

10 Vaishno Devi Devotees Killed In Bus Crash

57 Others Injured As Bus Falls Off The Bridge, LG Sinha, Others Express Grief



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Jammu: Ten Vaishno Devi pilgrims, most of them from Bihar, were killed and 57 injured on Tuesday as the bus they were travelling in skidded off the road and ramed into the railing of a bridge before falling off it, officials said.

The death toll may go up as Government Medical College Hospital Principal Shashi Soodan said two of the injured admitted there are critical.

The officials said the bus, which was on its way to Katra from Amritsar, met with the accident in Jhajjar Kotli area on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway between 6.30 and 7 am. Katra is a base camp for the pilgrims visiting the famous shrine atop the Trikuta hills.

They said most of the travellers were members of an extended family from Bihar's Lakhisarai and were on pilgrimage to Vaishno Devi temple for a ritual of a child.

"The accident took place at Jhajjar Kotli bridge. Ten people have died. Rescue operation is almost complete," Jammu

Senior Superintendent of Police Chandan Kohli told PTL. "We are investigating the reasons behind the accident."

Local residents, CRPF and police personnel rushed to the spot and launched the rescue operation.

"The troops of 137 CRPF battalion carried out the rescue operation to evacuate injured driver and passengers from the bus, which turned turtle and fell down from Jhajjar Kotli bridge on highway," the force said in a tweet.

"Two persons were brought dead while others died on the spot," said GMC hospital principal Soodan.

Jammu and Kashmir DGP Dilbagh Singh said prima facie, the cause of accident appeared to be human error or over speeding.

"It is possible that the driver might have dozed off on the wheel. It's a high flyover kind of road from where the bus fell off, so the reason could also be over-speeding. It is part of our investigation," he told reporters.

A CRPF officer said 10 bodies have been recovered. Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha [More on P10](#)

Circus Worker Killed In Anantnag Cremated

Press Trust Of India

Udhampur: Deepu Kumar, who was gunned down by militants in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district, was cremated near his native village here on Tuesday, with Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina terming the killing as unfortunate that has shamed humanity.

Kumar (27), who worked at a circus in the Janglat Mandi area in the south Kashmir district, was shot dead by Lashkar-e-Taiba militants when he had gone to the market to buy milk around 8.30 pm on Monday.

His body was on Tuesday moved to his remote Thial village in Udhampur district where it was received by villagers amid anti-Pakistan sloganeering.

The body was later taken to a nearby cremation ground where the last rites were performed. The pyre was lit by Kumar's nephew in accordance with family tradition and rituals.

"This is a very unfortunate incident which shames humanity. His father is on the death-bed and his elder brother is blind. He was the only bread earner for the family," said Raina, who was among several BJP workers who joined the last rites of the deceased.

He said the perpetrators of the gruesome crime have done a great injustice to the poor family. [More on P10](#)

LG Sanctions Rs 5L Ex-Gratia For Kin

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday approved an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh for the next of kin of Deepu Kumar who was killed by militants in Anantnag district, officials said. Kumar (27), who worked at a circus in the district's Janglat Mandi area, was gunned down by Lashkar-e-Taiba militants when he had gone to the market to buy milk around 8.30 pm on Monday. The Lt Governor also [More on P10](#)

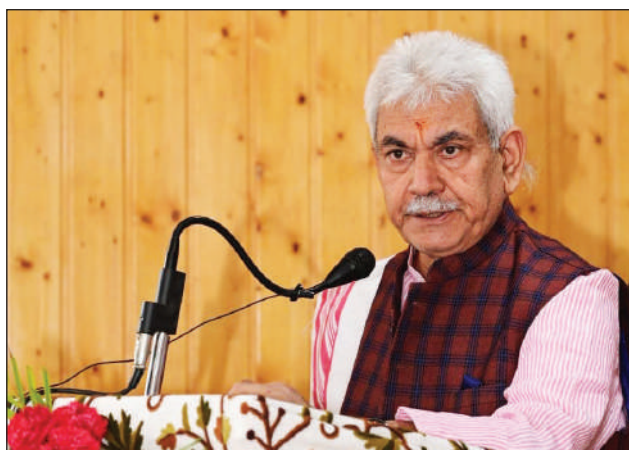
LG Calls Upon People To Isolate Elements Disrupting Peace

Says Youth Are Custodians Of Future, Have Significant To Play In Jammu & Kashmir's Progress

Observer News Service

Baramulla: Calling upon people to isolate the elements who are trying to disrupt peace in the Union Territory, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday that youth are the custodians of future and have a significant role to play in J&K's progress.

"Youth are the custodians of our future and they have a significant role to play in J&K's progress. In order to provide an opportunity for our youth and sportspersons to demonstrate their skills, we are making all possible efforts and this mission will continue in the future," Sinha said after inaugurating several key



infrastructure projects here on Tuesday.

The LG shared the vision of the government and the reforms introduced, under the

guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to accelerate the pace of socio-economic growth in all districts of Jammu Kashmir. [More on P10](#)

'Gulmarg Meet Cancelled Due to Time Constraints, Logistic Issues'

Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday said that the G-20 meeting couldn't take place in the ski-resort of Gulmarg due to time constraints and logistic issues. He, however, stated that the successful event in Srinagar will ensure a huge number of foreign tourist arrivals at the ski-resort in the ensuing year.

