

Beware Android Users!

Central Agency Warns Of Dangerous Phone Virus

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: An Android malware called 'Daam' that infects mobile phones and hacks into sensitive data like call records, contacts, history and camera has been found to be spreading, the national cyber security agency has said in its latest advisory.

The virus is also capable of "bypassing anti-virus programs and deploying ransomware on the targeted devices", the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team or CERT-In said.

The agency is the federal technology arm to combat cyber attacks and guard the cyber space against phishing and hacking assaults and similar online attacks.

The Android botnet gets distributed through third-party websites or applications downloaded from untrusted/unknown sources, the agency said.

"Once it is placed in the device, the malware tries to bypass the security check of the device and after a successful attempt, it attempts to steal | [More on P10](#)

Successful G20 Meet Will Help Allay Fears About Kashmir: Singh

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The third G20 Tourism Working Group Meeting held in Srinagar was "very successful" and this will contribute to boosting tourism in Jammu and Kashmir and help in "allaying any fears" in the minds of visitors in future, a top official said on Friday.

Addressing reporters here, Union Tourism Secretary Arvind Singh also said that during the TWG meet held from May 22-24, G20 member countries, invited countries, and international organisations gave inputs and feedback on the GOA Roadmap for tourism as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development goals and G20 Tourism Ministers' Declaration.

These two documents were the two key deliverables of the tourism track meet in the summer capital of Jammu and



Kashmir, and Singh said, G20 members have broadly reached an agreement on the five inter-connected priority areas green tourism, digitisation, skills, tourism MSMEs and destination. These priorities are key

building blocks for accelerating the transition of the tourism sector and achieving the targets for 2030 SDGs.

"Some members will give their suggestions in writing by today, and then | [More on P10](#)

'Bollywood Is Rediscovering Kashmir'

Shammi Kapoor-starrer "Kashmir Ki Kali" splashed the natural splendour of Jammu and Kashmir on silver screen in the 1960s and went on to become a major hit. Six decades later, riding on record footfall of tourists, India as the chair of the G20 is seeking to bring the Bollywood romance back

to the Valley.

A three-day Tourism Working Group Meeting of the influential bloc was recently held in Srinagar and some side events themed on film tourism were also hosted in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir. Union Tourism Secretary Arvind Singh on Friday interacted with media | [More on P10](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE TO EASE FILM MAKING in Jammu & Kashmir by setting up single-window cell to grant permission for shooting films, preferably within 2-4 weeks."

Now, GMC To Hold Int'l Conference On Robotic Surgery

Aauqib Javeed

Srinagar: Close on the heels of recently concluded G20 meeting in Kashmir, the Government Medical College (GMC) in Srinagar is all set to organize a three-day international hi-tech conference on Robotic Surgeries here in this capital city.

The conference is being jointly organised by the Post Graduate Dept of General and Minimal Access Surgery GMC Srinagar and the Kashmir Urological Society (KUS) and will take place from June 1st to 3rd at GMC Srinagar.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, Dr. Mufti Mahmood Professor & HOD Surgery, GMC Srinagar said over 300 delegates, including those from the United Kingdom and United States are likely to attend the conference.

On June 1-2, there will be a live operative workshop covering a wide range of Urology and General Surgery cases.

"We have tried to gather the best cases and the best operative faculty. On June 3, there will be deliberations, which will include guest lectures, panel discussions, paper presentations, poster

presentations, PG quiz etc," Dr. Mahmood said, adding "A live robotic operative workshop will be broadcasted to the auditorium, where the guest will be present."

He said the event will bring together experts and enthusiasts from diverse fields to share knowledge and insights.

"Our aim is to create a platform for professionals, researchers, and students to exchange ideas, present their research findings, and learn from each other. We have invited renowned speakers and surgeons who will share their experiences and expertise in their respective fields," the department said in a statement.

It further reads that "We believe that the conference will be an excellent opportunity for you to expand your knowledge, upgrade your surgical skills and elaborate your network with fellow professionals."

Dr. Mahmood said that is for the first time in the history of J&K and GMC Srinagar that there will be a relay of Advanced Robotic Surgery from Kochi which will help the postgraduates and young surgeons to polish the skills of | [More on P10](#)

Omar In Awe Of New Parliament Building

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: With National Conference endorsing opposition boycott of the inaugural function for newly built parliament house, party vice president Omar Abdullah on Friday said the new Parliament building was a welcome addition and looks "pretty damn impressive".

Abdullah, whose party's MPs have also announced to boycott the inaugural ceremony, said when he was the member of the Lok Sabha, many of his colleagues often spoke about the need for a new and improved Parliament building.

"Setting aside the brouhaha about the inauguration for a moment, this building is a welcome

addition. The old Parliament House has served us well but as someone who has worked there for a few years, a lot of us often spoke amongst ourselves about the need for a new and improved Parliament building. Better late than never is all I'll say and this one looks pretty damn impressive," the NC vice president wrote on Twitter.

As many as 19 opposition parties, including the Congress, Left, TMC, SP and AAP, came together on Wednesday and announced their decision to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying they find no value in a new building when the "soul of democracy has been sucked out".



A boatman anchors his Shikara on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar during heavy winds coupled with incessant rainfall on Friday afternoon. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

'Kya Karie Korimol'

Coke Studio Kashmiri Song Fetches Half A Million Views In 1 Day

KO Web Desk

New Delhi: Kashmiri traditional Wanwun is making waves across the internet these days.

Produced by newly launched Coke Studio Bharat the song titled Kya KarieKorimol has generated half a million views in just one day.

With catchy lyrics, the song features singer and composer Mohammad Muneem who goes by the stage name Alif, popular folk singer Noor Mohammad and Aashima Mahajan.

Viewers are enchanted by the unique expressions and graceful movements of the



artists. Alif has added liveliness to the song with his energetic vocals.

The Kashmiri song not only tells the story of a bride and her father as they prepare for her wedding feast

but also highlights the rich cultural heritage of Kashmir, with a message of love and care woven into its lyrics.

The song celebrates the emotions of a new bride weaved into | [More on P10](#)

Govt's Agriculture Push

Small, Marginal Farmers Should Be Priority In HAD Program: LG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that small & marginal farmers should be top priority in implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday directed banks to simplify and streamline the processes of extending credit and financial assistance services to the farmers.

Sinha passed these directions while chairing a high-level meeting at the Civil Secretariat here to review the implementation of Agriculture credit schemes of banking and financial institutions for HADP, an official spokesperson said.



The LG, he said, directed the bank officials and administrative officers for seamless coordination at district level for effective implementation of HADP and 100% saturation of benefits under Kisan Credit | [More on P10](#)

S H O R T T A K E S

Tuti Gets Additional Charge Of IGP Traffic

The Union Territory administration on Friday assigned additional charge of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Traffic to Bhim Sen Tuti. Bhim Sen Tuti, who is presently IGP (Headquarters) PHQ, was given additional charge of IGP Traffic J&K in addition to his own duties.

"In the interest of administration, it is hereby ordered that Bhim Sen Tuti, IPS, IGP (Headquarters) PHQ, shall hold the additional charge of the post of IGP, Traffic, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till | [More on P10](#)

IPS Officer Posted As Com Secy I&C Dept

The government on Friday ordered transfer of IAS and IPS officers in the interest of administration. According to a government order, Prashant Goya, IAS (AGMUT:1993), Principal Secretary to the Government, Industries and Commerce Department, holding additional charge of Managing Director, JKIDFC, has been transferred and posted as Principal Secretary to the Government, Housing and Urban Development Department, relieving, H. Rajesh Prasad, | [More on P10](#)

4 Booked For 'Anti-National Activities'

Four men in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district have been booked under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) for their alleged involvement in anti-national activities, police said on Friday. Javaid Hussain Yatoo, Jan Nisar Khaliq Ganai, Abid Parvaiz Hajam and Nisar Ahmad Wani, all residents of Pattan town in the north district, were booked after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority, a police spokesperson said. The four men have been lodged | [More on P10](#)

Man Held For Trying To Kidnap Girl

A man was arrested on Friday for allegedly attempting to kidnap a 17-year-old girl in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, police said. The arrested accused was identified as Ashwani Singh alias Luddan of Samba's Beheri, they said. On Thursday, Singh intercepted the girl on Hospital Road near a highway. He snatched her mobile phone, beat her up and dragged her into his car along with an accomplice, the police said. However, the police | [More on P10](#)

OGW Held With Grenade In Kishtwar

Security forces on Friday arrested an associate of the banned militant group Hizbul Mujahideen along with a Chinese grenade in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, police said. The militant associate has been identified as Mohd Yousaf Chouhan of Chhar Cherji village in Kishtwar. Based on the information about involvement of Mohd Yousaf Chouhan in terror-lated activities, a case was registered, police officials said. Teams of police along with the Army and the | [More on P10](#)

Woman Among 2 Found Dead In South Kashmir

A woman was among two persons found dead under mysterious circumstances in Kulgam and Anantnag districts on Friday, officials said. An official said that a 42-year-old woman was found dead mysteriously at her home in Bathipora village of Kulgam. "She probably has died by suicide after consuming poisonous substance at her home", he said. "In a separate incident, a youth from Shaksaz Kadipora Anantnag, who was missing | [More on P10](#)



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Bread, Pasta Made From Air? Revolutionary Food Gains World's Attention

Low De Wei | Bloomberg

It doesn't look particularly appetizing - a mustard yellow-hued powder with the texture of starch - but the ingredient that made its global debut in Singapore on Thursday is being touted as the latest breakthrough in food technology.

Produced from air, water, electricity and microbes by Finnish startup Solar Foods, the substance can be used to make anything from bread to pasta. It had its first official tasting after the city-state approved the sale of products containing the ingredient last October.

The powder itself resembles tur-

meric and tastes like a light, nutty mix of cashews and almonds. It's 65% to 70% protein, 5% to 8% fat and has a composition similar to that of dried soy or algae. Making food from air? That's how this nutty, turmeric-like powder was made by Finnish startup @Solar_Foods. @DextLow gets a taste of the ingredient as it makes its global debut in Singapore

Solein, as it's called, builds on a growing microbial fermentation trend. It's made in a similar way as brewing beer. Instead of sugar, microbes feed on nitrogen and carbon dioxide, and begin to grow. Excess water is removed and then it's dried, forming a powder.



The technology's gaining attention, even as investors cool on the broader alternative protein sector, given it has the potential to produce edible calories without farmland. Crop giant Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. is lending its heft, announcing a strategic partnership this month with California company Air Protein to build and operate a commercial-scale plant.

It will take "a couple of decades" for food-from-air production volumes to have a real impact on the world, Solar Foods Chief Executive Officer Pasi Vainikka said in an interview. "There's a lot of interest and pull from the consumer, and that's a positive."

Solein won't be widely available until 2024 at least when a small-scale proof-of-concept plant is fully operational. The glacial pace of approvals is one factor that's slowing its rollout. Singapore is the only jurisdiction that's given Solein the green light. Approval in the European Union isn't expected before 2025, Vainikka said.

For now, the Finnish firm is working with food companies and restaurants to incorporate the product in dishes, or as an alternative dairy ingredient. It's also on a marketing blitz, releasing videos demonstrating the practical uses of Solein, including in ice cream and ravioli.

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Annual Private (Bi-Annual 2020-21) issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Sabreena Hassan
S/o: Gh Hassan Khuihama

Roll No: 12603492

Year & Session : (2022-21 Annual Pvt Bi-Annual)

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the same before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is tested as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary
Board Of School Education
Sub Office Bandipora

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AUCTION CUM-SALE NOTICE

(For Sale of Secured asset under the SARFAESI Act, 2002)

Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower/Mortgagor/guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **27.06.2023**, for recovery of Rs. **5,98,792.71** being balance outstanding as on **30.04.2023** due to The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. (Secured Creditor) from Mr. Javid Ahmad Mir S/o. Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir R/o. Bulgam, Sopore (Borrower), Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir S/o. Reshi Mir R/o. Bulgam, Sopore (Mortgagor) and 1). Mr. Abdul Rahim Dar S/o. Mr. Abdul Aziz Dar R/o. Hygam, Sopore 2). Mr. Habibullah Wani S/o. Mr. Ghulam Hassan Wani R/o. Bulgam, Sopore (Guarantors). The reserve price will be Rs. **18.90 Lacs** and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. **1,89,000.00**.

Description of Property

Land measuring 03 Kanals under Khasra No: 382, khewat no : 61 and khata No : 145 situated at Mouza Bulgam, Tehsil Sopore (Now Tehsil Khoie), District Baramulla J&K standing in the name of Mr. Bashir Ahmad Mir S/o. Reshi Mir R/o. Bulgam, Sopore (Mortgagor).

The tender document containing full details of the properties and all the terms and conditions can be had from JK Bank Branch Office Tarzua, Sopore during office hours on all working days against a payment of Rs.100/. The completed tenders must be received in the said Branch latest by **26.06.2023**. The tender should be accompanied by an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of not less than 10% of the Price Offered (which in any case should not be below the Reserve Price for the property concerned) in the form of a Demand Draft/ Pay Order payable at Sopore, Kashmir, issued by a commercial bank in favour of the Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. Branch Tarzua, Sopore.

This publication is also 30 days notice to the borrower/mortgagor of the above said loan account about holding of sale on above mentioned date/ place if the outstanding dues are not paid in full.

Date: 24.05.2023
Place: Sopore

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DIPK-NB-929/23

dated: 26-05-2023



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POSSESSION NOTICE

Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas Mr. Sajad Ahmad Wani, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated **10.01.2023** thereby calling upon the Borrower namely **M/s New Zeenat Enterprises Prop: Mr.Zubair Muzaffar Bhat** to repay an amount of **Rs. 64,26,958.39 (Rupees Sixty four lakhs twenty six thousand Nine Hundred fifty Eight & thirty Nine paisa only)** being the balance outstanding as on **31.12.2022** in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the **23rd day of May of the year 2023**.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to **Rs. 64,26,958.39 (Rupees Sixty four lakhs twenty six thousand Nine Hundred fifty Eight & thirty Nine paisa only)** together with future interest thereon from 30.12.2022 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

(As per the schedule provided in mortgage deed/latest particulars including any accreditations) Equitable Mortgage of immovable property comprising of three storied residential house along with land measuring **7 Marlas falling under Khasra No.177 min and present 459 of Khata No.166 and Khewat No.106** situated in Sector B, Muslimabad Check B K Pora Iqbal Colony at Mouza Check No 1, Tehsil Chadoora District Budgam

Dated: 23.05.2023
Place : B.K Pora

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DIPK-NB-930/23

dated: 26-05-2023

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Department Kashmir Lal-Mandi, Srinagar 190008

Tel. No: 09194-2310604. Fax No: 0194-2311063

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e-Nit No:-DSHK/ACCTS/23-24/1495-506

Dated:-25-05-2023

Subject: E-Procurement Notice for the supply of Drugs/Medicine.

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Union Territory of India, e-Tenders in two bid system (Technical-1 and Financial bid-2) through Chairman State Level Purchase committee, Sheep Husbandry Department, J&K, Kashmir (Directorate of Sheep Husbandry Department, Kashmir) are invited from manufacturers/ companies of national repute of Drugs and Medicines for fixing the rate contract for supply of various Drugs/Medicines.

1. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility, criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of supply/contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the e-procurement website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	26.05.2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	26.05.2023
3	Bid submission start date	27.05.2023
4	Bid submission end date	15.06.2023(2.00pm)
5	Date and time of opening of technical bids (online)	16.06.2023(2.00pm)

2. Instructions for bidders regarding e-tendering process:-

i. Bidders are advised to download bids submission manual from the "Downloads option as well as from Bidders Manual kit" on the website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint themselves with bid submission process.

ii. To participate in bidding process bidder has to get a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), as per Information Technology ACT-2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from an approved vendor.

iii. The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with the Digital Signature. No bidding will be accepted in physical form.

iv. Bids will be opened online as per the schedule mentioned at Para-1.

v. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

3. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.

(Note: Scan all the documents on 100dpi with Black and White option.)

No:DSHK/ACCTS/23-24/1495-506

DIPK-2273/23 Dated:-26-05-2023

Sd/-
Chairman
State Level Purchase Committee
Sheep Husbandry Department
Jammu & Kashmir

Directorate Of Health Services Kashmir

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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. DHSK/PUR/Ponies/05 of 2023-24

DATED : 22-05-2023.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT online e- tenders are invited from the authorized firms/Contractors' for finalization of Rato Contract in the Health Department for the hiring of Ponies & Potters for carrying and dropping of Hospital good and staff for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2023 (via Baltal) as per details given in the Tender documents. The cost of the tender documents is Rs.200/- in the shape of e-challan / treasury challan/receipt (which will be non refundable /non transferable) pledged to Member Secretary / CAO, Purchase Committee, Directorate of Health Services Kashmir.The tender document can be seen and downloaded on the website <http://jktenders.aov.in> from 20-05-2023 (18:00 hrs.), onwards up to 30-05-2023 (16.00 hrs). The tenders shall be deposited in electronic format on website <http://jktenders.aov.in> from 20-05-2023 (18:30 hrs) up to 30-05-2023 1600 hrs only. The uploaded tenders on the website will be opened on 31-05-2023 at 10:00 hrs in the meeting room of Directorate of Health Services Kashmir in presence of the tenderers or their authorized representatives who may wish to attend. The tendering process will be online only and no physical price bid shall be submitted.

The intending tenderer(s) shall have to deposit an amount Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lac Only) for aforesaid group as token refundable Earnest Money in the shape of CDR / FDR from any Nationalized / Scheduled Bank pledged to the "Member Secretary, Purchase Committee Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir. In case of holiday / other inconvenience on the date of opening of bid, then the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue
No.DHSK/Pur/Ponies-Potters/Baltal /2023-24/976-81

Sd/-Chairman Purchase Committee,
Directorate of Health Services Kashmir.

