Kuzer Kashmir

Managing Committee

A Managing Committee of following members has been framed afresh for the school in question. It is, as such, publicised for inviting objections, if any, and the same should reach office of the Principal GVPs Dhobiwan within seven days. No objections will be entertained and acknowledged after the expiry of the stipulated time.

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5	Nazir Ahmad Khan	Wali Muhammad Khan	Dhobiwan	12th	Retired Employee	Parent (Member)
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ASR	5: 18
Magrib	7:18
ISHA	8: 49

## This Day In History

- 1515- Persian Gulf: Portugese fleet occupies Ormuz
- 1660- Sweden, Poland, Brandenburg & Austria sign Peace of Oliva
- 1678-French conquering fleet at Curacao, 1200 die
- 1715- Edmund Halley observes total eclipse phenomenon "Baily's Beads"
- 1830-1st regular steam train passenger service starts
- 1919-Afghanistan Emir Amanoallah begins war against Great Britain
- 1928- Japanese atrocities in Jinan, China.
- 1938- Vatican recognizes Franco-Spain
- 1939- The All India Forward Bloc is formed by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
- 1941-German air raid on Liverpool
- 1942- Japanese troop attack Tulagi, Gavutu & Tanambogo, Solomon Islands during WWII
- 1945- Allies arrests German nuclear physics Werner Heisenberg
- 1945- British troop join in Rangoon
- 1945- WWII: German ship "Cap Arcona" laden with prisoners sunk by Royal Air Force in East Sea, 5,800 killed - one of largest maritime losses of life
- 1946- International military tribunal in Tokyo begins
- 1947- New post-war Japanese constitution goes into effect.
- 1952-1st landing by an airplane at geographic North Pole
- 1962-Express train crashed into wreckage of a commuter train & a freight, killing 163, injuring 400 (Tokyo, Japan)
- 1965- 1st use of satellite TV, Today Show on Early Bird Satellite
- 1965- Cambodia drops diplomatic relations with the US

## From KO Archives

## Tsunami Theory Has 'Support' In Kashmir

Observer News Service

**S**RINAGAR - The report on April 17 that a retired Atomic Energy Department scientist had attributed the Asian tsunami to planetary alignment has come as a boost for those who believe that cosmic changes influence events on earth.

A Kashmiri Naqash Ghulam Jeelani who says he has written about the phenomenon of interplanetary and cosmic forces having a bearing on what happens on earth as far back as IW1, feels vindicated by the report. Also, he takes issue with the view by some scientists

I hat (he earthquake which caused the Asian tsunami might have changed the earth's spin, Naqash says: "My point is that if at all there is a connect ion between earth's spin, wobble, axial tilt and the tsunami, then the wobble, or change in spin or axial tilt must have occurred first, causing the Asian tsunami."

"Because, primarily my opinion is based on the observation that cosmic changes or forces, and interplanetary changes affect intra-planetary activities and phenomena."

Naqash says that he has neither the resources nor the equipment to collect data about natural disasters but his opinion stems, among other things, from "observations" about the varying frequency of incidence of events such as earthquakes, appearance of comets, cyclones and formation and extinction of geographical features, "which have sometimes occurred at a high rate of movement and sometimes at a comparatively low rate."

Paramahatnsa Tewari, the retired Atomic Energy Department scientist, had said that his conclusion about the causes of the tsunami stems from his theory that all spinning cosmic objects including the sun develop electric fields that repel each other.

According to Tewari on December 26, 2004 when the Saturn, Moon, Earth and the Sun were perfectly aligned, there was an imbalance of these electrical forces on Earth, because the repulsive force due to Sal urn was reduced as it as shielded by the Moon which does not spin, while the Sun, which was on the other side exerted its force on Earth.

Tewari had said that the imbalance pushed solid earth away from the sun causing sc water to overflow due to its fluidity, causing the tsunami.

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Valley's Mental  
Health Burden

The recent report by Lancet on the National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP) in Kashmir sheds light on the dire state of mental health in the region. The programme's launch in the region on November 4, 2022, has received 4000 calls from people suffering from mental illness and anxiety-related issues. This highlights the urgent need for mental health support in a region that has been neglected for far too long.

Kashmir has faced decades of conflict and political unrest, which has had a significant impact on the mental well-being of its population. According to a study conducted by Doctors Without Borders in 2016, nearly 1.8 million people in the region suffer from mental health disorders. The impact of conflict, trauma, displacement, and economic instability has exacerbated the prevalence of mental health issues in the region.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further exacerbated the situation, with lockdowns, fear, and uncertainty leading to an increase in anxiety and depression. In Kashmir, the pandemic followed soon after the seven month long security and communication blockade. So, pandemic lockdowns came as an extension of the prevailing uncertain state of affairs. Compounding the consequent mental health burden is the lack of adequate mental health services in the valley, creating a significant treatment gap. The launch of the National Tele-Mental Health Program is a step towards addressing this issue and providing much-needed support to the population.

However, more needs to be done to address the mental health crisis in Kashmir. The program needs to be further promoted to reach a larger audience, especially in rural areas. There needs to be greater investment in mental health services, including training mental health professionals and increasing the number of psychiatric training institutes.

The issue of mental health is not unique to Kashmir, as it remains a major concern in India as a whole. With a population of 1.4 billion, India faces numerous challenges such as poor awareness of mental illness, stigma, high treatment gap, and a shortage of mental health professionals to manage widely prevalent mental illnesses. Most of these professionals are concentrated in urban areas, leaving rural areas underserved.

India was one of the first lower- and middle-income countries to adopt the Mental Health Program in 1982. While efforts have been made to increase the number of psychiatric training institutes and seats, more needs to be done to address the mental health crisis in the country.

With an estimated 1.2 billion mobile phone users and 600 million smartphone users, the NTMHP is expected to reach a large portion of patients, eventually reducing the treatment gap. The use of telemedicine and technology-enabled care can go a long way toward improving access to mental health services in Kashmir and India as a whole.

OTHER OPINION

Fight On

The Orwellian description of sport as war minus the shooting seems to be taking shape in India — with a difference. Unfortunately, it is turning out to be a battle between an insensitive government intent on protecting one of its own and women wrestlers seeking justice against the accused, the chief of the Wrestling Federation of India, who is alleged to have committed serious transgressions. What must be noted is that this battle for justice, as is often the case with such endeavours, began as a rather lonely tryst. Vinesh Phogat, one of the leading faces of the protest, took off the proverbial veil of this collective indifference when she enquired about the silence of India's feted cricketers — men and women — to their cause. It is true that the wrestlers in the agitating have received support from some serving and former sportspersons. But the solidarity was markedly sporadic in the early days. Politicians, smelling a plot, have made their presence felt. But that, too, was done after they sensed that the protest was gathering a momentum of its own that could be used to reap dividends. Irrespective of the response of the powers that be, the citizenry should lend support to the wrestlers' demand for scrutiny; basking in the reflected glory of their success and then turning away from them in their hour of need is not proof of conscientious citizenship.

The crux of the matter remains the vicious hold of colluding administrators and politicians on the sporting fraternity. The structure of Indian sport is a classic example of the perverse nature of the patron-client relationship. The patrons — the State and its minions — are expected to be granted licences for the crumbs that they throw at players. What has been added to this toxic arrangement is the rhetoric of hollow nationalism. P.T. Usha, a nominated member of the Rajya Sabha by the Bharatiya Janata Party, stated that the wrestlers have sullied the country's image with their demonstration. Perhaps in Ms Usha's opinion, the brazen refusal of the government to address the sportspersons' concerns, the mischievous deployment of institutional heft in aid of the accused — FIRs were filed only after the Supreme Court's intervention — the delay in the publication of a report probing the charges et al redeem India's image in the eyes of the world. True nationalism cannot be divorced from the quest for justice. Ms Usha and her likes must take note.