The LG stated this after inaugurating several key infrastructure projects here on Tuesday. While hailing the preparations put in place by the district administration to host the G-20 guests, the LG said that the foreign delegates couldn't come to Gulmarg due to "time constraints and logistic issues." [More on P10](#)

Says J&K, Goa Enjoy Special Relationship

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday greeted the people of Goa on the occasion of Statehood Day. "Jammu Kashmir and Goa enjoy a very ancient, special relationship and there has been an unbreakable, priceless bond between the sandy beaches of Goa and the hills and valley of Jammu Kashmir since the 4th Century," Sinha said at a grand cultural event organized at Raj Bhawan to commemorate the celebration of Goa Statehood day. He paid tributes to the brave patriots, who made the supreme sacrifice for the freedom of Goa. The unique bond between Goa and J&K, the LG said [More on P10](#)

Former Cricketer Booked For 'Forging' Birth Certificate

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: The Economic Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir has filed an FIR against a local cricketer for allegedly producing a forged birth certificate to secure his place in Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) sponsored domestic first class cricket tournament twelve years ago.

A formal case was registered against the former cricketer at Economic Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir in this regard, after the probe agency established prime facie during a preliminary investigation.

The case was registered following a complaint filed by

the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) in March 2021, wherein it was alleged that the accused Majid Yaqub Dar (ex-cricketer) son of Mohammad Yaqub Dar of Ishber Nishad had submitted a forged birth certificate to secure his place in the Ranji Trophy tournament way back in 2012-13.

Dar, according to the complaint, represented the J&K Cricket Association from 2001 to 2014 in BCCI sponsored National Tournaments.

"Crime Branch Kashmir received a written complaint from Chief Executive [More on P10](#)

Ladakh Admin Re-Notifies Firing Range In Kargil For 10 Yrs

Agencies

Srinagar: The administration of Ladakh Union Territory has re-notified a field firing range spread over five lakh Kanals in Kargil district for a period of five years.

The Home department of Ladakh has issued a notification, declaring an area of 5,69,911 Kanals and 17 Marlas situated at village Matayen Kharu, district Kargil as an area for carrying out periodical field firing and artillery practice for a period of ten years with effect from 18.05.2023.

The notification was issued by the administration of UT under the Manoeuvres, Field



Firing and Artillery Practice Act, 1938, which empowers a state/UT to define an area as a field firing range.

The move comes two months after it had invited objections from public over re-notification of the field firing range as mandated under the law

In 2018, the [More on P10](#)

THE ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE AT JHAJJAR KOTLI BRIDGE. TEN PEOPLE HAVE DIED. Rescue operation is almost complete, We are investigating the reasons behind the accident."

Govt Okays 400 Sat Phones For Amarnath Yatra

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday approved utilisation of 400 satellite phones for better communication during the forthcoming Amarnath Yatra.

It also proposed setting up a State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) for better management of the annual pilgrimage.

The yatra to the Amarnath shrine, located at a height of 3,880 metres in south Kashmir Himalayas, will begin on July 1 and conclude on August 31.

To address the communication needs during natural disasters or emergencies, the State Executive Committee (SEC) approved utilisation of 400 satellite phones during Amarnath



Yatra, an official spokesman said. The SEC also considered a proposal for procurement of rescue

equipment, including excavators, fire-fighting material, signal units and drones, with an estimated cost of Rs 8.91 crore, which is to be financed through the SDRF, he said.

Man Sentenced To 1-Yr Jail In Cheque Bounce Case Asks Him To Pay Rs 73.5 Lakh In Total Including Fine, Compensation

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A court in Srinagar on Tuesday sentenced a person to undergo one year simple imprisonment in a cheque-bounce case and also directed him to pay principal amount of Rs 47 lakhs, Rs 23.5 as fine besides a compensation of Rs 3 lakh, totalling Rs 73.5 lakhs.

The court of 'Judge Small Causes Srinagar', Tabasum, observed that the complainant has been able to prove that the cheques one dated 19-12-2020 for an amount of

Rs 15.5 lakh, another dated 21-12-2020 for same amount and third one 28-12-2020 for Rs 16 lakh were issued in discharge of legally recoverable liability owed to the complainant by the accused.

"The essential ingredients of Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act stand established by the complainant and the accused has failed to rebut the statutory presumption," the court said and convicted Mohammad Shafi Bhat for the offence under section 138 read with section 142 of Negotiable Instruments Act. [More on P10](#)

Court Convicts Rapist Of Minor After 11 Years

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A court here has convicted a man for raping a minor girl in Soura area of Srinagar in 2012, holding it to be "definitely crime against the society".

According to the prosecution, police received a complaint from the girl's father that he took his daughter for check after she complained of abdominal pain and upon tests by the doctors she was certified to be pregnant.

Upon enquiry by him and his wife, the minor girl disclosed that the person who resides in their neighbourhood as tenant, namely Irshad Ahmad of Malik of Ahlan Gadwak Kokernag, raped her several times, the prosecution



said based on the statement by the complainant.

After receiving the report, the prosecution said, a case (FIR No 33/2012) for the commission of offence punishable under Section 376 RPC was registered in police Station Soura and the investigation

started. During investigation, it said, the victim girl's age certificate was obtained and she was found to be 14 years old.

Subsequently, the accused was arrested and on the basis of the facts and evidence collected, it said, a charge sheet under Section 376 RPC was filed on 23 June 2012. Subsequently the trial ensued and culminated in conviction of the accused, Irshad Ahmad of Malik of Ahlan Gadwak Kokernag, at present Anchar Soura.