DIPK-2170/23

Dated: 25-05-2023

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Directorate of Horticulture Planning & Marketing Rajbagh Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Facilitation for sale of Vegetables/spices in District Kulgam and Budgam.

All vegetable/ Spices Growers of District Kulgam and Budgam are hereby informed through the medium of this notice, that the Department of Horticulture Planning & Marketing is providing space for sale of Vegetables/spices in Fruit & Vegetable Market Kulgam and JKHPMC land at Chadoora in District Budgam once in a week ordinarily on every Sunday. The Area Marketing Officers in collaboration with Chief Agriculture Officers of concerned districts shall facilitate the growers for direct sale of their produce to buyers at the designated places.

NO:HPM/MAC/2023/
DIPK-2175/23
Date:25.05.2023

Sd/
(Vikas Sharma) JKAS
DIRECTOR Horticulture (P&M) J&K

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Sr. Aquaculture Engineer(XEN)Fisheries Deptt Suleiman Complex Dalgate Srinagar (J&K)

Telephone No 0194-3513051 e-mail:- sraqaengineer@gmail.com

Notice Inviting Tenders

Abbreviated E-NIT No 05 OF 2023-24

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited by Sr. Aquaculture Engineer (XEN), Fisheries Department J&K Srinagar by e-tendering mode on percentage basis from approved and the eligible registered Contractors registered with J&K Government, CPWD, Railways& other Central/State Governments of the classes mentioned here under in strict accordance with conditions noted below.

S. No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Earnest Money	Class of Contract	Cost of Tender Document	Time of opening of bid	Time of completion
01	Up gradation / Renovation of Jarokha Bagh Inspection Hut Manasbal Ganderbal	Rs 7.79 lacs	Rs 15580/=	C&D	Rs 200/=	07-06-2023 at 12.00 PM	One Month
02	Construction of Brick room & other allied works for relocation of air compressor at (Feed Mill) Manasbal	Rs 5.83 lacs	Rs 11660/=	C&D	Rs 200/-	07-06-2023 at 12.00 PM	One Month
03	Construction of Feed/ Equipment Store / Development of land at Khar-kote Banihal	Rs 8.74 lacs	Rs 17480/=	C&D	Rs 200/-	07-06-2023 at 12.00 PM	One Month
04	Up-gradation / construction of feed / Equipment store at Fish Farm Balpora Shopian	Rs 6.80 lacs	Rs 13600/=	C&D	Rs 200/-	07-06-2023 at 12.00 PM	One Month
05	Installation / Erection of mini gauge at inlet with allied civil works at Trout Rearing Unit, Guzerbal Bandipora	Rs 7.77 lacs	Rs 15540/=	C&D	Rs 200/-	07-06-2023 at 12.00 PM	One Month

Position of AA= Accorded

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms & conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in under ASH/Director Fisheries /Engineering Wing as per the schedule of dates given below.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	23-05-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	23-05-2023 from 3.00 pm to 06-06-2023 upto 4:00 pm
3	Bid submission Start Date	23-05-2023 from 3:00 pm
4	Bid submission End Date	06-06-2023 upto 4:00 pm
5	Date & Time of opening Bids (Online)	07-06-2023 at 12:00 pm in the Office of the Sr. Aquaculture Engineer (XEN) Fisheries Deptt Suleiman Complex Dalgate -Srinagar

All other terms & conditions shall remain same as per the PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed documents

Camp Clerk

Sd/-
Sr. Aquaculture Engineer (XEN)
Fisheries Department
Srinagar

No:SAE/D/2023-24/ 126-28

DIPK-2188/23

Dated:-25-05-2023



SDRF Gears Up Around Dal Lake Amid Weather Alert

Observer News Service

Srinagar: State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) has geared itself up in and around the Dal Lake in view of the inclement weather.

The force has, however, said that despite prior warnings issued by the weather department, some Shikara owners take tourists for rides inside the lake, risking their lives.

A senior SDRF official said they are a reactive force and mainly come up when there is any major calamity or disaster.

“For the Dal Lake, it is

lay in such situations.

Another SDRF official of SDRF stationed at Dal Lake said that on Thursday afternoon, as the gusty winds engulfed the lake, a team of 9 personnel pressed into their boats to rescue the trapped visitors in the waters.

“We rescued around 29 tourists, and the rescue operation took us around half an hour to take everyone out of the water amid the fast-blowing winds,” he said, adding that during the process, the river police also pressed in their men and machinery to rescue the trapped tourists.

Whether there is a



not our domain to restrict anyone from boarding Shikara or any boat even during severe weather situations,” he said. “Our job is to react to major disasters and we are always ready for that.”

“Whether they agree or violate the warnings, we have to be ready for our job,” the official added. He said it is always a challenging task to carry out a rescue operation in quick time as there is no scope for de-

warning or not, we keep our men and machinery on standby mode as soon as there is any thick cloud cover over the lake’s area, the official added.

Srinagar’s weather station in its daily forecast had said that from May 25 to 26, there is a possibility of “fairly widespread to widespread intermittent light to moderate rain/thunder/lightning with the possibility of hailstorm and gusty winds at few places”



Man wearing raincoat, taking a look at Dal Lake from Boulevard Road amid intermittent rainfall on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Smart City Projects To Be Completed By June 2024: CEO SSCL

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Srinagar Smart City has recorded highest-ever completion of projects amongst all the smart cities across the country with the CEO Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), Athar Aamir Khan saying that 55 projects have been completed so far while work on 70 projects are going on.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Srinagar Smart City Ltd said that a total of 125 projects are to be executed under the smart city project.

He said that 55 among them have been completed while the work on 70 others are going on, adding that 50 among them will be com-

pleted before December this year.

Khan further said that the rest of 20 projects will be completed by June 2024.

“So far, Srinagar has witnessed the fastest execution of the smart city projects and the highest number of projects has been completed compared to other cities across the country,” he said.

“After the conclusion of the G-20 event in Srinagar, the execution of works will gain even more pace,” he said.

Under the much-hyped smart city project, several projects like J&K’s first wire-free and exclusively pedestrian market—Polo View and Jhelum Riverfront have been completed recently.

Both the projects were in-

augurated by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha ahead of the G-20 event. The delegates of the G-20 event also visited the refurbished Polo View market where they spent over half an hour on Wednesday.

Smart City Mission was launched by the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) Gol in which 100 cities were to be selected for Urban renewal and retrofitting with the objective to promote cities that provide core infrastructure, give a decent quality of life to their citizens and apply smart solutions to improve services and infrastructure.

The Srinagar Smart City project was approved in Round 3 challenge held in April 2017.

Large Scale Fish Death Creates Panic Among Dal Dwellers

Observer News Service

Srinagar: For the past few days, the harrowing sight of dead fish floating on the surface of the otherwise calm Dal Lake has caused panic among the residents and visitors, who had recently witnessed a strange phenomenon of exotic and predatory Alligator gar inside the lake.

Ecologists and environmentalists have raised concerns over the mortality rate of fish within the lake and have demanded the fisheries department to conduct a scientific inquiry into the incident.

“The water quality and

level seems good, yet a large number of fish have died. People are horrified to see dead fish floating on the surface of the water. It is common to see dead fish in lakes around Nehru Park,” said Sameer Ahmed, a resident of Dal Lake.

He said the incident has raised concerns among people and activists about the health of the lake and its fragile ecosystem.

Experts including environmentalists have also visited the lake to find out the reasons for the massive death of fish in the lake,” said Ahmed.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chairman, J&K Lake Conservation & Management Authority (LCMA) Bashir Ahmed Bhat termed the fish mortality of the particular species as an annual affair.

“These are very small Gambusia species of 3 to 4 inches in size which have been affected and there is no need to panic at all. Our scientific wings have examined the causes of fish mortality. We realized that they died due to erratic weather causing thermal stratification—a change in the temperature at different depths in the lake,” Bhat added.

DLSA Srinagar, Vitasta Law College Organizes Awareness Program

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, in collaboration with the Vitasta Law College, Srinagar through a comprehensive awareness program to educate, empower, and extend support to individuals affected by drug addiction has taken a significant stride towards combating the drug menace and providing legal services to victims of drug abuse.

In this connection, an event was held today under the guidance and supervision of Chairman DLSA, Srinagar Jawad Ahmed.

The event brought together legal experts, faculty members, educators, students, para legal volunteers and community leaders in an endeavor to shed light on the NALSA (National Legal Services Authority) Legal Services to the victims of drug abuse and eradication of Drug Menace Scheme 2015.

The awareness program commenced with an insightful address by resource persons of DLSA, Srinagar Naveed Gul, Muhtaba and Laila Khalid (Penal Lawyers of DLSA Srinagar), who emphasized the urgent need to combat the drug menace through a multi-faceted approach.



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POSSESSION NOTICE
Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002
Whereas Mr.Sajad Ahmad Wani as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 10.01.2023 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely New Bismillah Traders & co Prop: Mr. Imran Khan to repay an amount of Rs. 54,94,567.36 (Rupees Fifty four lakhs ninety four thousand Five hundred Sixty seven and thirty six paisa only) being the balance outstanding as on 31.12.2022 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.
The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the **23rd day of May of the year 2023.**
The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to Rs. 54,94,567.36 (Rupees Fifty four lakhs ninety four thousand Five hundred Sixty seven and thirty six paisa only) together with future interest thereon from 31.12.2022 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.
The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of the Immovable Property
01. Equitable Mortgage of immovable property comprising of residential house along with land measuring 12 Marlas falling under Khasra No.784 min of Khata No.261 and Khawat No.131 situated in Iqbal Colony at Mouza Nowgam, Tehsil Srinagar District Srinagar
02. Equitable Mortgage of immovable property comprising of single storied residential house along with land measuring 10 Marlas falling under Khasra No.416 min of Khata No.551 and Khawat No.48 situated in Iqbal Colony at Mouza Nowgam, Tehsil Srinagar District Srinagar
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Answer Key Notice

Subject: Revised / Final Answer Key of the Computer Based Written Test (CBT) Examination for the Post of Deputy Inspector Fisheries / Equivalent, Animal / Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Department, Divisional Cadre, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 04 of 2021, under Item Nos. 656 & 657 held on 08-02-2023 – regarding.

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted **Computer Based Written Test (CBT)** for the post of Deputy Inspector Fisheries / Equivalent, Animal / Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Department on 08-02-2023; and

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), notified Answer Key vide Notice No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/06/2023-04 (7110979), dated: 15-02-2023, in respect of the aforesaid post, that was made live on official website of JKSSB (www.jkssb.nic.in) from 16-02-2023 to 19-02-2023 for information of candidates and seeking of objections, if any; and


Whereas, in response to aforesaid notice, **38 objections** were received in respect of **23 unique questions**; and

Whereas, the objections were examined and after due deliberations on the matter, the final answer key in respect of CBT examination held for the post of Deputy Inspector Fisheries / Equivalent has been finalized.


Now, therefore, in view of the above, the Revised / Final Answer Key in respect of aforesaid post, for which Computer Based Written Test (CBT) was conducted on 08-02-2023, is hereby notified as under in respect of question(s) which have been challenged through objection tracker link:-

Post Name	Total questions for which answer Key Changed	Total Discarded Questions	Total question with two correct options	Question ID	Change in Answer Key		Discarded Question ID
					Previous correct option ID	New correct option ID	
Deputy Inspector Fisheries / Farm Manager Shift-1	NIL	NIL	NIL	-	-	-	-
Deputy Inspector Fisheries / Farm Manager Shift-2	NIL	NIL	01	25	99	98, 99	-

Note: No further claim in this regard shall be entertained by JKSSB either online or offline.
Sd/-
Reyaz Ahmad Malik (JKAS)
Controller of Examinations
J&K Services Selection Board
DIPK-2237/23
dated: 26-05-2023
No.: JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/06/2023-04 (7110979)





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

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PRAYERS

FAJR	3:43
ZUHR	12:28
ASR	5:24
Magrib	7:36
ISHA	9:13

This Day In History

- 927 - Battle of the Bosnian Highlands: Simeon I of Bulgaria is defeated by King Tomislav of Croatia
- 1660 - Denmark & Sweden sign The Treaty Of Copenhagen, ends Second Northern War
- 1679 - Habeas Corpus Act (strengthening person's right to challenge unlawful arrest & imprisonment) passes in England
- 1703 - Saint Petersburg (Leningrad) founded by Russian Tsar Peter the Great
- 1738 - Turkish troops occupy Orsova and Ochakov in eastern Europe
- 1798 - The Battle of Oulart Hill takes place in Wexford, Ireland, large rebel force kills local militia
- 1883 - Tsar Alexander III crowned in Moscow
- 1895 - British inventor Birt Acres patents film camera/projector
- 1905 - Japanese fleet destroys the Russian East Sea fleet in the Battle of Tsushima, the only decisive clash between modern steel battleships in history
- 1916 - President Woodrow Wilson addresses the League to Enforce Peace, founded in 1915, and gives public support to the idea of a league of nations

From KO Archives

‘Love Bug’ Computer Virus Wreaks Fresh Havoc

AGENCIES

NEW YORK, MAY 05: Copycat variants of the "Love Bug" vi-rus labeled "Joke" and "Moth-er's Day" infected computers around the world on Friday, a day after the most widespread cyberattack ever-wreaked havoc on business and govern-ment operations.

Tens of millions of the com-puters have been disabled so far as the virus, first detected in Asia, spread around the globe, forcing network admin-istrators to shut down e-mail systems at major companies and penetrating the Pentagon, the Central Intelligence Agency and Britain's Parliament.

Security experts said the vi-rus was far more devastating than last year's Melissa bug, with losses now counting in the billions from damaged data and the distractions of fighting the software scourge, and warned that it could take weeks to stem the invasion.

"There's a potential ' that anyone who receives this virus can go to the Internet and (nd) tools to change codes within the virus program that can give the e-

mail or the attachment a new name," said Simon Perry, vice president for security products at Computer Associates International Inc. (NYSE : CA -news).

The Islandia, N.Y. is a leading maker of anti-Virus software such as inoculateIT.

For the time being, most of the virus variants are only cos-metically different from the original virus. "Based on our research, we believe that the variants are coming from a number of different people," Perry said.

ASIA AND EUROPE TAKE STOCK OF IMPACT: Computer users woke up on Friday to the chilling implications for a world that is now so wired up that quarantining such bugs may prove an endless cat-and-mouse game — with far-reaching financial consequences.

Computer Economics, a market research firm located in Carlsbad, Calif, estimated that the virus already had caused \$2.61 billion dollars in damages worldwide, but most experts said precise figures would be difficult to pin down.

The impact of the bug in Asia on Friday was possibly muted by the fact the markets in four countries-Japan, South Korea, China and Thailand - were closed for pub-lic holidays on Friday.

European Enterprise Com-missioner Erkki Liikanen said: "The Love Bug is a warning to us all that security must be given top priority if consumer and user confidence is to be maintained as we move into the information age."

A German government spokeswoman said the virus had penetrated its foreign, jus-tice, interior and economics min-istries. The spokesman re-ported no serious damage as the interior ministry called in a special task force to advise on coun-ter-measures.

Britain's Consumers Asso-ciation said 30 to 50 percent of UK businesses seemed to be af-fected. "It is spreading very rap-idly. Yesterday we had 10 to 15 percent," said Alan Stevens.

Kit experts warned the full effects of the bug may carry through the weekend.

(Kashmir Observer, 27 May, 2005)

Iran Does Not Recognize Taliban, Wants Inclusive Govt. in Kabul

Agencies

Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian has reiterated the necessity of establishing an inclusive government



in Afghanistan while clarifying that Tehran does not recognize the ruling faction in Kabul.

"We insist on the formation of an inclusive government in Afghanistan because the Taliban are just part of and the entire reality in Afghanistan," he told Iranian diplomats at the mausoleum of Imam Khomeini Thursday during an event renewing allegiance to the late founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

He also expressed Tehran's displeasure over the Taliban's move to deprive Afghan women and girls from pursuing studies and getting education.

"We regard such measures as contrary to the teachings of Islam's prophet," Amir-Abdollahian said.

Hirmand River water rights must follow legal channel

The Iranian top diplomat further pointed to Iran's water rights from Afghanistan's part of the Hirmand River according to the 1973 bilateral accord between the neighboring countries and underlined the need to abide by legal path of the agreement.

"We have mentioned to Afghan officials that the issues relating to water rights will not be resolved through political statements and that they must be followed through via a legal framework," Amir-Abdollahian added.

Iran and Afghanistan have been locked in a long-running dispute over their shared water resources. At the heart of the dispute is the Hirmand River, which flows 700 miles (1,126 kilometers) south before flowing into Hamoun wetlands, located in Sistan and Baluchestan province.

Following more than a century of rifts over Hirmand's water supply, Iran and Afghanistan signed a treaty in 1973 to establish a means of regulating each country's use of the river.

Iran should receive an annual share of 820 million cubic meters from Hirmand under the accord, which Afghanistan has grossly violated in letter and spirit, endangering the lives of many Iranians who rely on Hamoun wetlands for drinking water, agriculture, and fishing.

"You Went Hammer And Tongs": Court To Cops Over Action Against Mohammad Zubair

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court Friday asked the city police as to what action it has taken against a Twitter user for his alleged offensive tweet about fact-checking website Alt-News co-founder Mohammad Zubair.

Justice Anup Jairam Bhambhani asked the Delhi Police to file a status report on the action taken against the person who had posted the tweet against Mr Zubair.

"You went hammer and tongs against him (Zubair). But the case has now ended in a whimper, as it should have... because there was no evidence. But what action have you (police) taken against this man?" the court said.

The high court granted six weeks to the police to file a status report and listed the matter for further hearing on September 14.

The counsel for the police said it was conscious of the directions of the Supreme Court on the action to be taken in hate speech cases and assured appropriate action will be taken in the matter.

The high court was hearing Mr Zubair's plea for quashing an FIR registered against him after he responded to the Twitter user who was using a picture of himself with his minor daughter as a display picture on the platform.