Telegraph India

India Talks Tough at Shanghai  
Cooperation Council Meet

Asad Mirza

“In the recent past India has doubled its focus on infrastructure near the border with China, to correct its earlier miscalculations. January 2023 saw the Indian defence minister inaugurating 27 infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening the border infrastructure, in addition India is speeding up the construction of 37,500 miles of roads, 350 miles of bridges, 19 airfields and a few tunnels in border areas or nearby



Meeting of the Council of Heads SCO member states at Uzbekistan on 16th September 2022. Credit: Indian Ministry of External Affairs

Indian defence Minister categorically took China to task for border transgressions and asserted that Sino-Indian relations are premised on the prevalence of peace and tranquillity at the borders.

Last week at the Shanghai Cooperation Council's Defence Ministers' meeting, India adopted a very tough stand to deal with its immediate neighbour China, which has been the founding father of the SCO.

Relations between two Asian neighbours have not been very cordial in the recent past, on the issue of border transgressions by China in the Indian territory.

India's Tough Posture

China's defence minister, Li Shangfu, in his first visit to India by a Chinese defence minister since 2020, when 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers died in clashes along the Himalayan border in Ladakh and the two sides came the closest to war for almost 70 years, was indeed not expecting such a dressing down by the Indians.

In his meeting with Li Shangfu, Indian Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh accused China of border aggressions that have “eroded the entire basis” of bilateral relationship, as negotiations over the line of actual control (LAC) remain deadlocked.

Border transgressions from China have continued despite strong condemnation from India. In December last year, more than 20 Indian soldiers were injured in a clash with Chinese troops in the eastern state of Arunachal Pradesh, in what India described as a Chinese attempt to “transgress the border”.

In March, China announced plans to “rename” 11 places in Arunachal Pradesh, which it claims as part of Tibet. When the Indian home minister visited the border region that same week to assert the Indian territorial claim, Beijing hit back, calling the visit a violation of its territorial sovereignty.

Border Issue

While in the recent past, there has been disengagement in some areas, Indian army officers and defence experts say about 1,500 sq. km. Ladakh taken over by the PLA

in 2020 remains under Chinese control. Two main areas of contention in Ladakh are Demchok and Dapsang, which were previously patrolled by Indian troops but are now occupied by PLA soldiers. Both areas remain tactically important for India, but in spite of many rounds of talks, there is no move forward and there also does not seem any inclination from China to resolve the issue.

People living near the border in Ladakh allege that in the disengagement negotiations, New Delhi has ceded land to Beijing by agreeing to the creation of buffer zones — where neither side can patrol — in land that was previously claimed by India, specifically in the disputed Pangong Tso and Chushul areas. Thus, the real loser in the case has been India.

In reality, this happened due to the fact that India couldn't see the hegemonic Chinese designs for the area. China has been building new highways, railway lines, bridges, air strips and sophisticated military bases, modern housing and 5G towers in the disputed area, while India — which historically avoided developing areas near the Chinese border in order to prevent any provocation — has been left behind, with many of its border areas still impoverished.

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The scale and speed of this Indian infrastructure push is evident in the construction of an ambitious 8-mile tunnel in the Himalayan range, at an altitude of about 3,000 metres, to provide all-weather connectivity to Ladakh. India is trying hard to get the \$1.4bn Zojila tunnel completed at the earliest.

SCO Summit

Though the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is not a platform for bilateral issues, the defence ministers' meeting high-

lighted policy priorities, while India focussed on terrorism. Russia reiterated its criticism of the west's Indo-Pacific concept and creation of regional groups like the Quad.

Addressing the summit, Rajnath Singh underlined that any form of terrorist act or support towards it was a heinous crime against humanity. Though the issue of terrorism may have been pointed towards Pakistan, India also reiterated that a “robust” framework of regional cooperation should respect the “the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all member states by taking care of their legitimate interests”.

Meanwhile, the Chinese defence minister harped on President Jinping's ‘Global Security Initiative’, and said that Beijing was willing to work with other SCO members to implement the Global Security Initiative.

On his part, the Russian defence minister General Sergei Shoigu took a blunt aim at the West for attempting to integrate the emerging security architecture in the Indian Ocean with NATO.

Russia has always opposed the Indo-Pacific policy, advocated by the West and supported by India, describing it as an attempt to encircle China. The Russian minister expressed his belief that the SCO's “independent policies” towards global and regional security challenges could serve as a blueprint for the international community.

He emphasised the need to strengthen SCO's role as a key pillar of the emerging multipolar international system, one that promotes inter-state relations based on principles of equality, mutual respect, and compliance with international law.

Additionally, the General stated that NATO countries should bear the primary responsibility for post-war reconstruction in Afghanistan and Taliban should not be blamed for the current situation in the country.

Besides a virtual participation by Pakistan, defence ministers of eight SCO member states attended the meeting in New Delhi.

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Fertility Rate Decline

THE total fertility rate in J&K among women has slipped below the replacement-level by 0.6 percent as per the National Family Health Survey. The report published in KO recently highlighted the survey report and had many wondering about the reasons behind this decline.

As per the National Family Health Survey data for 2019-21, the

fertility rate in J&K has slipped down to 1.4 percent in the 2019-20 NFHS-5 survey from 2.0 percent in the NFHS-4 2015-16.

Many factors are responsible for this decline. While physiological reasons play a huge role in your biological functioning, psycho-social issues do not have to be ignored either.

Sure, people here have a tendency to only focus on the issue of

women's infertility but there's a lot more at play than just the women. We must realise that fertility is a concern for men as well as women. One cannot merely say that “late marriages” have led to this. We cannot underplay some aspects and overplay others.

There's a dire need to educate women as well as men about their reproductive health. Why else are we seeing a whopping 80% of C-sections

in the valley. Do we only have a 20% chance at normal deliveries?

Doctors here need to play honest and educate women and men about their bodies. This must be done from the very beginning. We must also realise that social factors that may have pushed some men and women towards infertility should also be addressed with a holistic point of view.

Shaheen Mir



# Virtues of Being ‘Correct’



**REGARDING THE EXERCISE OF POWER, ONE MUST BE WISE ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT POWER CORRUPTS AND ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY.** Misuse of power and making the irrational overpower the rational is never long-lasting

Firdous Ahmad Mala

Authenticity, brevity and correctness are my A, B and C of academic excellence. These are among the several possible academic virtues one can aspire for. Absence of any of these is akin to being unworthy of being labeled academically sound and intellectually upright. Only the good and academically correct deserve acclaim and applause. One is supposed to be well-versed with the art and science of dotting all the “i”s and crossing all the “t”s in

pursuit of academic excellence.

Take the example of the act of writing. It often happens that if we fail to express clearly what we intend to express, there will be many a slip between the cup and the lip. One does not and should not expect oneself to be popular with the listeners if one is bereft of the gift of gab or if one writes, but is not versed with the ingredients that bring about good and praiseworthy write ups.

As per Ruskin Bond, India is in danger of producing more writers than readers. This could be due to

several possible reasons. These include the advent of self-publishing avenues and the access to a plethora of digital tools that simplify the art of writing. As a matter of fact, writing is becoming more of a mechanical process than the art of being able to express through the tongue that which lies in the heart. The sad part of the tale is the fact that despite the availability of accessible-writing-tools and a quantum of examples to learn from, many of us are still butter-fingered when it comes to writing. This is a very sad state of affairs.

Regarding speaking, one who speaks and knows not what or how to speak makes others loathe and detest the practice of lending one's ears to others.

Irresponsible speeches can be disastrous to say the least. In the words of Napoleon Hill, “Think twice before you speak, because your words and influence will plant the seed of either success or failure in the mind of another.” Speaking ad nauseam is very likely to do more harm than any good.