"It is established that accused at the time of committing heinous crime of rape with a minor girl who was studying in 4th class, was major married person living with his wife at rented room in neighbourhood of victim who used to go there [More on P10](#)

S H O R T T A K E S

Policeman Dies After Truck Hits His Bike

A policeman on Tuesday was mowed down by a truck in Soibugh area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district. 28-year-old Ishfaq Majeed of Paimus village was critically injured after his bike was hit by a truck (JK015A- 7018) in Banpora village of Soibugh on Tuesday morning, reports said. The injured policeman, reports said, was removed to the SKIMS Bemina hospital for treatment. However, the doctors there declared him dead. Meanwhile, police [More on P10](#)

Man Injured After Hit By Train

A man was critically injured after being hit by train in South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Tuesday morning. Reports said that a man identified as Shakeel Ahmad Dar son of Mohammad Yousuf Dar, a resident of Naina Batpora area of Pulwama, was hit by a train near Panzgam railway station. He has been shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment in a critical condition. Meanwhile, a railway official confirmed and said that a case has been registered in this regard.

Forest Officer, Guard Falls In ACB Net

The sleuths of anti-corruption bureau (ACB) on Tuesday arrested a block forest officer and a guard for demanding a bribe from a man after accusing him of chopping a tree from a forest area in Reasi district without any permission. Sat Pal, In-charge block forest officer Thakrakote and forest Guard Abneet Kumar were arrested by a trap team of ACB. The anti-graft body received a complaint against forest Guard Abneet Kumar [More on P10](#)

Man Held With Heroin, Cash; 31 Mobiles

A man was arrested with 11 gram heroin in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, police said, adding 31 mobile phones and Rs 1.16 lakh in cash were also seized from him. Aziz Ahmed alias Sonu Chinese, a notorious drug peddler, was nabbed during a raid on his house in Rajouri town in the presence of executive magistrate deployed by district civil administration, police said in a statement. The statement said two electronic weighing [More on P10](#)

Man Held For Sexually Harassing Girl

Police on Tuesday arrested a man on charges of sexually harassing a girl last week in Central Kashmir's Budgam district. The police action came a day after a girl approached Soibug Police Post and filed a written complaint detailing the events that unfolded. On May 25, a police spokesperson said, the girl left for her coaching classes in Budgam and on the way accepted a lift from an unknown vehicle near Soibugh along her journey. "Unfortunately, during the course of the trip, the driver [More on P10](#)

Trainee Constable Found Dead

A trainee at Police Training School (PTS) in Manigam was found dead in a mysterious condition in a washroom at PTS Manigam here, officials said. An official said that a trainee was found unconscious inside the washroom at PTS Manigam. He was immediately rushed to District Hospital (DH) Ganderbal where doctors declared him dead. Furthermore, the reports suggest that the constable was unwell for the past few days. Medical Superintendent [More on P10](#)



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Office Of The Executive Engineer Horticulture P&M Const. Div. Sgr.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No.10 of 2023-24

DATED:30-05-2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor J&K UT, tenders are invited by Executive Engineer, Horticulture (P&M) at Rajbagh by e-tendering mode on Percentage % basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of work	Adv cost (Rs. in lacs	Cost of Tender documents	Time of completion	Earnest Money	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Repairs /Renovation of existing washroom. at FPN Kralweth Baramulla	3.88 Lacs	200/-	20 Days	7760/-	DEE	CAPEX
2	Construction of Irrigation distribution system at FPN Kralweth Baramulla.	5.70 Lacs	300/-	20 Days	11400/-	CEE/DEE	CAPEX
3	Repairs / renovation of Store building. at FPN Kralweth Baramulla.	2.52 Lacs	200/-	20 Days	5040/-	DEE	CAPEX
4	Repairs /Renovation of Washroom at FPN Bagsundi Sopore.	2.37 Lacs	200/-	20 Days	4740/-	DEE	CAPEX
5	Repairs /Renovation of existing Bore well at FPN Zangam Pattan.	0.43 Lacs	200/-	10 Days	860/-	DEE	CAPEX

Position of AAA/TS:

Position of Funds:- Assured/Available.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	30-05-2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	30-05-2023
3.	Bid submission Start Date	30-05-2023
4.	Bid Submission End Date	08-06-2023 up to 4:00 Pm
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	09-06-2023 at 10:00 Am

Note:- As per circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat finance department:

A) At the time of tendering all bidders must upload earnest money /Bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR) (Dated between the bid submission start and the Bid submission End Date) Pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer Horticulture P&M Construction Division Srinagar.

B) The Successful bidder will have to provide performance Security @ 5% of the Tendered Cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/ Maintenance Period.

C) All bidders must have to upload Card Verification Certificate issued by Concerned Authority.

D) Deposit Head (HPM)

The Horticulture Planning and Marketing Division do not have sanctioned deposit Head.

E) The Allotted agency should produce FDR @ 10% of running bills which shall be treated as bill deposit and shall be released after DLP is over as per the procedure.

F) Valid Registration card duly renewed for the year 2023-24.

G) Valid GST Registration, Clearance for the year 2023-24.

H) PAN Card

I) Income tax Assessment for the year 2022-23.

J) Bid Declaration of Documents to be submitted in support of the bids as per Annexure A).

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

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan to be credited into revenue head 0401(nonrefundable) (Treasury Challan) in favour of Executive Engineer HPM (Tender Inviting Authority)

3. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury challan to be credited into revenue head 0401(nonrefundable) in favour of Executive Engineer HPM (Tender Inviting Authority)

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.

5.The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer.

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

7. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-

a. Any bidder/ tendered withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

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

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

8. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

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

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

8.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.8.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.

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

9. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

10. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury challan in favor of Executive Engineer Horticulture (P&M) Rajbagh, to Executive Engineer Horticulture (P&M) Rajbagh must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. Including scanned copy of WhatsApp contact Number.

11. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

12. Price escalation and Taxes:- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

13. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

Sd/-

Executive Engineer

Horticulture (P&M) Construction Division Kashmir Srinagar

No.EE/Horti/P&M/2023-24/242-44

DIPK-2471/23 Dated:- 30-05-2023

Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Urban Forestry Division Srinagar

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT NO: - 04 OF 2023-24 DATED: - 26.05.2023

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

S.NO	NAME OF WORK	Quantity to be handled	Security Deposit	CLASS OF CONTRACTOR	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Period of completion of work	Receiving/Opening Committee
1	Handling Operation of Firewood at P.C. Depot. Qamarwari Srinagar.	As per actual	Rs. 30,000.00	"A&B" Class registered with Forest Department	500.00	From the date of commencement of work upto 31-03-2024	Tender Opening Committee

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

Position of Funds: Budgeted

Publishing Date:-	26.05.2023
Download Start Date:-	27.05.2023 from 10:30AM
Bid submission Start Date:-	27.05.2023 from 10:30AM
Bid submission End Date:-	02.06.2023 upto 05:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid Online:-	03.06.2023 at 11:30AM in the office of the Conservator of Forests Srinagar Circle at Sheikhbagh Srinagar.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid Online:-	To be opened on convenient date in the office of the Conservator of Forests, Srinagar Circle Srinagar at Sheikh Bagh Srinagar

01. The bid should be quoted separately item wise as mentioned in the BOQ.

02. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: - <https://jktenders.gov.in>

03. The date for opening of Technical & Financial bids online shall be opened as per time schedule mentioned above.

04. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forestand earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR pledged in favour of Divisional Forest Officer Urban Forestry Division Srinagar. The bids for the contract shall remain valid for current financial year from the date of opening of bids.

05. At the time of tendering, all the bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority i.e. Divisional Forest Officer Urban Forestry Division Srinagar (The date of Earnest money should be between Date of Start of bid and bid submission End date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 5% of Allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG at the time of contract award. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 5% of the total allotted cost which will be released after successful completion of the DLP.

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

07. To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.

08. The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form.

09. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

05. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e CDR, Valid Registration Card issued by Forest Department duly renewed for the current year 2023-24, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt/Challan (cost of Tender Document).

06. The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.

07. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).

10. The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.

11. The tender accepting Authority however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

12. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed document.

NO: - DFO/Urban/Lease/839-46

DIPK-2462/23 Dated:- 30.05.2023

Sd/-

Divisional Forest Officer,

Urban Forestry Division,

Srinagar



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Sd/-

(Prof. Azmat Alam Khan)

Principal Investigator

No. AU/LPM/KFP/C-101

Dated: 30.05.2023

Public Notice

I, Haris Rafiq Chapoo S/o Mohammad Rafiq Chapoo R/o Govt Housing Colony Baghi Mehtab Srinagar have purchased Plot No. 779, measuring 32'X4' situated at Housing colony Baghi Mehtab from Mohammad Ishaq Chapoo S/o Late Ghulam Ahmad Chapoo R/o Gulshan Nagar Bypass Srinagar originally allotted in favour of Ghulam Rasool Kuchay S/o Late Mohd Sultan Kuchay R/o Bul Bul Lankar Nawakadal Srinagar, The two documents 1. Letter of intent and 2 Allotment letter, issued by the J&K Housing Board Stands misplaced and are not traceable. I have applied for transfer of leasehold rights of above said plot in my favour. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhi nagar, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.

Name: Haris Rafiq Chapoo

S/o Mohammad Rafiq Chapoo

R/o Govt Housing Colony Baghi Mehtab Srinagar

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S/o: Ab Rashid Dar

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Shah Faisal
v/s
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Whereas an application has been received from the applicant for registration of Birth of Shah Faisal in the records of SMC Srinagar. Objection, if any, be submitted in writing before the undersigned within seven days from the date of this Publication. The details of the Person are as under:-
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Mother's Name: Gulshan
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Judge Small Causes, Srinagar

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بذریعہ اشتہار مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی اندر یا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے
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The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Annual Private 2011 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name: Tasneema Rashid

S/o: Ab Rashid Dar

Roll No: 406458

Year & Session 2011- Annual Private



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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary

Board Of School Education

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Govt Makes 'Life Saving Jackets' Mandatory For Shikaras In Dal, Nigeen Lakes

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir government has made 'life saving jackets' mandatory for Shikara boats in Dal and Nigeen lakes besides other water bodies of the region.

An order issued here today in this regard reads, "In order to ensure the safety of tourists taking Shikara rides in Dal and Nigeen Lakes and other water bodies and to prevent any untoward in-

cident in view of inclement weather conditions or any other reasons, it is hereby ordered that as provided in the J&K Tourism Policy guidelines, each Shikara boat registered under J&K Tourist Trade Act, 1978 shall maintain the availability of a minimum of three Life Saving Jackets of recommended quality and specifications in the boat, at all times, failing which the registration under the said Act shall be cancelled".

No Let Up In Protests Against Smart Meter Installation In Srinagar Parts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Protests against the installation of smart meters hardly seem to be dying down in Srinagar after the Power Development Department (PDD) intensified the process of snapping electricity to the areas resisting the move.

On Monday, the residents from the Batamalloo area of Srinagar, while protesting against the installation of smart meters said the electricity in their area has been snapped for the last several days. They had resisted the move by the Power Development authorities.

Opposing the installation of smart meters, the protesters, mostly women, said they cannot pay "hefty" bills generated by smart meters, citing poor financial conditions.

