

Gusty Winds Wreak Havoc, Kill 4 Of A Family

Residential house, vehicles damaged, many trees uprooted; Hailstorm causes extensive damage to crops, rains lash plains; MeT predicts more rains till May 30

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Gusty winds coupled with rains and hailstorm at many places in the valley on Thursday afternoon left at least four people dead and caused considerable damage to buildings and crops. The winds also affected the electricity supply in several areas of the Valley.

Four members of a tribal nomadic family died in Kishtwar district on Thursday morning when a pine tree fell on their tent due to gusty winds.

The incident took place in the Bhalna forest area of Keshwan belt, officials said, adding that high-speed winds and heavy rainfall uprooted the big tree.

"A pine tree fell on a tent pitched by the nomadic family in the forest belt. In this tragic incident, four family members lost their lives early today," Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal told PTI.

The family was going towards Dachan with its sheep and goats, and had halted in Bhalna forest due to heavy rains, they said.

Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar, Devansh Yadav said four people, including three women, died on the spot.

"A police team immediately rushed to the spot and started a rescue operation," Yadav said, adding that the bodies are being taken to a hospital for legal formalities.

In the Kashmir valley rains continued to lash plains bringing down the temperature further.

Normal life got disrupted due to the moderate rainfall this afternoon while several areas of Srinagar and other districts witnessed gusty winds too, which led to the damage to the vehicles and a residential house as well.

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G20 In Kashmir

World Saw Awe-Inspiring Socio-Economic Progress Of J&K: LG

Observer News Service

Ganderbal: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Thursday that the entire world has witnessed awe-inspiring socio-economic progress of Jammu Kashmir during the just concluded G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting here and that the high-profile event was the beginning of a new era and has opened the door to immense possibilities of peace and progress.

"During the G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting, the entire world has witnessed awe-inspiring socio-economic progress of Jammu Kashmir. Faster & Inclusive growth and our sustained effort to boost tourism sector is attracting the attention of the entire world," Sinha said.

He made these remarks while inaugurating key infrastructure projects, including a two-lane arch truss bridge over Sindh stream at Wayil area of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Thursday.

Congratulating the people of Jammu Kashmir for the successful G20 meeting, the LG said that the three-day meeting of 57 delegates from 27 countries in Srinagar has infused new enthusiasm, new confidence among the people.

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"The G20 meet was a joyous occasion for the people of UT and overwhelming response, participation and achievements have been possible because of the hard work of our citizens and collectively they

have brightened J&K's image in the world," he added.

The LG asserted that the G20 meeting is the beginning of a new era and has opened the door to immense possibilities of peace and progress.

"The festivity around the event was reflection of the transformation in Jammu Kashmir," he added. **More on P10**

ADGP Praises Forces For Successful G20 Meet

Observer News Service

Additional Director General of Police Kashmir Vijay Kumar on Thursday congratulated all security agencies on conducting the G20 summit smoothly in Srinagar. The Kashmir Police Zone while quoting ADGP Kashmir tweeted through their official Twitter handle, "ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar-IPS congratulates officers and jawans of JKP, CRPF, Army, BSF, SSB, NSG, MARCOS, NDRF & intelligence agencies for conducting **More on P10**

Govt Okays Disaster Recovery Centre Outside J&K Moved Aimed To Save Govt's Digital Services, Data In Wake Of Any Natural Disasters

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a major decision aimed to overcome any natural disaster, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday approved establishment of Disaster Recovery (DR) Centre outside Seismic Zone of Jammu and Kashmir along with its upkeep and maintenance for 5 years.

The decision in this regard was taken in the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, an official spokesperson said Thursday.

LG's Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

The project, the spokesperson said, has been considered as a part of adoption and launch of e-Office Software



in all major departments and offices of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

He said that the digital services of J&K government, including e-Office operate out of the servers installed at the primary site in the Data Centre at Jammu.

"However, the establishment of a Disaster Recovery Centre outside of J&K Seismic Zone, would protect the entire data of the primary site against any natural or technical disaster with a backup at the secondary site, in a different

seismic zone," he added. The spokesperson said that it is important to have a disaster recovery plan in place to mitigate disaster related interruptions, which makes the establishment of disaster recovery site an essential part of the system, especially when entire Government working is becoming digital.

"The goal of a disaster recovery plan is to maintain technical operations and quickly restore ability to operate the Government business in the face of disasters **More on P10**

2011 Drug Kit Scam

HC Dismisses Petitions Seeking Quashing Of FIR

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court has dismissed three petitions challenging an FIR registered in 2011 under various sections of prevention of corruption act in a drug kit scam, saying the "power of quashing criminal proceedings has to be exercised very sparingly and with circumspection and that too in the rarest of rare cases".

The FIR was related to an inquiry by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) against the then director of health services (Jammu) Ashok Kumar Sharma, members of tender opening committee, officers and officials of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and the members of the verifying committee as also others, into allegations regarding purchase of medicines worth crores of rupees on exorbitant rates.

It was also alleged that the medicines were procured from firms which had been permanently de-registered or

blacklisted by the Directorate General Health Services (Medical Stores Organization), New Delhi.

The petitioners - verification board member Deepak Kapoor, the then managing director (MD) of Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited Suprakash Kundu, the then MD of Karnataka Antibiotics and Pharmaceuticals Limited Suhas Laxman Phadke and the then director (finance) of Hindustan Antibiotics and Pharmaceuticals limited Sitaram Vaidya - challenged the FIR in the court.

After hearing the petitioners through their lawyers and Senior Additional Advocate General Monika Kohli, Justice Sanjay Dhar said the inquiry conducted, prima facie, established the allegation that the director of health services purchased the drug kits during 2010-11 on exorbitant rates in total disregard of codal formalities prescribed for purchase of drug kits thereby causing huge loss to the public exchequer.

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Man Injured In Poonch Landmine Blast

A man was injured in a landmine blast in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Thursday, official sources said. The incident took place around 4pm on Thursday when Javed Iqbal, a resident of Qasba, was grazing his flock of goats near the LoC fence in a forest area when he accidentally stepped on a landmine, officials said. He was injured and taken to a hospital for treatment, the sources said.



LG Reviews Tulmul Mela Arrangements

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday paid obeisance at Mata Kheer Bhawani here and reviewed arrangements being made on the auspicious occasion of Jyeshtha Ashtami. Sinha was accompanied by Ms Nuzhat Ishfaq, DDC Chairperson Ganderbal, Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta and other senior officials of his administration, an official spokesperson said. The LG, he said, was welcomed by members of Kashmiri Pandit community and was presented with **More on P10**

Wular Management Body Reconstituted

Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday reconstituted the Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA) with Administrative Secretary Forest, Ecology and Environment Department as its chairperson. According to an order, the Authority will consist of a chairperson and 11 other members. "In exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Jammu & Kashmir Development Act. 1970 (Act No. XIV of 1970) and in supersession of notification S.O 63 **More on P10**

J&K Special Tribunal Not Toothless Body 'Altogether': HC

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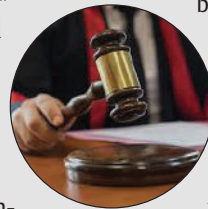
Srinagar, May 25: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Thursday said that J&K Special Tribunal is not a "toothless body altogether" and possesses sufficient powers to deal with those who "dare to commit its contempt."

"...the J&K Special Tribunal is not a toothless body altogether and is possessed of sufficient powers to deal with the citizens who dare to commit its contempt. Though it is ideal as also to make the functioning of the Tribunal effective to make an amendment in the Act of 1988 to confer upon it specifically the power to punish for contempt in relation to itself or any member thereof, as has been done in various statutes," a bench of Justice

Sanjeev Kumar said.

"The Administrative Tribunals constituted under the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, National Company Law Tribunal and the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal constituted under the Companies Act have been specifically conferred the powers to punish for contempt of itself, which power is akin and identical to the power conferred upon the High Courts under Article 215 of the Constitution of India and Section 10 of the Contempt of Courts Act," the court said, adding, "It is, however, for the Legislature vested with the power to legislate to take a call in this regard."

The court made the observations while **More on P10**



Director Health Faces Heat For Shifting Suspended Doctor

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: The Health and Medical Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir government has once again sought an explanation from the Director of Health Services Kashmir (DHSK) after an under-suspension doctor was transferred from one district to another.

The explanation comes just two weeks after the department ordered an inquiry into the alleged violation of government rules and regulations by the Director.

The Director has allegedly delegated financial powers to Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) in contradiction to the established protocols. The government has

appointed Director Medical Supplies Corporation limited Pankaj Gupta as inquiry officer and directed him to submit a report within 20 days.

According to a fresh order, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, the department has asked the Director Health to explain as to why the name of Dr. Arshad Hussain Wani, Medical Officer was incorporated in the proposal while submitting it to the Administrative Department when the latter was under suspension.

Notably, the department has suspended Dr Arshad Ahmad Wani, Medical Officer, SDH Kokernag in the month of February this year.

"Pending inquiry **More on P10**

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Call Blocking System In J&K Jails Soon

The Jammu and Kashmir administration approved the installation of the Harmonious Call Blocking System (HCBS) in all 14 jails of the Union Territory on Thursday. According to an order issued by Additional Chief Secretary (Home) R K Goyal, the system will be installed at a total cost of Rs 21.36 crore. The HCBS is used to block 2G, 3G and 4G signals that could later also be suitable for the 5G technology. This entails installing one or more "special towers" inside the jail premises. These towers follow a hybrid approach to jamming solutions.



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Experts To Draft White Paper On Methane Management

Press Trust Of India

A white paper on capturing methane, particularly coal bed methane, would soon be drafted and submitted to the government for it to take policy measures as potential of methane to warm environment is 84 times more than that of carbon dioxide.

The white paper would also incorporate findings of the experts that investing in methane capture mining companies can increase revenues by 30 per cent.

Methane is the second leading cause of climate change after carbon dioxide.

The white paper shall be drafted on the basis of deliberation during day-long workshop Sustainable Mining & Methane Management jointly organised last week by International Centre for Climate and Sustainability Action Foundation (ICCSA), Society for Clean Environment (SOCLEEN) and the Maharashtra government.

It will be submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Maharashtra, and State En-

vironment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA).

During the workshop, climate scientists suggested to state governments to incentivise and urge coal mining companies on methane handling, considering that methane's potential to warm environment is 84 times more than that of carbon-di-oxide (CO2).

Experts also suggested that somebody should be made accountable to capture methane from abandoned coal mines that continue to emit methane in environment, which has not been addressed as yet.

In his special address at the workshop, Vijay S Nahata, Chairman SEIAA suggested using modern tools in mining to reduce environmental and climate impact.

"India is committed to Net-Zero by 2070, and we will continue to cooperate and work with industries and other stakeholders for the betterment of our environment," he added.

Rakesh Kumar from Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) suggested that mining companies should also be made aware

of the revenue potential that methane capture can have.

By increasing their operational spending by 10 per cent towards methane capturing, the mining industries can create a separate revenue stream that can give them three times the returns on the investment, he said.

While mining companies shall be able to increase their revenues in the short term, allied benefits relating to the environment and health of people residing in areas closer to mining, will take some time to show.

Growth in coal production is directly proportional to the release of methane from mining activities.

Professor A D Sawant, President SOCLEEN suggested that having government policy towards climate change is definitely the first step in the right direction, but the know-how should also be shared with mining officials who are there at the site.

Professor C K Varshney, Professor and Advisor ICCSA said utilisation of coal mine methane has the potential to benefit India by reducing emissions and increasing domestic energy security.

Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division vailoo (Daksum) CORRIGENDUM

Tenders invited vide this office NIT No. 07/864-73of R&B/Vailoo /2023-2024/e-tendering/ DATED: 18 / 05 / 2023 Item No. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22.

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No/EE/SSDG/1037-38
Dated:-23-05-2023

Subject:- Construction of Checkwali Abdullain road by way of GSB/RBM, crate work , Back filling Khak Bajri P/L WBM G-II and Construction of 150 MM RCC pipes culvert Kacha drain, R/B wall.

- Ref:- This office Allotment order No:- 82 of 2021-22 under endorsement No:- 5842-43 Dated:- 26-11-2021.
- This office Notice letter No.EE/SSDG:-3401-05 Dated:-23-06-2022.
- Asstt. Executive Engineer R&B Sub Division Gurez Notice letter No:-AEE/ R&B/404-405 Dated:-05-07-2022.
- This office Notice letter No.EE/SSDG:-4140-44 Dated:-09-07-2022.
- Asstt. Executive Engineer R&B Sub Division Gurez Final Notice letter No:-AEE /R&B/529-531 Dated:-20-08-2022.
- This office Notice letter No:- EE/SSDG:-6119-23 Dated:-24-08-2022.
- This office Notice letter No.EE/SSDG:-6697-6701 Dated:-21-09-2022.
- Superintending Engineer (R&B)Circle Gbl/Bpr Notice letter No:-SE/ Gbl/ Bandi/5472-74 Dated:-28-09-2022.

Dear, Sir

This has reference to the subject cited & communications exchanged with you. Several notices/ reminders for starting the work of the subject project were served to you by the Assistant Engineer R&B Sub Division Gurez, by this office & Superintending Engineer (R&B)Circle Gbl/Bpr. Final notice has been issued to you by the office vide his letter No. EE/SSDG/6697-6701 Dated:-21-09-2022 he has reported that you till date has not started the execution of the contract & as such has recommended that contract with you be terminated, your CDR forfeited & your license/ card be recommended for black listing & the work put to tenders on your risk & costs. Your have been heedless to the directions and have failed to start the execution of the contract. Your casual approach towards the contract has resulted delay in completion of the work in general besides having caused inconvenience & delay in facilitation of essential road facility to the general public in particular. You have not left this office with any other option but to terminate your contract at your risk & cost.

In view of the above you are finally issued this show cause notice, as to why not the subject contract with you for "Construction of Checkwali Abdullain road by way of GSB/RBM, crate work , Back filling Khak Bajri P/L WBM G-II and Construction of 150 MM RCC pipes culvert Kacha drain, R/B wall.) be terminated, & your CDR, deposits, unpaid work done claims if any forfeited & the balance work for completion of the project put to e-tenders at your risk & cost.