In the words of Dorothy Sarnoff, “Make sure you have finished speak-

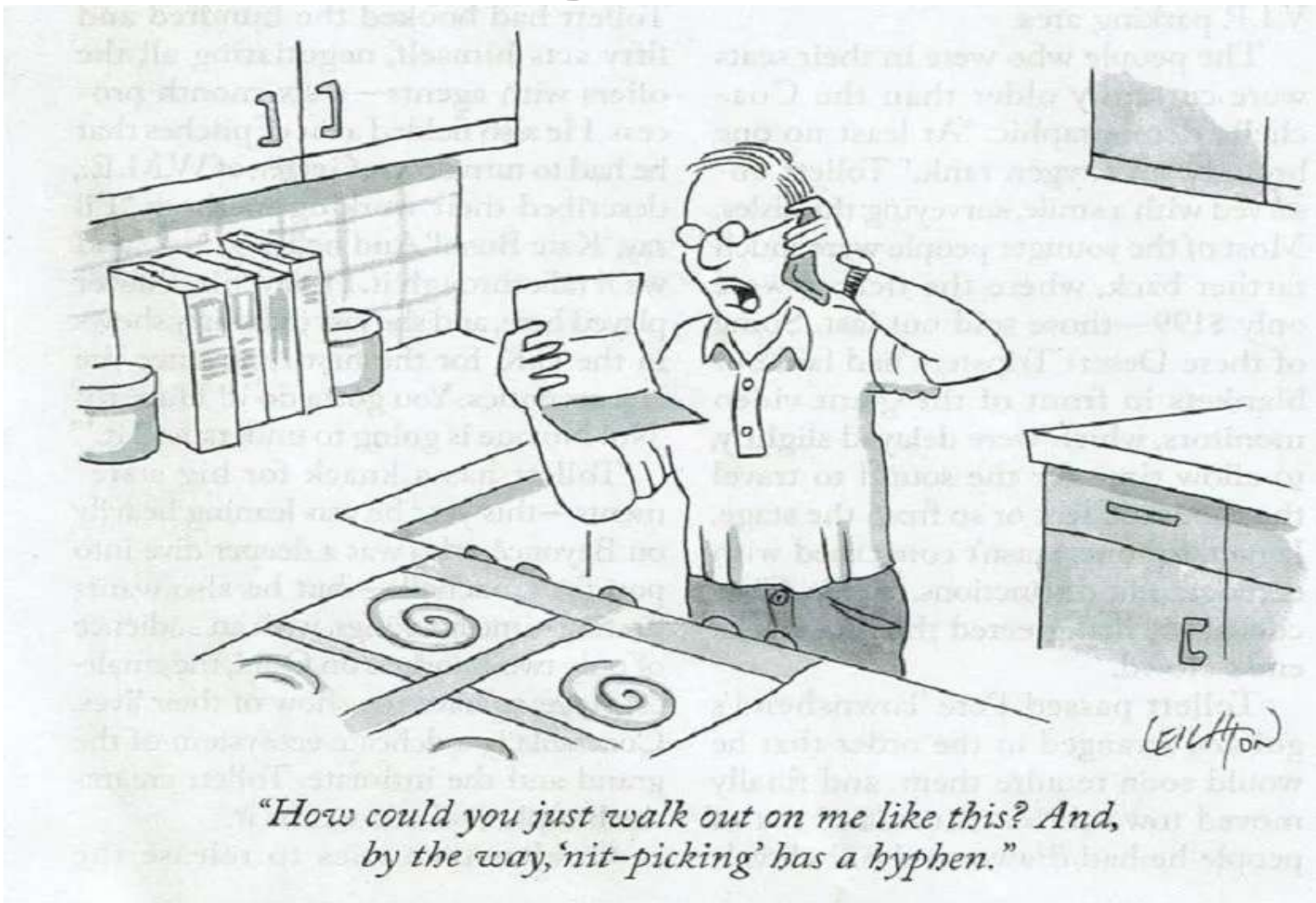
ing before your audience has finished listening.”

Regarding the exercise of power, one must be wise enough to know that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Misuse of power and making the irrational overpower the rational is never long-lasting. Correctness, rationality and being sensible apply equally to all, irrespective of being in power or being subjugated. As per Patricia Cornwell, abuse of power is the root of all evil. Correctness vis-à-vis power means being just, kind, understanding and rational.

Apart from the endeavors of writing, speaking and exercising one's power, it is almost evident that for all other endeavors, correctness is a prerequisite.

The importance of being correct is difficult to overemphasize. In the words of Stephen Jay Gould, “A man does not attain the status of Galileo merely because he is persecuted; he must also be right.”

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## Mums Are Not Lone Rangers: Parenting Is A Shared Responsibility

Lakshana N Palat

It takes two to make any relationship work. Unfortunately, society has a hard time believing that.

There's just so much pressure on women to do it all, feels Rachel Sparks, a Dubai-based PR and marketing executive and a mother of two, Ayla and Ruby, aged 2 years and 10 months respectively. Her parenting journey with her husband was initially fraught with much trouble, after their first child was born. “I think our society at large and cultural backgrounds really led us to believe that parenting is mainly a mother's responsibility,” explains Sparks, who is a Canadian national, while her husband is Canadian-Lebanese.

Bringing up two children was much harder mentally, physically and emotionally than she could have ever imagined. Nevertheless, after much discussion and clarification about the delegation of duties, her husband and she found a way to strike a balance. Elaborating on how they tackle daily tasks as a combined front, now, Sparks says, “He does the school drop-offs and pick-ups, and we divide the bedtime routines, manage meal-times and morning routines together. He really stepped up after our second child was born, because I was doing almost everything alone with our first, which led to a lot of suppressed anger and resentment. I was on maternity leave and he was working long hours. So it was assumed that looking after the child was just my responsibility.”

Sparks is much more at ease as there's now an equal balance of parenting responsibilities. “He's much more aware of the mental load that goes into the daily routine,” she says. The couple hired help and also had family stay with them. “It gave us breathing room, as we had an extra set of hands. We could go out together as a couple and have somebody trustworthy stay with the kids, as they knew the routines.”

### Breaking the myth that children always turn to 'Mum'

It's a misconception to believe that the child already knows from early on that the mother is the primary caregiver, says Hima Mammen, a consultant psychologist at the Human Relations Institute and Clinics, Dubai. “Parenting can be a shared responsibility right from the beginning. From the very early days, it's important that the responsibilities get established.”

She does acknowledge that sometimes new fathers feel helpless and don't know how to contribute, which leads to the mother being more involved from the beginning. However, communication between the two parents is crucial, so that the mother isn't burning out and feels burdened by the responsibility.

Mammen adds that setting a pattern for the shared tasks is not just important for the child, but for the couple, too. So they can let each other know when either is falling back. Moreover, they need to communicate that in a respectful manner and not be accusatory. She said that it would negatively impact both their relationship and the child.

### A father's perspective

Saad Aqueel, a Dubai-based communications consultant and PR professional, takes it a step further. The father of two-year-old Manha Ahmad finds it rather unreasonable that a mother should take on all the parenting responsibilities. He notes from his personal experience that when both parents play an active role in their child's care, it strengthens the bond between the couple. “It also benefits the psychological well-being of the child,” says the Indian expat.

While his wife, Mariya Mukhtar, a homemaker is glad that she gets to spend significant amount of time with their daughter, she's also grateful for the division of responsibility. “Despite his busy work schedule, he ensures that he spends quality time with her, engaging in playful activities, and taking care of her personal needs like changing clothes and sheets.” She notes that his weekends are completely “dedicated” to Manha. “These seemingly small actions are instrumental in forging a strong bond between them,” she says.

### Say 'thank you'

Parents, mostly mothers, tend to feel like they're not doing enough. There's always something more, they believe.

Sparks can't evade the overwhelming ‘mum guilt’, something that her husband doesn't quite share. “He won't feel guilty about being away, even travelling for work for months on end. I feel an enormous amount of guilt if I even miss a bedtime.” Nevertheless, he frequently encourages her to take breaks, to recharge and restore her energy.

Sharifa Yatim, a psychologist and



behavioural analyst, from the Dubai-based Sharifa Yatim Center of Rehabilitation, emphasises the importance of keeping communication lines open between parents first, before anything else. “It's important to show gratitude to each other. A mother, often, doesn't hear those words, ‘Thank you for doing what you do’. ‘Thank you for doing this’.” These words wield a power of their own, and act like a comforting balm to both the parents.