"We cannot afford the smart meter billing. Our income is very nominal as the majority of the people in our area are either working as salesmen, auto-rickshaw drivers or roadside vendors. We hardly manage the school fee of our children," said a group of protesting ladies.

Anguished over the snapping of the power supply, the protesters said they have many ailing people in the area who are on oxygen support and need electricity for life support machines.

Power Shutdown Notified In Parts Of Kashmir

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Power Controller Kashmir has informed that, the power supply to Receiving Stations Gulshanabad and Mitrigam shall remain affected due to facilitate installation of hardware on May 30 from 10 am to 4 pm.

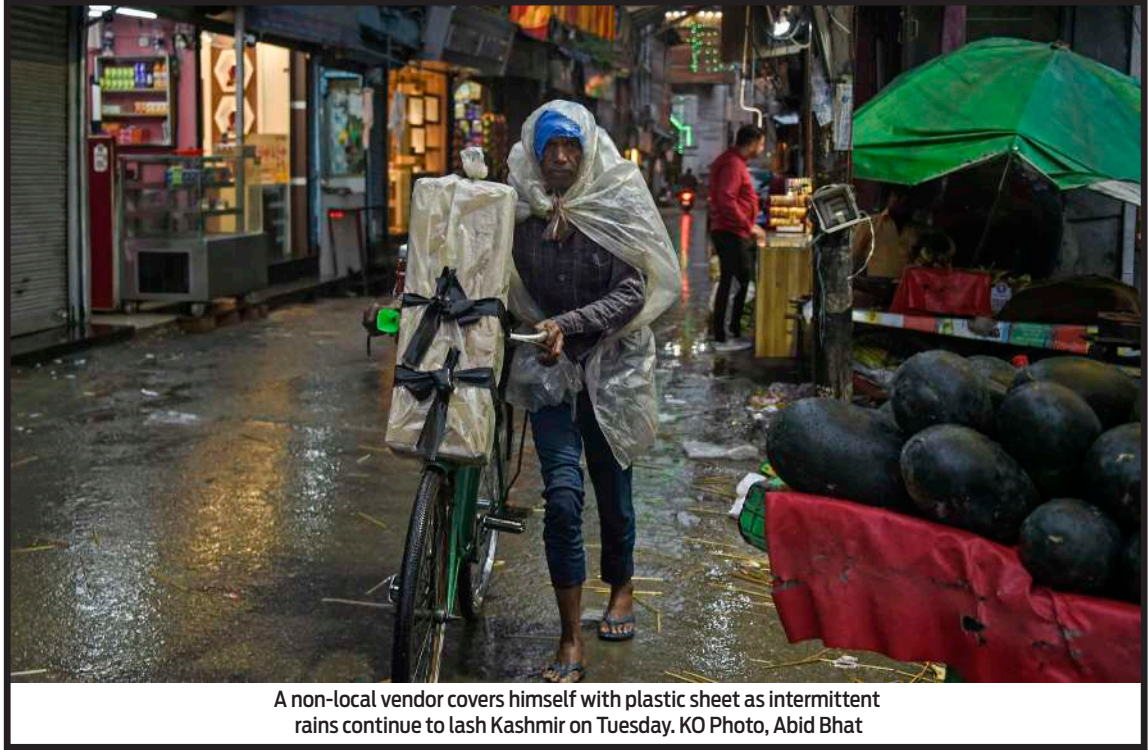
Similarly, in order to facilitate Branch Cutting of trees laying in the vicinity of 132Kv Mirbazar- Kulgam Transmission line the power supply to receiving stations Kulgam, Yaripora, DH Pora and Devsar shall remain affected on June 04 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Likewise, in order to facilitate Branch Cutting of trees laying in the vicinity of 33 Kv lines the power supply to receiving stations Ashajipora, Dalgam, Brakpora and Malaknag shall remain af-

ected on June 01 from 10 am to 4 pm and receiving stations Brakhpura, Malakhnag and Anchidora and Akura shall remain affected on June 03 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, in order to carry out erection of ST Poles the power supply to receiving stations Karan Nagar and Shalistore shall remain affected on June 04 from 11 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, in order to carry out work of laying of OPGW on 132 Kv Wanpoh-Awantipora Transmission line the power supply to 132 Kv Wanpoh-Awantipora Ckt-1, 33Kv SICOP Line (From Wanpoh GSS), 11Kv Wanpoh Feeder (From Harnag receiving station) and 11 Kv Railway Feeder (From Harnag receiving station) shall remain affected on May 31 from 05 am to 05 pm.



A non-local vendor covers himself with plastic sheet as intermittent rains continue to lash Kashmir on Tuesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Man Stabbed To Death In Srinagar, Police Launches Manhunt To Nab Accused

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Unknown assailant allegedly stabbed a man to death in Batamalloo area of Srinagar here this evening.

Sources said that unknown assailants stabbed a man from Batamalloo area of the city to death following some altercation between the two sides.

Victim, sources said, was critically injured in the incident and succumbed to his injuries at SKIMS Medical College Bemina. The deceased has been identified as Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (45) son of

Victim, sources said, was critically injured in the incident and succumbed to his injuries at SKIMS Medical College Bemina. Deceased was lying in a pool of blood when the police team reached the spot.

Ghulam Rasool Bhat a resident of Mominabad Batamalloo

A formal case FIR No 67/23 under section 302 of IPC, he said has been registered at police station Batamalloo and investigation set into motion. He also said that police have launched a manhunt to nab the accused.

A police official told Kashmir Observer that the deceased was lying in a pool of blood when the police team reached the spot after receiving information about the incident.