The matter most important & urgent. You may reply within three days from the date of issuances of this notice.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Special Sub Division Gurez

DIPK-2113/23 dated: 24-05-2023



Teenager Slips To death In Srinagar Flood Channel

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A teenage boy slipped to death in flood channel in Tengpora area of central Kashmir's Srinagar district on Thursday.

An official said the boy, 19, slipped into the flood channel near Tengpora.

He said soon after the incident a police team along with locals launched

a rescue operation.

"Despite hectic efforts the boy couldn't be saved and later his body was retrieved from the channel," he said.

Deceased teenager has been identified as Masood Ahmad Kalas (18) son of Muzamil Kalas of Poshkar Kangan.

"After medico-legal formalities, body will be handed over to his family," the official said.

Padma Awardees, Eminent Scientists Join 3-Day Symposium At KU

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Three Padma Shri awardees are among a galaxy of scientists who will be a part of deliberations during a three-day national symposium on 'Earthquake, Landslide and Glacial Hazards' inaugurated at the University of Kashmir on Thursday.

The Padma awardees include earth scientist Prof Harsh K Gupta, geophysical scientist Dr V P Dimri and geologist Dr V C Thakur.

Vice-Chancellor, University of Kashmir, Prof Nilofer Khan presided over the inaugural session of the symposium as well as the 7th Annual Convention on 'Advances in Earthquake Sciences', organized by Indian Society of Earthquake Sciences (ISES) and KU's Department of Geography and Disaster Management. Nazim Zia Khan, IAS, Secretary to J&K Government, Department of Disaster Management, Relief and Rehabilitation (DDMR) was the chief guest on the occasion, while Prof Talat Ahmad, former VC KU and Prof Harsh K Gupta were the guests of honor.

In her presidential remarks, Prof Nilofer said that disaster management is a "multidimensional issue" and needs active support from all stakeholders to help develop a disaster-conscious citizenry. She said students can lead effective awareness campaigns on disaster manage-

ment, while such scientific deliberations in the University can feed into policymaking on the subject.

In his address, Nazim Zia Khan highlighted the importance of capacity building of various stakeholders for effective disaster management on the ground. He said the Government of J&K has developed a multipronged approach for good structuring of the disaster management mechanism, including creation of two separate battalions of SDRF.

In his special remarks, Prof Talat Ahmad called for addressing new challenges in disaster management with active involvement of teachers and students. He also highlighted the fallout of various disasters including landslides and earthquakes in vulnerable places like J&K. Prof Talat also said the KU's Department of Geography and Disaster Management must evolve into a Centre of Excellence given its potential and expertise.

Prof Harsh K Gupta said the best way to deal with natural disasters is to learn to live with natural disasters by developing resilience and capacities in the society at large. He said when other countries like Nepal or Haiti can develop such resilience in the wake of large-scale earthquakes, the same could be replicated in places in the country which are vulnerable to earthquakes and other disasters.



A non local boy takes cover under canvas bulk bag as intermittent rains lash Kashmir valley on Thursday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Large-Scale Fish Deaths In Dal Lake Raise Alarm Among Residents

Authorities Say 'Annual' Affair

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Thousands of fish in the Dal Lake here have died over the past few days with authorities blaming a sudden fluctuation in temperature in the region.

Dal Lake dwellers expressed alarm over such large-scale fish deaths even as authorities said the occurrence was an annual affair.

"I received reports about the deaths of fish in Dal Lake yesterday. We sent a team to scout the lake for samples. We found that a lot of dead fish had been collected around Centaur Hotel," Deputy Director Fisheries department Rafiq Ahmad told PTI.

"It seems that the fish have died due to sudden fluctuation in temperature. This is not unusual as it happens every year. You will find similar occurrences in other lakes like Manasbal (Lake) as well," Ahmad said.

It is an annual phenomenon which affects only one type of fish, the official claimed.

Asked if there can be any other contributing factors, Ahmad said pollution could also be a contributing factor as it changes the parameters of the water. "Coupled with temperature variation, it causes mortality among the fish," he said.

“It seems that the fish have died due to sudden fluctuation in temperature. This is not unusual as it happens every year. You will find similar occurrences in other lakes like Manasbal (Lake) as well

A senior inspector of the department has been asked to submit a detailed factual report ascertaining the cause of the fishes' death, he added.

However, lake dwellers, who live in houseboats in the lake, contradicted the official's claim saying they had never seen such large-scale fish deaths there.

"The reason for the deaths is the increase in the water level of the lake. The lake authorities have kept the water level up.

Now, it has become a problem as the fish have died. It has caused a foul smell already and one cannot sit here," said Ghulam Mohammad, a Dal Lake dweller.

"A few fish would die earlier also but this is unprecedented. I have not seen this in 60 years of my life here," he added.

Some blamed the addition of chemicals to sewage water before it is released into the lake for the fish deaths.

"They put chemicals in these drains which have caused the deaths. These drains should be closed. This lake provides us with livelihood," said Bashir Ahmed, a fisherman for over 40 years at the lake. The fisherman also said he had not seen fish deaths of this scale in his lifetime.

Adil Ahmad, a frequent visitor to the lakeside, said the pollutants discharged from houseboats and waste material dumped into the lake was responsible for the situation.

"I think it is due to the sewage that comes out of houseboats. People should avoid polluting the lake. They should use dustbins which have been installed. I am a frequent visitor to the lake and I am seeing this for the first time that so many fish have died. I was shocked!" he added.

DC Srinagar Holds Meeting With Traders, Transport Unions

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to ensure smooth plying of traffic in Batamaloo area and facilitate the passengers, a meeting was held today under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Vice Chairman, Srinagar Development Authority, Haris Ahmad Handoo, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Shabir Ahmad, Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir, Syed Shah Nawaz Bukhari, SP Traffic Tariq Ahmad, Chief Planning officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Superintending Engineer R&B, Sajad Nageeb, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Raies Ahmad Bhat, SDM, West, Primroze Bashir, Tehsildar Headquarter, and other officers.

The meeting was held in light of the High Court directions regarding the representations of the various Unions of the Batamaloo Bus Stand.

At the outset, a detailed discussion was held related to the concerns raised by the Traders Association Batamaloo including problems being faced by wholesalers/distributors in supplying goods to dealers and intervention required for smooth movement of vehicles for supply of essential goods in the local markets, besides decongest the area and ensure smooth flow of traffic movement of pedestrians.

The Traders also demanded for designating a particular area for parking/stand of commercial vehicles in the area to facilitate the local wholesale traders and commuters visiting the market/Bus Stand which has been shifted to Parimpora few years back.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR RUNNING OF KIOSKS/PIZZERIA HUT

Sealed tenders affixed with Revenue Stamp worth Rs. 5/- are invited for and on behalf of Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora from the registered canteen service providers for running of the following:-

- 03 KIOSKS in the University Campus.
- 01 KIOSK in the premises of Govt Polytechnic College IUST, Awantipora.
- 01 KIOSK in the premises of Alamdar Memorial College for Nursing and Medical Technology, Charar-e Sharief, Budgam.
- Pizzeria Hut.

The detailed Tender Notices and Tender Documents can be collected from the office of the Estates on all working days (Monday-Friday) between 09:00 am to 4:30 pm. The Tender Notices/Documents can also be downloaded from the University website www.iust.ac.in. Tender Documents complete in all respects must be submitted in the office of the Estates by or before **05-06-2023 (2:00 PM)**

No: IUST/Tender/Pizzeria Hut - Kiosks/23/128
Dated: 24-05-2023

Sd/-
Deputy Registrar, Estates

DIPK-NB-890/23 dated: 25-05-2023

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer
Gulmarg Development Authority, Tangmarg
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No: 07/GDA OF 2023-24

DATED:24-05-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible Companies/Reputed Firms of J&K UT or Outside J&K UT/Central Govt. Registered for the following works.

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	Earnest money	Time of Completion/ (period)	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Up-keeping/landscaping of children park at Gulmarg for the year (2023-24)	2.48	200	4960	One Working Season	03-06-2023	Class D	Non-Plan
2	Up keeping & maintenance of Child Park by way of Sanitation w.e.f 15/06/2023 to 15/10/2023 (Part A).	3.60	200	7200	Five months		Class D	Non-Plan
3	Upgradation Golf Course at Gulmarg for the year 2023	14.00	600	28000	One Working Season		Class B & C	Non-Plan

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

2. The cost of tenders should be collected by introducing e-challan or simple uploading a copy of necessary Treasury challan / receipt (M.Head 1452-TSM) only (As per Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Kashmir's No. CE/RBK/WS/4852-85 Dated 03-07-2020. The tenders are also available on GDA Website for information and wide publicity. However tenders can only be downloaded and submitted on the JK tenders website.

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 GDA Division Tangmarg (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) otherwise the tender will be rejected. 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, in single CDR/ FDR/ BG which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

S. No.	Date of issue of tender Notice	24-05-2023
1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	From 24-05-2023 to 02/06/2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	24-05-2023 from 10.00 AM
3	Bid submission start date	24-05-2023 upto 4.00 P.M
4	Bid submission end date	02-06-2023 upto 4.00 P.M
5	Date & time of opening of bids (online)	03/06/2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer GDA Tangmarg

General conditions :

4. The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site 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 GDA Division Tangmarg (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.

6.1 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 to familiarize themselves with the bid submission process.

6.2 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.

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

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

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

No: GDA / Divn/287-303
DIPK-NB-893/23

Dated:25-05-2023

Executive Engineer
Gulmarg Dev. Authority Tangmarg.

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- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
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- BUBHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

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

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This Day In History

- 1961- USAF bomber flies Atlantic in a record of just over 3 hours
- 1966- Guyana (formerly British Guiana) declares independence from UK
- 1969- Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth
- 1970- The Soviet Tupolev Tu-144 becomes the first commercial transport to exceed Mach 2.
- 1972- US President Richard Nixon & Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev sign SALT accord
- 1980- Soyuz 36 carries 2 cosmonauts (1 Hungarian) to Salyut 6
- 1983- Space Shuttle Challenger moves to launch pad for STS-7
- 1983- NASA launches Exosat
- 1984-US President Ronald Reagan rules out US military intervention in Iran-Iraq war.

From KO Archives

Israel Quickens Retreat; Lebanon Jail Stormed

Agencies

KHAYAM: Hizbollah fighters poured into Israel's crumbling occupation zone and villagers stormed a notorious prison Tuesday as the Jewish state hastened the end of its bloody 22-year presence in south Lebanon

The speed of the Israeli pullout came as a surprise and hastened the collapse of the mainly Christian South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia set up as a buffer against guerilla attacks.

"We will redeploy in the next few days on the international border," Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said as the Muslim guerillas moved on foot and in civilian vehicles into large swathes of the so-called security zone Israel carved out of the hills of its northern neighbor.

Scores of detainees rushed out with tears in their eyes to embrace their liberators who fired volleys into the air.

More than 100 villagers overran the prison at Khayam and freed 130 Lebanese prisoners held by Israelis for up to 15 years.

SLA ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE: SLA men began giving themselves up in the eastern sector of the zone, their last bastion, witnesses said.

Militiamen also gave themselves up to the Lebanese army in the village of Hasbaya as Israeli warplanes destroyed bridges and heavy equipment abandoned during their accelerated retreat. Once the surrender is completed Hizbollah guerrillas were expected to flow in and tighten their control over virtually all of the zone running from the Mediterranean Sea to the foot of the Golan Heights.

Hizbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah said his men would continue their war if Israel did not release Lebanese prisoners held as bargaining chips and give up an area of land known as Shebaa Farms. Israel has indicated it will hold on to the farms, at the foot of the Golan Heights, saying the land is Syrian and not Lebanese.

Panic Among Christians: The Hizbollah advance sparked panic in the Christian population and jubilation among Muslims. A stream of Christians and SLA members headed for the Israeli border seeking sanctuary. Some will be housed in a holiday resort on the Sea of Galilee

SLA commander General Antoine Lahd left Paris Tuesday for Tel Aviv to return to his crumbling army.

Despite the haste of their retreat, Israeli soldiers were clearly relieved to be out of a conflict that looked tin winnable and was deeply unpopular with the Israeli public.

At the Egel border crossing, dozens of returning soldiers gave the thumbs-up sign, unloaded their rifles and shed flak jackets. "In the end we took down the flag in haste and we sang the Tikva (national anthem)... so that we would have the good feeling we aren't leaving with our tail between our legs," said one soldier. He was in a convoy of 10 armored vehicles that had dashed to the border under cover of darkness.

Israeli newspapers, however, likened the withdrawal to the U.S. rout from Saigon in 1975. One headline ran "Day of Humiliation" — a sentiment that Hizbollah clearly felt as its years of struggle to drive Israel from Lebanon succeeded in dramatic fashion.

"This 18-year tragedy is over," Barak said, referring to Israel's 1982 invasion. Israel first crossed into Lebanon in 1978 to stop attacks by Palestinians who had been housed in refugee camps since the creation of the Jewish state 30 years earlier.

Hizbollah took more than 20 villages in south Lebanon on Tuesday. Witnesses said guerrillas established positions inside a cluster of villages, swiftly moving through abandoned posts, capturing suspected SLA members and seizing weapons and ammunition.

In Biut Jbeil, residents lined the streets, showering the guerrillas with rice and saluting them with V-for-victory signs amid shouts of Islam's rallying cry of Allahu Akbar (God is Greatest).

(Kashmir Observer, May 26, 2000)

Iran Launches 2,000 km-Range Ballistic Missile Kheybar

Agencies

DUBAI: Iran successfully tested a 2,000km-range ballistic missile on Thursday, Iranian state media said, two days after the chief of Israel's armed forces raised the prospect of "action" against Tehran over its nuclear program.

Iran, which has one of the biggest missile programs in the Middle East, says its weapons are capable of reaching Israel and US bases in the region.

Despite opposition from the United States and European countries, Tehran has said it would further develop its "defensive" missile program.

"Our message to Iran's enemies is that we will defend the country and its achievements. Our message to our friends is that we want to help regional stability," said Iranian defense minister Mohammadreza Ashtiani.