The FIR was lodged against Mr



Zubair in 2020 for allegedly threatening and torturing a minor girl.

Mr Zubair's counsel had earlier told the court that he was being trolled for his posts on Twitter by a man who abused and demeaned him and even left communally-charged comments on his page on the micro-blogging platform, and when he (Zubair) posted the display picture of the man standing with his minor daughter, whose face was cautiously blurred by the petitioner, while posting a tweet, a complaint was made against him.

The Delhi Police had told the court they did not find any criminality against Zubair in the present case, registered for allegedly threatening and torturing a minor on social media, and his name has not been included in the charge sheet.

The city police had lodged the FIR on the basis of a complaint from the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), which referred to a photo of the girl and her father, shared by Zubair on Twitter during an online spat with her father.

Imran Khan Faces "End of the Road" As Pakistan Army Cracks Down



IMRAN NOW RISKS MEETING A SIMILAR FATE as previous prime ministers who have been jailed, exiled or executed following power struggles with Pakistan's generals.

Agencies

Holed up at his fortified home in Lahore's upmarket Zaman Park, Imran Khan is looking increasingly besieged and isolated as Pakistan's military instigates a sweeping crackdown against the former prime minister's political party.

Following unprecedented attacks against military-owned properties and widespread protests after Khan was briefly jailed earlier this month, more than 10,000 people linked to Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, or Movement for Justice, have been arrested in police raids. Several prominent leaders are now in jail and more than two dozen PTI stalwarts have quit the party this week.

Publicly the army and the government say they are holding accountable anyone who attacked state-owned property. Behind the scenes, however, there's a recognition that Khan's popularity is unmatched and his party must be cut down to size ahead of elections due in

October at the latest, according to two people familiar with the military's thinking.

Khan now risks meeting a similar fate as previous prime ministers who have been jailed, exiled or executed following power struggles with Pakistan's generals. Although army support was widely credited in bringing Khan to office in the last national election in 2018, his current predicament stems from his attempts to mess with military hierarchy - a red line for Pakistan's most powerful institution, which has directly controlled the nuclear-armed nation for much of its post-independence history.

For now, "this is the end of the road for Imran Khan," said Ayesha Siddiqua, a senior fellow at King's College London and expert on Pakistan's military. "The question is will they be able to take away his support base?"

Khan's ability to connect with the outside world and marshal support is already being eroded. On Wednesday, the internet at his Lahore residence was

abruptly cut off before a scheduled call with British lawmakers concerned about Pakistan's deteriorating political, economic and security situation. Police have also compounded most of his armored cars, limiting his movements, Zulfikar Bukhari, a close aide to Khan, told Bloomberg News.

On Friday, a news report said Khan and his wife had been placed on a no-fly list and were barred from leaving the country. The former premier survived an assassination attempt late last year.

Pakistan's military didn't respond to a request for comment.

Since his ousting as prime minister last year following a parliamentary no-confidence vote, Khan has campaigned relentlessly for fresh elections. He has blasted the unwieldy coalition headed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif - who is seen as more amenable to the army even though his brother was once ousted in a coup - as a corrupt force of self-serving dynastic parties.

SC Rejects PIL For Inauguration Of New Parliament By Prez

Press Trust of India

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a PIL seeking a direction to the Lok Sabha Secretariat for inauguration of the new Parliament building by President Droupadi Murmu.

A bench of justices JK Maheshwari and PS Narasimha told petitioner in-person advocate Jaya Sukin that the court understands why and how this petition was filed and it is not inclined to entertain this petition under Article 32 of the Constitution.

Sukin said under Article 79, the president is the executive head of the country and she should have been invited. He, however, said if the court does not wish to entertain the petition, he be allowed to withdraw it.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said if the petition is allowed to be withdrawn, then it will be filed in the high court.

The bench then dismissed



the petition as withdrawn.

The petition said the respondents -- the Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Union of India -- are "humiliating" the president by not inviting her for the inauguration.

The petition by an apex court lawyer was filed amid a controversy over the scheduled inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 28.

Twenty Opposition parties have decided to boycott the ceremony to protest the "sidelining" of the president.

In a joint statement on Wednesday, 19 political parties said, "When the soul of democracy has been sucked

out of Parliament, we find no value in a new building."

The BJP-led NDA shot back, condemning the "contemptuous" decision.

"This act is not merely disrespectful; it is a blatant affront to the democratic ethos and constitutional values of our great nation," parties belonging to the ruling NDA said in a statement on Wednesday.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla had recently met the prime minister and invited him to inaugurate the new building. Modi had also laid the foundation stone for the building in 2020 and most opposition parties had stayed away from the event even then.

Chhattisgarh Officer Pumps Out 41 Lakh Litres of Water from Dam to Find Lost Phone, Gets Suspended

Agencies

CHHATTISGARH: A bizarre case of a man draining out nearly an entire dam in search of his lost phone which fell into the water resource was reported from Chhattisgarh. Rajesh Vishwas, a food officer in the Koilibeda block of the Kanker district, accidentally dropped his smartphone while enjoying his vacation at the Kherkatta Dam. In order to get it back, he put pump services at work for three consecutive days and emptied litres and litres of water.

41 lakh litres of water drained out to retrieve smartphone



Earlier, it was reported that about 21 lakh litres of water got drained from the dam by the official. However, a recent report by news agency PTI mentioned it to be as much as 41 lakh litres of water.

A report from the sub-divisional magistrate of Pakhanjore, accessed by PTI, said that 4,104 cubic meters or 41 lakh litres of water was emptied from the structure without permission from the authorities.

Rajesh's phone slipped while taking a selfie

Rajesh's phone had slipped from his hand and fell into the water while he was trying to take a selfie on the premises, reports mentioned while quoting him as saying, "My phone slipped into the overflow tankers, whose water is not usable."

Officer suspended by Dis-

trict Collector

It was learned that the pumps began draining water on Monday evening and ran until Thursday. However, an official from the irrigation and water resources department rushed to the spot and stopped the process following a complaint in this regard. Rajesh has reportedly got suspended by District Collector Priyanka Shukla on charges of misusing his position and not taking permission from the concerned official.

Here's what the Suspension Order said

"Vishwas misused his position to look for his mobile phone and without seeking

permission from the competent officer evacuated water to the tune of lakhs of litre in this scorching summer season which is unacceptable. For the aforementioned act, he has been placed under suspension with immediate effect," the PTI report read quoting the suspension order.

He claimed of having permission to drain dam

Rajesh alleged that the phone had sensitive government data and he has verbally approved permission to empty the water resource. An NDTV report quoted the officer and read, "I called the Sub Divisional Officer (SDO) and requested him to allow me to drain some water into a nearby canal. He said it was not an issue if three-four feet deep water was drained, and would also benefit the farmers."

"Forged Documents": UPSC Considers Criminal Action Against 2 Candidates

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is considering criminal and disciplinary penal action against two candidates for allegedly claiming selection in the civil services examination, the results of which were declared on Tuesday, according to an official statement.

The case relates to Ayasha Makrani (from Madhya Pradesh) and Tushar (from Bihar) who fraudulently claimed that they have been finally recommended by the Commission in the civil services examination 2022 against two roll numbers of genuinely recommended candidates, it said.

"The claims of both persons are fake. They have forged the documents in their favour to buttress their claims," said the statement issued on Friday.

By doing so, both Ayasha

Makrani and Tushar have acted in contravention of the provisions of the Rules of the Civil Services Examination, 2022 notified by the government of India (Department of Personnel and Training), it said.

Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the Examination Rules, the UPSC is contemplating both criminal as well as disciplinary penal action against the two candidates for their fraudulent acts, the statement said.

"The system of the UPSC is robust as well as foolproof and such errors are not possible," it added.

The UPSC conducts civil services examination annually in three stages -- preliminary, main and interview -- to select officers of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS), among others.

NEWS MAKERS

Imran Khan "Thanks" Pakistan For Placing Him In 'No-Fly' List

Agencies

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan today thanked the country's government for putting him on a 'no-fly list' stating that he does not plan to go overseas as he does not have any property or businesses abroad and does not hold even a bank account outside the country.

"I want to thank the government for putting my name on the ECL (Exit Control List) as I have no plans to travel abroad, because I neither have any properties or businesses abroad nor even a bank account outside the country. If and when I do get an opportunity for a holiday, it will be in our northern mountains, my favourite place on earth," Imran Khan tweeted.

On Thursday several media outlets reported that Mr Khan, his wife Bushra Bibi and other leaders and former assembly

members of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party were reportedly barred from leaving the country.

This statement came after various media reported citing sources that Imran Khan would be added to the no-fly list.

"IK (Imran Khan) added in No Fly List," The Pakistan Daily tweeted quoting sources. The Pakistan Daily is a digital news portal in Pakistan mainly reporting about the political updates of Pakistan. However, there has been no official confirmation of Imran Khan being added to the no-fly list.

This comes a day after Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said that the government is considering imposing a ban on the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) over the incidents that took place on May 9, Dawn reported.

The Pakistani news channel, Geo News sources reported over 600 Pakistan

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders and former assembly members including Chairman.

According to sources within the Federal Investigation Authority (FIA), the names of the PTI leaders and its party chief have been added for their involvement in the May 9 violence.

The names have been added to the FIA's Provisional National Identification List (PNIL) to prevent them from going abroad, added the sources.

The former prime minister's wife Bushra Bibi's name has also been added to the list. The list includes Murad Saeed, Maleeka Bokhari, Fawad Chaudhry, Hammad Azhar, Qasim Suri, Asad Qaiser, Yasmin Rashid and Mian Aslam Iqbal, reported Geo News.

The sources further claimed that some of the PTI leaders and office bearers tried leaving the country in the last three days, however, they were stopped at the airports.

Kidnapped Woman Found After 17 Years In Delhi: Cops

Agencies

NEW DELHI: A 32 years-old woman who was kidnapped 17 years ago in 2006 was found in Delhi's Gokulpuri, police said on Thursday.

According to DCP Shahdara Rohit Meena, "On 22 May, a team of Seemapuri Police Station on secret information traced the kidnapped girl age 32 years (now) who was kidnapped 17 years ago."

Accordingly, a case registered under section 363 IPC, was registered in 2006 at Gokulpuri Police Station, Delhi on the complaint of her parents, they added.

"The girl was kidnapped in 2006 and during the investigation, the girl disclosed that after leaving her house she was residing with a person namely Deepak in the village Cherdih District Baliya, UP and thereafter she left Deepak in lockdown after some dispute and started living in Gokulpuri in rented accommodation," police stated. According to DCP Shahdara Rohit Meena, 116 kidnapped/abducted children/persons, and 301 missing persons were recovered by Shahdara district to date in 2023.

Bangladeshi Man Tries To Fly To Rome With Fake Indian Passport, Arrested

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: A 32-year-old Bangladeshi national, who claimed to be a Buddhist monk, has been arrested here for trying to travel to Rome on an Indian passport that he had obtained by providing fake documents, an official said on Friday.

Bipon Anil Barua, a resident of Bandarban in Bangladesh, was apprehended at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport on Wednesday night, the official said. Barua was to fly to Rome via Muscat from Mumbai in the early hours of Thursday.

When an immigration officer keyed in his passport details in their system, he found that a Look Out Circular (LOC) has been issued against him by the Foreigners Registration Office (FRO), Mumbai, the official said.

An LOC is a notice which prevents a person from leaving the country.

According to remarks on the LOC, Barua is a Bangladeshi passport hold-

er. He used fake papers to fraudulently acquire an Indian passport.

Barua told officials that he is a Buddhist monk and came to India from the neighbouring country via the Haridaspur border in 2015 to propagate Buddhism, he said.

During his stay in Chhattisgarh capital Raipur in 2016, Barua said he procured an Indian passport with the help of bogus papers.

Since then, the official said, Barua used the Indian passport to visit Malaysia, Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, and the United Kingdom. Immigration officials also recovered PAN and Aadhaar cards from him, he said.

Barua was taken to the Sahar police station where a case was registered against him under Indian Penal Code sections 420 (cheating), 465 (punishment for forgery), 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating), and 471 (using fraudulent document as genuine) and the Passports Act.



4000 Devotees Leave From Jammu For Kheer Bhawani Mela



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) J&K, K.K. Sidha, on Friday flagged off a fleet of 125 buses with 4000 devotees onboard, majority of them being Kashmiri Pandits, to Annual Mela Kheerbhawani celebrated every year at Mata Kheerbhawani Temple Shrine Tulmulla (Ganderbal) Kashmir.

The fleet comprised of 95 buses for Tulmulla (Ganderbal), 23 buses for Tikker(Kupwara), 3 buses for Manzagam (Kulgam), 02 Buses for Logripora(Anantnag) and 02 buses for Martand(Anantnag). All the devotees were provided with packed refreshments also.

The yatris will visit the prominent temples in the district and on 28th May 2023 on the eve of Jesh Ashtami shall participate in the Annual Hawan and Mela at Mata Kheerbhawani Temple Tulmulla (Ganderbal).

Speaking on the occasion, the Divisional Commissioner said that elaborate arrangements have been put in place for devotees en-route from Jammu to their respective destinations and to Tulmulla (Ganderbal) and back.

The yatris were also provided lunch at Ramban Jammu. The Divisional Administration Kash-

mir and the Deputy Commissioners of the Kashmir Division have made elaborate arrangements for the comfortable and safe stay of the yatris with adequate lodging, boarding, medical and other allied arrangements of sanitation and hygiene. Nodal officers have been designated for each purpose for the smooth coordination and monitoring of the yatra. The Kashmiri Pandits staying in Kashmir are also being facilitated by the respective District Administration for participation in the Annual Kheerbhawani Mela.

The devotees expressed satisfaction over the arrangements put in place by the Government and the coordination and monitoring of the Relief Organisation. They also expressed their joy of participating in this pious yatra and were happy that they are visiting their motherland and places of birth after a long time and shall pray for the peace, development of the UT as well as the Country.

The Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) acknowledged the support of the Divisional Administration Kashmir, Jammu, Deputy Commissioners, Police Administration and the efforts and dedication of the officers/officials of Relief Organisation under the able guidance of Secretary DMRR&R.

Upper Reaches Receive Light Snowfall, Rains Lash Plains Of J&K

MeT Predicts More Rains Till May 30, Appeals Farmers To Suspend Farm Operation From May 29

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Several areas of Kashmir as well as Drass area of Kargil on Friday received light snowfall on Friday while intermittent rainfall lashed plains of Jammu & Kashmir for the third consecutive day here, bringing down the mercury in the Union Territory.

Reports said that the upper reaches of Gurez Valley and Karnah received light snowfall while Drass area in Kargil also received light snowfall this evening.

The light to moderate rains, nonetheless, lashed plains of J&K, bringing life to standstill and also the mercury down at many parts of the Union Territory.

However, the Meteorological department (MeT) here has predicted light snowfall in the upper reaches of some north Kashmir districts including Bandipora, Kupwara, and Sonamarg-Zojila-Gumri axis is



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expected for the next six hours.

Deputy Director MeT, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad said that there is no significant weather till May 29 afternoon while the current spell of moderate showers with thunder, lightning is expected to continue over, many places with gusty winds at few places in the next 5-6 hours following which there is a possibility of gradual decrease in the prevalent weather conditions.

Moreover, he said that on

May 27-May 28, there is a possibility of intermittent light rain, thunder, lightning at few places while on May 29-May 30, fairly widespread intermittent light to moderate rain, thunder and lightning with possibility of hailstorm and gusty winds are expected at a few places.

The MeT has also issued advisory for the farmers, advising them to suspend all farm operations during May 29 & May 30—(KNO)

Tribal Students To Get Highest Ever Scholarship Worth Rs 45 Cr: Secretary

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Tribal Affairs Department, in its endeavors to promote the interests of tribal populace in Jammu and Kashmir, today began highest ever disbursement of scholarships among the students of the community under various scholarship schemes.

"A total amount of Rs. 45 crore shall be credited through DBT mode to the bank account of the beneficiaries under Pre Matric and Post Matric scholarship schemes", informed Secretary Tribal Affairs, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, while elaborating on the government's initiative of empowering these integral segments of the society through education.

Due to migration of the process on the National Scholarship Portal and its integration with the PFMS the whole process has been made transparent and user friendly.

Secretary said that education of tribal students is top priority for the J&K government. In this regard, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has ensured the highest ever disbursement of scholarships amounting Rs. 45 crore in order to support the educational needs of tribal students pursuing courses at postgraduate level, graduate levels, pre-matric, and post-matric levels.

Falling Walnut Tree Kills Youth

ANANTNAG: A young man has died after being struck by a piece of a fallen walnut tree in South Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Local sources told a local news agency KNT that the incident took place yesterday in Wazir Bagh area late evening amid gusty winds and rainfall in the district.

They said the body was spotted by a few people who informed others. The deceased has been identified as 26-year-old Irshad Nabi Alai, a resident of Shaksaz Mohalla Kadipora. The fallen branch of the tree was spotted beside the dead body.

"It's not clear what the victim was doing in the field at the time of heavy rains," locals said.

Police have taken cognizance of the incident and registered case under relevant sections of law.

Azad Promises Development Revolution In Pir Panchal If Voted To Power

Observer News Service

RAJOURI: On the second day of his visit to Rajouri, Democratic Progressive Azad Party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad expressed his concern over the soaring unemployment, price rise and dwindling economy of the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

He said the people of Jammu and Kashmir are facing multiple challenges as jobs and lands are being taken away from the local people.

Azad said while interacting with party workers and various delegations from Thanamandi, Kalakote, Rajouri city, Darhal, youth and other areas.

He said, however, his party, if elected to power won't be a mute spectator to the plight of locals and will take all political, and legal initiatives to secure the jobs and land rights of people. He said some regions like Chenab & Pir Panchal face

more challenges since they are landlocked and are overlooked by the successive regimes with no job opportunities and economic growth.

"When I was heading the Jammu and Kashmir government in erstwhile state, I gave special focus to region and tried to uplift it economically. Since then no one seems to have ever understood the needs and aspirations of the region."