He said the injured was immediately taken to SKIMS Medical College Bemina for treatment where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Div Com Visits Haj House Bemina, Takes Stock Of Facilities For Pilgrims

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Tuesday visited Haj House Bemina to take first hand appraisal of arrangements and facilities made for the convenience of pilgrims.

On the occasion, Div Com was briefed by Chairman J&K Haj Committee, Abdul Salam about the arrangements made

by the Administration to ensure proper and good quality facilities for Hajj pilgrims.

During the visit, Div Com took the round of all the rooms and halls of Hajj House to inspect the sanitation, cleanliness besides boarding and lodging facilities.

He directed the Chairman J&K Haj Committee to ensure good quality of food and other services to pilgrims besides instructing the concerned to regularly change bed sheets.

The Div Com also held a brief meeting with the officers and officials of the Hajj House and issued a slew of directions for maintaining cleanliness within the premises, ensuring functioning of drinking water points, and electric connectivity besides decoration of Hajj House.

He stressed on close coordination and synergy with other departments for smooth and hassle free arrangements to pilgrims of Hajj-2023.

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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION NO. 01 OF 2023

On-line Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to below mentioned programmes for the Academic Session 2023. The candidates are advised to peruse Admission Guidelines / Prospectus 2023 (available on the University website) & go through the Admission Procedure to check the eligibility criteria/ other details before filling and submitting their Online Application Forms:

POST-GRADUATE PROGRAMMES		
M.Sc. Statistics	M.A. Arabic Language & Literature	M.Sc. Physics
MCA	M.A. English Language & Literature	M. A Political Science
M. Sc. Information Technology	M.A. International Relations (P&CS)	M.A Islamic Studies
M.A. Economics	M.A. Journalism & Mass Communication	MBA / MBA-IB
M.Sc. Chemistry	M. Tech. Food Technology	

UNDER-GRADUATE PROGRAMMES	
B.Tech. Civil Engineering	B. Architecture
B.Tech. Computer Science & Engineering	B.Tech. Food Technology
B.Tech. Electrical Engineering	B. Voc. (Medical Lab & Molecular Diagnostic Technology)
B.Tech. Electronics & Communication Engineering	B.Sc. Mathematics (Four Year Undergraduate Programme)
B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering	B.A. English (Four Year Undergraduate Programme)

INTEGRATED PROGRAMME	
MBA (5-Year Integrated)	

LATERAL ENTRY PROGRAMMES	
B.Tech. Civil Engineering	B.Tech. Electronics & Communication Engineering
B.Tech. Computer Science & Engineering	B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering
B.Tech. Electrical Engineering	B.Tech. Food Technology

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

- **B.Tech. Engineering:** Based on candidate's performance in the JEE Main (Paper-I) 2023 only.
- **B. Arch.:** Based on qualified candidate's performance in the NATA-2023/ JEE (Paper-2A) 2023. However, first preference shall be given to NATA candidates.
- **MBA/ MBA-IB:** Based on the candidate's performance in the CMAT/MAT 2023. However, first preference shall be given to CMAT candidates.
- **MA Islamic Studies/ B. Tech. Lateral Entry:** Based on candidate's performance in the University Entrance Test only.
- **All other programmes:** Based on candidate's performance in CUET-2023 only.

NOTE: In case the number of applicants who have appeared in CUET (UG)-2023/ CUET (PG)-2023/ CMAT/ MAT 2023 is less, the selection for the vacant/ remaining seats shall be made on the basis of University Entrance Test or percentage of marks in the qualifying examination, which shall be decided later.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Availability of Online Application Forms	30-05-2023
Last Date for submission of Online Application Forms / Deposition of Application Fee	15-06-2023

The candidates whose result of the qualifying examination / competitive exam is yet to be declared can also apply online provisionally.

For any further query/information, the candidates may contact the following:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I Prithpal Singh S/o Amolok Singh R/o Kanli Bagh Baramulla J&K . I am the original allottee of Plot NO 16 in the housing colony Kanli Bagh Baramulla and I have applied for extension o lease hold rights of above said plot in my favour objections if any may be conveyed to the Managing director J&K Housing Board Green Belt Park Gandhi Nagar Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Prithpal Singh
S/o Amolok Singh
R/o Kanli Bagh Baramulla

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

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This Day In History

- 1223 - Mongol invasion of the Cumans: Battle of the Kalka River - Mongol armies of Genghis Khan lead by Subutai defeat Kievan Rus and Cumans.
- 1659 - Netherlands, England and France sign Treaty of The Hague
- 1923- China & USSR exchange diplomats
- 1924- China recognizes the USSR
- 1931 - 7.1 magnitude Earthquake destroys Quetta in modern-day Pakistan: 40,000 dead.
- 1935- 7.7 magnitude earthquake hits Quetta in Balochistan, British Raj (Pakistan) killing approx 50,000
- 1940- Premier Winston Churchill flies to Paris to meet with Marshal August Pétain who announces he is willing to make a separate peace with Germany
- 1944- Allied breakthrough in Italy
- 1951- Netherlands & South Africa sign cultural accord
- 1953 - Lebanese president Camille Shamun disbands government
- 1955 - Great Britain proclaims emergency crisis due to rail strike
- 1957 - Great Britain performs nuclear test at Christmas Island (atmospheric)
- 1970 - 7.75 Ancash earthquake off coast of Peru kills 66-70,000 and sets off world's deadliest avalanche
- 1974 - Israel and Syria sign an agreement concerning Golan Heights

From KO Archives

Faith Moves Mountains, Stops Rain In Kashmir

F Ahmad

S RINAGAR - Jabbar Mir 56, has walked barefoot with a pitcher full of water to the shrine of saint Sheikh Hamza Mukhdoom in Srinagar. It's an age old custom that he is sure will pull his village out of a "do or die situation". Mir, a resident of Ganderbal, 22 km from Srinagar, has climbed the Koh-e-Maran hillock in the middle of the city with hundreds of villagers, all travelling on foot and carrying water Filled earthen pitchers from various parts of the Kashmir valley. They are seeking saint Mukhdoom's blessings so that the intermittent rains lashing the valley stop and the bright sunny days return.