State TV broadcast what it said was footage of an upgraded version of Iran's Khoramshahr 4 ballistic missile with a range of 2,000km that can carry a 1,500kg warhead.

State News agency IRNA said the missile was called Kheibar, a reference to a Jewish castle overrun by Muslim warriors in the early days of Islam.

Israel, which the Islamic Republic does not recognize, sees



Iran as an existential threat. Iran says its ballistic missiles are an important deterrent and retaliatory force against the United States, Israel and other potential regional adversaries.

On Tuesday, the top Israeli general raised the prospect of "action" against Iran as efforts by six world powers to revive Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal have stalled since last September amid growing Western fears about Tehran's accelerating nuclear advances.

The nuclear agreement, which Washington ditched in 2018, imposed restrictions on Iran's nuclear activities that extended the time Tehran would need to produce enough fissile material for a nuclear bomb, if it chose to. Iran denies seeking nuclear weapons.

After Shireen Mazari, Fawad Chaudhry Quits Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf

Imran Khan Says Party Leaders Being Forced To Quit Amid Standoff With Army

Agencies

ISLAMABAD: Former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan said Wednesday that senior leaders were being pressured into resigning from his party amid a crackdown, as a former cabinet minister became the latest to quit.

Rights monitors said authorities have detained thousands of supporters of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party since days of street violence erupted over his brief arrest earlier this month.

Party spokesman Fawad Chaudhry, who served as information minister in Khan's government, quit the party while general secretary Asad Umar, the former finance minister, said he would step down from his position but remain with PTI. It came after senior vice-president Shireen Mazari parted ways with Khan on Tuesday.

All three made their announcements after being released from custody on allegations of instigating street violence after Khan's arrest.

"This is a crackdown that I have never seen in the history of Pakistan before," Khan said in a video address on Wednesday night.



If you say that you are part of PTI, then you will face oppression and violence, you will be locked up," he said.

"If you say the magic words, 'We are no longer in PTI', then you will be released."

Khan claimed the suppression was being targeted at grassroots supporters, as well as officials. "They have put everyone in jail, I don't even know who to contact anymore," he said from his home in the eastern city of Lahore.

Chaudhry announced his resignation on Twitter, denouncing the civil unrest and saying he would "take a break from politics".

Umar meanwhile held a press conference, saying he had not been pressured into the decision to step down as general secretary.

Amnesty International on Tuesday said "a pall of fear hangs over Khan's supporters following the arbitrary arrests of many opposition leaders".

"Authorities must stop clamping down on the political opposition" they said in a joint statement with other organisations, accusing the government of using "vague anti-terrorism laws" to justify detentions.

Since he was ousted from office, 70-year-old Khan has waged an unprecedented campaign of defiance against the powerful military establishment, long regarded as Pakistan's powerbrokers.

He accuses the top brass of orchestrating his downfall and even plotting a November assassination attempt in which he was shot in the leg, allegations that the army denies.

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Indians Should Not Suffer From "Slave Mentality": PM After 3-Nation Tour

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday asserted that he used every moment during his six-day tour across three countries for India's good as BJP workers and supporters accorded him a warm welcome on his return.

Addressing people who had gathered to welcome him outside the Palam airport here, PM Modi said he speaks confidently of India and its people's strengths abroad and the world listens because people here elected a majority government.

World leaders know that what he says is the voice of the 140 crore people of India, the prime minister added.

India, he said, faces the challenges of strengthening its roots while also working its way to a new high as the world expects it to.

"Challenges are big. But it is in my nature to challenge the challenges," the prime minister said, exuding confidence in front of a cheering crowd that his government will succeed in meeting these expectations in time. Global expectations from the country have been rising, he added.

PM Modi spoke about the respect accorded by the people of Pacific island countries during the visit, and said they were thankful to India for the COVID-19 vaccines sent to them during the pandemic. Taking a



swipe at his critics, the prime minister said they questioned him for sending the vaccines.

"Remember, it is the land of Buddha, it is the land of Gandhi. We care even for our enemies, we are the people inspired by compassion," he underlined.

He also asserted that the world is keen to listen to India's story and said Indians should never suffer from a "slave mentality" while speaking about their great culture and traditions and instead speak with courage.

The prime minister added that the world agrees with him when he says any attack on our country's pilgrimage sites is not acceptable.

PM Modi had on Wednesday raised with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese India's concerns over incidents of attacks on temples in Australia.

He noted that not only the Australian prime minister and members of the ruling party were present during the Indian community event in Sydney where he spoke but a former prime minister and representative of opposition parties also attended the programme.

20 Richest Countries Account For Over Half Of 50 Million People In 'Modern Slavery': Report

AP

UNITED NATIONS: The world's 20 richest countries are fuelling forced labour and account for over half the estimated 50 million people living in "modern slavery," according to a report released Wednesday.

The report by the Walk Free foundation, a rights group that focuses on modern slavery, said six members of the Group of 20 nations have the largest number of people in modern slavery — either in forced labour or forced marriage. India tops the list with 11 million followed by China with 5.8 million, Russia with 1.9 million, Indonesia with 1.8 million, Turkey with 1.3 million and the United States with 1.1 million.

"Most of the countries with lowest prevalence of modern slavery — Switzerland, Norway, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium,



Ireland, Japan, and Finland — are also members of the G20," the report said.

"Yet, even in these countries, thousands of people continue to be forced to work or marry, despite their high levels of economic development, gender equality, social welfare, and political stability, as well as strong criminal justice systems."

Last September, a report by the UN's International Labour Organization and International Organization for Migration and Walk Free estimated that 50 million

people were living in "modern slavery" — 28 million in forced labour and 22 million in forced marriage — at the end of 2021. That was a 10 million increase in just five years from the end of 2016.

"Modern slavery permeates every aspect of our society," Walk Free Founding Director Grace Forrest said in a statement. "It is woven through our clothes, lights up our electronics and seasons our food" — and it "is a mirror held to power, reflecting who in any given society has it and who does not."

Plea In SC Seeks Direction Parliament Building's Inauguration By President

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NEW DELHI: A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking direction to the Lok Sabha Secretariat for the inauguration the new Parliament building by the President amid an ongoing political slugfest over the issue.

The plea filed by advocate C.R. Jaya Sukin said that the respondents — Lok Sabha Secretariat, Union of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice — have violated the Constitution and it was not being respected.

"Parliament is the supreme legislative body of India. The Indian Parliament comprises the President and the two houses — Rajya Sabha (Council of States) and Lok Sabha (House of the People). The President has the power to summon and prorogue either House of Parliament or to dissolve Lok Sabha," said the petition.

The plea contended that the Prime Minister is appointed by the President and other ministers are appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister.

The plea submitted that the President is authorised to ap-



The plea said the statement issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat on May 18 and invites issued by Secretary General, Lok Sabha about inaugurating the new Parliament building is without following the basic principles of natural justice and violate Article 21, 79, 87 of the Constitution.

point constitutional functions such as governors, judges of both Supreme Court and high court, Comptroller and Auditor General of India, chairman and manager of Union Public Service Commission, Chief Election Commissioner, financial commissioner, and other election commissioners.

Turkiye-Syria Shocks: Earthquake Triggering "Doublet" Uncommon, Not Anomalous

PTI

Analysing the earthquakes that hit Türkiye and Syria on February 6, 2023, researchers say that statistically there was about a 7 per cent chance of an earthquake triggering a "doublet", indicating this behaviour was not anomalous.

They said that while the occurrence of two large earthquakes taking place so close in time as a "doublet" was uncommon, the first mainshock may have created stress changes in the area of the second earthquake's epicentre that caused failure at the Sargu-

published in the journal The Seismic Record, including details on how, where, and how fast the earthquakes ruptured and how they combined as a "devastating doublet" to produce damaging ground shaking.

An analysis led by Gesa M. Petersen of Helmholtz Centre Potsdam GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences, Germany, suggested that the first mainshock ruptured up to 560 kilometres in multiple phases over a total of 117 seconds, while the second earthquake ruptured about 115 kilometres over 32 seconds, with aftershocks being distributed



Misis Fault Zone (SMFZ), about 90 kilometres to the north of the first earthquake.

Offering an initial look at the earthquakes in south-central Türkiye and northwestern Syria, three studies have been

along roughly 160 kilometres of the SMFZ. In this study, the researchers traced the rupture direction of each earthquake, showing that the first involved multiple directional phases and segmented rupture.

NEWS MAKERS

Tipu Sultan's Sword Sold For ₹ 140 Crore At London Auction

Agencies

The bedchamber sword of Tipu Sultan, the 18th century ruler of Mysuru, has sold for 14 million pounds (\$17.4 million or ₹140 crore) at an auction in London. Auction house Bonhams, which organised the sale, said the price on Tuesday was seven times the estimate. Bonhams further said that the sword was the most important of the weapons with proven personal association with the ruler. Tipu Sultan won fame in wars of the late 18th century. He fought against the Marathas on several occasions between 1775 and 1779.

"This spectacular sword is the greatest of all the weapons linked to Tipu Sultan still in private hands. Its close personal association with the Sultan, its impeccable provenance traceable to the very day it was captured, and the outstanding craftsmanship that went into its



manufacture make it unique and highly desirable," said Oliver White, Bonhams Head of Islamic and Indian Art and auctioneer.

The sword was found in the private quarters of Tipu Sultan's palace.

"The sword has an extraordinary history, an astonishing provenance and unrivalled craftsmanship. It was no surprise it was so hotly contested between two phone bidders and a bidder in the room. We are delighted with the result," Nima Sagharchi, group head of Islamic and Indian

Art at Bonhams, said in a statement.

Tipu Sultan was given the nickname "Tiger of Mysore" for the ferocity with which he defended his kingdom.

He pioneered the use of rocket artillery in wars and transformed Mysore into the most dynamic economy in India, Bonhams said on its website.

After Tipu Sultan was killed, his sword was presented to British Major General David Baird as a token of his courage, according to the auction house.

Urdu Poet Munawwar Rana Hospitalised, Put On Ventilator Support

Press Trust of India

LUCKNOW: Acclaimed poet Munawwar Rana has been admitted to a hospital here and is on ventilator support, his family said on Thursday.

The 70-year-old Rana has been admitted to the Apollo Hospital here after his health deteriorated following a surgery to remove gall bladder stones, his daughter Sumaiya Rana told PTI.

The poet was also suffering from throat cancer and is undergoing dialysis.

Sumaiya Rana said her father had undergone a gall bladder operation at the hospital on Tuesday last.

When he was brought to the hospital for dialysis, it was found that his gall bladder was damaged due to stones. He was operated upon but since then his health has been deteriorating, she said.

A native of Rae Bareilly district, Rana was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2014.

Rana, a prominent name in 'mushaira' circles, is one of India's most popular and admired poets who writes both in Hindi and Urdu. One of his most famous poems is 'Maa' in which he used the genre of 'ghazal' to extol the virtues of a mother.



Praveen Sood, Ex-Karnataka Top Cop, Takes Charge As New CBI Chief

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Senior IPS officer Praveen Sood took over as the new CBI director today and he will be in the post for two years, officials said. On his last working day, the outgoing director, Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, handed mr Sood the charge of the agency at its headquarters here, they said.

Praveen Sood is a 1986-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Karnataka cadre and was the state's director general of police (DGP), officials said. He is the senior-most IPS officer in the country after Jaiswal.

Mr Sood's name was cleared in a meeting of a high-powered committee comprising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

Mr Chowdhury, a Congress leader, had reportedly given a dissent note on the selection of Sood as the next director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Born in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district in 1964, Mr Sood joined the IPS at the age 22 years after completing his civil engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi.

He also holds a post graduation degrees from the Indian Institute of Management -Bengaluru and the Maxwell School of Governance, Syracuse University, New York.

During his 37 years of service, Mr Sood served in various capacities in the Karnataka Police, including superintendent of police of Bellary and Raichur districts; additional commissioner of police (traffic), Bengaluru City; commissioner of police, Mysuru City and Bengaluru City; additional director general of police; principal secretary (home); DGP (Internal Security) and DGP (CID), a CBI statement said. The officer, known for his hands-on approach, had supervised investigation of high profile cases involving high net-worth individuals and matters having inter-state and international ramifications, it said.

Azad Calls For Permanent Security Deployment In Rajouri-Poonch Border Areas

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Thursday called for permanent deployment of security forces in the militancy-hit Rajouri-Poonch border area and strengthening of the intelligence network and village defence committees in the region.

Azad said he will take up the issue with the Defence Minister and Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant governor.

Seven people were killed and 14 injured in a militant attack in Dhangri village in Rajouri on January 1. Five people, including two brothers, were killed when militants opened fire at house. The very next day two more children were killed when an IED left behind by the attackers went off.

"It is a matter of concern that the incidents are taking place

in Rajouri district as the majority of other areas are peaceful. There is fear and terror here", Azad told a reporters here.

"There is a need to strengthen VDCs. There is a need for the security forces, which should be permanent here in this entire region. It has ridges and valley. It is a border area. There is a need for strengthening intelligence - both local and army, police intelligence too, so that such incidents are not repeated," Azad said.

Azad, who was approached by locals with demands of gun licences and security increase, said it was unfortunate that the area was struck by militancy every month.

"I have told people I will take up the matter with the defence minister. There should be a strong security network here so that no one comes from outside and escapes after engineering an attack," he said.



NHM Ranking Of Public Health Facilities

Chest Disease Hospital Jammu Clinches First Rank For April

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir National Health Mission on Thursday released ranking of Public Health facilities on Hospital Management Information System (JK e Sahaj) for the month of April 2023.

In first phase of implementation, 578 facilities have been covered under this initiative and will be further extended to other services in a phased manner.

In the category of Associated Hospitals of Government Medical Colleges, Chest Disease Hospital Jammu clinched the first rank followed by Psychiatric Disease Hospital, Jammu, AH GMC Rajouri, Psychiatric Disease Hospital, Srinagar and Chest Disease Hospital, Srinagar. The bottom five in this category included GMC Handwara, Kashmir Nursing Home, Srinagar, GMC Kathua, Government Hospital Lal Ded, Srinagar and Super Speciality, Jammu.