Azad said that the present governing system of administration has left the people upset in Peer Panchal region who deserve better governance at their doorstep. He demanded special recruitment drives in the area.

He said the DPAP will restore the Roshni Act since it's revocation had rendered thousands of families landless who even were possessing the land from the times of Maharaja's rule.



CJM Puts KU Notification On Exams In Abeyance

M Ahmad

SRINAGAR: Chief Judicial Magistrate Srinagar on Friday put in "abeyance" a notification by Kashmir University by which some students were ordered to be disallowed from appearing in BE/B.Tech 7th Semester (Regular batch) 2019.

While issuing notice to authorities at Kashmir University, The CJM Raja Mohammad Tasleem put in "abeyance" the notification issued on 25 May issued by the varsity.

The court passed the orders after as many as seven students approached it for relief. "Further the defendants (authorities at KU) are directed to allow and permit the plaintiffs to appear in the 7th Semester examination scheduled as per date sheet on their own risk

and responsibility," the court said, adding, "This order is however, subject to objections from other side (university authorities) and the other side is at liberty to approach this Court for the modification or cancellation of this order even before next date of hearing which is June 20.

On May 25, Assistant Controller of Examination (Professional Conduct) issued the notification for the information of all concerned Superintendent examination centre for BE/B.Tech 7th Semester (Regular batch 2019) that some students of the center have found ineligible to appear in the examination scheduled to be held from May 26. "No candidate shall be allowed to appear in the examination as per the direction of authorities," the notification reads.

HC Quashes PSA detention Order

Says Grounds Of Detention Verbatim Except 'Cosmetic' Changes

M Ahmad

SRINAGAR: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Friday quashed detention order under Public Safety Act against a resident of Pattan Baramulla and ordered his immediate release if not required in any other case.

"A comparative perusal of the grounds of detention and the dossier furnished by the sponsoring authority would reveal that the grounds of detention are verbatim reproduction of the contents of the dossier except the cosmetic changes," a bench of Justice Rajnesh Oswal said.

The detaining authority, the court said, was required to apply its mind independently with regard to the material placed before it so as to derive satisfaction that it has become necessary to

detain the petitioner (detainee), Farhad Ahmad Lone of Zangam Pattan Baramulla. "But the same has not been done in the instant case. This too renders the detention order illegal."

The perusal of the record, the court said, also revealed that the petitioner was already in custody when the detention order was passed.

"From the ground of detention, nothing is forthcoming as to what compelled the respondent (district magistrate Baramulla) to pass the detention order when the petitioner was already in custody," the court said, "There is no reference either in the dossier or in the grounds of detention that the petitioner had preferred any bail application before the trial court."

Accordingly, the court quashed the detention order passed on 9 April 2022 and directed authorities to release him from preventive custody forthwith "if not required in any other case."

Farmers In Doda Switch To Medicinal Plants Cultivation To Keep Hungry Monkeys Away

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Farmers in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district are switching to cultivation of medicinal plants instead of crops like rice, maize and wheat to save their farms from hungry monkeys. The depletion of forests have forced the primates to raid farms in search of food, leading to substantial losses to the farmers.

In response, agricultural experts from the AYUSH Ministry have advised farmers to grow herbs instead of traditional crops like rice, wheat and corn, as this not only safeguards their crops but also brings in higher profits.

Many farmers from villages located near forest areas in Doda have embraced this solution and are now cultivating aromatic plants such as lavender and Tagetes Minuta, along with medicinal plants like Trillium (Nag-Chatr), Saussurea Costus (Kuth), Inula (Mannu), Dandelion (Handh), wild garlic and Balsam apple (Ban-Kaakri). These plants taste bitter and have strong pungent smells, making them unappealing to monkeys, officials said.

Touqeer Bagban, a local entrepreneur, said farmers are now reaping better profits due to surging demand for herbs from domestic companies making medicinal and personal care products.

"Officials from the AYUSH Ministry have been actively educating farmers on cultivating suitable crops based on the soil, water and air conditions in their respective areas. They also provide necessary training and planting materials to support the transition," Bagban said.

The transition to cultivate medicinal plants has revitalised the farmers' fields and provided a new sense of hope to the community. Over 3,000 farmers in



the Chenab region of Jammu and Kashmir have already transitioned to growing herbs and aromatic plants, with 2,500 of them located in Bhaderwah alone, the officials said.

"Earlier, we tried dogs to scare away monkeys and even used air gun," said farmer Nav-eed Butt of Sartingal village.

"But it was difficult to keep away the monkeys and we were about to abandon farming. But switching from traditional maize to cultivation of medicinal plants for the past two years has kept the predators at bay. Besides, we are hoping to reap in good benefits," Butt added.

The monkey population has increased after the central government banned their export for biomedical research in 1978. The problem is further exacerbated by the reverence and feeding of monkeys by many people. However, the impact of these marauding monkeys is most keenly felt in hilly regions like the Chenab region in Jammu and Kashmir due to the depletion of forest cover.

"Guarding the crop round the clock poses a challenge, especially when our fields aren't close to home," said Shabnam Begum (52), a farmer from Qahi village.

"We were dejected as we are totally dependent on farming. We have found a new hope by switching to medicinal plants. AYUSH has given us a new hope as our fields have become again green after two years," she added.



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YATRA NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No.: 26/PHE/BIJ of 2023-24 | e-Tendering|

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, J&K Union Territory e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on percentage basis from approved and registered Govt. contractors, for the works mentioned below: -

S No.	Name of work	Adv Cost Rs in Lacs	Time of completion	Earnest mon- ey (in Rs)	Class of Contractor	M.H	Cost of Tender doc. (in Rs)
1.	Construction of chain link fencing at Kralpora Laripora ,Baisam, balance work of fencing at Ganishbal, Manipal around structures. under Shri Amar Nath Ji Yatra for the year 2023.	41.57	30 days	124710	AAY BEE	Plan Capex Budget	1000
2	Laying of Different dia's of pipe from filtration plant to Nunwan Base Camp under Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2023	5.88	20 days	17640	CEE DEE	Plan Capex Budget	300
3	Construction of Catch Water Drain at Holycave under Shri Amar Nath ji yatra 2023.	5.04	20 days	15120	CEE DEE	Plan Capex Budget	300
4	Clearance of snow at head sites and along alignments of pipe at various stations of SANJY 2023	3.02	15 days	9060	DEE	Non-Plan REVEX	200
5	Carriage of bleaching powder and p/f of sign board / banners and Cost for sampling of water during Yatra Period 2023.	2.09	10 days	6270	DEE	Non-Plan REVEX	200
6	Desilting of Structures at various spots under SANJY 2023.	2.05	10 days	6150	DEE	Non-Plan REVEX	200
7	Providing water supply facilities to pony stand from Gratbal water fall at Sheeshnag	1.97	10 days	5910	DEE	Plan Capex Budget	200

- 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.
- Bids must be uploaded on Jktenders.gov.in with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Bijbehara (Tender receiving authority).
- Earnest Money equivalent to 3% of Advertised cost shall have to be uploaded by the tenderer in shape of CDR/FDR/BG without which the tender shall not be entertained.
- The quantity of items in the BOQ are purely on tentative basis just to arrive at a genuine / exact comparative cost. The quantity items in the BOQ can increase or decrease and shall not be mentioned in the allotment order.
- The successful bidder shall have to respond within the minimum possible time (not more than 03 hours) to execute the requisite job failing which the Engineer in-charge or the authorized supervisory staff shall be at liberty to get the job executed / completed through any other means on the risk and cost of the allottee. If the allottee will fail to respond in time continuously for 03 turns his contract shall be deemed to have been cancelled and the job shall be put to fresh tenders after forfeiting of his performance security and shall be debared to take part in any other tendering process of the Division.
- The tenderer shall have to satisfy himself regarding all aspects like topography of the area, climatic conditions, geographical conditions within the periphery of the area, before tendering for the stages of the particular area at his own expenses.
- The tenderers have to submit the tender online without any addition or alteration in the rate schedule items or any conditions thereof. No conditional tender whatsoever shall be entertained even if the rates shall be lowest one.
- The tenderer has to understand fully the nature of work or works as per proper nomenclature of items of work in rate/quantity schedule in the form of BOQ.
- The tenderer has to sign a deed at the time of allotment and has to give full details of men and machinery available with him or he has to give a written bond duly stamped as per norms of providing men and machinery as required for execution of any of the work or works allotted to him.
- The successful bidder has to remain in close liaison with the Divisional Office and subordinate sub divisional offices of PHE Division Bijbehara till the expiry of the contract, besides the tenderer shall have to remain available (24x7) round the year as such have to maintain his residence near Head Quarter of the respective sub division, so as to remain available during night hours also.
- The contractors who wish to put their tenders for stage contracts should bear in mind that the works under stage tendering needs day and night operations and has to execute the work or works in all conditions of weather or any untoward situations.

Unbalanced Tender:

- In case tender of the lowest tenderer is found unbalanced, the successful one shall have to produce additional performance security in shape of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee before fixation of contract as per following breakup within a period of 07 days (from opening of tender), failing which the CDR of the tenderer shall be forfeited

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

- Since the maintenance works are of emergent nature, therefore, in order to restore supplies the maintenance works/jobs are to be carried out during day and night hours.
- The Payment to the concerned agency shall be made as per availability of funds.
- The items which may not figure in the BOQ but found necessary for execution shall be paid as per SSR or lowest market rates decided by the contract committee of the Divisional Level.
- Work done claims has to be supported with pre, during and post photographic evidence.
- The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ), terms and conditions of contract can be seen/downloaded from the departmental web site (jktenders.gov.in) as per the dates shown below: -

S. No.	Description	Date			Time
		DD	MM	YYYY	
1	Publishing date of NIT	26	05	2023	01:00 PM
2	Download start date	26	05	2023	01:00 PM
3	Bid submission start date	26	05	2023	01:00 PM
4	Bid submission end date	03	06	2023	4:00 PM
5	Bid opening date	05	06	2023	11:00 AM

- Insurance: - Insurance cover to Labour / Machinery / Work / Plant material / Equipment by the contractor shall be mandatory.
- Laws Governing the Contract: -The contract shall be governed by Laws of the land.
- Court's Jurisdiction: -In case of any disputes/differences between contractor and Department the jurisdiction shall be J&K State
- Time extension: -Extension of time shall be also admissible in the event of temporary suspension of work. 15-22.The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not full fill the requirements as laid down in NIT.
- 15-23. All other terms, conditions are as per the PWD form 25 (Double agreement form)
- No. PHE/BIJ/2822-42
- Dated:25-05-2023
- DIPK-2245-23
- DT: 26/05/2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
J.S PHE Division Bijbehara.

Why the Future of Kashmiri Literature is Promising?

Amir Suhail Wani

“This process is important to the fact that Kashmiri language is not decaying but flourishing in its literary episteme. There may be lacunae here and there and they call for the necessary remedial measureS but these can’t be equated with the downfall and decay of language and literature

When Nighat Sahiba released her poetry collection “Zarred Panneki Daer” (Piles of Pallid Leaves), it put speculations about the decay of Kashmiri literature to rest. The book heralded, as critics and readers observed, a new era in Kashmiri poetry; its feminine adding to its thematic nuance. The book went on to earn Sahitya Academy Yuva Puruskar in 2017 and is still being discussed, scrutinised, evaluated and critically appreciated. It is not the book which concerns us here, but the active participation of the younger generation in the production of quality literature in Kashmiri language, meaningful engagement with the mother tongue and wearing Kashmiri language on sleeve. It is not only in the domain of poetry that quality creations are brought forth, but the genre of prose, literary criticism, aesthetics and other allied branches of literature have seen similar sprouting and blossom in terms of the quality and quantity of works being produced. On the whole, the horizon is promising and what is more interesting is that the production of these quality works is coming through the younger generation of writers and scholars. This state of affairs is at variance and polar opposition to the apprehensions being expressed now and then that Kashmiri literature is on the decline and the younger generation of writers has shunned away their mother tongue. What is seen on the contrary is that there is a situation of hope and optimism and an entire cadre of writers has emerged who are not only taking pains to preserve the literary legacy of Kashmiri language, but also enriching it and adding to its treasure.

In the contemporary global village of closely knit world, translations have come to play an important role both in enriching any language with the translations of classics and rendering the literary works from the native language into other global languages for the wider readership – and so consoling and promising it is to see exchange taking place both the ways. Mufti Muddasir’s rendition of Mahmud Ghami into English recently,



published under Penguin Classics is a glaring illustration of the scope and appeal of Kashmiri literature and the kind of interest people are cultivating towards the same. Rehman Rahi, the poet laureate of Kashmir, of whom we had complained elsewhere that he was lost without translation has been translated into English and an anthology of his translated poems is set for a release.

On the other hand, a massive work and a world classic like War and Peace by Tolstoy has been rendered into Kashmiri, not to speak of Wuthering Heights, King Lear, Qaseeda Burda, Payam E Mashriq etc. Likewise Lal Ded has been translated more than once and exhaustive works on her life and times, her poetry and mysticism has been produced world over. This process is important to the fact that Kashmiri language is not decaying but flourishing in its literary episteme. There may be lacunae here and there and they call for the neces-

sary remedial measureS but these can’t be equated with the downfall and decay of language and literature.

In our previous article, we made a point that we do not remember our literary ancestors and now we are pleading the bright future of Kashmiri literature. Something important is to be noted here if we want to avoid the apparent conflict between these two statements.

The production of literature is the task specific to the literary elite, who either specialise in language and literature or have an innate propensity for literature which manifests in their literary outpour. But the consumption of literature, reading books written by authors and to give any work of prose or poetry an ascent to acceptability is usually the function of masses, not en masse, but a larger section thereof. It was in reference to this general distancing of masses from their language and literature that a caution was raised

in the last article. But let it be stated with a stamp of confidence and evidence that the men of literature are doing wonderful in their respective domains and are bringing laurels, not only to themselves, but the Kashmiri language and literature in general. With that caveat in place, those having little hope for the future of Kashmiri Literature can only be invited to the works of younger writers like Adil Mohiuddin, Masroor Muzaffar, Sagar Sarfaraz, Showkat Sufi, Dheeba Nazir, Rafia Wali and countless others to discover for himself that the future of Kashmiri literature is bright indeed.

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A sleepless person can buy comfort pillows, perfect bedding, sleeping pills, sleep-inducing beverages, sleep music, sleeping apps, and self-help books on how to sleep better. Coolers, air conditioners, heaters, and air purifiers have all made permanent abodes in our bedrooms to improve our sleep. The environmental cost and the financial pressures of securing good sleep are rising.

Eyes Wide Open

Arun Kumar



The world celebrated ‘sleep day’ in March in the hope of good and healthy sleep, but a survey on sleep among Indians by LocalCircles has thrown up jarring numbers on the quality of sleep in India. Titled “How India Sleeps”, the survey of 13,438 people across India found that 55% of respondents take less than 6 hours of continuous sleep per night. Only 43% are taking 6-8 hours of uninterrupted sleep while 21% are sleeping up to 4 hours without interruption.

Are we living in a sleep epidemic? If we analyse the figures presented by the survey, we can safely see a pattern where the majority

of respondents have a sleep deficit of 2-3 hours daily, 60-90 hours monthly, and 730-1,095 hours annually. Most of us sleep unevenly. Fractured and reduced sleep has, evidently, become a standard feature not only in India but, as other studies have indicated, also in the United States of America and the United Kingdom.

Historians of sleep have tried to understand how people have slept over centuries. A. Roger Ekirch suggested that people’s sleeping habits changed with industrialisation since the nineteenth century. According to him, before industrial work ethics, people in the West took biphasic sleep — that is, they slept in two halves with a break around midnight. But

with the growth of artificial lighting, industrial work culture, and socialisation at night, people shifted to a single-segment sleep — one consolidated long sleep.

What is happening now is that even that consolidated sleep is getting reduced. The LocalCircles survey reveals that in 2022, about 50% people slept less than 6 hours; in 2023, this percentage has increased to 55. Pressures on sleep continue to grow with the entrenchment of information technology, visual media, flexible work hours, and the rapid growth of the 24x7 service economy. An accelerated economy needs labour power that is available 24x7 in shifts.

At the same time, the sleep industry, which has commodified sleep, is to touch the 101-billion-dollar mark in 2023. A sleepless person can buy comfort pillows, perfect bedding, sleeping pills, sleep-inducing beverages, sleep music, sleeping apps, and self-help books on how to sleep better. Coolers, air conditioners, heaters, and air purifiers have all made permanent abodes in our bedrooms to improve our sleep. The environmental cost and the financial pressures of securing good sleep are rising.

The LocalCircles survey points out various factors causing sleep disturbances in this order: waking up to go to washrooms (61%); going to bed late and early morning domestic work (27%); disturbances resulting from mosquitoes and noise pollution (24%); medical conditions (20%); childcare and partner needs (12%); mobile calls and messages (14%); uncomfortable bedding (10%); and other interruptions (10%). Now compare this survey to a 2005 study in the UK where the key sleep disrupters were childcare (41%), work worry (15%), and noise. These surveys capture quite a lot but they also miss various individual circumstances, varied cultures of sleep, and climate change. For example, changing climate and hotter nights are adding to our sleep distress.

Sleeping little is associated with various diseases, reduced productivity, and increased stress. While some of the factors of sleep deprivation — work schedules, noise pollution, phone calls and messages, uncomfortable bedding — are controllable, others are not. The growing validity of late-night socialisation and online entertainment continues to steal hours from our sleep. Sleep is thus prey to the demands of both work and leisure. Rescuing sleep from these artificial factors needs to be the priority of governmental initiatives, family ethos, and personal care.

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Book Review: Talaash-e-Kashmir: A Poetic Self-Reflection

Peer Mohammad Amir Qureshi

Talaash-e-Kashmir is not just a book; it is a profound quest that compels readers to contemplate their own existence. Ulfat's poignant verses possess the power to ignite introspective flames within, beckoning you to delve deeper into the enigmatic depths of your own being.