" It's a do or die situation for us. Our paddy nurseries are turning yellow because of the cold and rain. Unless we have bright, warm sunshine there would be hardly any paddy saplings left to be transplanted into the rice fields." Mir said.

According to a local tradition, water collected from parts of the valley and brought here in earthen pitchers by barefooted devotees is poured into the large pond outside the saint's shrine so that saint Mukhdoom is pleased and blesses the people.

However, the devotees must walk all the distance from their homes to the shrine.

"This is a practice that the people have resorted to whenever excessive rains, floods and other natural calamities have visited Kashmir." Asked if it works, Ghulam Nabi. 48 gives a stare.

"It is a heretic's question. The custom always works. It is my experience of over four decades that whenever Kashmiris visit the shrine, their prayers are answered," says Nabi, who has come from Anantnag district. 54 kin away.

Nabi's 20-year-old son is an epileptic whose seizures have become frequent in recent days.

"I won't say a doctor is not needed to cure my son. But finally it is somewhere else that the outcome of our efforts is decided. Whether a doctor succeeds or not in curing my son would be decided at the sheikh's shrine." Nabi says.

Mukhdoom who lived in the 15th century, is also revered as the saint who was instrumental in ending the rule of local king Yusuf Shah Chak.

Mukhdoom is believed to have written to Mughal king Akbar about the oppression of the people under Chak. This led to the invasion of Kashmir by the Mughals and the end of Chak's reign.

Visiting shrines and seeking the blessings of dead saints is an old practice in Kashmir.

A little away from saint Mukhdoom's shrine is the temple of Hindu deity Sharika Devi.

Before the migration of Kashmiri pandits following the insurgency in the valley, Muslims and Hindus could be seen buying flowers from the same vendors for their saints.

There are very few visitors to the temple these days, yet a semblance of the eclectic Kashmiri culture is recreated "when the lone priest at the temple rings the bells - the' sound blends perfectly with the voice of the muezzin calling the faithful to prayer at Mukhdom's shrine.

(Kashmir Observer, 31 May, 2005)

China Rejects Us Call For Meeting Between Defense Chiefs, As Tensions Rise Between Two Countries



Agencies

China has rejected a request by the United States for a meeting between the two countries' defense chiefs, as tensions continue to rise between Beijing and Washington.

According to a report by The Wall Street Journal, China's Monday decision was apparently over Beijing's ire at Washington over the latter's sanctions against the Chinese defense minister.

The Pentagon had asked for the meeting to take place on the sidelines of an annual security forum in Singapore, which is due this weekend.

"Overnight, the PRC (the People's Republic of China) informed the US that they have declined our early May invitation for [Defense] Secretary [Lloyd] Austin to meet with PRC Minister of National Defense Li Shangfu in Singapore this week," the Pentagon said in a statement to the Journal.

The new development came after on Thursday, the US military expressed frustration for being repeatedly snubbed by Chinese officials in its efforts to make such official contact possible.

US Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security

Affairs Ely Ratner complained that the Pentagon's attempts to reach out to China's military in recent months have been either rejected or ignored, after Beijing vowed to halt dialogue with Washington over recent sanctions on its top defense official.

Earlier this month, Beijing notified Washington that "there is little chance" of Li's meeting with his American counterpart in Singapore due to sanctions placed on him over his alleged involvement in the purchase of Russian advanced weapons.

Beijing further declared last week that it saw no reason to keep talking with Washington as long as the US pursued a wholly disingenuous policy.

"Where is the sincerity and sense of dialogue, when the US side talks about the need to maintain contacts only to use them as a means to put pressure on China and hamstringing our country," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Mao Ning, said at a press briefing last Monday.

She also demanded that Washington "immediately lift sanctions" against Beijing, adding, "It is necessary to create a favorable atmosphere and favorable conditions for dialogue and contact."

Wrestlers Halt Plan To Immerse Medals In Ganga, Give 5-Day Ultimatum

Agencies

Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) national president Naresh Tikait on Tuesday arrived in Haridwar and took away the medals from the wrestlers seeking a five-day time period from them. The wrestlers have gathered in Haridwar to immerse their medals in Ganga River to mark their protests against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who has been accused of sexual harassment.

Olympic medalist wrestlers Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik alongside Vinesh Phogat, who have accused the WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexual harassment and have been demanding his arrest, reached Uttarakhand's Haridwar to immerse all of their medals including Olympic medals in the Ganga River on Tuesday evening.

A sizeable crowd also gathered to witness the incident as the wrestlers resorted to immerse their medals for which they have put together a lot of hard work. Women wrestlers were sitting on the ground and were emotional.

Earlier a tweet in Hindi by BKU spokesperson Rakesh Tikait said, "National President of Bhartiya Kisan Union and head of Balian Khap, Chaudhary Naresh Tikait ji and heads of other khaps are



reaching Haridwar soon to meet wrestlers. All wrestlers are requested not to take wrong steps."