In the category of District Hospitals, the first rank has been secured by DH Poonch followed by DH JLN, Srinagar, DH Bandipora, DH Kulgam and DH Reasi. The bottom five in this category included DH Ganderbal, DH Ramban, DH Shopian, DH Budgam and MCCH Anantnag.

In the category of Community Health Centres (CHCs), CHC Seer got the first place followed

by CHC Shangus, CHC Dooru, SDH Bijbehara and CHC Uri. The bottom five in this category included CHC Nowshera, CHC Taryath, CHC Yaripora, CHC Tangmarg and CHC Kangan.

In the category of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and UPHCs, the first rank has been clinched by PHC Mattan followed by PHCs Kakapora, Sallar, Achabal and Srigwara. The bottom five in this category included PHC Thakrakote, PHC Teetwal, PHC Massu, PHC Machil and PHC Keran.

Pertinently, JK e-Sahaj (Electronic System for Automation of Hospital Administration J&K) initiative was formally launched on 4th November 2022 as part of Jashn-e-Sehat, by the Lieutenant Governor for different types of facilities i.e. Tertiary care, District Hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and some New Type PHCs. The system has been integrated with Rapid Assessment System (RAS), 104 Centralised Health Helpline for outbound calling and RCH portal of MoHFW.

The ranking has been done on the basis of registration, conversion of EMR (Electronic Medical Record), registration of IPD patients and Patient feedback uploaded on the portal of JK e Sahaj for the month of April 2023, on real time basis. The detailed list of facilities has been shared on NHM website.

Claims Of Rise In Unemployment Rate In J&K A 'Big Lie': CS

Agencies

GANDERBAL: Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta Thursday said that unemployment hasn't increased in the UT and those who claim so are "lying."

Addressing a function at Wayil in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, Kumar said there is truth in claims that unemployment has increased in J&K. "Such claims are nothing but a big lie," he said.

He said J&K is witnessing a change that can be gauged from the fact that in 2018-19, 9229 projects were completed



at the capital expenditure of Rs 13650 Cr. "In 2022-23, 92560 projects were completed at almost the same amount. One is that the amount remained the same but efforts got doubled ten times," the CS said. He said that there are many schemes

Govt Preserving Dogra Kings' Heritage Through Digitization

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The archives department here is abuzz with activity as several teams work diligently to digitise precious manuscripts, books, and historic records of the erstwhile Dogra dynasty's kings to preserve the "invaluable heritage" for future generations.

"We are focusing on the digitisation of the archival records (containing manuscripts, books, journals, newspapers and historic records of erstwhile kings). We have a total archival record of 55,88,000 and we have already digitised 38,88,000 records," Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, Jammu and Kashmir, Pradeep Kumar told PTI here.



The department has laid focus on digitisation of the archival records of rare and precious documents and files concerning the armies of the maharajas' of Jammu and Kashmir.

"These are files concerning

available for the unemployed youth who want to start their own ventures. "They don't need to make rounds of banks and beg for loans," he said.

The CS said that J&K is going to be the country's number one UT in providing best digital services. "Computer doesn't see the religion and cast of a person. Officials are time bound to complete services of people. For example, if a Patwari doesn't complete the process of attestation of mutations within one month, he will be fined," he said. Kumar thanked people for supporting the G-20 event and making it a success—(KNO)

the armies of the maharajas and the decisions taken by them. The digitisation of these rare and precious files is going on," another official said.

"We floated tenders for the digitisation of the remaining records in February and the selected agency, within the one-and-a-half-month period, digitised another 1.30 lakh pages. Hopefully, within a year, all the records will be digitised," Kumar said.

Meanwhile, a digital archival repository has been established that will serve as a sanctuary for rare documents, books, and periodicals. After digitisation, these archival records are meticulously preserved, tagged, and stored on the racks and shelves.

Bidhuri Reviews Arrangements For Departure Of Hajj Pilgrims

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Thursday convened a meeting of officers to review the arrangements for the departure of Hajj Pilgrims on the Holy Journey.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of J&K besides officers of District Administration Leh &

and cleanliness drive there.

Div Com directed SRTC to provide buses for transportation of pilgrims from Haj House to Airport.

The meeting was informed that the departure schedule of flights will be published within two days. However, all pilgrims were asked to report to Haj House four hours earlier before departure time.

Besides, the meeting was informed that an adequate quan-



Kargil, Chairman J&K Haj Committee, HoDs of various departments including PHE, KPDC, Health, Sanitation, SRTC, RTO and Hospitality & Protocol.

Addressing the meeting, Div Com stated that after the success of G20 Summit, smooth and flawless arrangements shall also be made for the departure of Hajj Pilgrims.

He issued a slew of directions to concerned officers for ensuring all the required arrangements to facilitate pilgrims.

He directed for making adequate facilities of drinking water, uninterrupted power supply at Haj House Bemina besides conducting regular sanitation

tity of foreign exchange has been ensured in all districts besides more counters will be set up at Haj House.

Div Com also gave directions for hassle-free and smooth clearance of pilgrims at immigration service counter at Airport besides distribution of boarding passes at the earliest.

The traffic police was asked to identify parking space for vehicles of relatives accompanying pilgrims near Hajj House.

Pilgrims of Jammu Division, U.T of Ladakh and far off areas of Kashmir Valley who happen to stay at Haj House shall be provided boarding/lodging facility at Hajj House, Bemina.

PIB Srinagar Organizes Media Workshop 'Vartalap' At Bandipora

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: To build a direct interface between the government and the journalists working at district and sub-district levels across Kashmir division, Press Information Bureau (PIB), Srinagar, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India today organised Media Workshop "Vartalap" at district Bandipora.

The Chief Guest of the workshop was District Development Commissioner Bandipora Dr Owais Ahmad and the Guest of Honour was Additional Director General, PIB Srinagar and Chandigarh Rajinder Chaudhry.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Ahmad thanked PIB for organizing the workshop at Bandipora. He said that journalists are doing their bit in contributing to society by being the eyes and ears of the administration. He said that the advent of social media has been both a boon and a bane as sometimes misinformation spreads at a very fast rate and journalists can help in maintaining checks and balances regarding the same.

Dr Ahmad encouraged the media to provide feedback to the administration so that it helps in better governance. He said that media has a lot



of power and media persons should use that power wisely and judiciously and make sure that the power is not misused. He asserted that the relation between the government and the media should be an honest one as it is ultimately the public that gets to benefit from it.

In his keynote address, Chaudhry thanked district administration Bandipora for their support in organising the workshop. He said Vartalap is a two way communication and the purpose of the workshop is to reach out to media at far flung places. He added that the work of the government is greatly eased due to the efforts of the media as it acts like the eyes and ears of the government.

Chaudhry gave a detailed presentation on the structure and working of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the various media units that come under it. He said journalists should make maximum use of the information provided by the media units as it will help

them in seeing the complete picture. He further said that besides disseminating information from the government, PIB also takes notice of news that is reported at the local and regional levels and conveys it to the higher authorities for redressal of grievances.

In his welcome address, Joint Director (Media and Communication) PIB Srinagar Qazi Salman thanked the journalists for their attendance at the workshop. Besides describing the role and responsibility of PIB, he expressed that media has undergone a tremendous change in the recent past and the mode of consumption of news has changed dramatically. This has led to hyper consumption of news and that makes the role of local journalists all the more important, he asserted. He said that the purpose of Vartalap is to develop a connect with local journalists so that a healthy working relationship is formed between the media and the government.

Mohammad Muzaffer Shah, Assistant Commissioner Panchayats, Bandipora gave an overview on the achievements of Rural Development Department Bandipora. He said that the Swachh Bharat Mission has been a great success in the district and is among the top priorities of the administration.

Mehraj Wani, Project Manager DIC Bandipora spoke about achievements of health sector with special focus on PMJAY (Golden Cards) in Bandipora. He said that there are four hospitals that are running 24x7 and that private hospitals have also been empanelled under Ayushman Bharat. He added that Golden Cards have acted as a savior for the citizens and shared some success stories regarding the same. He further said that only 8 per cent of the population is yet to be covered under the Golden Card scheme.

District Information Officer Bandipora Jahangir Akhoun said that media serves as a vibrant agent of change and it is doing a commendable job by bringing to light the issues of masses. He expressed happiness that the media fraternity of Bandipora is working shoulder to shoulder with the administration in addressing grievances of the public.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ESTATES DIVISION, SRINAGAR.							
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Dated: - 23-05-2023							
NIT NO. 23/XEN/EDS/2023-24 OF 05/2023							
Executive Engineer Estates Division Srinagar on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory J&K invites tenders by E-tendering on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Registered Civil Contractors with Union Territory J&K /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. (Amt In Rs)	Earnest Money	Time of Completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head Of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Repair / Renovation of washrooms, kitchen, paneling and other allied items for Set No. B-25 Budshah Flats Srinagar.	2.50 lacs	300/-	5000/-	20 Days	DEE	2216-NON PLAN
2	Face lifting and other allied items to Ministerial Quarter MQ-6 at Old Tulsibagh Srinagar.	1.73 lacs	200/-	3460/-	15 Days	DEE	
3	Upgradation / renovation of Set No. C-24 and 136-R at Govt Quarters Bemina.	2.44 lacs	300/-	4880/-	20 Days	DEE	
4	Upgradation / renovation of Quarter No. B-4 Block-U at Budshah Flats Srinagar.	2.21 lacs	300/-	4420/-	20 Days	DEE	
5	Renovation of washroom of room No. 532 (Office of Secretary Tourism) at Civil Secretariat Srinagar	2.00 lacs	200/-	4000/-	20 Days	DEE	
6	Upgradation of T-7 Quarter at Tulsibagh Srinagar.	1.69 lacs	200/-	3380/-	20 Days	DEE	
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1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-							
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	23-05-2023					
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	24.05.2023 from 10.00 AM.					
3	Bid submission Start Date	24.05.2023 from 10.00 AM.					
4	Bid Submission End Date	31.05.2023 upto 3.00 PM.					
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	31.05.2023 at 3.05 PM. In the office of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar.					
2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under Major Head-0216/Revenue (others) in favour of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan/ Earnest Money should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).							
3. All bidders must upload EMD in shape of CDR/ FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division Srinagar @2% of advertised Cost and the 2% EMD shall be Released in favour of the successful bidder only after the receipt of 3% performance security.							
4. The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of advertised cost as performance security in shape of CDR/ FDR within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work/DLP is over.							
5. Earnest money of the bidder(s) will be forfeited in following cases:							
a. When the bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity on account of any reason.							
b. The successful bidder (L1) will be required to submit all original documents of the bid in the office of Executive Engineer, Estates Division, 9-A Polo View Srinagar within 3 days of opening of the financial bids. Failure of which the CDR/ FDR of the L1 bidder shall be forfeited and he will be also debarred from participating in future tendering in this Division for next 2 two years.							
6. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).							
7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.							
8. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.							
8.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.							
8.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.							
8.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.							
8.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.							
8.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.							
Note:-							
9. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.							
10. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (The date of Treasury Challan/ Earnest Money should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.							
11. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.							
12. Price escalation and Taxes: The rate quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.							
13. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on Estates e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.							
14. Instructions to Bidder (ITB)							
14.1. All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-							
a. All bidders shall upload Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address.							
b. All bidders shall upload Treasury Challan							
c. All bidders shall upload 2% Earnest Money in shape of CDR/ FDR.							
d. All bidders shall upload Valid GSTIN No. & PAN No.							
e. All bidders shall upload verification certificate duly issued by the card issuing authority. However for the cards whose verification is pending shall upload an affidavit duly certified by 1st Class Magistrate to the effect of genuineness of the registration. However all those cards which stands renewed/ generated through PWDOMS does not require any verification as the same is authenticative by the website itself checked by JKPWD.							
f. All bidders shall upload Contractors Registration Card with renewal. (All the Contractors/Agencies that the Registration Card renewal of 2022-23 will be considered upto 31-05-2023 and this will apply to all the NIT's already to be issued by this office during the month of May-2023. After which only current year renewal registration will be accepted.)							
g. All bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest Clearance Certificate FORM GST-3B i.e. latest Clearance Certificate.							
15. The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.							
16. All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.							
17. Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.							
No document (s) which has /have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.							
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Weather Woes

Kashmir has seen an extended rainy season after a winter that was mainly dry and also saw a significant jump in temperature in February. The meteorological department has been predicting erratic weather since March. And as things stand, the weather seems likely to remain uncertain going forward. This has pushed the temperature down, which is not good for farming.

Another fear is that the recurrent rain could trigger floods. We have been on the verge of floods for the past two months due to the prolonged rain. The possibility of another flood will persist if the weather doesn't get better. And if this happens, it would be a disaster. The memory of the 2014 deluge and its destructive fallout is still fresh in the minds of the people. And it could very well happen again.

These are legitimate fears considering we are still far from building credible safeguards against the prospect of a future flood. The carrying capacity of Jhelum is yet to be adequately enhanced to accommodate excess water. Though a government project to do so has been ongoing since 2014, it is yet to be completed. So, the administration would need to proactively work on the project to reduce the chances of yet another big flood. And until that happens, people will continue to live in dread of rain.

Every time, erratic rain extends for a longer duration in a warmer season, we are reminded of our hapless vulnerability to flooding. More so, in Srinagar whose new-found susceptibility to flood threatens to put a question mark on its viability as a summer capital. That is, unless we conceive and execute a course of action that drastically reduces this vulnerability.

On the other hand, one benefit of colder weather in spring has been the rise in tourist inflow. Tourists are flocking to Kashmir in large numbers. Around 2.5 lakh tourists visited the Valley in the first two months of this year and since then the numbers have only gone further grown. The recently concluded tulip festival attracted over 3.75 lakh tourists, while Gulmarg saw over 2 lakh tourists during the winter. Last year, J&K witnessed over 26.7 lakh tourist arrivals, the highest in the last three decades. These are impressive figures.

The growing tourism has gone a long way to shore up Kashmir's economy and bring back employment lost to the successive security and COVID-19 lockdown. The boom in the sector is also having a positive spillover effect on other sectors. That said, a big flood has the potential to undo the gains of tourism. So, the administration needs to ensure that the city's water bodies such as Jhelum and flood channels have sufficient capacity to take the rainwater.