About Author:

Saira Ulfat, a native of the mesmerizing land of Kokernag in Kashmir, emerges as a brilliant luminary in the realm of literature with her debut masterpiece. While pursuing her Bachelor's degree at the esteemed Government Degree College in kokernag, Ulfat unveils her prodigious talent to the world. Not only does she grace the columns of esteemed publications as a remarkable columnist, but she also weaves verses of enchantment as a celebrated poet, leaving an indelible mark on the vibrant literary landscape of Kashmir.

Book Summary:

Amidst the waning tides of book reading culture in the valley, a remarkable phenomenon is unfolding—a resplendent surge of new luminaries illuminating the literary realm. With an ardent determination to revive the fading embers of the literary flame, these budding talents emerge, showcasing their mettle and captivating the hearts and minds of avid readers in the valley. The book that delves deep into the realms of self-questioning and self-conceit. Saira Ulfat, an ardent disciple of the legendary Allama Iqbal, showcases a writing style reminiscent of the renowned poet, in this extraordinary collection. Published by Vyeth Publishing House, known for their discerning selection of literary treasures, Talaash-e-Kashmir boasts a concise yet thought-provoking 62 pages, with a price tag of rupees 200 that truly reflects its artistic value. With every turn of the page, you'll witness the rich poetry, intertwining with the threads of your own introspective journey. Ulfat's writing resonates with Iqbal's essence, and her words intertwine masterfully, creating a mesmerizing tapestry of poetry. As you immerse yourself in this book, you'll embark on a profound journey of introspection, guided by Ulfat's eloquent pen. Talaash-e-Kashmir stands as a testament to Ulfat's poetic prowess, as she captures the intricacies of human emotions with precision and grace. Her words transcend language barriers, resonating with readers from all walks of life. Within the tapestry of this remarkable book, a singular poem stands at a curious crossroad. The third poem, seemingly adrift from the overarching theme, raises an eyebrow as



it questions its place amidst the profound exploration of self-confinement and existential ponderings that permeate the other verses. While the journey of introspection carries readers deeper into the labyrinth of self-questioning, this particular poem ventures into uncharted territory, challenging the established rhythm and rhyme scheme. It becomes evident that the author, despite exhibiting undeniable talent, still has much to learn and grow in their poetic craft.

In the ethereal verses of this enchanting book, there exist a few poetic gems that effortlessly seize the heart and transport it to realms unknown.

“Mere qalab se duniya'e mohabbat nikal de
Mere gunah ko rehmat ka jalal de”

These lines, like an elixir for the soul, overflow with a profound longing for love to emanate from within, permeating the world. With tender grace, they beseech the Divine to bestow upon the poet the majestic

benevolence that transforms their transgressions into a radiant tapestry of mercy. In the embrace of these words, the heart surrenders, captivated by her lyrical beauty and the profound emotions they evoke. They become an anthem of hope and redemption, resonating deeply within the reader's being, forever etching themselves upon the chambers of the heart.

Amidst the poetic tapestry of this book, a verse arises that embodies a captivating contradiction:

“Kaafir bana hai ab tujhse hi behtar
Ab jahan ka woh hai, woh jahan ka gazi”

These words, with their enigmatic essence, present a thought-provoking duality. On one hand, they imply that the non-believer has surpassed others, becoming superior in a realm where the noble warrior, the “gazi,” traditionally resides. Such a sentiment challenges conventional notions and invites contemplation on the interplay of faith and valor. This verse, shrouded in para-

dox, piques the reader's curiosity, sparking a profound exploration of conflicting perspectives. It serves as a catalyst for introspection, urging one to delve into the depths of the poet's intention and uncover the hidden truths that lie beneath the surface. Ultimately, it is within the enigmatic embrace of these contradictory words that the reader discovers a profound invitation to question, reflect, and seek a deeper understanding of the intricate dynamics between belief, identity, and valor. As one delves further into the pages of this captivating book, a fascinating shift occurs. Beyond the realm of poetic verses, a new dimension emerges—an exploration of diverse topics, prose, and crucial societal discourses. These insightful passages unveil the author as an intellectual luminary, possessing a profound understanding of Islam and a keen awareness of the deteriorating state of our society. While the inclusion of prose and poetry within the same book signifies the author's multifaceted talent, it does present a challenge in categorizing the work. The blending of these distinct forms

of expression creates a conundrum as to whether it should be classified solely as poetry or encompass a broader category that encapsulates both poetry and prose.

However, this amalgamation of styles also highlights the versatility of the author, who fearlessly traverses various literary territories to shed light on pressing societal issues. The reader is compelled to grapple with the complexities of a world that yearns for change, urging introspection and inspiring action.

In essence, while the blending of poetry and prose within a single book poses a classification dilemma, it ultimately serves as a testament to the author's intellectual prowess and their commitment to highlighting the urgent matters that plague our society. It is a work that defies conventional boundaries, inviting readers to engage with both poetic enchantment and thought-provoking prose as they embark on an illuminating journey of self-discovery and societal introspection.

In my personal perception, I believe that the editing of the book could have been further enhanced to address certain aspects. The font size appears small, making it challenging to read, and the lack of clear distinction between the fonts creates a mingled effect that may impede readability. However, on a positive note, the book's cover flap exhibits an intriguing design, adding an element of interest and allure. Additionally, the commendable paper quality enhances the overall reading experience, lending a touch of sophistication to the book.

Furthermore, the price of the book appears to be fair and reasonable, reflecting its value and accessibility to potential readers. Together, let us nurture the literary landscape, fostering an environment where authors are inspired to create, where readers are enriched by their words, and where the bond between writer and audience is strengthened through mutual understanding and growth.

Here's to the success of this book and to the boundless potential that lies within the hearts and minds of authors and readers alike. May it be a stepping stone towards a future filled with literary wonders that continue to captivate and inspire generations to come.

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JUNE 2023: To Be Read

Rupa Publications

Here is June 2023's line-up of releases by Rupa Publication. From memoirs, autobiographies, guidebooks to cookbooks; this month's new releases have something for everyone!

Through the Broken Glass: An Autobiography
by T.N. Seshan

2 August 1993: A red-letter day for democracy in India.

On this day, elections were indefinitely postponed through an order issued by the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), T.N. Seshan. The CEC, ironically, is tasked to 'conduct' elections, so who in his right mind would do such a thing in a democracy?

Seshan had put everything on the line while signing that order. And it was an indication as to the lengths he would go to prosecute his designated mandate. And the Supreme Court too did not find the order to be unlawful.

Before Seshan came on the scene, the Election Commission was increasingly functioning as an appendage of the government. Over and above that, there was evidence that malpractice and lawlessness in elections were reaching alarming levels. If that trend were to continue then further down that track lay the ignominy of a banana republic and the danger of Balkanization.

Fearless to the core, in his autobiography, *Through the Broken Glass*, Seshan brings to light his years of struggles to usher in a new era of electoral reforms in India. Not the one to mince words and Seshan's devil-may-care attitude and righteous self-awareness took even the Union governments by surprise. Written by a person who



never covered to the high and mighty, the book gives a no[1]holds-barred account of the man who revolutionized the electoral process.

Thought-provoking and inspiring to the core, *Through the Broken Glass* is a testament to the grit and determination of the man who waged a lone struggle to bring about a colossal change in the Indian electoral system.

Centres of Power: My Years in the Prime Minister's Office and Security Council
by Chinmaya R. Gharekhan

Delve into the decision-making at the Indian Prime Minister's office and the UN Security Council—two crucibles of foreign policy.

What was working with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi like? Was she a difficult person to work with? Did she lose her temper or shout at the officers in her office? Was she a religious person? Did she aspire for Nobel Peace Prize? How did she deal with the pressure leading up to the armed action in the Golden Temple in June 1984? Did her son and successor Rajiv Gandhi follow his mother's line in foreign affairs?

How did his style of functioning differ from his mother's?

From advising two Indian prime ministers—Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi—on sensitive matters of state to negotiating complex global agreements at the United Nations, Gharekhan offers a behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of international politics.

Gharekhan's years of experience as a top diplomat at the United Nations have given him a unique perspective on global politics, and his insights into the challenges facing the world today are both thought-provoking and timely. Through his personal stories and vivid anecdotes, readers will gain a new understanding of the complexities and nuances of international relations as well as the role that diplomacy plays in shaping the course of history.

With humour and candour, the book recounts the challenges and triumphs of a career spent navigating the intricacies of diplomacy. From high-stakes negotiations with rival nations to building alliances with unlikely allies, the book provides a masterclass in the art of diplomacy.

500 Easy, Delicious, Healthy Recipes: Simple Tricks for Stress-Free Cooking
by Kavita Devgan

Do you hate entering the kitchen after a long day of work?

Do you struggle to find easy ideas for a quick, satisfying meal?

Do you want to eat better and reset your health?

500 Easy, Delicious, Healthy Recipes might just be what you need to jumpstart your journey towards healthy living and change your life. Featuring familiar comfort foods as well as new twists on classics, bestselling author Kavita Devgan's latest offering is a glorious celebration of quick, healthy foods prepared with minimal fuss. Her ideas are inspiring, her tricks and technique ingenious and the recipes accessible and delicious.

This book ensures short cooking time while maximizing flavours and strengthening your desire and commitment to healthy eating. From the humble millets to a rainbow of vegetables bursting with flavour, from meals for singles to festival eating, the author shows you a straightforward and tasty way towards improving your overall

health and well-being, increasing your energy, even achieving sustainable weight loss and a better life. An excellent addition to any kitchen, the book also features charming anecdotes by well-known people like chefs Saby Gori and Tarun Sibal, Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, sarod maestro Ayaan Ali Bangash, entrepreneur Romi Dev, author Kiran Manral, dancer Bhavna Reddy and others.

How to Make Champions
by Gabe Jaramillo and Gyasi Hall

Motivated parents have many burning questions: Do my children have talent? What is their passion? How much potential do they have? How can I help my children become champions? Can I keep them motivated? How do I find the right coach? What exactly are the steps I need to take?

Finally, international celebrity coach Gabe Jaramillo reveals his secrets and provides an exact blueprint for how successful parents must create an environment where that talent can thrive, taking advantage of the small windows of trainability for each young athlete.

Based on his experience working with elite tennis players such as Andre Agassi and Monica Seles, he describes various aspects of coaching. A must-read for any parent of athletic children, coaches and athletes themselves.

Diamonds and Stones: An Unlikely Story
by Navreet Sran

She thought she'd already seen the worst, but then her captor's gritty eyes set upon her, a leer that stalled her senses. In that moment, she understood—she was the target.

At 24, Meera is exactly the girl her parents wanted her to be: subtle, upright and compliant. She abandoned her dream of becoming a pilot at the first whiff of disapproval from her family, accepting the bland office job her father secured for her at a friend's company.

When she visits company's offshore plant in Saharanpur with a team of co-workers, Meera is desperate to return to Delhi—the factory is dull and dusty, thick with the smell of chemicals. On the trip back to Delhi late that evening, the team becomes a victim of a violent highway robbery.

Next morning, the police find everyone at the crime scene except Meera. The news of the attack also reaches the media. In the investigation that follows, Meera's family blames her boss for their daughter's disappearance.

How does one girl's abduction ripple through the lives of an entire community? What happened to Meera? Are her captors more than they seem?

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Previous Smallpox Vaccine Provides Immunity To Mpox: Study

Press Trust Of India

Vaccines against smallpox given until the mid-1970s offer continuing immunity against monkeypox, a study conducted in Sweden has found.

During last year's mpox (formerly monkeypox) outbreak, the virus spread for the first time outside Africa, causing over 85,000 cases of the disease to date.

Men who have sex with men account for the most infections, with a marked skew towards the young, the researchers said.

The virus that causes mpox is known as an orthopoxvirus and is very similar to the virus that caused smallpox until the mid-1970s when it was finally eradicated.

Since there was data indicating that the old smallpox vaccine could protect against mpox, the researchers at Karolinska Institutet in Sweden wondered if the individuals who were vaccinated decades ago against the former would have some protection against the latter owing to a remaining memory response.

"Our study shows that this is the case, which implies that the memory cells are very long-lived and that they can recognize closely related viruses such as the mpox virus and provide overlapping, or cross-reactive immunity," said the study's corresponding author Marcus Buggert, researcher at Karolinska Institutet.

By analyzing the T-cell immune response in 105 healthy blood donors, the study, published in the journal Cell Host & Microbe, showed that individuals born before 1976 had a significantly stronger immune response against both

viral types.

The researchers also analysed the immune response in 22 men with a recent mpox infection and showed that they also exhibited a strong immune response to the virus, which may

Mpox is a viral infection spread mainly through close physical contact with an infected person. Sexual contact poses a particularly high risk.

Common symptoms are blistering, sores and rashes, fever, and swollen glands. It can also cause



“Our study shows that this is the case, which implies that the memory cells are very long-lived and that they can recognize closely related viruses such as the mpox virus and provide overlapping, or cross-reactive immunity

provide future immunity.

The current study was too small to judge how much protection previous smallpox vaccination provides, but Buggert refers to a recently published British observational study examining the effect of a smallpox vaccine given to risk-group males in 2022.

"This study shows that smallpox vaccine can provide about 80 per cent protection against mpox," he said.

pain and discomfort but typically clears up on its own after two to four weeks.

In Sweden, the smallpox vaccination programme started in the early 19th century and was discontinued in 1976 when the disease was eradicated.

The vaccine was mandatory for the entire population. The vaccine currently given for mpox is essentially a smallpox vaccine.

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TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

N.I.T No: - SKIMS/WDB/04 of 2023

Dated:- 25.05.2023.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, E-Tenders Single Cover System are invited on Percentage basis from approved, eligible & experienced "Civil/Sanitary Contractors" registered with PWD/CPWD /MES/RAILWAYS for the below mentioned work at SKIMS Medical College and Hospital Bemina, Srinagar.

S. No	Name of the work	Adv. Cost	Class of Cont.	Earnest Money	Cost of T.D	Time of Completion
1.	Development of Parking area near Radiology and development of road from Boys hostel to Lecture Halls.	Rs 45.61 lacs	"AYY" & "BE E"	In Rs Rs 91,220/-	In Rs Rs 1100/-	180 Days
2.	Construction of Parking bay near LDO tanks and creation of Service rooms opposite Casualty.	Rs 38.32 lacs	"AYY" & "BEE"	Rs 76,640/-	Rs 1100/-	180 Days
3.	Construction of Boys Hostel Security room including development of surrounding areas	Rs 22.42 lacs	"BEE" "CEE"	Rs 44840/-	Rs 1100/-	180 Days

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2. Administrative Approval Accorded
3. Technical Sanction Accorded
4. Funds Approved

The detailed tender documents consisting of Bill of quantities (B.O.Q.) set of Terms and Conditions of contract etc and other details can be seen/ down loaded from website www.iktenders.gov.in from 30.05.2023 to 12.06.2023 (2.00 PM) against tender document fee deposited upto 12.06.2023 (2.00 PM) in the shape of demand draft, pledged to Chief Accounts Officer SKIMS MCH Bemina Srinagar.

Interested contractors/firms may submit online E-tenders for the above work upto 12.06.2023 (2.00 P.M) along with scanned copies of following documents:-

1. Proof of Tender document fee receipt deposited upto 12.06.2023 in the shape of demand draft should be pledged to Chief Accounts Officer SKIMS MCH Bemina Srinagar.
 2. Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR/TDR as indicated above from any nationalized/scheduled bank pledged to Chief Accounts Officer SKIMS MCH Bemina.
 3. N.I.T No. & the Name of work should be reflected on the back side of Demand Draft & CDR/FDR.
 4. Original tender document fee receipt in the form of Demand Draft and CDR/TDR should reach the office of Executive Engineer Civil SKIMS MCH Bemina before opening of technical bid for its securitization and reference or otherwise the bids shall not be entertained.
 5. Scanned copies self attested with signature/seal of Latest Documents viz-a viz Tin No.. Pan Card No./GST No.
 6. Scanned copies self attested with signature/seal of Latest Income tax return and GST return.
 7. Scanned copy of self attested Valid Contractor Registration Certificate issued by the competent authority should be duly renewed for the year 2023-2024.
 8. Scanned copy of tender document duly signed with seal by the bidder on each page as an acceptance of the N.I.T conditions to be uploaded.
 9. All the documents as mentioned from S.no:- 1 to 7 are required to the necessarily uploaded within specified time or otherwise the bids shall be liable to be rejected at the discretion of tender issuing/accepting authority.
- Note:- Scan all the documents on 100dpi with black & white option.
10. Tender Evaluation Committee if deems necessary may obtain hard copies of uploaded scanned documents from the bidders for verification as the case may be. The successful bidder (LI) shall however have to submit hard copies of uploaded documents including SBD immediately after intimation made by the department in this regard.
- The Technical bid shall be opened in the office of Executive Engineer Civil SKIMS Medical College & Hospital Bemina, on 14.06.2023 at 11.00 A.M or on any subsequent date convenient to the Executive Engineer Civil /Tender Opening Committee.