Yet, what society also forgets is that being the mother is just one of the roles that a woman plays. As much as you try to convince mothers of this fact, it might not completely sink in. “But what you can do, is keep reminding them,” says Mammen. “They have different roles. They're employees, teachers or bosses, so much more. Yet, they might neglect their own identity. They do it for the first few months after the child is born, but then if it goes on for years, they forget a part of themselves. When the kids go to college and it's just the two of them at home, it begins to hit hard. Before the realisation comes, they need to keep being reminded of who they are.” If they don't, they begin to feel a void.

### Women play many roles

The void is incomprehensible otherwise, and overpowering. In order to avoid this, a mother needs to be reminded of the other roles she does play in her own life. “So they can return to the parenting role when they feel refreshed, and not drained. Rais-

ing a toddler, or being with a teenager can be draining. We need to be realistic, and not idealistic being a mother or a father,” explains Mammen.

Both parents are going through different journeys and need to appreciate each other more. “It's important to tell each other that they need a break. It's not something to feel guilty about,” explains Yatim. The couple would have different ideas about bringing up a child, owing to their own childhood experiences and cultural backgrounds. This could potentially lead to a lot of conflict. This needs to be resolve and worked on, or else it could lead to problems.

Divya Menon (name changed on request), from Mumbai, India, recalls how conflicting opinions over child-rearing exposed the fissures in the relationship with her husband. After marrying a neurologist from Calicut, Kerala, at the age of 25, the couple settled down in Bengaluru. Soon after their marriage, they welcomed their first child. “We started fighting about how to raise the child. Our first fight was when he left for ten days after the baby was born. He went to be with his friends, and meet family, while I was struggling to learn how to look after the baby.” The fights grew far worse, as after the first few months, she started giving the baby milk from the bottle, occasionally. “He wouldn't hear of it, and the fights grew really ugly,” she says. “He didn't want anyone to come and help us, and refused my parents' help.”

Menon felt drained, exhausted, while trying to look after her child as well as deal with a broken marriage. “He didn't want me to work at all, which is different from what he said before marriage. He said that ‘it was best’ if I stayed home. He said that the child would need me for another seven years.” Finally, Divya decided that it was time to separate, eight months after the baby was born. She and her daughter live separately, now.

### Taking turns and helping each other out

Before their child was born, Dubai-based couple Kanessa Muluneh and Remco Coerman were at first adamant that they wouldn't readjust their lives for the baby. “We had no idea what we were talking about. In the first few months itself, our lives were consumed by Memphis [their first-born],” says Ethiopian expat Muluneh. Her husband is Dutch. Acknowledging that parenting is a joined effort, they also sought the help of their own parents. “Everything is 50-50 in our household. We are both equally important when it comes to running our household,” says Muluneh, saying she had no problem in asking for help from her parents.

The couple have hectic and busy professions. Muluneh is the entrepreneur and CEO of a UAE-based fashion brand, while Coerman is a business consultant. Nevertheless, they make it a point to include their children in all aspects of their lives. “Sometimes I even bring my children along when I am doing photoshoots for work.” Muluneh and Coerman have two children, Memphis and Malyche, aged five and three years old.

On the other hand, Houda Naji and Casper Tribler found a way to raise their children despite their exhausting professions. A couple from Dubai, both of whom work in the tech industry, have had a daunting time raising their two children, Sofia and Julia, both aged 14 and 10. When their first daughter was born, Naji, a Moroccan national, resigned from a corporate job and opened her own digital agency to have more flexibility and time with her daughter. “She is a successful business owner, but being a mother has always been her top priority. And as for me, being present for my family despite my work responsibilities is crucial,” explains Casper, a Danish national.

They do not have full-time help, so they work doubly hard to ensure that

the girls feel safe and understand that they can discuss everything with their parents. “We have learned to prioritise and manage our time effectively, ensuring that we are present for important events such as school plays, playdates, afterschool activities, and weekend quality time,” says Naji. Acknowledging that parenting is overwhelming, the couple say they take turns and help each other out, so that they can attend to their daughter's needs.

### Parenting a child with special needs and medical history

It's a journey to acceptance. Most of the time, parents with children of determination or children with medical conditions, go through several stages of “grief”, which vary in each case. After the child's diagnosis, there are many factors to be taken into consideration, starting with ensuring that both the parents are on the same page.

“When the child does get diagnosed with a condition, the parents undergo a lot of grief. It's as if they lost a child. Each parent goes through their own cycle, so it does affect the way they invest in their child, as well as the time,” says Yatim, saying that they need to be emotionally ready before building their parenting skills. “They need to understand their own life, their lifestyle, their professions and job requirements as a family, and only then we address the question of who is doing what.”

The attitude of the family is key to the child's growth, including their response to the diagnosis, to the process of treatment, and cure, if at all. The child would respond to the environment and they will only learn through the experiences ensured by both the parents. “Teach the parent how to respond, and the child will learn. If one parent is doing something, and the other doing something else, it affects the child,” she explains.

It must be a shared responsibility, though Yatim notices that there have been several cases where it is the mother who has to take days off to meet practitioners, rather than the father. Not wishing to generalise, she notes that she has also seen many hands-on fathers. “Both parents need to be very open with their employers and let them know that they have a child with special needs, which will take a lot of time. Otherwise, they will be burnt out,” she says.

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# After 17 years of flying, cash-starved Go First awaits clearer flight path with insolvency resolution hopes

New Delhi: Nearly two years ago, Go First filed draft papers for an initial public offering worth Rs 3,600 crore amid the pandemic headwinds.

The fund-raising plan did not take off, engine supply woes mounted and two years later, the Wadia group-owned airline has run out of funds to fly. And ironically, the decision to seek voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings has come at a time when the country's aviation sector is on an upward trajectory.

Flying for more than 17 years, Go First, earlier known as Go Air, has remained relatively ambitious in terms of expansion of fleet and network compared to its more aggressive competitors. The no-frills carrier flew 109.02 lakh domestic passengers and the market share stood at 8.8 per cent in 2022.

"We don't like the whole decision (filing for voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings)...it will be very painful for employees and stakeholders," Go First CEO Kaushik Khona told PTI on Tuesday but was



quick to add that the decision has been taken in the interest of everyone.

Currently, the airline has liabilities of nearly Rs 9,000 crore.

The cash-starved airline reported a loss in the range of Rs 1,800 crore, including an Rs 800 crore notional loss due to accounting standards in the financial year ended March 2023.

The developments at Go First on Tuesday also came weeks after the airline asserted that its promoters -- Wadias -- are not looking to exit from the loss-making aviation business.

The budget airline started domestic operations in 2005-06 with the first flight from Mumbai to Ahmedabad and then in 2018-19, launched international operations.

Since commencing operations, Go First placed two orders for 72 A320 neo planes each with Airbus, one in 2011-12 and another in 2016-17.

On May 13, 2021, when the coronavirus pandemic headwinds were blowing strong, the airline announced rebranding itself as 'Go First' with a focus on an ultra-low-cost business model.

As it filed an application on Tuesday for insolvency resolution proceedings, Go First said it has been forced to take the decision due to "serial failure" of Pratt & Whitney engines resulting in the grounding of 50 per cent of the fleet and is no longer in a position to continue to meet its financial obligations.

To keep the airline afloat, promoters have infused funds worth Rs 3,200 crore in the last three years and out of the total amount, Rs 2,400 crore was injected in the last 24 months. An amount of Rs 290 crore was pumped in April this year.

"This brings the total investment in the airline since its inception to approximately Rs 6,500 crore," the airline said in a statement.

Further, Go First has received around Rs 1,000 crore from the government's Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS).

Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said Go First has been faced with critical supply chain issues with regard to their engines and that

the government has been assisting the airline in every possible manner.

The issue has also been taken up with the stakeholders involved, he said, adding that it is unfortunate that this operational bottleneck has dealt a blow to the airline's financial position.

While domestic air traffic is soaring, Go First is grappling with turbulence due to engine supply woes while the once-stories Jet Airways is struggling to restart operations despite finding a bidder under the insolvency resolution process.