OTHER OPINION

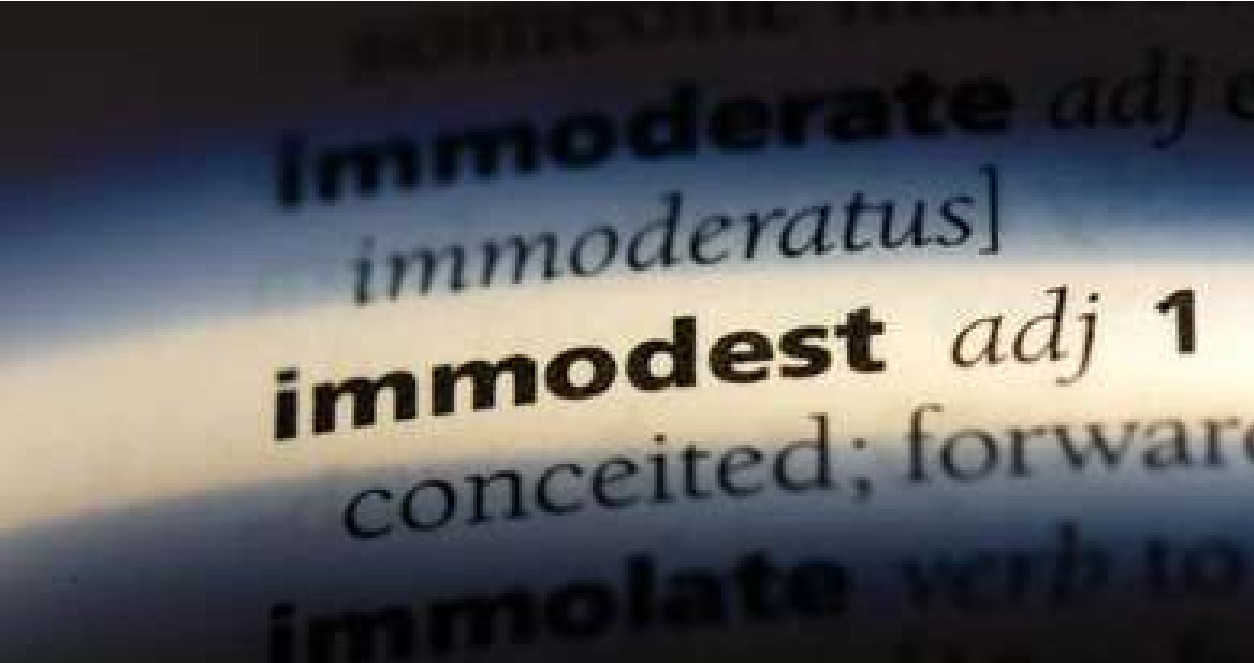
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The lack of stable employment opportunities offering a reasonable income and a modicum of security can be identified as the single most important challenge facing the Indian economy. If this issue could be adequately resolved, then the associated problems of poverty, insecurity, crime, and a host of other social problems could be dramatically reduced. The data on unemployment — its measures, its incidence, and its different forms — become extremely important for policymakers in this context. However, during the past seven or eight years, the quality of the data on unemployment has become contentious. The deterioration in the quality of official Indian economic statistics as well as the reliability of what is available has been part of a bigger problem of the government not willing to face unpleasant realities. The unemployment figures measured by official sources are available from the Periodic Labour Force Survey. These statistics show an improvement in unemployment rates in recent times. The rate of unemployment was measured at around 4.1% in March 2022, down from 4.2% in March 2021. On the other hand, the most well-known non-government source of data on the Indian economy is available from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy. According to the CMIE, unemployment in India in May 2022 was 7.14%; the figure has increased to 8.11% in April 2023. The trends for and the levels of unemployment are quite different in the two measures.

One reason for the variation in estimates stems from the way employment is defined. The PLFS defines activity as employment. Hence, if a person has been engaged in an activity for the better part of 365 days preceding the survey, the activity is taken as primary. If the respondent engaged in some additional activity during the 30 days preceding the survey, then the activity is taken as secondary. There is no direct reference to income. The estimate of the unemployment rate turns out to be lower because this methodology includes unpaid work, such as women's work in a household, as gainful employment. On the other hand, the CMIE estimates, keeping to more accepted international norms, treat employment only as some form of paid activity. One cannot be gainfully employed without receiving a remuneration. The PLFS methodology reveals the attitude of the government. It reduces the importance of increasing women's labour force participation rate by treating women engaged in household work as already employed. It also shows that the government is unwilling to face the unemployment problem squarely. This is unwarranted and worrying.

Telegraph India

The “Tauba Tauba” Syndrome



Tania Saeed

“Our youngsters aren't rebellious. There is nothing inherently wrong with them. They are only exposed to a sea of conflicting values, proliferation of images, and targeted manufacturing of desires. They need our help through this influx of values and it is only going to happen through true education. An education that first reaches us and then reaches our young through kindness, love and without judgment

If gossip is to be believed, our very own Lady Whistledowns of Kashmir have been raising alarms about the growing “immodesty” in our society especially amongst the young. The horror of it all is that immodesty, it seems, has found its way into our schools. From drugs to dangerous liaisons, it is all happening!

Is this the first time? Probably not but the severity of the issue has assumed worrisome proportions. Have we addressed these “issues”? Yes, in the countless tirades against women, dresses and denial. Nothing beyond it.

If assessed from the most liberal of lenses, our society has come to become quite libertine. If it were only limited to individual pursuits which bear no consequence on the larger society, one could have easily force fed someone a fatwa in the hopes that an admonition would be enough for their reformation.

However, it seems that in a bid to look the other way and uphold some sense of uncritical shyness - we have come to put our young at risk. This is not modesty. If anything, it is irresponsible of us to ignore the moral, ethical, religious challenges that our young are encountering in the face of tremendous proliferation of ‘choices’ and the impossibility to distinguish between ‘right’ and ‘wrong’.

As a millennial, our limits were dating, segregation of sexes, limited interactions with the other sex and modest clothing. One would think that the current generation - the Gen Z - would have only dared to flout these limits. However, things are quite dangerous.

Young, especially those who have had access to phones, mainly due to Covid's imposed need for it for school, are especially vulnerable. Many young boys have quite an easy access to pornography. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the number is high - why wouldn't it be? Social Media is filled with

hypersexualised content and mass media is especially minting money by feeding the male gaze through sexualising women and calling it liberty.

However, in a society like ours, where the word “sexuality” in itself will draw eyeballs, how can one even suggest that young boys need to be advised against pornography in a more constructive way than before. Coercion is not going to work. Additionally, since

solve this issue? There's also a justification of such values and sooner or later we will all just accept them as normal.

Please look around and develop a friendly approach towards the young around you. Educate them in a manner that they'll trust you when you tell them what is good and what is not. Trust never lends itself to coercion. If anything, it is going to create a cohort of 'rebellious' kids.

“If assessed from the most liberal of lenses, our society has come to become quite libertine. If it were only limited to individual pursuits which bear no consequence on the larger society, one could have easily force fed someone a fatwa in the hopes that an admonition would be enough for their reformation.

content isn't regulated, it can very well lead to a radicalisation of sorts in youngsters. A radicalisation of a different kind - one of violence and disrespect towards women.

The discussion here deals with impressionable youngsters in middle schools - 2nd to 6th class students. Parents are having to deal with complaints from school because their 12-year-old harassed a girl his age. This isn't our run-of-the-mill crush which we were advised against. This is plain sexual abuse. Teachers know of it and so do parents. However, the hush hush culture in the name of modesty is worsening things as no one is ready to openly talk about it.

We need to stop living in denial. Our elders, mosque pulpits, teachers and parents need to accept that libertine values are on the rise and they're completely entrenched in the lives that we live now. Most of us are imitating digital life or are atleast confused about which one to occupy or which model to replicate. Do you really think that not being very frank with kids is going to

Our youngsters aren't rebellious. There is nothing inherently wrong with them. They are only exposed to a sea of conflicting values, proliferation of images, and targeted manufacturing of desires. They need our help through this influx of values and it is only going to happen through true education. An education that first reaches us and then reaches our young through kindness, love and without judgment.

There's no dignity in saying “tauba tauba” at other people's sins when you know that your own dear ones are implicated in it or are atleast as vulnerable as anyone else. Our world is changing rapidly. This is not a moral or religious appeal per se. It is an urgent alarm. Know what values you want to impart in your kids and find the best way to teach them and help them grow.

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On Self Medication

MANY thanks to Kashmir Observer for publishing a very useful and informative article on the dangers of ‘self-medication’ online. (“The rise of ‘Dr. Google’”, Aug. 24). Living in the e-world, naturally the internet is an endless source for information. And for many of us, it is our ‘first go-to’ for just about everything we want

to know. It is also a tempting tool for medical self-diagnosis, but which one should be extremely careful of. For their illness, the temptation of people to treat themselves through online medication is totally wrong and highly dangerous.

When you self-diagnose, you are essentially assuming that you know the subtleties that diagnosis consti-

tutes. This can be fatal as people who assume that they can surmise what is going on with themselves may miss the nuances of diagnosis. Says eminent Radiation Oncologist Sean Vance: “The wealth of medical information we have at our fingertips can be empowering. But we need to be really choosy about the sources we are using, especially when searching

topics like cancer, stroke and heart attack.” The problem with seeking medical advice through the internet is that you could end up being provided with completely incorrect information, which could become an added detriment to your health.

Ranganathan Sivakumar

Mindful Fridays

The Psychological Essence of Hardships in Life

Reflections on "Indeed, We created man in hardship" (Quran 90:4)

Wasim Kakroo

Throughout human existence, individuals have grappled with various challenges and hardships that test their resilience and character. In the Holy Quran, Surah Al-Balad verse 4, it is stated, "Indeed, We created man in hardship" (Quran 90:4). This divine proclamation raises intriguing questions about the psychological essence of hardships in life and the profound impact they have on human development. In this article, I explore the deeper meaning of this verse and also try to discuss the psychological aspects of hardships in order to highlight the transformative potential they hold for individuals.

I. Understanding the Essence of Hardships:

The Quranic verse highlights the fundamental truth that hardship is an inseparable part of human existence. It reminds us that challenges and adversities are not exceptions but essential components of our earthly journey. Embracing this reality allows us to comprehend the purpose and value of hardships in our lives. Rather than viewing them as mere obstacles, we can see them as opportunities for growth, resilience, and self-discovery. This verse encourages us to confront difficulties with patience, determination, and faith, knowing that they serve a profound purpose in shaping our character and strengthening our souls.

II. Nurturing Resilience:

Hardships serve as transformative crucibles, testing and refining the resilience inherent in every individual. By pushing people beyond their comfort zones, these challenges compel them to confront their fears and limitations head-on. Adversity becomes the catalyst for discovering untapped inner strength and adaptability, enabling individuals to endure and overcome obstacles. In this process, resilience is nurtured, fostering a deep-rooted psychological well-being that empowers individuals to face life's trials with courage, hope, and determination.

III. Cultivating Empathy and Compassion:



Personal hardships serve as a transformative catalyst, cultivating empathy and compassion within individuals. When we face challenging circumstances, we gain a firsthand understanding of suffering, which sensitizes us to the struggles of others. This understanding deepens our capacity for connection and fosters a collective responsibility to support and uplift those in need. By acknowledging the inherent hardships of life, this verse encourages us to cultivate empathy, promote understanding, and work together to create a more compassionate and supportive world.

IV. Building Character and Virtues:

The Quranic verse highlights the profound

wisdom behind life's challenges. It reminds us that hardships can be transformative, providing opportunities for personal growth and character development. By facing adversity, individuals are prompted to introspect, re-evaluate their principles, and strengthen their resolve. Through this process, virtues like patience, gratitude, humility, and perseverance are cultivated, shaping a resilient and virtuous character. The verse encourages us to embrace hardships as catalysts for positive change, reminding us that from the crucible of difficulty emerges the potential for inner strength and spiritual growth.

V. Strengthening Self-Belief:

Surviving and triumphing over adversi-

ties instill a profound sense of self-belief in individuals. To conquer challenges, one needs unwavering determination and faith in their abilities. Each hurdle surmounted reinforces an individual's belief in their capacity to face future difficulties, fostering self-confidence and empowering them to pursue their goals with resolute determination. Through this verse, the Quran emphasizes the inherent strength within every human being, reminding us that navigating through hardships can shape us into resilient individuals capable of achieving greatness.

VI. Fostering Personal Transformation:

Adversity compels individuals to reflect upon their existence, beliefs, and goals. Through this process of introspection, personal

growth and self-discovery emerge, reshaping their perspectives and priorities. Challenges provide opportunities for individuals to reassess their lives, find inner strength, and develop resilience. The verse reminds us that in the face of difficulties, profound transformations can occur, leading to a renewed mindset, a clearer sense of purpose, and an evolved identity. Ultimately, it is through hardship that individuals can find strength and emerge stronger, wiser, and more enlightened.

VII. Appreciating Life's Blessings:

Experiencing hardships plays a crucial role in our lives. It teaches us that going through difficult times can actually enhance our appreciation for the blessings and joys in life. By contrasting adversity with moments of ease, this verse emphasizes the inherent value of every positive experience. It cultivates gratitude within us, allowing us to relish and treasure life's blessings, whether they are grand or minute, with a deep sense of appreciation and humility. Such an outlook helps us navigate challenges with resilience and find solace in the beauty that surrounds us.

VIII. Strengthening the Relationship with the Divine:

Hardships serve as powerful reminders of our vulnerability and the importance of relying on a higher power. When confronted with overwhelming challenges, individuals often seek solace, guidance, and strength through spirituality. These moments of connection with the Divine deepen our relationship with the spiritual realm, fostering personal growth and offering a profound sense of purpose and meaning amidst adversity. The verse urges us to embrace the lessons embedded in hardships and find comfort in our spiritual journey.

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WORKING FROM HOME AND REALISING WHAT MATTERS

Paul Krugman

The US economy has experienced a remarkable recovery from the Covid recession of 2020. The much-feared scarring effects of the pandemic never materialised: Employment, labour force participation and gross domestic product are right back in line with projections made before the pandemic struck.