No: - SKIMS/MCH/308/ 481-90

DIPK-NB-940/23

Dated: - 26-05-2023

Executive Engineer
Civil Works Division SKIMS
Medical College Hospital Bemina Srinagar

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board

CPO Chowk-Panjtirthi, Jammu/Zamzam Complex Rambagh, Srinagar

(www.jkssb.nic.in)

Subject: Provisional Selection List for the posts under Item No. 221 (Anaesthesia Assistant/Anaesthesia Technician, Divisional Cadre, Kashmir), Item No. 393 (Jr. Theatre Assistant, District Cadre, Ganderbal), Item No. 310 (Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech., District Cadre, Jammu), Item No. 329 (Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech., District Cadre, Udhampur), Item No. 338 (Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech., District Cadre, Reasi), Item No. 358 (Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech., District Cadre, Ramban), Item No. 366 (Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech., District Cadre, Samba), Item No. 171 (Junior Theatre Assistant, Divisional Cadre, Jammu) and Item No. 215 (Junior Theatre Assistant, Divisional Cadre, Kashmir of Health and Medical Education Department, Advertisement no. 02 of 2021 dated 26.03.2021.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Health and Medical Education department, vide indent No. HD/Drug/24/2020 dated 25-09-2020 followed by No. HD/Drug/24/2020 dated 07.01.2021. and No. ME/NG/83/2020 dated 08.03.2021 and No. HD/Coord/64/2020 dated 25.09.2020 and No. HD/Coord/63/2020 dated 25.09.2020 and No. HD/ISM/62/2020 dated 25.09.2020 and No. HD/Coord/64/2020 dated 05-03-2021 and No. ME/NG/83/2020 dated 28.09.2020, among other posts, forwarded the requisition for making direct recruitment to the 97 posts under various items, as per the following break up:

S. No	Advt. No	Item No.	Name of the post	Cadre of the post	OM	SC	ST	OSC	ALC/ IB	RBA	PSP	EWS	Total posts
1	02 of 2021	221	Anaesthesia Assistant / Anaesthesia Technician	Div. Kashmir	18	3	4	1	1	4	2	3	36
2	02 of 2021	393	Jr. Theatre Assistants	Ganderbal	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
3	02 of 2021	310	Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech.	Jammu	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
4	02 of 2021	329	Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech.	Udhampur	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
5	02 of 2021	338	Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech.	Reasi	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
6	02 of 2021	358	Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech.	Ramban	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
7	02 of 2021	366	Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech.	Samba	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	02 of 2021	171	Junior Theatre Assistant	Div. Jammu	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
9	02 of 2021	215	Junior Theatre Assistant	Div. Kashmir	20	4	4	2	2	5	2	4	43

Whereas, as per the Indent, the qualification prescribed for the posts was (is) as under:

S. No	Item No.	Name of the post	Cadre of the post	Prescribed Qualification (As per Indent)
1	221	Anaesthesia Assistant/ Anaesthesia Technician	Div. Kashmir	10+2 with Science or above qualification with minimum two years Diploma in Laboratory Assistant Course or having Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology course from recognized Institution/ State Medical Faculty/J&K Paramedical Council.
2	393	Jr. Theatre Assistants	Ganderbal	10 + 2 with two years diploma in Medical Assistant Course or having degree in Laboratory Technology Course from any recognized Institution/State Medical Faculty/J&K Paramedical Council.
3	310	Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech.	Jammu	10 + 2 with Science or above qualification with minimum two years Diploma in Laboratory Assistant Course or having degree in Medical Laboratory Technology Course from any recognized Institution/State Medical Faculty/J&K Paramedical Council.
4	329	Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech.	Udhampur	10+2 with Science or above qualification with minimum two years Diploma in Laboratory Assistant Course or having Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology course from recognized Institution/ State Medical Faculty/J&K Paramedical Council.
5	338	Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech.	Reasi	10+2 with Science or above qualification with minimum two years Diploma in Laboratory Assistant Course or having Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology course from recognized Institution.
6	358	Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech.	Ramban	10+2 with Science or above qualification with minimum two years Diploma in Laboratory Assistant Course or having Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology course from recognized Institution/ State Medical Faculty/J&K Paramedical Council.
7	366	Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech.	Samba	10+2 with Science or above qualification with minimum two years Diploma in Laboratory Assistant Course or having Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology course from any recognized Institution/ State Medical Faculty/J&K Paramedical Council.
8	171	Junior Theatre Assistant	Div. Jammu	10+2 with diploma in Lab Tech from recognized institute or SMF or any institute recognized by Govt
9	215	Junior Theatre Assistant	Div. Kashmir	10+2 with diploma in Lab Tech from recognized institute or SMF or any institute recognized by Govt.

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) advertised the aforesaid 97 posts, among other posts of Health and Medical Education Department, vide Advertisement Notification No. 02 of 2021 dated 26.03.2021; and

Whereas, as per the Notification, the selection to these posts was to be made on the basis of Written Examination only and, accordingly, the JKSSB conducted the Computer Based Test (CBT) for these posts in multiple sessions/slots w.e.f. 17.08.2021 to 25.08.2021; and Whereas, on the basis of merit obtained by the candidates in the written test, the Document Verification was conducted in terms of Notice No. SSB/CoE/Health/2021/7598-7606 dated 09.11.2021, from 20.11.2021 to 04.12.2021, by the DV Committees constituted vide Order No. 380-SSB of 2021 dated 17.11.2021 followed by Order No. 386-SSB of 2021 dated 18.11.2021 and Order No. 389-SSB of 2021 dated 18.11.2021; and

Whereas, DV in respect of left out candidates was conducted from 18.10.2022 to 19.10.2022 by committee constituted vide Order No. 348-SSB of 2021 dated 30.11.2021; and

Whereas, the candidates figuring in the consideration zone for the above mentioned posts were allowed to indicate the order of preference for various posts/items through a link provided on the official website of the Board www.jkssb.nic.in from 17.11.2021 upto 25.11.2021, vide Notice No SSB/CoE/Health/2021/7695-7704 dated 17.11.2021, the date for which was extended upto 30.11.2021 vide Notice No SSB/COE/Health/2021/7958-67 dated 25.11.2021; and

Whereas, the selection committee for preparing the selections to the aforementioned posts was constituted vide order no 344-SSB of 2021 dated 29.11.2021, that was superseded by the constitution of a committee vide order no 277-SSB of 2022 dated 8.10.2022; and Whereas, the matter was in the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal against the said selection process in the case of Hiral Ahmad Bhat and others vs UT of J&K and others case, wherein, the Hon'ble CAT Srinagar clubbed TA No. 5646/2021 and TA No. 221/2021, that were disposed of by way of a common order on 15.11.2022 with the following directions:

"In view of the above discussion, it is clear that the applicants are governed by the rules of 2009 which clearly state that the engagement

of applicants was on academic arrangement basis for a period of one year extendable upto a maximum of six years or till selection is made in accordance with the recruitment rules. The applicants had also executed an agreement/contract with the respondents that they will not claim for regularization of their services. The respondents were well within their jurisdiction and competence to issue the advertisement notification 02 of 2021 dated 26.03.2021.

With these observations, TA 5646/2021 and TA 221/2021 along with all the MAs are dismissed. All the interim orders stand vacated. The respondents are at liberty to proceed further to complete the process of selection and appointment of candidates as per advertisement notification No 02 of 2021 dated 26.03.2021. No order as to costs"

Whereas, the petitioners, aggrieved of the final order of Hon'ble CAT Srinagar, mentioned above, approached the Hon'ble High Court of J&K and Ladakh, wherein the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Srinagar in WP(C) No. 2682/2022, while pronouncing its Judgement on 31.01.2023, upheld the decision of the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Srinagar Bench and maintained that:

"In view of the above and having regard to clear position of law enunciated by the Supreme Court in Uma Devi (3), we fully concur with the view taken by the CAT, Srinagar Bench. We find no merit in these petitions and the same are, accordingly, dismissed. The interim directions, if any, shall stand vacated. The respondents are free to conclude the selection process initiated vide advertisement Notice No. 02 of 2021"

Whereas, after receiving the aforementioned directions from the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on 31.01.2023, the selection committee prepared the provisional selection list, by following the principle of Merit-cum-Preference; and Whereas, while formulating the said Provisional Selection list, the Selection Committee also relied upon the following two different clarifications that were received from Health and Medical Education department pertaining to the aforementioned selections:

a) Letter No: ME-NG/58/2021-02 Dated 17.02.2022, regarding the subject-"Joint representation regarding qualification of Anesthesia assistant/ Technician posts advertised in notification No. 02 of 2021 dated 26.03.2021", wherein it was clarified that: "...the candidates having diploma/degree in Anesthesia Technology can only be considered for selection on the posts of Anesthesia assistants. Besides, you are also advised to fill up various posts referred to the Board strictly in terms of the qualifications prescribed for such posts by this department, which stand conveyed to the Board at the time of referral of the posts."

b) Letter No. SPMC/GMC/SGR/3776-3783 Dated 07.10.2022, duly forwarded by H&ME Department to J&K Services Selection Board vide letter no: ME-NG/116/2022-02 dated 19.01.2023, regarding the subject-"Recognition and eligibility of B.Sc. Medical Technology course and clarification in respect of Operation Theatre and Anesthesia posts thereof", wherein it was clarified that: "...Council viewed that the Deemed Universities like SKIMS Soura and other deemed universities outside the State are issuing Combined/ Dual Nomenclature Degree to the candidates in B.Sc. Operation Theatre Technology mentioning B.Sc. Anesthesia Operation Theatre and Critical Care Technology. After threadbare discussion it was decided to approach SSRB and Health and Medical Education Department that the candidates who possess combined nomenclature degree(s) as reflected above, shall be kept eligible for only One post either in Operation Theatre or Anesthesia as the case may be which shall be decided by the incumbent at the time of filling up the application(s). The registration(s) issued to the candidates so far shall be intact"

Whereas, the issue was placed in the Board in its 220th Board Meeting under Agenda point No.9, held on 16.02.2022, wherein it was decided to once again take up the matter with the indenting department regarding issuance of two contrasting clarifications and accordingly on the decision of the Board, a communication to this effect was sent to the Indenting Department, vide letter No. JKSSB/Sel/Secy/440-44/2023 Dated 05.04.2023; and

Whereas, the Health and Medical Education Department in response to the communication mentioned above, issued a clarification vide letter No. ME-NG/116/2022-02 Dated 24.04.2023, stating-

"...as per the latest clarification of President J&K Paramedical/Nursing Council Srinagar, the candidates who possess degrees with combined nomenclature and have applied for both posts viz: "Anesthesia Assistant" and "Junior Theatre Assistant" should be asked to submit one option only. The candidates shall accordingly be considered for the opted posts."

Whereas, on the basis of the clarification of Health and Medical Education Department, a Notice for submission of one "Option" only, for the posts of "Anesthesia Assistant" and "Junior Theatre Assistant", was issued vide Notice No. JKSSB/Sel/Secy/2023/553-60 Dated 03.05.2023, for the candidates in possession of the Degree with combined nomenclature, either through e-mail at healthhelpdesk@jkssb2023@gmail.com or in person at JKSSB office Jammu/Srinagar, within 7 days of issuance of the notice; and Whereas, it was also provided in the notice that the candidate(s) who fail to indicate one option for the said two posts, will be deemed to have agreed to any allocation of the Cadre(s), in respect for such candidate(s), as shall be done by the Board; and

Whereas, in response to the aforementioned notice, the candidates in possession of Degree with combined nomenclature submitted one "Option" through the email mentioned in the notice and some candidates submitted it in person at JKSSB office Jammu and Srinagar; and

Whereas, while scrutinizing the "Option" submitted by the candidates, it was observed that some candidates opted for a particular domain, in spite of the fact that they were absent in the DV for the said domain as such they could not be considered for selection against these domains; and

Whereas, keeping in view the aforementioned facts, the Provisional Selection list so prepared, by following the principle of Merit-cum-Preference, was placed before the Board in its 227th Meeting held on 22nd May, 2023, which, after due deliberations, approved the same for its notification.

Now, therefore:

(i) The Provisional Selection List for the 97 posts under Item No. 221 (Anaesthesia Assistant/Anaesthesia Technician, Divisional Cadre, Kashmir), Item No. 393 (Jr. Theatre Assistant, District Cadre, Ganderbal), Item No. 310 (Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech., District Cadre, Jammu), Item No. 329 (Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech., District Cadre, Udhampur), Item No. 338 (Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech., District Cadre, Reasi), Item No. 358 (Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech., District Cadre, Ramban), Item No. 366 (Jr. Theatre Technician/OT Tech., District Cadre, Samba), Item No. 171 (Junior Theatre Assistant, Divisional Cadre, Jammu) and Item No. 215 (Junior Theatre Assistant, Divisional Cadre, Kashmir of Health and Medical Education Department, Advertisement no. 02 of 2021 dated 26.03.2021, is hereby notified as Annexure-A to this Notification.

(ii) The Provisional Selection List shall be subject to the outcome of writ petition(s), if any, pending in any Court of Law of the competent jurisdiction.

(iii) The List shall also be subject to the outcome of pending inquiry, if any, involving candidate(s), figuring in this Selection List.

(iv) Formal recommendations to the concerned Indenting Department shall be made separately after the Notification of the Final Selection List.

In case any candidate(s) is/are aggrieved with this Provisional Selection, he/she may represent through the email address healthhelpdesk@jkssb2023@gmail.com within three days from the date of this Notification, beyond which no representation shall be entertained.

By Order

(Sachin Jamwal), JKAS
Secretary
J&K Services Selection Board

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First Edition Of JKEDIs' Compendium On Entrepreneurship Schemes Unveiled



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SRINAGAR: Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Prashant Goyal, Friday released first edition of compendium on entrepreneurship and employment related schemes compiled by Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI).

This informative compendium highlights government's commitment towards fostering an enabling environment for entrepreneurial growth and employment opportunities in the region. The document will serve as a valuable resource for aspiring entrepreneurs and young individuals seeking information and support to start their own businesses or find employment.

"Dissemination of information regarding various employment and entrepreneurship related initiatives undertaken by the UT government is necessary to sensitize the educated unemployed youth for setting up of viable business ventures and will prove to be a guiding source for existing as well as potential entrepreneurs," maintained Prashant Goyal.

The compendium included a comprehensive collection of various schemes, initiatives and programs being implemented by the government to promote entrepreneurship and generate employment opportunities. It will provide details about eligibility criteria, financial assistance, training programs and other support mechanisms available for youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The startup environment is booming globally and many successful businesses are being built, setting industry standards of their own and propelling the industry forward. This compendium, though a small step, can facilitate beginning of a flourishing entrepreneurial career," said Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director, JKEDI.

"Under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, the Institute aims to empower and encourage the youth to explore entrepreneurial ventures, which can lead to economic growth, job creation and overall development in the region," he added.

Troubled Airline Go First Cancels All Flights Till May 28

ANI

NEW DELHI: Budget airline Go First has cancelled all its flights till May 28, citing operational reasons. Earlier, the airlines had cancelled flights till May 26.

In a note posted on Twitter on Friday, the airline said, "We regret to inform that due to operational reasons, Go First flights scheduled till May 28, 2023, have been cancelled. We apologise for the convenience caused by the flight cancellations."

The airline also said a full refund will be issued to the original mode of payment shortly.

The airline also said the company has filed an application for immediate resolution and



revival of operations. It mentioned that it would be able to resume bookings shortly.

On Tuesday, budget carrier Go First replied to the show cause notice issued by aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) where the airline mentioned that it has no definite timeline to resume operations.

Civil aviation ministry officials said that airlines expressed an intent to resume operations at the earliest.

Govt Attempting To Link Tax Collected At Source With Tax Deducted At Source: CEA

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government is attempting to link tax collected at source for payments made by individuals with tax deducted from their income sources, a move that will help in ensuring cash flows of the individual taxpayers are not impacted, according to a senior official.

The move also comes at a time when the government is set to impose a 20 per cent Tax Collection at Source (TCS) on certain international spends from July 1.

Generally, TCS is the tax collected by a seller at the time of sale of goods or services while Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) is the amount levied as tax by the government.

The government has exempted transactions up to Rs 7 lakh from the TCS, providing relief to small taxpayers. So, bulk of the transactions made by most will not be covered under 20 per cent TCS, Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran has said.

Defending the decision, he said, "And it (government) also attempts to link the TCS with your TDS such that if there are TCS payment made by you it has to reflect a lower TDS. Such that it simply is a matter of making sure that you are not affected from a cash flow perspective."

It will also provide a huge amount of relief for people who are concerned about this annoyance or irritation of seeing this TCS apart from TDS, he said at industry body's CII's event on Thursday.

The 20 per cent TCS levy on international credit card spends is to come into force from July 1.

Facing backlash, the finance ministry last week, exempted up to Rs 7 lakh spend from the TCS ambit.

"The exemption was done... The pass through of TCS into TDS deduction will also make sure that ordinary taxpayers do not see impact as far as they are concerned," he said.

Further, CEA said one point of view is that all that "you needed was to levy 1 per cent or 5 per cent so that you can track it".

But there are people who are happy to stay out of tax net by even paying 1 per cent or 5 per cent. So there has to be a deterrent effect as well, he noted.

According to him, data is available with the government that do point out that this mechanism has been not just abused by a small set of people but the volumes involved are fairly substantial.

Hailstorm Aftermath: Govt Deputes Teams To Access Damage To Horticulture Sector

Observer News Service

KUPWARA: The authorities in Jammu and Kashmir Friday said that they have deputed teams on the ground to access the situation caused due to the heavy intensity of the hailstorm on May 25. Also, the report collected shall be shared with the revenue department for compensation to those affected.

The unexpected natural calamity has resulted in wide-spread damage to fruit crops, leading to concerns for the horticultural community.

The Director Horticulture Kashmir, G. R. Mir Friday conducted an extensive tour of the affected areas.

During the tour, the Director visited villages of District Baramulla viz. Panzalla, Kangroosa, Chatoosa, Dazna and villages of District Kupwara viz. Hirri, Trehgam, Shumnag, Gugloosa and Awoora to assess the extent of the damage caused by the hailstorm, with particular focus on the severely affected regions of Rafiabad and Trehgam.

In this connection, the Joint Director Horticulture, Kashmir Z.A. Bhat also visited District Budgam to evaluate the impact on fruit crops in the area.

Talking to reporters in Langate, Handwara the Director said that parts of Kashmir valley including both north and south Kashmir witnessed heavy hailstorms. "Areas in north Kashmir were reported to have experienced a heavy hailstorm."

In Trehgam's belt, he said that the fruit has suffered up to 70 per cent damage due to hailstorms. "Apple, Cherry, Apricot, Walnut, and many other fruits have suffered immense damage. The hailstorm was of very high intensity leading to damage," he said.