"It has come to our knowledge that the airline (Go First) has applied to the NCLT. It is prudent to wait for the judicial process to run its course," Scindia said.

More than 180 Go First flights will be out of the skies on Wednesday and Thursday. 'What next' is the question before the airline, stakeholders, authorities and passengers as the aviation space encounters another turbulent episode.

## Shape Of New Sporty Compact SUV FRONX launched at Nexa Hyderabad

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Fortifying its SUV offerings Maruti Suzuki India Limited Sporty compact SUV FRONX was unveiled today at Nexa dealership of Jamkash Vehicleleades (Kashmir) Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad.

The chief guest on the occasion was Malik Tahir Gani (Director, State Motor Garages J&K). The occasion was graced by the presence of the dignitaries from State Bank of India, Mahindra Finance, HDFC Bank, Cholamandalam Finance and J&K Bank.

Managing Director of Jamkash Vehicleleades (Kashmir) Pvt. Ltd Irfan Ahmad Narwaroo and CEO, Aawan Ahmad Narwaroo unveiled the car virtually while senior management of Jamkash Vehicleleades Kashmir were present, during the occasion which witnessed presence of a large gathering of auto lovers and customers who had been waiting for the launch of the 'Shape of New' Spoty Compact SUV FRONX.

General Manger Nexa Jamkash Hyderabad, Erfaan Gul while speaking on the occasion stated that the sporty compact SUV FRONX will aim at young trailblazers who want to stand out and set the trend with their

unique choices.

The Sporty compact SUV FRONX comes up with the Modern Exteriors like Roof Rails, Wide Bonnet, Signature NEXWave Grill, Chrome Garnish, signature NEXTre crystal block DRLs exemplify NEXA's unmistakable "Crafted Futurism" design language for the FRONX and Sweeping LED Rear Combination Lamps running across the width of the vehicle. Elegant Interiors-Special forged metal-like matte finish on the dashboard. FRONX comes with 1.0L K-Series Turbo Booster jet Direct Injection Engine for the first time featuring progressive smart hybrid technology.

The FRONX with turbo boost engine will be available with the choice of 5 speed manual transmission and a 6 Speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters. FRONX also comes with advance 1.2L K-Series Dual Jet Dual VVT Engine which offer idle start-stop technology and transmission options of 5-speed manual and AGS. FRONX comes with a wide range of connectivity features such as Head up Display, 360 view cameras, wireless charger, 6 airbags, Suzuki Connect & 9" HD Smart Play Pro+ Infotainment system with wireless apple car play and android auto connectivity.

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### Army, Police

to the spokesperson, special focus on the emerging threat of VBIEDs and other modes of potential terror attacks including potential fidayeen attacks, standoff fire & grenade attacks besides counter measures to foil such threats were also discussed in the meeting.

Kumar, he said, instructed all districts SsSP to focus on busting of terror modules by apprehending terrorist associates & generating preventive intelligence regarding the presence of terrorists in the valley.

In the meeting, he said, all SsSP were instructed to conduct anti-terrorist operations on specific inputs while the deployment of additional security forces & use of modern technology to secure the venues also came up for discussion.

"The ADGP also stressed the importance of river and lake domination in ensuring the security of the summit. He also emphasized the need for the Marine Commandos (MARCOS) to be put in place to provide a strong security cover for the water bodies around the summit venues," the spokesperson said.

He said that the attendees reviewed the current security arrangements in place and discussed possible ways to enhance the security measures to ensure the safety of all participants and attendees during the event.

Apart from the security measures, the spokesperson said, the meeting also discussed the management of foreign NGOs and media personnel during the summit.

"GOC Kilo Force assured to provide all assistance like domination of high reaches, corridor protection, additional AS Teams, area domination specifically in the night. ADGP Kashmir shared with all stakeholders that NSG team will be used for counter fidayeen attack along with SOG and specialise NSG teams for counter drone will be deployed at all venues," the spokesperson said.

"The officials were also instructed to coordinate with other law enforcement agencies and intelligence agencies to gather information about any potential security threats and take necessary actions to neutralize them," he added.

### Tulmul Fest

the spokesperson said.

The Yatra will start on May 26 after its flagging off from Nagrota here, the Committee members informed the meeting and called for making available hassle-free transportation services for the pilgrims.

Kheer Bhawani melas are organised at five shrines -- Ragnya Bhaagwati at Tulmulla in central Kashmir's Ganderbal, Manzgam and Devsar in Kulgam and Logripora in Anantnag and Tikkar in Kupwara.

Among these temples, the Tulmulla temple nestled in the shade of mammoth Chinar trees witnesses massive gatherings with pandits settled in and outside Kashmir visiting the shrine to seek the blessings of the presiding deity in one of the biggest religious functions of the displaced community.

The spokesperson said a threadbare discussion was held regarding the arrangements for Yatra with a major focus on transportation facilities for devotees and security arrangements.

The Committee members listed different requirements for the smooth conduct of the Yatra from Jammu to Mata Kheer Bhawani temple at Ganderbal district, he said, adding it was informed that the advance party of the management committee will move on May 22 for making arrangements at the temple.

The DC directed the Relief Commissioner and JK Roads Transport Corporation to deploy an adequate number of buses to ferry the pilgrims to the temple.

Kumar also issued directions for effective traffic regulation and foolproof security arrangements for the safety of the pilgrims, the spokesperson said.

He said the health department has been asked to establish medical camps and make arrangements for an ambulance at Government

Higher Secondary School Nagrota, the Yatra flag-off venue.

The DC instructed the Deputy Commissioners of Udhampur and Ramban to make community kitchen arrangements in designated places near Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

The Deputy Commissioner of Ramban was also told to ensure that road clearance machinery is in place in case of landslides or road blockades, the spokesperson said.

### Police Probes

will get the title of veer (Braver man). Under the guise of brotherhood, we (Hindus) have been made scapegoats and then chopped into pieces," the AHP leader says in his speech.

### MeT Predicts

it was 0.1°C below normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 3.9°C against 4.0°C on previous night and it was 0.4°C below normal for the popular skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 8.1°C against 8.7°C on the previous night and it was 0.3°C below normal for the north Kashmir area.

Jammu recorded a low of 16.8°C against 18.7°C on the previous night. It was 5.8°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

### No Relief

defamatory utterances, then he should also not approach the HC for stay of conviction.

After final arguments from both sides concluded during the day, the court of Justice Hemant Prachchhak said no interim protection can be granted to the applicant at this stage in the defamation case stemming from his "Modi surname" remark made four years ago.

The former Congress president had prayed in the HC for stay of conviction, which if granted, will pave the way for his reinstatement as a Member of Parliament.

Justice Prachchhak said he will pass a final order only after going through the records and proceedings, and posted the matter for verdict after reopening of the HC post-summer vacation, which will be from May 8 to June 3.

Advocate Nirupam Nanavati, who appeared for Gujarat Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA Purnesh Modi, the original complainant in the case, opposed Singhvi's prayer for interim relief to the Opposition politician who was elected to the Lok Sabha from Wayanad in Kerala in 2019.

Being a leader of a national political party, which has ruled the country for over 40 years, Gandhi must "learn a lesson" that using abusive language for his political opponents cannot be tolerated, the counsel for Purnesh Modi said.

If Gandhi cannot apologise for his defamatory utterances, then he should also not approach the court with prayer for relief for stay of conviction, Nanavati said.

Nanavati said even after the pronouncement of conviction and his subsequent disqualification as an MP, Gandhi continued to stand by his statement and refused to apologise, and cited a newspaper report in which the Congress leader had said he will not apologise as he is a "Gandhi and not Veer Savarkar".

"His public stand, and his stand in the courtroom are different. If this is your public stand, then whatever the matter -- disqualification, sentence or conviction -- you motor mouth and speak whatever, then don't come (to the court) with a prayer. You are well within your right not to apologise, nobody will compel you to apologise," he said.

"Either you stick to your stand -- which is your public stand -- or say that I spoke but I never meant that, I never intended that, never wanted to defame anyone," Nanavati said.