We're still waiting to see whether House Republicans will squander that achievement by pushing America into a completely gratuitous debt crisis. But today I thought I'd take a break from the anxiety and talk about one important way in which the US economy is doing even better than the standard numbers suggest. One silver lining of the Covid-19 crisis has been a major change in the way Americans work; we're wasting a lot less time and fewer resources on commuting.

A few days ago, my colleague Farhad Manjoo wrote an excellent article about the benefits of reduced commuting, which inspired me to take a deeper dive into the issue. Although it has its downsides — what doesn't? — the shift to remote and hybrid work is, overall, a very good thing, even if (or maybe especially if) Elon Musk hates it.

The shift to remote work is also a teachable moment, in at least two ways. First, it's an object lesson in the fact that taking advantage of new technological possibilities often requires major changes in how business operates. Second, it's a reminder that economic numbers like GDP, while useful, can sometimes be misleading indicators of what really matters in life.

First things first: The reduction in commuting time is a seriously big deal. Before the pandemic, the average American adult spent about 0.28 hours per day, or more than 100 hours a year, on work-related travel. (Since not all adults are employed, the number for



workers was considerably higher.) By 2021, that number had fallen by about one-quarter.

Putting a dollar value on the benefits from reduced commuting is tricky. You can't simply multiply the time saved by average wages, because people probably don't view time spent on the road (yes, most people drive to work) as fully lost. On the other hand, there are many other expenses, from fuel to wear and tear to psychological strain, associated with commuting. On the third hand, the option of remote or hybrid work tends to be available mainly to highly educated workers

with above-average wages and hence a high value associated with their time.

But it's not hard to make the case that the overall benefits from not commuting every day are equivalent to a gain in national income of at least one and maybe several percentage points. That's a lot: There are very few policy proposals likely to produce gains on that scale. And yes, these are real benefits. CEOs may rant about lazy or (per Musk) "immoral" workers who don't want to go back into their cubicles, but the purpose of an economy is not to make bosses happy.

What's interesting is that this transformation of the way many Americans work wasn't driven by new technology. True, it wouldn't have been possible if many people didn't have fast Internet connections, but the big surge in home broadband took place from 2000 to 2010, then levelled off. It was only under the pressure of the pandemic that businesses learned to take advantage of the technological possibility of remote work.

The thing is, while the pandemic economy is now behind us, the change in how we work is looking permanent. Overall, work from

home looks like a classic example of an infant industry — an initially uncompetitive industry given a temporary boost (typically provided by tariffs or subsidies but in this case by a virus) that learns by doing and remains competitive even after the support is removed.

If the rise in remote work does turn out to be permanent, it will have profound economic effects, with some losers (such as commercial real estate and the tax bases of many cities) but many winners. One thing it won't do, however, is show up as a rise in measured GDP: The time Americans waste in traffic jams isn't subtracted from national income, and the time they spend with their families isn't added.

I'm not one of those critics who say that GDP is a useless number; it's an informative statistic and not easily replaced. But it can be misleading when societies make different choices. Anyone who does international comparisons knows that America has higher GDP per capita than European countries but that a large part of the difference doesn't reflect higher US productivity; it reflects the fact that Europeans get a lot of vacation time, while we're the "no-vacation nation." So are we better off? Are you sure?

Now we're seeing major gains at home that aren't captured in GDP. True, these gains are accruing largely to higher-income workers, which is unfortunate; however, we've also seen large wage gains at the bottom, somewhat alleviating the unfairness.

And one implication is that if we look at what an economy is for — namely, to serve human needs, not generate favourable statistics — America's bounce back from the pandemic has been even more impressive than you may realize.

This article originally appeared in The New York Times

Extreme Heat Will Put More Pressure On Workers

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Climate change is forcing workplaces to find new ways to handle the heat. But the solutions need to be managed carefully, say experts. We call it a heat hangover.

When Dr Matt Brearly visits construction sites in Australia's tropical north, he sees workers pushing through the heat without complaint and he's worried.

They take that home and it impacts how they treat their family. They might skip football training, or they might not go to the kids' after school activity potentially with something to numb the pain like alcohol or medication.

Employers, regulators,

unions and experts are all learning how to manage heat stress on the job as Australia heats up. But the way forward at work is still a subject of contention.

The impacts of COVID-19 and climate change are combining to put unprecedented pressure on workers, according to Professor Lauren Rickards from RMIT. Last year she and her colleagues asked workers how climate change was impacting their work.

It's the fact they didn't sleep at all last night, and then the trains are down and they can't get to work they're worried about their kids, you know they're sleep deprived, and they can't get home.

Climate change impacts are about the crunch.

And those impacts are in-

creasing. Data from Safe Work Australia shows the median compensation for a heat stress claim is rising, increasing by 25 per cent over the last 20 years after accounting for inflation.

Heat stress claims rising
Heat stress compensation claims by workers are becoming more expensive, outpacing inflation.

So how do workers protect themselves?

State Workplace Health and Safety (WHS or OHS) laws are the primary protection for most workers, imparting a broad duty of care on employers to protect workers from threats including heat stress.

Similar Federal laws apply where workers are employed by Commonwealth bodies, such as in

2004 when the Australian Defence Force was fined over the death of a soldier training in extreme heat.

Rickards suggests current laws are in need of reform, arguing that Safety is the end result of a whole range of factors. Any of our OHS [laws] based on single hazards or threats are simply not going to be effective.

Some unions are going further, pushing for blanket walk-off rights for workers when conditions get too hot. The Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) uses a model clause for bargaining agreements it negotiates, giving workers the right to stop when temperatures exceed 35 degrees Celsius in most states, and 37.5 degrees Celsius in Western Australia.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR Office Of The Child Development Project Officer Poshan PROJECT- BEERWAH

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Application on prescribed proforma (Annexure-1) are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch Ward/Municipality Wards shown against the below mentioned Panchayat Halqas/ Municipality Wards, for the engagement of **Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)** for the Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Beerwah on "Honorarium basis". The application along with required documents shall be deposited in the Office of undersigned i.e. the Child Development Project Officer Beerwah by or before 12th of JUNE, 2023 against proper receipt.

S.No	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	NAME OF THE PROJECT	NAME OF PANCHAYAT/ MUNICIPALITY WARD	VACANCY OF SANGINIS (ANGANWADI WORKERS)	VACANCY OF SANGINIS (ANGANWADI HELPERS)
				NO OF PANCH WARD/ MC WARD	NAME OF AWC
1	BUDGAM	POSHAN PROJECT BEERWAH	Rathsun B	Ward No. 4	Rathsun C
2	BUDGAM	POSHAN PROJECT BEERWAH	Wanihama	Ward No. 7	Check-dewan A
3	BUDGAM	POSHAN PROJECT BEERWAH	Usmanabad Bonpora	Ward No. 6	Beerwah A
4	BUDGAM	POSHAN PROJECT BEERWAH	Mangund	Ward No. 3	Mangund A
5	BUDGAM	POSHAN PROJECT BEERWAH	Sail	Ward No. 7	Sail A
6	BUDGAM	POSHAN PROJECT BEERWAH	Attina	Ward No. 9	Attina A

Criteria for Selection of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) shall remain as envisaged in the Govt. Order No103 JK (SWD) OF 2023 Dated 28.04.2023. i.e.

- The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
- Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
- The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being un-married issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Where ever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.
- Minimum qualification for **Anganwadi Worker** shall be 10+ 2 and maximum graduation. In case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director, Mission POSHAN.
- In case suitable candidate is not available for adjoining ward, candidate from the nearest ward within the ward can be considered subject to the approval of the MD, Mission POSHAN.
- Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and not other criteria to be considered.
- In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.
- Candidate with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

A. In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWWs, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.

Self-attested copies of documents to be attached with the application form:

- Panch ward/ certificate/present/continuous ward residence certificate issued by BDO duly countersigned by ACR/SDM.
- Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.
- Date of Birth Certificate.
- Academic Qualification Certificate with marks Card.
- If candidate belongs to family of retired AWW then copy of the E-Ration Card.
- Non Employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer.
- Un- married Certificate from respective Tehsildars.
- Self-addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs=5.

NO:- CDPO/POSHAN/Adv/2023/149

Sd/ Child Development Project Officer
Poshan-Beerwah

DIPK-2131/23
DATED: 25-05-2023

ANNEXURE –“1”

- Name of POSHAN Project _____
- Name of Anganwadi Centre _____ PHOTO
- Post applied for _____
- Name of the Candidate (IN CAPITAL LETTERS) _____
- Father's Name (IN CAPITAL LETTERS) _____
- Husband's Name (IN CAPITAL LETTERS) _____
- Residence _____
- Ward .No. _____
- Address for correspondence _____
- Contact No. _____
- Date of Birth _____
- Age as on 01.01.2023 _____
- Academic Qualification: _____

Sr. No.	Examination passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Total Marks	Percentage

- Do the candidate belong to Retiring AWW (YES/NO) If yes attach document.
- Document Attached: _____

Signature of the candidate _____

Date: _____

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Handwara

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

NIT No.05-Handwara/1424-32 of 2023-24 e-tendering DATED:24-05-2023.

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

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Time of Completion in days	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
01.	Restoration of Braripora road Including Lone Mohalla by way of 75mm thick WMM G-II, 75mm WMM in Patches/Stretches, Tack Coat, 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam in Patches/Stretches and 25mm thick semi dense bituminous Concrete and 6mm thick Seal Coat. (Machine mix laid by paver)	36.00Lacs (Contract prices exclusive of GST: 3026000.0) + (18% GST Amount : 644000.0)	1100/-	72000/-	10 days	02-06-2023	AAY with HMPO/ HMPO/ AAY Class Civil with Registered MoU with HMPO	3054-Pothole
02.	Restoration of Maldan-e-Chogal inner Links by way of 75mm thick WMM in Patches/Stretches, Tack Coat, 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam in Patches/ Stretches and 25mm thick Semi dense bituminous Concrete and 6mm thick Seal Coat.(Machine mix laid by paver)	21.79 Lacs (Contract prices exclusive of GST:3796000.0) + (18% GST Amount : 382000.0)	1100/-	43580/-	10 days	02-06-2023	AAY with HMPO/ HMPO/ AAY Class Civil with Registered MoU with HMPO	3054-Pothole
03.	Restoration of Handwara Drushpora road by way of 75mm thick WMM in Patches/Stretches, Tack Coat, 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam in Patches/ Stretches and 25mm thick semi dense bituminous Concrete and 6mm thick Seal Coat. (Machine mix laid by paver)	34.66 Lacs (Contract prices exclusive of GST:2858000.0) + (18% GST Amount : 608000.0)	1100/-	69320/-	10 days	02-06-2023	AAY with HMPO/ HMPO/ AAY Class Civil with Registered MoU with HMPO	3054-Pothole
04.	Restoration of Gushi Vodhpura Road by way of 75mm thick WMM in Patches/ Stretches, Tack Coat, 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam in Patches/Stretches and 25mm thick Semi dense bituminous Concrete and 6mm thick Seal Coat (Machine mix laid by paver)	26.64 Lacs (Contract prices exclusive of GST:2197000.0) + (18% GST Amount : 467000.0)	1100/-	53280/-	10 days	02-06-2023	AAY with HMPO/ HMPO/ AAY Class Civil with Registered MoU with HMPO	3054-Pothole
05.	Restoration of Kralgund Ashpora Road by way of 75mm thick WMM in Patches/Stretches, Tack Coat, 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam in Patches/ Stretches and 25mm thick Semi dense bituminous Concrete and 6mm thick Seal Coat.(Machine mix laid by paver)	23.42Lacs (Contract prices exclusive of GST:1931000.0) + (18% GST Amount : 410000.0)	1100/-	46840/-	10 days	02-06-2023	AAY with HMPO/ HMPO/ AAY Class Civil with Registered MoU with HMPO	3054-Pothole
06.	Tarathpora Manzgarn Road by way of WBM G-II 75mm thick WMM in Patches/ Stretches, Tack Coat, 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam in Patches/Stretches and 25mm thick semi dense bituminous Concrete and 6mm thick Seal Coat (Machine mix laid by paver)	34.35 Lacs (Contract prices exclusive of GST:2833000.0) + (18% GST Amount : 603000.0)	1100/-	68700/-	10 days	02-06-2023	AAY with HMPO/ HMPO/ AAY Class Civil with Registered MoU with HMPO	3054-Pothole
07.	Restoration of Tangnuqam Vilgam Road by way of 75mm thick WMM in Patches/ Stretches, Tack Coat, 50mm thick Bituminous Macadam in Patches/ Stretches and 25mm thick semi dense bituminous Concrete and 6mm thick Seal Coat. (Machine mix laid by paver)	11.61 Lacs (Contract prices exclusive of GST:957000.0) + (18% GST Amount : 402000.0)	800/-	23220/-	07 days	02-06-2023	AAY with HMPO/ HMPO/ AAY Class Civil with Registered MoU with HMPO	3054-Pothole
08.	Restoration of Handwara Zachaldara Nichama road by way of WBM,G-II ,Tack Coat, 25mm thick semi dense & Seal Coat (Machine mix laid by paver)	39.21 Lacs (Contract prices exclusive of GST:3234000.0) + (18% GST Amount : 638000.0)	1100/-	78420/-	10 days	02-06-2023	AAY with HMPO/ HMPO/ AAY Class Civil with Registered MoU with HMPO	3054-Pothole
09.	Restoration of Zachaldara Yamra road by way of WBM,G-II ,Tack Coat, 50mm thick Macadam,25mm thick semi dense & Seal Coat (Machine mix laid by paver)	29.41 Lacs (Contract prices exclusive of GST:2425000.0) + (18% GST Amount : 516000.0)	1100/-	58820/-	10 days	02-06-2023	AAY with HMPO/ HMPO/ AAY Class Civil with Registered MoU with HMPO	3054-Pothole

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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 on the dates listed below: -

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	24-05-2023
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 24-05-2023 to 01-06-2023 (4.00P.M)
03.	Bid submission start date	24-05-2023 from (10.00A.M)
04.	Bid submission end date	01-06-2023 upto (04.00P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	02-06-2023 at (5:00PM) in the Office of the Executive Engineer RnB Division Handwara

Terms and Conditions :-

The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape Treasury Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (Treasury Challan) must be written boldly the Name of Work, Name of Contract alongwith Cell No, NIT No. & Sr. No of NIT) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Handwara (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Handwara

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 pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Handwara. 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.