The Director said that even the fruit still on tree branches is damaged. "Advisories about safety sprays have already been issued but that is subject to weather conditions," he said, adding that teams have been sent to all areas across Kashmir valley to assess the situation. "Directions have been issued to officers to visit the affected areas. Teams are on field visits to access everything," he said. "There is a threat of scabs followed by a hailstorm to fruit trees. Teams on the



field remain in touch with the growers to advise them about safety measures. We work for the good of people," the director said.

Earlier in the day the director visited the Trehgam belt in Kupwara, where he interacted with the fruit growers and others associated with horticulture activities.

About the damage, he said that his team is accessing the condition and there is no denying in accepting that the growers have suffered damage.

"In some orchards, about 70% of the fruit suffered damage. An Advisory has already been issued about preventive measures. A lot of the precautionary measures depend on stable weather conditions as well," he said. "The damage caused is being accessed. It will be shared with the revenue department. As per norms the compensation after proper assessment shall be given to those affected."

Director Agriculture Visits Hailstorm Affected Areas Of Baramulla, Kupwara

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SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal Friday visited hailstorm affected areas of Baramulla and Kupwara districts of north Kashmir.

The hailstorm, gusty winds and heavy rains damaged crops across the several parts of north Kashmir's Baramulla and Kupwara districts.

Director Agriculture along with Joint Director agriculture inputs Kashmir, Mohammed Younis Choudhary, Chief Agriculture officer Baramulla, Yadwinder Singh; Chief Technical Officer DAK, Sheikh Imran and some senior officers of the department made an extensive visit to the affected areas where damage was noticed to the agricultural crops.

Director Agriculture directed the monitoring teams to make on spot assessment of the damage caused to the vegetable crops, paddy nurseries and mustard crop by the recent hailstorm in specific areas like Ladoo, Rafiabad of Baramulla and Ladoo, Zirhama areas of Kupwara district.

A number of delegations of farmers also met the Director Agriculture and reported the damage to vegetables, mustard and other crops.

Talking to the farmers, the Director Agriculture

said that the department is committed to the economic security of the farming community. He assured the affected farmers that all the necessary steps would be taken to mitigate the damage caused by the hailstorm and gusty winds to the agriculture crops.

Instructions were issued by the Director Agriculture to field officers to immediately make a detailed assessment of the losses and the concerned CAOs have been advised to furnish the crop wise and area wise damage reports within a week's time so that the report could be submitted to the concerned authorities.

Kashmir Witnesses Sharp Decline In Cocoon Production As Losses Mount For For Farmers

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Kashmir is witnessing a sharp decline in cocoon production in the last few years due to constant financial losses.

News agency KNO quoting anonymous officials reported that in last five years, the number of farmers associated with silk rearing has declined thereby declining the cocoon production.

They said that if efforts won't be taken at the earliest, the industry will collapse as farmers have been facing losses due to unavailability of proper technical guidance.

Farmers who have been associated with silk rearing for long said that there is unavailability of quality leaves.

They said as leaves are being damaged by insects and pests due to which farmers are unable to maintain quality and produce more cocoon.

He said that farmers aren't being provided technical guidance as they don't have skills and there is need to create awareness camps and workshop to guide silk rearers.

Another farmer said that Sericulture department has failed in producing quality seed, breed of silk worms resulting in less production of cocoon.

He said farmers must be



trained and quality silk worms, mulberry leaves must be kept available for them.

Farmers said that due to unavailability of quality leaves, silk worms and less scientific intervention along technical guidance farmers have been facing losses and several farmers have already switched to other businesses.

A top official of the department said that during 2017-18, over 27,181 farmers were associated with cocoon rearing in Kashmir thereby producing 893 metric tons of cocoons and generating an income of about Rs 22.337 crore.

However, in year 2018-19, the number of farmers declined to 25,000, thereby producing 790 metric tons (MT) and generating revenue of Rs 23.486 crore.

An official said that in the year 2019-20, the number of farmers further declined to around 24,000 and the production increased to around 810 metric tons (MT) and Rs 17.845 crore revenue was generated.

He said that during 2020-21, due to Covid-19 pandemic the number of farmers declined to around 22,000 thereby producing just 563 MT of cocoons and generating only Rs 12.183 crore.

However, in 2021-22, the number of farmers increased again to around 25,000, thereby 694 MT of cocoons and generating an amount of Rs 17.185 crore.

In year 2021-22, the number of farmers increased again and there was marginal increase in production and income as well, he said.

McLaren Launches Hybrid Sports Car Artura In India For ₹ 5 Crore

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: British luxury carmaker McLaren Automotive on Friday said it has launched the hybrid sports car Artura in India with a price starting at ₹5.1 crore (ex-showroom). The company produces the cars at its UK-based facility and then ships the units to various locations, including India. The price of the car varies on the level of personalisation ordered by the customer.

"Our impact in the Indian market in our first year has been outstanding, and we look forward to continuing to provide our customers with an exceptional service and the ultimate driving experience,"



McLaren Automotive Managing Director APAC and China Paul Harris noted.

The model comes with a 2,993 CC twin-turbocharged V6 petrol engine, paired with an eight-speed transmission and a lithium-ion battery pack, which provides the supercar with instant torque and improved throttle response. The package generates a combined power output of 680PS and 720 Nm of torque.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e- NIT No- TLMD-VIII/ TS/ 05 of 2023.
Dated:25 :05: 2023.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir State, e-tenders (in Two Covers) valid for 60 days from reputed, experienced and financially sound Contractors/ Firms /Original Manufacturers fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in the standard bidding documents are invited for the works detailed below. e- Tenders need to be accompanied by earnest money deposit (EMD) @ 2% of the estimated cost in the shape of DD/CDR/BG from any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank and the cost of tender document in the shape of nonrefundable Demand Draft (DD) pledged to Executive Engineer TLMD-VIII, JKPTCL Srinagar.

The complete bidding process is online. However, hardcopies consisting of Tender fee in Cover-I and Techno-Commercial bid (as per SBD) in Cover- II should reach to the office of Executive Engineer Trans. Line Maintt. Division-VIII PDD Complex, Bemina, Srinagar (Phone No. 0194-2491342), one day before the last date of submission of e-bid. Financial bids must be submitted online only as per prescribed format.

The Standard Bidding Document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

S.#	Scope of Work	Qty	Estimated Cost	EMD @ 2%	Tender Fee	Time of Completion
1.	Overhauling/ De-Sludging of 1No., 25MVA (Spare Unit) , 132/33KV Single Phase Power Transformers (BHLE Make) including replacement of Oil, Filtration & Dehydration etc. at 132/33KV Grid Sub Station Wanganpora, District Srinagar in Kashmir Valley.		Rs. 20.00Lacs	0.40Lacs	Rs. 500.00	35 days)

The information regarding schedule of downloading of the tender document, seeking of clarifications and submission dates thereof is as per the table below:

CRITICAL DATES

1.	Issue of NIT	25-05-2023.
2.	Downloading of Bidding Documents (Start)	27-05-2023 (09: 00 am)
3.	Last date for submission of Hard Copy of e-Bid	16-06-2023(2:00 pm)
4.	e-Bid submission (Start) date &time (uploading of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats)	27-05-2023. (10:00 am)
5.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats)	17-06-2023. (04: 00 pm)
6.	Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid opening date and time.	19-06-2023. (2.00 pm)
7.	Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, TLMD-VIII, JKPTCL Srinagar
8.	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 500/-

- Only the bidders possessing the qualifying criteria as mentioned in the SBD should participate in the bidding process.
- Clarifications if any can be sought from the office of the under signed one-mail tmd8jkptcl@gmail.com
- Before participating in the bids, the bidder shall acquaint himself with the site of work and local conditions.
- The Department reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

No: TLMD-VIII/ TS/ 693-98
Dated: 25 - 05 - 2023.

DPK-NB-927-23
DT: 26/05/2023

Sd./
Executive Engineer
TLMD-VIII Srinagar.

Serbia puts troop on high alert on border with Kosovo following clashes

PRISTINA (KOSOVO): Serbia put its troops on the border with Kosovo on the highest state of alert on Friday following clashes between ethnic Serbs and Kosovo police that left more than a dozen injured on both sides.

The Serbs in northern Kosovo, who represent a majority in that region, were trying to block the entrance of municipal buildings to prevent recently-elected ethnic Albanian officials from entering them.

Police fired tear gas and several cars

were set ablaze. In response to the clashes, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic said that he put the army on a "highest state of alert." Vucic also said that he ordered an "urgent" movement of Serbian troops closer to the borderline with Kosovo.

Vucic will attend a rally in support of him in Belgrade after two mass shootings earlier this month that killed 18 people and left 20 others wounded.

He said in a statement that because of "violence" against Kosovo Serbs,

Serbia demanded that NATO-led troops stationed in Kosovo protect them from the Kosovo police.

Kosovo police acknowledged their increased presence in the north "to assist mayors of the northern communes of Zvecan, Leposavic and Zubin Potok to exert their right of work."

Police said that five officers were injured by stun grenades and other hard objects thrown from protesters. A police car was burned while three others were damaged. Police also reported

that shots were heard.

Police used tear gas to disperse the crowd and let the new officials into the offices. Kosovo Serb hospital officials said that about 10 protesters were injured.

US Ambassador to Kosovo Jeff Hovenier condemned "the ongoing action by Kosovar authorities to access municipal buildings in the north of Kosovo. Today's violent measures should be immediately halted," he tweeted.

New mayors in three communes in

northern Kosovo, which is mostly populated by an ethnic Serb minority, were prevented from entering the buildings with small groups of Serbs keeping their hands up at the entrance of the municipalities, apparently in a sign that they were not there to take part in violence, Albanian indexonline.net website wrote, also showing photos.

In Zvecan, the Kosovo-online.com site showed clashes with police in front of the public building while in Leposavic they also had blocked the

main square with cars and trucks.

Earlier, Serbs also switched on their alarm sirens in the four communes, including in the main northern Mitrovica town, in a warning sign and call to gather, "sirens which are used by criminal structures for mobilisation and gatherings," according to police.

The April 23 snap election was largely boycotted by ethnic Serbs and only ethnic Albanian or other smaller minority representatives were elected in the mayoral posts and assemblies.

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sensitive data, and permissions such as reading history and bookmarks, killing background processing, and reading call logs etc," the advisory said.

'Daam' is also capable of hacking phone call recordings, contacts, gaining access to camera, modifying device passwords, capturing screenshots, stealing SMSes, downloading/uploading files, etc. and transmitting to the C2 (command-and-control) server from the victim's (affected persons) device, the advisory said.

The malware, it said, utilises the AES (advanced encryption standard) encryption algorithm to code files in the victim's device.

Other files are then deleted from the local storage, leaving only the encrypted files with ".enc" extension and a ransom note that says "readme_now.txt", the advisory said.

The central agency suggested a number of do's and don'ts to avoid getting attacked by such viruses and malware.

The Cert-In advised against browsing "untrusted websites" or clicking on "un-trusted links". Caution should be exercised while clicking on any link provided in unsolicited emails and SMSes, it said. Install and maintain updated anti-virus and anti-spyware software, it suggested.

It also suggested that users should be on the lookout for "suspicious numbers" that don't look like "real mobile phone numbers" as scammers often mask their identity by using email-to-text services to avoid revealing their actual phone number.

"Genuine SMS messages received from banks usually contain sender ID (consisting of bank's short name) instead of a phone number in the sender information field," it said.

It also asked users to exercise caution towards shortened URLs (uniform resource locators), such as those involving 'bitly' and 'tinyurl' hyperlinks like: "http://bit.ly/" "nbit.ly" and "tinyurl.com/".

Users are advised to hover their cursors over the shortened URLs to see the full website domain which they are visiting or use a URL checker that will allow the user to enter a short URL and view the full URL, the advisory suggested.

Successful G20 Meet

the final draft will be prepared," he said.

The final versions of the documents will be placed in the fourth TWG meeting and Ministerial meeting, slated to take place in Goa next month. The GOA Roadmap and a ministerial communique endorsing it will be released after the last meeting of the G20 tourism working group that will take place from June 18-22.

"We have had three meetings of the G20 Tourism Working Group so far. The third one being in Srinagar, and it was very successful," the Union Tourism Secretary said.

At the media interaction held on the G20 meet in Srinagar, Tourism Ministry officials made a presentation on the host of events held as part of the meeting, which included various events on promotion of films and visit to scenic places such as Nishat Garden and Pari Mahal, shikara ride on the Dal Lake and a meet at Royal Spring Golf Course, on the banks of the Dal Lake.

Asked if the G20 meeting held in Srinagar will bolster tourism in Jammu and Kashmir, Singh said, tourism in general will get a fillip from it, and film tourism in turn will get promoted which will feed into overall growth of tourism in the region.

He shared that in 2022, Jammu and Kashmir registered a record footfall of 1.88 crore tourists, out of whom 26 lakh had visited the Kashmir valley, adding that the number is expected to cross the two crore-mark for the year 2023.

These are domestic tourism figures, but foreign tourists arrivals are also expected to grow after the devastating impact on the sector by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In fact, a group of tourists from Singapore

had arrived in Kashmir in a chartered flight recently, around the time the G20 meet took place, he said.

Later interacting on the sidelines of the press conference, Singh said it has been seen that any place that hosts G20 meets registers a jump in tourism, and the successful organisation of the G20 meet in Srinagar will also help in "allaying any fears" in the minds of visitors in future and dispel any unfavourable notions they might have had.

Besides the main working group meeting, a side event on 'Film Tourism for Economic Growth and Cultural Preservation' was organised on May 22-23, focusing on strategies to promote film tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

A draft 'National Strategy on Film Tourism' was unveiled to provide a roadmap for harnessing the role of films in promoting tourist destinations during the Srinagar meet.

The G20 delegates experienced the local culture of Jammu and Kashmir and got to see handicrafts and other works of artisans during their visit.

Papier-mache boxes, saffron, walnuts, Qahwa cups and brass spoons among other items produced locally, were given to delegate as souvenirs.

'Bollywood Is

and shared how the third G20 tourism meeting from May 22-24 has brought "renewed focus" on shooting of films in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Some days before the G20 meet, actors Shah Rukh Khan and Taapsee Pannu shot for a film in Jammu and Kashmir. And, many other films, regional cinema and TV series are being shot in J&K now. So, the process is going on, and Bollywood is rediscovering Jammu and Kashmir. And the G20 meet taking place in Srinagar and presence of actors like Ram Charan of Oscar fame there, will further promote film tourism," he said.

Charan, a lead actor in Telugu film "RRR" whose "Natu Natu" song became a global sensation and went on win the Oscar in the best original song category, had attended a session on 'Film Tourism for Economic Growth and Cultural Preservation' during the G20 meet.

"I am truly grateful for the opportunity to showcase the richness of our rooted culture & mysticism through our films at the G20 Summit. Indian Cinema possesses a unique beauty in its ability to impart valuable life lessons through highly relatable content," he had tweeted on May 24.

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He cited how films like "Kashmir Ki Kali" romanced Kashmir in 1960s and left a deep impression on people's mind. Its delightful numbers sung by legendary singer Mohammed Rafi, are still in the consciousness of people, and often subject of popular remixes.

Union Tourism Secretary Singh said in Pehलगam a valley got dubbed as 'Betaab Valley' after the famous film 'Betaab' (1983) was shot there. The movie of the romance genre, was Sunny Deol's debut film.

In the 1964 film "Kashmir Ki Kali", Sharmila Tagore plays the role of a Kashmiri woman and cinema lovers still recall her cine avatar in traditional Kashmiri attire. Directed by Shakti Samanta with music by O P Nayyar, the opening credits of the film offers natural vignettes of the Valley in the background.

Between 1960-1990, a number of films were shot in Kashmir before militancy reared its ugly

head.

However, in the last few years, tourism has picked up again in Jammu and Kashmir, and the local Union territory administration has also brought out a film policy to incentivise film shooting there.

The government of Jammu and Kashmir is trying to make the best possible efforts towards creation of a vibrant film ecosystem in the UT, says the website of the J&K Film Policy 2021.

The steps taken to create a suitable environment and promotion of film production in Jammu and Kashmir, include "administrative assistance to ease film making in Jammu & Kashmir by setting up single-window cell to grant permission for shooting films, preferably within 2-4 weeks", it says.

Other films shot in Kashmir in the last few years include "Haider", "The Kashmir Files", "Highway", "Raazi", "Fitoor" and "Notebook".

Asked if film tourism based on shooting locations circuit can be developed in India, as in many foreign countries, Singh said, "Yes, it can be", adding, many state governments are also taking initiatives.

Film tourism, or film-induced tourism, is a specialised or niche form of tourism where visitors explore locations and destinations which have become popular due to their appearance in films and television series.

Globally, shooting locations of "The Lord of the Rings" films in New Zealand, the "Harry Potter" franchises in the UK, and "Game of Thrones" series are now popular tourist sites as well.

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serious as it was committed with the assistance of foreign powers and designated terrorists. The seriousness of crime is further increased by the fact that it was committed behind the smokescreen of an alleged peaceful political movement," the trial court had said.

It had noted that the case was not the "rarest of rare", warranting death penalty.

The maximum punishment for such an offence is death penalty.

The life term was awarded for two offences - section 121 (waging war against government of India) of IPC and section 17 (raising funds for terrorist act) of the UAPA.

According to the Supreme Court, life imprisonment means incarceration till the last breath, unless the sentence is commuted by the authorities.

The court had awarded Malik 10-year jail term each under sections 120 B (criminal conspiracy), 121-A (conspiracy to wage war against the government of India) of IPC and sections 15 (terrorism), 18 (conspiracy for terrorism) and 20 (being member of terror organisation) of UAPA.

It had also awarded five-year jail term each under sections 13 (unlawful act), 38 (offence related to membership of terrorism) and 39 (support given to terrorism) of UAPA.