Nanavati said Gandhi neither apologised before the commencement of the trial in Surat nor said sorry or expressed regret and offered no explanation even during hearing on sentencing.

"Coincidentally, the surname of the Prime

Minister of the country is also Modi. What message are you giving by this utterance to the world -- that an Opposition leader of India brands the PM as a thief in a public rally attended by thousands of people? Is this the language?" he asked during his submission.

Nanavati said Gandhi is facing 12 criminal defamation cases for his remarks in different courts across the country.

He said it is Parliament which made the law regarding disqualification of an MP.

"Parliament says it (his crime) is serious, and it involves moral turpitude. And the application of such an offender cannot be considered for stay of conviction," he said.

Nanavati said, "Seriousness of offence is considered by Parliament (for disqualification). Disqualification is because of the operation of law and not judgment. The court's function has ended but it is a law enacted by Parliament which deals with disqualification."

In his final arguments, Gandhi's lawyer Singhvi said per se, the category for defamation makes it the simplest offence, and CrPC section 389 (for stay of conviction) will not find "a simpler conviction to suspend than defamation which is non-cognizable, which is simple imprisonment, bailable and not anti-society."

"If there is a classic offence which is the mildest form of offence which must lead to section 389 suspension then it is this," said the senior counsel.

Singhvi said a parliamentarian has a greater "irreversible prejudice" than a non-MP convict, because the former happens to lose his seat due to two-year imprisonment, "and that is a point in my favour and not against me for relief under section 389 (of CrPC)."

"It is wrong to think that the moment you are convicted, Parliament becomes a barred area for you. Under a controlled condition, you are entitled to be in Parliament, and that controlled condition now is suspension," Singhvi said.

As far as the original complainant, a former Gujarat minister, is concerned, he was offended by a remark in which he was not mentioned, he said and added politicians must develop a thicker skin.

"Thick skin is a great attribute and a great virtue in public life...This whole approach that he being an ex-minister involved in public life should be more protected, just the opposite is true. As they say, if you go into public life, you are submitting yourself to the brickbats of public life and be more thick skinned," Singhvi said.

He said there was hardly any instance in criminal defamation where an accused was convicted, and none sentenced to more than 3-6 months in jail.

"To say that maximum punishment is desirable -- what is it desirable for? He (Gandhi) is a first-time offender, how is maximum punishment desirable to him? And how many defamation cases have you found where two years (sentence) is imposed?" Singhvi asked.

The HC heard Gandhi's appeal against the Surat sessions court's order last month refusing to stay his conviction in the case after the trial court on March 23 sentenced him to two years in jail under IPC sections 499 and 500 (criminal defamation), leading to his disqualification as an MP.

BJP MLA Modi had filed a criminal defamation case against Gandhi over his "How come all thieves have Modi as the common surname?" remark made during an election rally at Kolar in Karnataka on April 13, 2019.

### Police Files

New Delhi, and availing requisite perks, including a bulletproof car and scores of security personnel.

Purported videos of Patel surveying the snow slopes of Gulmarg with a posse of armed security personnel around him and of a convoy of vehicles accompanying him weaving through a Valley town have been circulated widely across social media platforms.

He had even visited the last post at Uri in north Kashmir, posing for pictures at a bridge

treated as a Line of Control between India and Pakistan.

Patel, according to officials, might be sentenced to seven years rigorous imprisonment under sections 468 IPC, if found to be guilty.

"Challan filed under sections of 419, 420, 468, 471, 170, 120B of IPC and Sections 3, 5 of Emblem & Names (Previously of improper use) Act 1950," Srinagar police said in a tweet. He is lodged in Srinagar central jail, police said.

An official told Kashmir Observer that the counsel for the accused has filed a fresh bail plea in the court and the matter has been listed for hearing on May 3 for arguments.

It may be in place to mention that the court had on March 23 dismissed bail application of the accused on the grounds that granting bail to him at this stage would 'undermine' the integrity of the probe.

Four FIRs related to cheating were recently registered against Patel in different police stations in Gujarat, including one by the Ahmedabad crime branch for trying to usurp a senior citizen's bungalow.

### Govt To Engage

qualification not less than VIII standard shall be considered," it added.

The order further said that the Selection Committee comprising Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Block Development Officer (BDO), and Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) concerned in each Project/Block shall have the mandate to make selections of the eligible candidates for the position of AWH.

"The Committee shall select the most destitute/needily married woman of the ward as a helper from amongst those who fulfill the qualification criteria. In case no married candidate is available, an unmarried candidate may be considered," it added.

Similarly for Aanganwadi Worker (Sangini), the concerned CDPO, with prior approval from MD, Mission Poshan, shall invite applications from eligible candidates through advertisements in prominent newspapers, uploading on the district and department websites, and notifications in all government offices and Panchayat Ghars.

"A Selection Committee shall be constituted in each district to make selections of eligible candidates for the post of AWW. The committee shall comprise the officers including District Program Officer, ICDS concerned - Chairperson, District Social Welfare Officer concerned - Member, CDPO concerned - Member Secretary, Assistant Director Employment concerned - Member and General Manager, DIC concerned - Member," it said.

The Selection Committee shall prepare the final merit list and select list, which shall be publicly displayed in local newspapers, offices of all committee members, Panchayat Ghars, and on the website of the department. A copy of the final merit list and select list shall also be provided to the concerned Sarpanch and Panch, with a receipt on the same day of issuance, for a period of 10 days for any appeals. After that, the Committee shall submit its recommendations to the concerned ADDC for approval. The CDPO concerned shall issue the engagement orders of AWW accordingly, after the ADDC's approval.

The CDPO concerned shall issue the engagement orders of AWW accordingly, after the ADDC's approval. Any orders issued without proper advertisement, scrutiny, and selection strictly on the basis of merit by the committee and approval of the ADDC shall be void ab-initio, and strict action shall be taken against the defaulting officers.

The concerned authorities have been ordered to advertise the available posts widely for two weeks to create necessary awareness among the general public so that deserving candidates are appointed.

The whole process of recruitment is expected to be completed within 30 days of the issuance of this order--(KNO)

### Australian HC

LG said in a tweet.

He said they held an excellent discussion on development in J-K and investment opportunities in the Union Territory, particularly in the horticulture and food processing sector.

### Maharashtra Tourist

have started proceedings under relevant sections in this regard.

### Mortar Shell

Wani, the spokesperson said, was associated with LeT.

"Incriminating materials, arms & ammunition including 01 AK series rifle, 01 Magazine and 10 rounds were recovered from his possession," he said.

In this regard, the spokesperson said, a case vide FIR No.65/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Shopian and further investigation has been initiated.

### Gandhi's Grandson

He spent his last days at the campus of Avani, an organisation he was associated with for three decades. Avani works towards the empowerment of the marginalized children, child labourers, migrant brickyard and sugar cane workers and the women in the labour force.

A note from the organization said, "At the age of 12, Arunbhai came to India to live with Mahatma Gandhi at Sevagram Ashram. In 1948 he returned to South Africa and was active in various social movements."

Avani founder Arun Chavan said, "Arunbhai has contributed immensely to Avani's cause and has been a father figure for us. In February this year, when Arunbhai was visiting Avani, his health deteriorated and he could not return. He had been staying with us at Hanbarwadi campus since then."

Arun Gandhi married Sunanda in 1957. Shortly after their marriage, they were informed that the South African government would not allow her to accompany him there. Sunanda and Arun decided to live in India, and Arun worked for 30 years as a journalist for The Times of India."

In 1987, the couple came to the US and in 1991 they started the M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence at the Christian Brothers University in Memphis Tennessee.

In 1982, when Columbia Pictures released the feature film, Gandhi, based on his grandfather's life, Arun Gandhi wrote an article criticizing the Indian government for subsidizing the film with USD 25 million, arguing that there were more important things to spend money on.

After attending a special screening of the film, he concluded that it accurately conveyed his grandfather's philosophy and legacy, despite historical inaccuracies. He wrote another article retracting the first one.