No bid shall be accepted if enlistment card is not found in JKPWDOMS online of those departments which have been serving the said portal as per circular instruction issued by development Commissioner works vide No.PW/DCW/DB/668-72 DT.10-06-2022

1st lowest bidder will submit the CDR/FDR/BG within two days after opening of tender failing which 2nd lowest will be approached. Besides 1st lowest will be debarred from participating in tendering process for one year in this division.

The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site 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 Handwara (tender receiving authority).

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

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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 to familiarize themselves with the bid submission process.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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 Handwara, will be released only after production of Original Treasury Challan of uploaded Scanned copy (Cost of tender document).

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

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 Contract/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.

Price escalation and Taxes: -The bidder's percentage shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to the completion of the work. Taxes shall be deducted from the Contract's bills on the gross amount of the bill at the time of recovery at the rates in effect at the time of recovery.

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

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 submit 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 Contract/Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contract Registration Act.

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Valid PAN Card

A Civil Contract who does not own HMP and is bidding for Bitumen Macadam Works is required to upload an MoU with HMPO, 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 HMPO 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.

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.

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.

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.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER



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NIT No: 05/TTD/CS/2023-24/ 406-15 DATED:23/ 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	Repair / Restoration of Railway approach road to Sadoora by way of providing 75mm compacted thick wet mix macadam, 50mm compacted thick Bituminious macadam, 25 mm compacted thick semidense with 6 mm thick seal coat	26.88 lacs	1100/-	53760/-	15 Days	AAY/BEE	Revet Budget 2023
2	Repair / Restoration of Railway approach road to k-kapora, by way of providing 50mm compacted thick Bituminious macadam, 25 mm compacted thick semidense with 6 mm thick seal coat	33.74 lacs	1100/-	67480/-	20 Days	AAY/BEE	Revet Budget 2023
3	Repair / Restoration of Railway approach road to Awantipora, by way of providing 50mm compacted thick Bituminious macadam, 25 mm compacted thick semidense with 6 mm thick seal coat	9.56 lacs	600/-	19120/-	08 Days	CEE/DEE	Revet Budget 2023
4	Repair / Restoration of Railway approach road to Panzgam by way of providing 75mm compacted thick wet mix macadam, 50mm compacted thick Bituminious macadam, 25 mm compacted thick semidense with 6 mm thick seal coat	8.57 lacs	600/-	17140/-	08 Days	CEE/DEE	Revet Budget 2023

Project Authority: Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kashmir

Position of AAA: Accorded

Position of TS: 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 on the dates listed below: -

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	23/05/2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	23/05/2023
3	Bid submission Start Date	23/05/2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	03/06/2023 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) (Tech. Bids)	05/06/2023 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.

GENERAL CONDITION OF CONTRACT: -

Unbalanced Bid: - In case bid of the lowest bidder is found unbalanced. The successful bidder shall have produced additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR only within (7) Days after opening of price bid as per the following break-up: -

S No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz advertised cost on account low rates	Additional performance security
1.	Up to and including 15 % below	Nil
2.	Greater than 15% and below 20%	5%
3.	Greater than 20% and below 25%	10%
4.	Greater than 25% and below 30%	15%
5.	Greater than 30%	20%

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Book Narrating Gandhi's Views On Religion Released

New Delhi: A book in Hindi entitled, "Gandhi: Siyasat aur Sampadayekta [Gandhi: Politics and Communalism]," authored by senior journalist Piyush Babele was released by Tushar Gandhi, author and great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi through video conferencing at the Constitution Club of India on 22 May. The Institute of Objective Studies (IOS) Delhi published this book as one of its latest publications.

This seminal book narrates the factual story of Gandhi's views on religion and his

struggle with communalism based on what he lived, did and said. His struggle with communalism is all the more important because he defeated foreign imperialism while alive, but the communalism within India ultimately took his life.

The book further highlights the irony of how the communal forces responsible for the Hindu-Muslim conflict and the partition of India are trying to blame Gandhi for their sins. These forces are still dominant in the country and need to be countered.

The author of the book, Piyush Babele, while introducing the contents of the book, said, "The focus of the book is on communalism, and the misinformation and the propaganda being spread through social media platforms and WhatsApp, for example, like Gandhiji did Muslim appeasement and he was rather an anti-Hindu leader.

On the way forward, the great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi said, "In Independent India, we used to blame the British for everything and try

to justify our wrongdoing under the guise of partition. Our country's development pace after 75 years of Independence is much slower than the countries devastated during world wars, and today, they are developed nations.

Vipin Kumar Tripathi, former professor at IIT, Delhi, lauded the efforts of the author and the IOS for bringing out an in-depth book on Gandhi at a time when speaking the truth is so dangerous that one's premises can be raided or even bulldozed.

DC Anantnag Presides Over Orientation Programme Of DAKSH KISAN

Anantnag: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Syed Fakhruddin Hamid on Thursday presided over the orientation programme regarding awareness of DAKSH KISAN under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) at Govt. Degree College for Women, here.

The programme was organized by District Nodal Officer (HADP) in collaboration with Principal Degree College for Women.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC urged students to ensure maximum enrollment in "Daksh Kisan" to avail orientation and skilling courses for

all interventions, latest techniques, explore new possibilities and make farming more accessible and profitable.

It is important to mention that the approach is in line with the policy of doubling farmers income that is based on four important pillars viz., sustainability of production, value for farm output, strengthening of extension services for outreach and building & enabling agriculture to operate as an enterprise.

The DC further exhorted upon the trainers/officers of Agriculture and Allied sectors to educate students about the programme in detail and ensure the increased

participation of students in the district.

He said that the Government is promoting Agriculture in a big way to boost farmer's income and encouraged farmers for participating in the programme and adopting the novel programme in the District. He felicitated some progressive farmers of the district.

Principal GDC women on the occasion said that the institute has progressed in leaps and bounds and the products of this institute are serving across the country and women folk have proved themselves as good farmers and entrusted upon the students to take a positive role in farming.

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Gusty Winds

house belonging to Muhammad Iqbal Sheikh of the Pinglish area of Tral got damaged after a walnut tree fell on it.

The family had a narrow escape, but the residential house got damaged in the incident, locals said.

Reports said that hailstorm and gusty winds wrecked havoc in several areas, causing extensive damage to the crops and properties of the people.

A walnut tree also fell on a vehicle in Burdoo area of Pahalgam in which a vehicle suffered damage.

The hailstorm was recorded in several areas in north Kashmir including Khamoh, Rafiabad, Wagoora, Kreeri, Ladoora, area of Baramulla, Haihama, Gultipora, Kralpora, Trehgam, Sogam, Drugmulla, Salkoot and other areas in Kupwara. A few districts including Kulgam in South Kashmir also witnessed hailstorm this afternoon.

Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), Chief Engineer, Javed Yousuf Dar said that there was no major breakdown in the electricity due to the inclement weather conditions.

However, he said that some of the places witnessed damage after tree branches fell on the power lines, adding that the electricity was being restored.

"The men and machinery have been pressed into service and the electricity will be restored at earliest," he said. Electricity was restored in most of the places after a two to three hour breakdown, reports said.

Meanwhile the weatherman here has predicted intermittent light to moderate rainfall at most places of Kashmir in next 24 hours.

Director Meteorological department (MeT), Sonum Lotus said that there is a possibility of intermittent light to moderate rain, thunderstorm at most places of Kashmir, mainly in north and central Kashmir.

The weather is expected to remain the same on Friday, he said, adding that on May 27, the weather would remain partly to generally cloudy.

He further said that the rains and thunderstorm is expected again at scattered places between May 28-May 30

Appealing people to stay indoors during the lightning, the MeT director further advised people to avoid venturing near sloppy Nallahs as thunder shower often generate localized flash flood, water logging etc.

World Saw Awe-Inspiring

The LG also reiterated his government commitment of inclusive development after the inaugural ceremony.

Referring to the record tourist footfall and the return of filmmakers to Kashmir, Sinha said that tourism & film sectors are gaining momentum with over 300 movies filmed last year and a record 1.88 crore tourists visited the Union Territory.

"More than 9 lakh tourists visited tourist locations in Ganderbal last year, which is twice the number, as compared to 2021. Sonamarg has also become one of the favourite film shooting destinations for film-makers from across the globe," he said.

The LG also spoke on the on-going development works in Ganderbal district and saturation of government welfare schemes in the district. He also remembered the immense contribution of Late Sheikh Abdul Jabbar, a prominent political figure, in the development of J&K.

Sinha also expressed gratitude to the people of Ganderbal for their contribution and continuous support during Mata Kheer Bhawani Mela and Shri Amarnath Yatra.

Besides Wayil bridge, other projects inaugurated by the LG included other bridges and roads projects at Tangchatr, Kangan, Gutlibagh, Tulmulla, Waheedpora, Peerpora Shallabugh, lower Wayil, Lar Town, Ghaniabad, Watlar Guzham, Waskura and Srinagar-Leh National Highway to Bonizal road with links. The inaugurated projects also include WSS Baba Haniefudin and WSS Gutlibagh.

The LG said that the projects dedicated to the people of Ganderbal are testimony to the government's commitment to accelerate the development of the district.

"Upgradation of rural roads, construction of link roads and bridges will bring economic prosperity & social empowerment in the lives of more than 4 lakh residents," he added.

ADGP Praises

incident free & successful G20 Summit".

The G20 meeting was one of the biggest international events held in Jammu & Kashmir since the nullification of Article 370, in August 2019.

G20 Delegates

delegates from G20 nations was held at Sheri Kashmir International Conference Center (SKICC) from May 22 to 24.

About 60 delegates from several G20 countries along with their families had arrived in Srinagar to attend the first major international event on Monday under India's G20 theme-Vasudeva Kutumbakum 'One Earth, One Family, One Future.

The G20 representatives on the last day of their Kashmir visit, visited the first pedestrian Poloview Market in Srinagar, enjoyed golf at Royal Springs Golf Course and visited famous tourist sites, including imperial Nishat Garden, Pari Mahal and Chashma Shahi on Wednesday morning.

The delegates also took part in a special yoga session before enjoying a 'Shikara' boat joyride in Dal Lake the same evening.

Multi tier security arrangements were put in place by the administration in Srinagar to ensure smooth 3rd working group meeting of G20 countries at SKICC here.

CS Hails Team

Mehta, as per the spokesperson stated that it is obvious that the elaborate arrangements made for such an international event demands great effort and synergy which the administration from top to bottom demonstrated here superbly.

The CS also added that people of J&K have few to match when it comes to hospitality.

"He thanked all elected representatives of Municipal Bodies, PRIs, Mayors, DDC Chairpersons, various organizations, Civil Societies, Universities, Colleges, Educational Institutions, prominent persons and above all people for their positive role," the spokesperson said.

The CS, he said, also thanked all DCs and SSPs and their teams for their efforts. He specially thanked ACS Home team led by DGP; Special DG, CID; Principal Secretary, R&B; ADGP, Security; ADGP, Jammu and Kashmir; Divisional Commissioners; Commissioner Secretary, Floriculture; Secretary, Tourism; Secretary, Youth Services & Sports; Municipal Commissioner Srinagar and all other officers for their valuable contributions.

"He observed J&K has moved into an era of prosperity and development which has enabled it to hold such an international event. The Chief Secretary said that holding of the event would facilitate many other such national and international events," he said.

According to the spokesperson, Mehta enquired from all the officers about their experience during the meeting. The CS, he said, further stated that feedback from the event would definitely help us in making even better arrangements next time.

"He thanked them for their untiring efforts during the past few weeks for making excellent arrangements and noted that the role played by hundreds of employees from different departments would be remembered and act as a barometer for times to come," the spokesperson added.

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transferred and posted as Principal PTS Manigam, vice Showkat Hussain Shah.

Randhir Singh, Commandant IR-20th Bn. Has been transferred and posted as SP (SS), CID Headquarters, vice Dawood Ayoub.

Sheikh Zulfikar Azad, SP Security, Kashmir has been transferred and posted as, Assistant Director SKPA, Udhampur, vice Vinay Kumar.

Vinay Kumar, Assistant Director SKPA, Udhampur has been transferred and posted as SP Traffic Rural Jammu, against an available vacancy, relieving M. Fiesel Qureshi of the additional charge of the post.

Amit Bhasin, SP Katra has been transferred and posted as AIG (Buildings) PHQ, against an available vacancy.

Vinay Kumar, SP ANTF J&K has been transferred and posted as SP Poonch, vice Rohit Baskotra.

Suresh Kumar, Vice Principal PTS, Kathua has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP CID SB, Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Mamta Sharma, SP South, Jammu has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP Security, Jammu vice Shaheen Wahid.

Dawood Ayoub, SP (SS), CID Headquarters has been transferred and posted as SP CID Headquarters, J&K, vice Zahid Nasim Manhas.

Mushtaq Ahmad, SP Anti Corruption Bureau has been transferred and posted as Joint Director (Headquarters) SSF, against an available vacancy.

Raj Kumar, SP APCR Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as SP ANTF, J&K, vice Vinay Kumar.

Sheikh Faisal Qayoom, SP SSG has been transferred and posted as SP Security Kashmir, vice Sheikh Zulfikar Azad.

Shaheen Wahid, Addl. SP Security, Jammu has been transferred and posted as SP South, Jammu, vice Mamta Sharma.

Aijaz Ahmad Malik, Dy.CO IR-23rd Bn. has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP Ganderbal, vice Feroz Ahmad, who shall await further orders of posting at Police Headquarters.

Vipin Chandran, Joint Director SSF, Jammu has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP Katra, vice Amit Bhasin.

Irshad Hussain Rather, Addl. SP Handwara has been transferred and posted as Dy.CO IR-23rd Bn., vice Aijaz Ahmad Malik. Abhishek Sharma, SP Anti Corruption Bureau has been transferred and posted as Joint Director SSF, Jammu, vice Vipin Chandran.

Kameshwar Puri, Addl. SP Bhaderwah has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP (PC) Jammu, against an available vacancy.