Malik had on May 10 last year told the Delhi court he was not contesting the charges levelled against him that included acts of terrorism and sedition.

The court had framed the charges against Kashmiri separatist leaders including Farooq Ahmed Dar alias Bitta Karate, Shabbir Shah, Masarat Alam, Md Yusuf Shah, Aftab Ahmad Shah, Altaf Ahmad Shah, Nayeem Khan, Md Akbar Khanday, Raja Mehrajuddin Kalwal, Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Zahoar Ahmad Shah Watali, Shabir Ahmad Shah, Abdul Rashid Sheikh and Naval Kishore Kapoor.

A charge sheet was also filed against Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Saeed and Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin, both of whom have been declared proclaimed offenders in the case and are living in Pakistan.

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State Power Development Corporation said. Misri also called on Jammu and Kashmir Lt

Governor Manoj Sinha and apprised him of the efforts to monitor implementation of hydro power projects in Indus Basin under the directions of the Prime Minister's Office.

The Deputy National Security Advisor also met top military and security officials in the union territory and was briefed on the prevailing situation in the Kashmir valley.

The meeting on the Indus Water Treaty was attended by officials from the ministries of external affairs, jal shakti, Jammu and Kashmir administration among others.

Now, GMC To Hold

young doctors in robotic surgeries.

"This will ultimately benefit our community and the young doctors who don't have to move out of UT to get such an exposure," he said.

The department has been preparing for the conference since December 2022 and various committees were formed to ensure everything goes very smoothly. The department has also modified operation theaters for the conference for the conducive atmosphere for the top surgeons of the country.

Coke Studio Kashmiri

the festivities of a Kashmiri wedding, the pride, tradition, Tehzeeb, wazwan -a distinct moment of love, food, family and friends.

Kya KarieKorimol not only tells the story of a bride and her father as they prepare for her wedding feast

but also highlights the rich cultural heritage of Kashmir.

Exploring the rich traditions of Kashmiri weddings, Kya Karie Korimol' showcases the vital role of the Wazwan, a significant culinary heritage of the royal wedding feast.

The Wazwan plays a beautiful role of a celebration and an emotional journey through the eyes of the bride, as she experiences the wedding meal with her family & friends.

As an interlude, the song features the poignant Wanvun stories, which are traditionally sung in chorus to bless the bride and urge her spouse's family to love and take care of her.

Kya KarieKorimol tugs at your heart reminding us of the importance of love and respect in any relationship.

The song serves as a tribute to the traditions and customs of Kashmiri weddings and an exploration of the emotional bond between a father and his daughter.

In the words of Alif, "Kya Karie Korimol is not just a song, it is a journey through the emotions of a bride on her wedding day. We wanted to capture the essence of Kashmiri weddings and the role that Wazwan plays in bringing people together. We hope that this song touches the hearts of our listeners and reminds them of the power of love and care."

Coca-Cola launched 'Coke Studio Bharat' in February this year after phenomenal success of Coke Studio in neighbouring Pakistan.

Coke Studio Bharat will host music that pays homage to the various parts of India that artists call home, connecting with stories that are rich in history, with diverse languages, and using varied musical instruments creating magical melodies set to enthrall.

Coca-Cola has partnered with Universal Music India (UMI) as executive producer

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Card and other Central and UT Schemes of Agriculture and Allied Sector.

Sinha, he said, also directed the bank officials to appoint Nodal Officer for both Jammu and Kashmir Divisions to monitor the cases received by banks under HADP and other Schemes of Agriculture and Allied Sector.

"Small and Marginal Farmers should be top priority in implementation of HADP. Deputy Commissioners must ensure FPOs are transformed into engines of growth and districts must compete to script success stories of such organisations," the LG said.

He added that the 29 projects worth Rs.5013 crore under HADP will have a transformative impact on the agriculture economy of J&K.

According to the spokesperson, the LG sought valuable inputs from the bank officials and impressed upon them to encourage other stakeholders to complement the government's efforts in improving accessibility of farmers to the Institutional Sources of Credit and further strengthening the agriculture and allied sector.

Sinha also appraised the action taken on the directions passed in the previous meetings of Public Sector Banks, Administrative Departments and other Financial Institutions.

"The officers of banks were directed to simplify and streamline the processes of extending credit and financial assistance services to the farmers," the spokesperson said.

Among others, the meeting was attended by LG's Principal Secretary Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department Atal Dulloo, MD & CEO J&K Bank Baldev Prakash, Deputy Commissioners, heads and representatives of different banks and financial institutions.

Tuti Gets Additional

further orders," reads an order issued by the Home Department.

IPS Officer Posted

IAS (AGMUT:1995), Principal Secretary to the Government, Power Development Department of the additional charge of the post.

Vikramjit Singh, IPS (RR:2004), Inspector General of Police, Traffic, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Industries and Commerce Department, the order added.

4 Booked For

in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jail Jammu.

The spokesperson said many cases were registered against the four as they were allegedly involved in anti-national activities.

Despite their involvement in many FIRs, they did not mend their anti-national activities, he added.

Man Held For

responded promptly to a call received from an eyewitness and managed to rescue the girl with the assistance of locals within minutes of the incident, they said.

Several teams were deputed in different areas and raids were carried out at suspected hideouts of the accused through the night, they said.

Singh was arrested on Friday and is being interrogated, the police said.

A case has been registered under relevant provisions of law, including the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, they said.

OGW Held With

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) launched a search operation in Cherji, Chicha and Padyarna areas of the district and arrested the Hizb associate, they said.

On his disclosure, police recovered one Chinese grenade from Cherji area, the officials said. A major search operation has been launched in the area to nab active militants of the district and further develop leads into the case, they added.

Kishtwar Senior Superintendent of Police Khalil Poswal warned the youths not to fall prey to the evil designs of militant organisations which will spoil their career.

Woman Among

since Thursday evening was found dead in Wazir Bagh Anantnag. His body has been recovered from the spot," he said.

The police have taken cognizance of both the incidents and started further investigations—(KNO)

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DYSS Organises Sports Activities Across Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sports activities by the Department of Youth Services & Sports (DYSS) were in full swing across Kashmir Valley on Friday.

In District Budgam, sports activities for tribal people were organised under the overall supervision of Secretary to Government DYSS and Director DYSS at various zones including Magam, Khansahib, Hardpanzo and Charar-i-Sharif.

At Sports Zone Khansahib the competitions for Tribal Students/Players boys and girls were organised in the various disciplines at Rayir Beeru.

In Sports Zone Magam, department conducted competition for Tribal Players in the disciplines of Tug of War, carrom, chess at Mangral Check Shunglipora Khag. Zone Hardpanzo organised competitions of Tug of War, Kabaddi,

Division.

In Baramulla, various events as part of DYSS annual sports calendar, several sports events took place. Zone Dangarpora organized an exhilarating inter-school Cross Country Run for U-14/17 Boys. Zone Pattan held an Annual Road Race for Girls under 14 and 17 category. Sports Zone Sopore conducted a Cross Country Run for Boys under 14 and 17.

Zone Dangarpora witnessed the participation of over 200 students from all institutions in the inter-school Cross Country Run. The event commenced at Shiva Bridge and culminated at HSS Dangarpora. Hundreds of Students participated in these events.

Meanwhile thousands of students participate in Padyatras in south Kashmir districts. YSS Pulwama, Shopian and Kulgam organised padyatras in different zones to give information about



Badminton, carrom, chess, Hopscotch for Boys/Girls Open ST Category at Govt. High School.

More than 200 ST category students participated in these events. Zone Charari-sharif organised competitions for tribal students/Youth at two different venue MS Darwan Challyan and HS Nagbal in the discipline of tug of war, volleyball, Kabaddi, carrom and chess. These events are being conducted on the directions of the Joint Director YS&S Kashmir Waseem Raja.

DYSS organized a captivating Nature Walk for girls in District Bandipora as part of its Annual calendar of Sports activities. The walk took place from the Zonal Physical Education Office (ZPEO) Bandipora to the enchanting Chaternaar Forest

G-20 presidency.

DYSS Anantnag organised inter school level competitions in various zones. Events like volleyball, kabaddi and kho kho were played in Zone Mattan at Sports Stadium Tick Bagh under the supervision of ZPEO Mattan Fehmeeda Akhtar.

In Zone Srigufwara sports activities for the tribal youth were held at HSS Kathsoo.

DYSS Anantnag also organised Inter school Badminton Rope skipping tournament of U-17 Girls at GMHSS Anantnag. ZPEO Anantnag Shaheena Firdous along with the senior most PM Ghulam Nabi Bhat and Shabir Ahmad Shah inaugurated the tournament. In the above zones, almost 600 students participated with full enthusiasm.

National School Games: 194 J&K Students To Compete

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: After completing inter-division UT level competitions, the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS) has selected 194 participants, who will be escorted by 40 officials of the Department, are going to participate in 66th National School Games scheduled to be held at Delhi.

The J&K contingent shall leave from Jammu on 3rd of June 2023.

The 66th National School Games (NSG) 2022-23 scheduled to be held under the aegis of School Games Federation of India, (SGFI) from 6th to 13th of June 2023 at Delhi, Gwalior and

Bhopal (MP).

The student athletes will compete in Swimming, Basketball, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Taekwondo, Yoga, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Shooting, Chess, Handball and Gymnastics in the age group of under 19 years (Boys & Girls) after a gap of three years.

Congratulating the selected 194 players taking part in the School National at Delhi, Director DYSS, Subash C Chhibber, said that the UT level competitions are going on in Athletics, Boxing, Hockey, Badminton, Football, Judo, Volleyball and Table Tennis (U-19 Boys & Girls) at Jammu and the selected players shall participate in these sports disciplines at National level at Bhopal.



IPL 2023: Shubman Gill extended his purple patch and slammed a 60-ball 129 to single-handedly power Gujarat Titans to a massive 233 for three against Mumbai Indians in Qualifier 2 of the Indian Premier League here on Friday. Gill first stitched 54 runs for the opening wicket with Wriddhiman Saha (18) before sharing 138 runs for the second wicket with Sai Sudarshan (43 retired hurt). Towards the end, skipper Hardik Pandya made a 13-ball 28 to prop up GT's score. None of MI bowlers could deliver with Piyush Chawla (1/45) being the pick of the bowlers. Brief Scores: Gujarat Titans: 233 for 3 in 20 overs (Shubman Gill 129; Piyush Chawla 1/45).

Rapper Divine To Perform At IPL 2023 Finale

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Rapper Divine will be performing at the finale of the 2023 Indian Premier League (IPL) on May 28.

Divine, whose real name is Vivian Fernandes, will perform at the first-ever mid-innings/half-time show during the finale, to be held at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, a press release stated.

The rapper will be joined by



long-time collaborator and Canadian playback singer Jonita Gandhi for a special collaborative showcase of their track "Naya Sher", which features In-

dian cricketer Virat Kohli.

"This is my very first performance at the IPL and I'm excited and grateful. From being a big fan of cricket, to playing at the stadium for the finals, is truly a dream come true," Divine said in a statement.

On Friday, Rohit Sharma-led Mumbai Indians will face defending champions Gujarat Titans in the second Qualifier to decide Chennai Super Kings' opposition in Sunday's final.

WTC Winners To Get USD 1.6 Million Prize Money

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: The winners of next month's World Test Championship Final between India and Australia at The Oval will take home USD 1.6 million in prize money, while runners-up will get richer by USD 800,000, the ICC announced here on Friday.

The championship decider will be played at The Oval, London from June 7-11 with the winners to be crowned on June 12 as the reserve day.

The tournament prize money is the same as that for the inaugural World Test Championship Final in 2019-21 -- a total purse of USD 3.8 million besides the WTC Mace.

The Kane Williamson-led New Zealand side were rewarded with USD 1.6 million



India's Shubman Gill, who will captain the team in the final, will bag USD 350,000.

Sri Lanka, who were among the top teams in the race for a spot in the decider during the epic finale, finished fifth to earn USD 200,000. The remaining teams New Zealand (No.6), Pakistan (No.7), West Indies (No.8), and Bangladesh (No.9) will be rewarded with a sum of USD 100,000 each.

England, who made a late surge and finished their campaign in fourth spot, will bag USD 350,000.

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6 Ex-Yorkshire Cricketers Found Guilty Of Racism

Press Trust of India

LEEDS: Six former Yorkshire cricketers found guilty of racial abuse at the club were on Friday fined a total of 22,000 pounds by the Cricket Discipline Commission. But the punishments, which include suspensions if they return to cricket, are down from what the ECB had pushed for fines totalling £37,000 at a hearing on May 3.

John Blain, Tim Bresnan, Andrew Gale, Matthew Hoggard and Richard Pyrah were all found guilty of breaching ECB Directive 3.3 following a CDC hearing in March.

Gary Ballance did not contest the charge while former England skipper Michael Vaughan,

eight-week ban, but his sanction has been reduced to £3,000 and a six-match ban. The 33-year-old retired from all cricket in April soon after signing a two-year deal to play for Zimbabwe.

Former Yorkshire captain and head coach Gale has been handed the biggest fine of £6,000 (down from the £7,500 the ECB asked for) and a four-week suspension from coaching.

The governing body asked for an increased punishment due to Gale's previous behaviour, which includes a discriminatory remark towards Ashwell Prince during a Roses County Championship match in 2014 and an anti-Semitic tweet sent in 2010.

Ex-England international Matthew Hoggard and Tim



the only one of the group who participated, was cleared.

All six have been reprimanded and asked to undertake an appropriate racism/discrimination education course at their own expense, particularly if they intend to return to cricket in any playing or coaching capacity.

Former England batter Ballance was facing an £8,000 fine and an

Bresnan (banned for three matches) have each been fined £4,000 (down from the £7,500 and £5,000 originally proposed).

John Blain also sees his fine reduced from £5,000 to just £3,000 while Richard Pyrah has been slapped with a two-week suspension and a £2,500 penalty.

All individuals have until June 9 to appeal the decisions.

Spanish Court Opens Investigation Into Racist Abuse Targeting Vinicius Junior



Agencies

MADRID: A Spanish court opened a judicial investigation Friday into an alleged hate crime perpetrated by the three people arrested this week for racially abusing Real Madrid player Vinicius Junior during a game.

Vinicius, who is Black, was subjected to racist taunts on Sunday in Valencia at Mestalla Stadium, which will have parts of its stands closed for the next three games as punishment. The Brazil forward has repeatedly been targeted by similar abuse this season.

The Valencia-based court said in a statement that Vinicius will be asked to give testimony via video-conference at some point. Vinicius earlier this year already spoke before a judge in another

case of racial abuse against him. He said at the time he would not accept an apology and expected the perpetrator to be punished.

The judge also asked for the Valencia club to identify the security guards at the game so they could possibly give testimony and to conserve any audiovisual material of the match from the 72nd minute for possible study.

The Spanish soccer federation on Friday partially accepted an appeal by Valencia for the punishment it received because of the racist incidents on Sunday. The appeal's committee reduced the partial closure of Mestalla Stadium from five to three matches, and reduced the amount the club was fined from 45,000 euros (\$48,200) to 27,000 euros (\$29,000).

If Brij Bhushan Attends Inauguration Of New Parliament Country Will Get The Message: Vinesh

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Vinesh Phogat on Friday said if WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh attends the inauguration of the new Parliament building on May 28, it will send a clear message about the state of affairs in the country.

Top wrestlers including Vinesh and Olympic medalists Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik, have been staging a sit-in at Jantar Mantar in Delhi since April 23, demanding Singh's arrest for allegedly sexually harassing seven women grapplers, including a minor.

As part of their fight against Singh, the protesting wrestlers will now hold a women's Mahapanchayat before the new Parliament building on Sunday, the day of its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"If Brij Bhushan is there at the new Parliament on May 28, then the whole country will automatically get the message," Vinesh said when asked what kind of message it will convey if WFI chief is present during the inauguration.

"Whosoever is trying to save Brij Bhushan, is against us. I don't know what is happening internally in the government but someone is trying to shield him and it is not right,



he is harming the women of this country." Asked if it is a demand of the wrestlers to not allow Singh to attend the inauguration of the new Parliament building, Vinesh tried to make her point with an example.

"When a letter was issued against me for indiscipline after Tokyo Olympics and on the basis of that, if he can stop me from meeting the Prime Minister, can get my name removed from the list, then just imagine, there are so many allegations against him.

"Even after all that if he attends the Parliament on Sunday then you can understand where the country is heading."

The protesting wrestlers are, however, yet to get permission from the Delhi Police for the Mahapanchayat.

"Why won't we get permission. We are the citizens of this

country and if police stops us then I would request all to just sit there and start the panchayat," Bajrang said.

Asked how can they proceed with the Mahapanchayat if they don't get the permission, Vinesh said: "Law is for the people. I know there is an event of PM but who will give justice to the daughters of this country?"

"If people like Brij Bhushan sit in the Parliament, then definitely our seniors will be angry but we are not going inside Parliament. We will do everything in a peaceful manner."

Asked if someone tries to sabotage the protest, Vinesh said: "We are aware that some people can try to derail the protest. So many things are going on, Brij Bhushan was telling that our protest is being funded by Canada."

"Soon, we will be called Kh-

alistani, tukra-tukra gang and also desh drohi (traitor) and also try us to send to Pakistan but it is okay, the people of this country can differentiate between right and wrong."


The Delhi Police has filed two FIRs against the WFI president. While the first FIR relates to allegations by the minor wrestler and has been registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the second is related to outrageous modesty.

On Thursday, Brij Bhushan said the law is being "misused" and under the leadership of seers, "we will force the government to change" it.

"So many people have fought for this act. Every day we come across so many news of five-year-old and six-year-old girls getting raped, if POCSO is banned, who will give justice to these girls?," Vinesh said.

"This act came into existence after a lot of deliberation. What does he want that people like him keep exploiting women and no one can punish them, so ban POCSO."

"Any true citizen would want a strong law so that such people should be punished and he wants it removed. Just for him, it can't be banned and he will be punished for what he has done."



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