### NIA Raids Multiple

Srinagar, the officials said.

The detained person was identified as Ishaq Ahmad Bhat.

"The NIA came early in the morning between 5.30 and 6.00 am. They asked for Ishaq and took him away along with his mobile phone. He works as a labourer," Mohammad Ramzan Bhat, father of the suspect, told PTI.

"We have no links with militancy or stone pelting," he added.

Bilal Bhat, brother of the detained person, said Ishaq was illiterate and worked as a window glass fitter.

The raids are being conducted in connection with a militancy funding case registered last year.

### Mortar Shell

Kalal border area and informed the police on Monday night, they said.

A bomb disposal squad of the Army was called in and the shell was destroyed through a controlled explosion, they said.



# 'Welcome To Kashmir' Shows Kashmir And Kashmiris In A Positive Light: Filmmaker Tariq Bhat

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Art is missing from Kashmir for 40 years, says debutant filmmaker Tariq Bhat, who hopes to showcase the Valley and its people in a positive light through his film "Welcome to Kashmir".

The 42-year-old said filmmaking was a long cherished dream to make a film on Kashmir, in Kashmiri language and starring people from the Valley. "We had to take the initiative to do something about the Kashmiri youth because art is missing from 40 years in Kashmir. So, it is my duty to restore that art form in Kashmir," Bhat told PTI in an interview.

"It is our duty to show the positive side because all of my artists are Kashmiris and are youth. Once this movie gets released, they (Bollywood filmmakers) will get inspired and more jobs can be created by this art form."

The filmmaker, who hails from north Kashmir's Sopore area, said he travelled to Mumbai to realise his dream only to discover that producers there were not willing to take a chance on a Kashmiri film that did not have blasts and gun firing.

When Bollywood comes to Kashmir, Bhat said, they have only one point of view that they have to show that Kashmiris are villains and Kashmir is burning.

"We were looking for producers, but, there was a catch. We were asked if you are not showing firing or blast, then why were we making a film on Kashmir? There was no producer. Then we had to put our own money into it. So, I am the producer of the movie as well. We used our own resources," he said. He claimed that the film was one of a kind and a movie made by Kashmiris for Bollywood.

"All the cast is Kashmiri. All



Abid Bhat/KO

the crew is also from Kashmir except for a couple of technicians. This movie is for Bollywood. It has been a very long time since we have done a Bollywood movie from Kashmir," he said, claiming that his is the first film since 1960s film

"Mainzraat" that has been shot entirely in Kashmiri language.

"After that, this is the first kind of movie where we are showing entire Kashmir and this is a movie made by Kashmiris for Bollywood," he added.

The movie also introduces a song in Kashmiri sung by Kashmiri sensation Ishfaq Kawa.

"So, the entire Bollywood, entire world is going to see a proper Kashmiri song because we want to show our positive culture," he said.

"Welcome to Kashmir" revolves around a girl who dreams to work for women empowerment and women safety in Kashmir.

"She comes to Kashmir and one of her followers, who is a drug addict, kidnaps her," he said, narrating the story.

"In the movie we show how drugs hypnotise our youth and how we have to control drugs. We are showing a positive image of Kashmiri people and positive image and bravery of Kashmiri police, how they handle the situation and get the girl back to safety," he added.

Lead actor of the film, Ahmad Shahab, who is making his debut with the movie, said it was a really good opportunity for him.

"Many actors (from Kashmir) have to go to Mumbai in search of work. I am really grateful that this golden opportunity came to me. The experience

was really wonderful. It was a great platform," he said.

Shahab said his role is kind of a mix of a protagonist and an antagonist.

"This movie touches the current affairs of the nation like drug addiction, women empowerment. It was a huge platform to talk about the youth fighting drugs. It is really necessary for us to be aware of these things."

"I was really excited about the movie. I got to explore those places in Kashmir which I never had seen. So, it was a great experience. It is a moment of pride for all of us that this movie totally made in Kashmir by Kashmiris. This should be inspiring for other actors, other people who want to pursue this field," the actor said.

Bhat, who unveiled the movie's poster here on Tuesday, said they are in talks with distributors for a suitable release of the film.

## BJP Does Not Want Assembly Polls In J&K: Omar

Says ECI has failed to take decisions independently in last few years on J&K polls

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said the BJP does not want assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir as it will lose the polls.

The former chief minister said he does not see the assembly polls being held in the Union Territory in the near future.

"The BJP is not ready for assembly elections because they know they are going to lose the elections. They don't have the courage to face the people. We are also not ready to beg for the polls. If they hold the elections, well and good! If they don't, so be it!" he told reporters in Anantnag district, 52 kilometres from here.

Asked why elections were not being held for the J-K assembly, Abdullah said, "It is obvious that the Centre has not given a green signal to the Election Commission for elections in J-K because the BJP does not

want elections."

He said the Election Commission in recent years has not taken any decision without consulting the Centre.

"The Election Commission has not taken a call of its own in recent years. Whenever it has taken a decision, it is in consultation with the Centre," he added.

"Can you see elections anywhere? I do not see elections anywhere. The incharge of state elections has clearly said that preparations are underway for Panchayat, Parliament and ULB elections," Abdullah said.

In response to a question, the NC vice president said the elections will not be held in Jammu and Kashmir even if people come out on the roads.

"If people are facing problems without elections, why do not they come out on roads? Will they get the elections, if they come out on the roads? I don't think so," he said.



## BJP Hits Out At Farooq Abdullah

**JAMMU:** BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday lashed out at National Conference president Farooq Abdullah for his remark on G20 meetings not being held in Jammu, and asked why an international event being organised in Srinagar after many years' pains him.

He asked the former chief minister not to become a hurdle in the progress of Jammu and Kashmir.

Abdullah on Monday attacked the government, saying it is unfortunate that G20 meetings were scheduled in Ladakh and Kashmir but not in Jammu, and slammed BJP leaders for not raising the issue.

Reacting to his remark, Chugh said, "I want to ask Farooq Abdullah what pains you about holding of an international event in Srinagar after many years? Why should it not be held in Srinagar?"

"Why do you have enmity with belief (of people in the government), development and progress (taking place) in Jammu and Kashmir? Why do you envy

the people's faith in the prime minister..." the BJP incharge for Jammu and Kashmir said.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir is not going to stop in its journey towards peace and development.

"G20 will open up new path towards speedy progress of tourism, industries and trade in Jammu and Kashmir. The people of J-K are moving forward, so do not become a hurdle in this progress of J-K," he said, targeting Abdullah.

To a question on senior leading Ghulam Nabi Azad flagging uncertainty due to a delay in holding assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Chugh said the polls will be held.

"The BJP-led central government held DDC (District Development Council), BDC (Block Development Council) and panchayat elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Thousands of people have been elected," he added.

The BJP leader said the high voter turnout reflected the people's faith in Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

## Heavy Rains Trigger Minor Flashfloods In Kokernag

People Evacuated, Efforts On To Minimise Loss Of Livestock: Officials



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Incessant heavy rains in the upper reaches of Kokernag hamlet of south Kashmir's Anantnag district triggered minor flashfloods in the area.

Officials said that the water level of down streams increased suddenly around 4 pm on Tuesday and it even entered the Kokernag garden.

Ghulam Mohuudun Wani, Chief Project Officer, Fish Farm

Kokernago told a local news agency KNO that the water level in the area increased and entered "Asia's largest" fish farm.

He said the situation is under control as the water level has started receding. "Efforts are on to minimise the damage," he said.

The officer advised the people to avoid throwing garbage, especially polythene in pristine water bodies, saying it not only pollutes the water but also creates difficulties in such

situations as polythenes are entering the fish farm.

SDM Kokarnag Sarib Sehnan said that due to heavy rainfall, the water level has increased in the Kokernag area and all people in the garden were immediately evacuated.