Mohd. Afzal, Dy.CO JKAP-3rd Security Bn has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP CID CI, Kashmir, against an available vacancy.

Furqaan Qadir, Dy.CO 2nd Women Bn. Kashmir has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP (PC) Anantnag, against an available vacancy.

Sajad Ahmad Sheikh, awaiting posting upon placement as I/c Superintendent of Police, has been posted as Dy.CO 2nd Women Bn. Kashmir, vice Furqaan Qadir.

Vinod Kumar, awaiting posting upon placement as I/c Superintendent of Police has been posted as Addl. SP Bhaderwah, vice Kameshwar Puri.

Ajay Sharma, awaiting posting upon placement as I/c superintendent of Police has been posted as Addl. SP State Investigation Agency, against an available vacancy.

HC Dismisses

foregoing analysis of law on the subject, it is clear that, at the time of considering a petition for quashing of an FIR, the court has only to consider whether the allegations made in the FIR disclose commission of a cognizable offence. It is not required to analyse the merits of the allegations and the court has to permit the investigating agency to investigate the allegations in the FIR.

"It is further laid down that the power of quashing criminal proceedings has to be exercised very sparingly and with circumspection and that too in the rarest of rare cases and the Court should not embark upon an enquiry as to the reliability or genuineness or otherwise of the allegations," the court said.

Dismissing the petitions, Justice Dhar observed that the allegations clearly disclose commission of cognisable offences, and

therefore, it would not be open to the court to stifle a genuine prosecution by interdicting the investigating agency from undertaking investigation and launching prosecution against the arraigned officials and parties.

On the contentions raised by Kapoor, the court said it has been established during investigation of the case that most of the drugs supplied were not manufactured by the suppliers but by other private drug manufacturers as was evident from the labels affixed upon these drugs.

"It was also found that the members of the verification board including the petitioner had certified that the procured drugs are of standard quality without actually undertaking any check in this regard," the judge said.

The court rejected the argument of other petitioners that they do not fall within the definition of "public servant" as contained in Jammu and Kashmir Prevention of Corruption Act, as such, the respondent does not have jurisdiction to probe their role.

"The argument, it appears, is without any merit for the reason that, even if, it is assumed that the petitioners/Managing Directors of CPSEs (Central Public Sector Enterprises) are not public servants within the meaning of sub Section (2) of Section 2 of J&K P.C Act, still then, it is a settled law that a person, who is not a public servant can be prosecuted for the offence of criminal conspiracy along with other public servants, who have been booked for substantive offences under the said Act," the judge observed.

Apart from this, he said the expression "public servant" as per clause 15 of Section 21 of RPC includes every officer or servant of a corporation or of a government company.

"... Therefore, while investigating an offence under the provisions of J&K P.C Act that has been committed within the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, if role of a person, who qualifies to be a public servant surfaces, he can be booked and prosecuted for having committed an offence under the provisions of J&K P.C Act even if he resides beyond the limits of the State of J&K," the judge said.

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like floods, fires, earthquakes or other adverse conditions," he added.

J&K Special Tribunal

allowing a challenge regarding initiation of contempt proceedings by the J&K Special Tribunal regarding SMC authorities with regard to a building permission case.

While the Tribunal is not vested with any power, directly or indirectly, to punish for contempt in relation to itself or any member thereof, the court held that the Tribunal is conferred the power of Civil Court to punish a person for contempt in relation to itself or any member thereof under Rule 21 of the Jammu and Kashmir Special Tribunal Rules, 1986.

"Since the Civil Court is not vested with any power to punish a person for contempt in relation to itself, as such, such power should be understood to mean the power conferred upon a Civil Court under Order 39 Rule 2-A of the Code of Civil Procedure, to punish for disobedience of interim injunctions passed by a Civil Court under Rules 1 and 2 of Order 39 of the Code of Civil Procedure only," the court said.

That would mean that the Tribunal too shall have jurisdiction to punish a person for disobedience of its interim orders of injunction passed to maintain the equilibrium or to preserve the list (complaint or petition) etc. etc, it said.

"...the Tribunal shall be deemed to be a "court" subordinate to the High Court for the purposes of Section 10 of the Contempt of Courts Act and, therefore, shall be well within its powers to refer an appropriate case to the

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PM Modi Declares Open 3rd Khelo India University Games



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LUCKNOW: Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared open the third edition of the Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2022 via video conference at BBD University Cricket Ground in Lucknow on Thursday. The Khelo India University Games runs from May 25 to June 3.

Four cities across Uttar Pradesh - Lucknow, Varanasi, Greater Noida and Gorakhpur - will host most events. Only the shooting events are scheduled in New Delhi. In its third edition, the games are now India's biggest multi-sport competition at the higher education level.

"The Commonwealth Games scam showed the attitude of the previous govt towards Sports. Games which would have enhanced India's image were made scam-ridden," PM Modi said while addressing the athletes of the Khelo India University Games being held in Uttar Pradesh.

Uttar Pradesh is all set to host

its biggest sporting event to date at BBD University. Over 4,000 athletes and over 200 universities will represent 21 sports in this 10-day event. The event will conclude on June 3 at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Varanasi.

As per the schedule, Lucknow will host 12 sports events (Archery, Judo, Mallakhamb, Volleyball, Fencing, Badminton, Table Tennis, Rugby, Athletics, Hockey, Football) at eight venues. Gautam Budh Nagar (Noida) will host five sports events (Basketball, Kabaddi, Boxing, Swimming and Weightlifting) at three venues. IIT-BHU, Varanasi will host two sports (Wrestling and Yoga), while Gorakhpur and Delhi will organize rowing and shooting events respectively. Rowing has been included in these games for the first time.

On Thursday, the torch (Mashaal) of the games reached at BBD University. Notably, four torches were lit and sent off from Lucknow along with Shubhankar Jeetu, the mascot of these games. (ANI)

JD YSS Inaugurates UT Level Shooting Competitions



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Joint Director Jammu, Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) J&K, Suram Chand Sharma, on Thursday inaugurated the UT Level Inter District Shooting Competitions at Gandhi Nagar here.

He was accompanied by Assistant Director YSS Jammu Mool Raj Uttam, DYSSO Jammu Sukhdev Sharma, Shooting Coach and other senior officers and officials of the Department.

JD YSS interacted with the players and the officials on the occasion and wished good luck to the participating players for their best performance in the National Level Competition scheduled to be held at New Delhi in the 2nd week of June 2023.

Pertinently the UT Level Under 19 teams in nearly 20 disciplines are participating in National School Games at New Delhi and Bhopal in the 2nd week of June.

DYSS Anantnag Holds Inter School Sports Competitions



Observer News Services

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports on Thursday organised an Inter-School Badminton and Rope Skipping Tournament for Under-14 Girls at GMHSS Anantnag.

The sports event was inaugurated by the Principal Govt. Girls Model Higher Secondary

School Anantnag, who shared her thoughts and encouraged the youth to be active in sports events at various levels to remain fit and healthy as well as to keep drugs away from their precious lives.

Both private and government schools participated in the competitions as more than 30 teams with around 150 female athletes participated.

IPL Playoffs: MI Take On Defending Champions GT

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: Akash Madhwal's breathtaking bowling performance against Lucknow Super Giants in the Eliminator would have given five-time IPL champions Mumbai Indians wings and they would be fancying their chances against defending champions Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 2 to be played in the world's largest stadium here on Friday.

Mumbai Indians, riding on magical figures of five for five produced by Madhwal at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Wednesday night, knocked out LSG from the race to the final with an 81-run win.

MI pride themselves on thriving when the odds are stacked against them, something they have done throughout the season. Having finished last in the previous edition, Rohit Sharma's team has ground it out this season to remain in contention for a sixth IPL title even with limited resources.

The likes of Cameron Green, Suryakumar Yadav and Tim David have responded well to the challenges and now form the backbone of the batting department with the young Nehal Wadhwa too making a huge impact, and the opening



pair of Rohit and Ishan Kishan doing a fair job.

It will be a stern test for the Titans' bowling attack, led by Mohammad Shami (26 wickets in 15 matches), to get the better of MI's batting, which has improved drastically towards the business end of the tournament.

Gujarat Titans, outclassed and outgunned in Qualifier 1 by Mahendra Singh Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings, will have one last chance to gather themselves up and put their best foot forward in familiar conditions here in order to qualify for their second IPL final on the trot.

It will be imperative for the defending champions that their batting clicks in unison, since Shubman Gill and Vijay Shankar have done bulk of the

heavy lifting with the bat in the last few games.

Gill might have had an off day against CSK but his two centuries in the closing stages of the league round make him the biggest threat for Mumbai Indians.

The Titans will also expect more with the bat from their captain Hardik Pandya, who is going through a form slump, notching scores of 8, DNB, 8, 4 and 25 in his last five games. The Titans' lower middle-order lynchpin David Miller too has gone without a fifty this season and also failed to get into double figures in his last three outings.

The contest here on Friday night will be the third meeting between GT and MI this season, with both teams winning one game each.

Time: 7:30PM IST.

Final Call On Asia Cup Venue To Be Taken After IPL Final: Jay Shah

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: A decision on Asia Cup's fate will be taken on the sidelines of the IPL final, which will be attended by a host of top Asian Cricket Council (ACC) dignitaries, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on Thursday.

Pakistan have the hosting rights for this year's Asia Cup but with BCCI deciding against sending its team to the neighbouring country without government permission, PCB chairman Najam Sethi had proposed a 'hybrid model' where they will organise at least four games on home soil and India will play their matches at a neutral venue.

It couldn't be confirmed whether Sethi has been formally invited for the IPL final. "As of now, the decision with regards to hosting of Asia Cup hasn't yet been finalised. We are busy with IPL but the top dignitaries of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), Bangladesh and Afghanistan Cricket Board are coming to watch the IPL final. We will have a discussion and take a final decision in



due course," Jay Shah told PTI.

It has been learnt from ACC sources that Sethi's proposed hybrid model looks like a feasible solution although ACC had made no formal statements. According to the model, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Afghanistan play four preliminary matches in Pakistan and India would play all their games at neutral venues. The two India-Pakistan games will also be held in Sri Lanka although the PCB wants them in Dubai. The weather in UAE in September is not at all conducive for 50-over games although to make the 'hybrid model' work logistically,

UAE is a far better option for the Asian Cricket Council.

"ACC head Jay Shah will summon an executive body meeting where a formal announcement will take place. The PCB doesn't mind playing India at a neutral venue. "PCB would prefer Dubai because it would lead to more gate receipts but it is open to playing in another country (read Sri Lanka) provided the ACC matches the gate receipts amount (USD 0.5 million) that Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) received in 2022 from the Indo-Pak games in Dubai," an ACC source privy to development told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

Bharat Obvious Choice In WTC Final: Shastri

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Former India chief coach Ravi Shastri feels KS Bharat would be the "obvious choice" of the team management for the wicketkeeper's role in the World Test Championship final against Australia to be played in England next month.

With India's first-choice wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant recovering from a horrific car crash and his back-up KL Rahul recuperating from a surgery on his right thigh, the Indian team management is in a dilemma on who to select between Bharat

to get the management's nod ahead of Kishan.

"You have to see who's a better keeper. Is it Bharat or Ishan Kishan? Now, the fact that Bharat was given a run against Australia, where he played all the Test matches, I think he would be the obvious choice to go with," Shastri said on the ICC Review.

While Bharat gave a good account of himself behind the stumps, he was below-par with the bat, managing just 101 runs from six innings on turning tracks. Kishan, on the other hand, didn't get the opportunity against Australia and was draft-



and Ishan Kishan as its first-choice gloveman for the WTC final at The Oval starting June 7. Shastri said since Bharat had kept wickets during the Border-Gavaskar series earlier this year, he expected the 29-year-old

ed into the WTC final squad after Rahul's injury during the IPL.

Shastri indicated that the playing conditions at the WTC final venue would ultimately decide which wicketkeeper ultimately gets to play.

Djokovic Eyes Grand Slam Record At French Open

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PARIS: Novak Djokovic enters the French Open amid a run of indifferent claycourt form but few would be surprised to the see Serbian great hoist the Musketeers' Trophy for a third time. With Rafa Nadal sidelined with injury, Djokovic has the chance to move past the Spaniard in the Grand Slam race and take a record 23rd major title, which would strengthen his case in the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time) debate.

Even with Nadal absent, Djokovic will have another Spaniard on his mind in the form of 20-year-old Carlos Alcaraz, a young man in a hurry to forge his own path to greatness. The

"He's the player to beat on this surface, no doubt," Djokovic said in Rome. Despite winning at Roland Garros two years ago and in 2016, clay has never been Djokovic's favourite surface, its pace and variation less suited to his attacking game.

His build-up has been clouded by an elbow injury which he said was bothering him before he withdrew from the Madrid tournament. His return at Rome ended in the quarter-finals with defeat by Holger Rune, the Danish wunderkind who also upset him on a Paris hard court last year.

Having long stalled the rise of the next generation of men's tennis in concert with the other members of the 'Big Three' - Nad-



U.S. Open champion is narrowly favoured by bookmakers over Djokovic to win the French Open and the Serb rates him highly.

al and Roger Federer - Djokovic conceded their time had come. "A new generation is here already," he said after his Rome defeat.

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Real Madrid Players And Fans Honour Vinícius Júnior

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MADRID: With Vinícius Júnior watching from the stands, Rodrygo scored the winning goal and raised his fist in solidarity with his Real Madrid and Brazil teammate.

It was one of the many tributes to Vinícius in Madrid's first game since the latest case of racial abuse against the player, who considered leaving the field Sunday after being insulted by Valencia fans.

"All the support for Vini was beautiful," said Rodrygo, whose late goal gave Madrid a 2-1 win over Rayo Vallecano in the Spanish



league on Wednesday.

The show of support came a day after Spanish police arrested seven people on suspicion of hate crime and after Valencia was fined and ordered to partially close its

stadium for five games.

Vinícius was not on the field because of a minor injury, but his Real Madrid teammates all came out wearing his No. 20 jersey before kickoff.

"Love you," Vinícius said after the game in a tweet that included a photo of his teammates behind him at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. "Thank you, thank you, thank you."



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