Officials are on the job to minimise the damage to livestock and announcements have been made in lower areas to stay alert as the water in the lower stream will also increase, the SDM said—(KNO)

## Air Pollution, Fast Food Causing Rise In Asthma Cases In Kashmir: DAK

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** On World Asthma Day, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Tuesday expressed concern over rise in asthma cases in Kashmir. "Air pollution and fast food are causing spike in asthma cases in the valley," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said the air quality in Kashmir has been constantly deteriorating for the past few years due to the increasing number of vehicles, construction, brick kiln, cement and other factories which emit pollutants and significantly pollute our air. "And this is behind rising cases of asthma in the valley," he said.

"A study published in British Medical Journal has found that children exposed to higher levels of environmental pollutants are more likely to develop asthma compared to children who were not exposed," DAK President said. "The research showed that for every 5µg-per-cubic-meter increase in concentrations of air pollutants, there was about a 4 or 5% increase in asthma."

"Not just what you breathe, what you eat puts you at risk of developing asthma," he said. "According to a study children and teenagers are nearly 40% more likely to have asthma if they eat fast food more than three times a week."

## Biduri Reviews Progress On SSR In Pulwama, Shopian

Observer News Service

**PULWAMA:** In order to review the progress achieved under ongoing Special Summary Revision-2023 of Electoral Rolls in District Pulwama and Shopian, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Biduri, who is also the Electoral Roll Observer at Circuit House Pulwama.

Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Basharat Qayoom, who is also District Election Officer (DEO), Pulwama and Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb (DEO), Shopian

were also present on the occasion.

The Div Com took a detailed review of the progress achieved in the twin Districts under ongoing SSR-2023 and sought details about the number of fresh applications received, as well as the number of claims and objections.

Div Com emphasized upon the concerned Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to conduct revisions according to guidelines of ECI as per notified schedule and expedite the process for achieving targets. He also asked them to

ensure timely disposal of claims and objections.

Pertinently, the date for filing claims and objections regarding the Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls has been extended to May 6, 2023.

The Div Com also enjoined upon the concerned EROs and AEROs to complete the revision of the special summary with 100 percent enrolment of eligible voters, including the addition of new voters and deletion of duplicate voters, within the extended date.

He stressed for organising special outreach programmes for young eli-

gible electors particularly in educational institutions of the District, as well as door-to-door campaigns for achieving set targets.

The Div Com further asked the EROs and AEROs to remain proactive to build awareness and activate all their resources for successful conduct of all SVEEP programmes across all Assembly segments of the twin district Pulwama and district Shopian with focused attention to ensure 100% registration of all eligible and ensure no elector is left unregistered keeping in view the limited time period to conduct the exercise.

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DIVISION PANTHA CHOWK SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

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NIT No: 01/TTD/CS/2023-24/ 127-32 DATED:01 / 05 /2023.

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on an item rate basis / percentage basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest money CDR/ FDR/ BG (Rs)	Time of Completion (days)	Class of Contractor	Major Head of account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Improvement/upgradation of road surface to Railway Approach road Ompora Budgam by way of P/L of 50 mm thick bituminous macadam for surface correction , 25 mm thick semidense with 6 mm thick seal coat Administrative Approval No:-SE PWD(R&B) Sgr-Bud/133 of 2023-24 Dated:-01.05.2023	44.34 lacs	1100/-	88680/-	20 Days	AAY/BEE	C&T
2	Improvement / upgradation of road surface to Railway Approach road Rajawansher Mazhama by way of P/L of 50 mm thick bituminous macadam 25mm thick semidense with 6 mm thick seal coat Administrative Approval No:- SE PWD(R&B) Sgr-Bud/136 of 2023-24 Dated:-01.05.2023	39.44 lacs	1100/-	78880/-	20 Days	AAY/BEE	C&T
3	Improvement / upgradation of road surface to Railway Approach road Qazigud by way of P/L of 50 mm thick bituminous macadam 25mm thick semidense with 6 mm thick seal coat Administrative Approval No:- SE PWD(R&B) Sgr-Bud/134 of 2023-24 Dated:-01.05.2023	36.67 lacs	1100/-	73340/-	15 Days	AAY/BEE	C&T
4	Improvement / upgradation of road surface to Railway Approach road Pampore by way of P/L of 50 mm thick bituminous macadam 25mm thick semidense with 6 mm thick seal coat Administrative Approval No:- SE PWD(R&B) Sgr-Bud/132 of 2023-24 Dated:-01.05.2023	34.35 lacs	1100/-	68700/-	15 Days	AAY/BEE	C&T
5	Improvement / upgradation of road surface to Railway Approach road Bijbehara by way of P/L of 50 mm thick bituminous macadam 25mm thick semidense with 6 mm thick seal coat Administrative Approval No:- SE PWD(R&B) Sgr-Bud/138 of 2023-24 Dated:-01.05.2023	25.66 lacs	1100/-	51320/-	15 Days	AAY/BEE	C&T

Project Authority: Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kashmir  
Position of AAA: Accorded  
Position of TS: Accorded

1. The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates listed below :-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	01/05/2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	02/05/2023
3	Bid submission Start Date	02/05/2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	08/05/2023 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) (Tech. Bids)	09/05/2023 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B TRUCK TERMINAL Division Pantha Chowk Srinagar

2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Truck Terminal Division Pantha Chowk Srinagar (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/ BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Truck Terminal Division Pantha Chowk Srinagar. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

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During their latest face-off, there was liberal use of the north Indian profanity which sounds similar to the name of English cricketer 'Ben Stokes'. Opinions are divided among those who were present after the IPL game between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Lucknow Super Giants on Monday night, when the altercation took place between the two World Cup-winning players.

"Gautam responded, 'Tune agar mere player ko bola hai, matlab tune meri family ko gaali diya hai. (You abused my player and that's like abusing my fam-



"You saw on TV that Mayers and Virat were walking side by side for a few metres post match. Mayers asked Kohli why was he constantly abusing them and Virat, in turn, questioned why was he (Mayers) 'staring' at him? Before that (Amit) Mishra

It was a 'deja vu' moment for everyone who had seen the duo nearly come to blows in 2013, when Kolkata Knight Riders were playing Royal Challengers Bangalore.

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The win was crafted by Sin-

Barring Shikhar Dhawan and to an extent his opening partner Prabhsimran Singh, very few PBKS batters have contributed enough to their overall totals, though all that

MI skipper Rohit's form, though, is the biggest concern for the five-time IPL champions and much would depend on the India captain on Wednesday to shore up his side, after contributing just three runs in the match against the Royals.

## Agencies

Liverpool hosts Fulham with the fifth-placed Merseyside club looking to strengthen its bid for Europa League qualification and keep alive its slim Champions League hopes.

## GERMANY

Stuttgart can reach the German Cup final with a win at home over Eintracht Frankfurt in their semifinal despite fighting for survival in the Bundesliga. Only goal difference was keeping Stuttgart out of the league's relegation zone with four rounds remaining, making it a candidate for the relegation/promotion playoff against the team that finishes third in the second division.

That two-legged playoff would take place around the



## ITALY

Napoli could be crowned Serie A champion without even kicking a ball — if second-place Lazio fails to beat Sassuolo. If Lazio wins, Napoli's 33-year wait for the league title will extend at least another day when it plays at Udinese. Lazio has lost its past two matches and also needs the points to keep hold of second place. It has one more point than Juventus, which hosts relegation-threatened Lecce. Inter Milan, AC Milan and Roma are all locked on the same number of points, three behind Juve, in a tight battle for the Champions League qualifying spots.

**SPAIN** Valencia continues its fight against relegation when it hosts Villarreal in the Spanish league. Valencia entered the midweek round in 17th place, just outside the relegation zone. It has won only twice in its last seven league matches. Villarreal, which has won five of its last seven games, including the last two, is still fighting for a Champions League place. It entered the round in fifth place, five points behind fourth-place Real Sociedad.

A promotional poster for 'Bun Maska' featuring a cup of chai and a large bun. The text 'Bun Maska' is in a stylized font, and 'Chai Ka Chaska With Bun Maska' is written in a cursive script. The Swiggy logo is in the top right corner, and the location 'JK Bank Lawns, Opp Ghat 6 Boulevard, Srinagar' is at the bottom left.