Taking to Twitter, the wrestlers had shared a post about the chain of events that unfolded in recent days and how the authorities have handled the situation. They said that they will visit Haridwar and throw medals in the Ganga at 6 pm today. They also said that they will sit on a hunger strike at India Gate after throwing away their medals.

The post read, "You saw everything that happened on May 28, how police treated us and the way they arrested us. We were protesting peacefully, our place has been taken away and the next day serious cases and FIR were filed against us. Have the wrestlers committed any crime by demanding justice for the sexual harassment that happened to them? The police and the system are treating us like criminals, while the oppressor is taking jibe mov-

ing freely. He is even openly talking about changing the POSCO Act."

It may be noted that several top wrestlers including the likes of Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik have been protesting against the WFI chief having accused him of sexual harassment and demanded his arrest. They also questioned how women wrestlers had to hide for the entire day.

The grapplers said, "Yesterday, many of our women wrestlers were hiding in the fields. The system should arrest the oppressor but it is engaged in breaking and intimidating the victim women to end their protest." They said that these medals are left with no meaning.

They said, "It is not less than death for us thinking of returning medals but how can we live compromising our self-respect? We don't need these medals anymore. If we speak against exploitation, they prepare to put us in jail."

NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF BHARTIYA KISAN UNION and head of Balian Khap, Chaudhary Naresh Tikait ji and heads of other khaps are reaching Haridwar soon to meet wrestlers. All wrestlers are requested not to take wrong steps."

Moscow, Kiev Targeted By Drone Strikes As Fighting Intensifies

Agencies

Both Ukraine and Russia reported on Tuesday morning that their capitals have been targeted by drones coming from the other side, as fighting between the warring neighbors intensifies.

Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyanin said drones attacked the Russian capital on Tuesday morning, damaging several buildings.

Sobyanin ordered the evacuation of residents from the two apartment blocks that were targeted, according to messages posted on Telegram.

No information regarding casualties has been provided yet.

Moscow Region Governor Andrey Vorobyov reported having shot down several unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) near Moscow.

"This morning, residents of some districts in the Moscow Region could hear the sounds of explosions - it



was our air defense in operation. Several drones were downed on their course to Moscow," Vorobyov said.

The drone attack early on Tuesday caused minor damage to a few buildings in the Russian capital, according to Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyanin, who also emphasized that no one was seriously hurt.

"Massive" Russian drone raids kill 1, injure 4: Kiev This is while Ukrainian officials claimed that "massive" Russian drone raids on Kiev killed one person and injured four more, but

later explained that the casualties resulted from "falling debris" of shot-down drones.

"The attack was massive, came from different directions, in several waves," head of Kiev's military administration, Serhiy Popko, claimed on Tuesday in a post on his Telegram social media account.

"Massive attack! Stay indoors!" Kiev's mayor Vitali Klitschko further declared in a post on Telegram, claiming that a multi-story building was also damaged in the Holosiivskyi district.

Kidnapped Pak Journalist, Believed To Be Close To Imran Khan, Returns Home

Press Trust of India

ISLAMABAD: A prominent Pakistani television journalist who went missing last week, apparently because of his support to former prime minister Imran Khan, returned home today, his family said.

Sami Abraham's daughter, Zainab Sami, tweeted the "great news" her family received and shared that her father "reached home safely".

Zainab thanked "everyone who helped spread the news" and made Mr Abraham's return "possible".

Mr Abraham went missing last Thursday, when eight people in four vehicles intercepted his car on his way back home from work in Islamabad, according to his family and BOL TV, where he works.

No one has claimed responsibility for Mr Abraham's abduction, but it is widely believed that he was abducted by the country's security agencies for supporting Khan, the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party.

Mr Khan is demanding early general elections in Pakistan and his arrest in connection



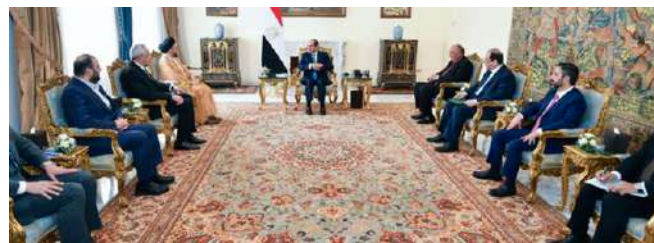
with a corruption case led to unprecedented violence on May 9.

He is under pressure to keep his party intact as dozens of leaders have abandoned it after the crackdown launched to arrest those involved in attacks on military installations on May 9.

Another pro-Khan TV journalist, Imran Riaz, went missing earlier this month and was yet to be freed.

Mr Khan, a cricketer-turned-politician, was ousted from power in April last year after losing a no-confidence vote in his leadership, which he alleged was part of a US-led conspiracy targeting him because of his independent foreign policy decisions on Russia, China and Afghanistan.

Egypt's El-Sisi, Top Iraqi Cleric Discuss Political Developments In Iraq



Agencies

CAIRO: Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi met with Ammar Al-Hakim, head of the Iraqi Wisdom Movement, in Cairo on Sunday. The two leaders discussed the latest political developments in Iraq and prominent regional issues of mutual interest.

During the meeting, El-Sisi affirmed his pride in the fraternal relations between Cairo and Baghdad and his government's support of Iraq's efforts to achieve progress.

El-Sisi also acknowledged Al-Hakim's constructive role in maintaining stability in Iraq.

Al-Hakim likewise commended El-Sisi's leadership and expressed Iraq's aspiration to continue strengthening relations with Egypt, as well as his country's appreciation for Egyptian efforts to support Iraq and its keenness to benefit from Egyptian experiences in all fields.

Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs Sameh Shoukry also met with Al-Hakim.

Ahmed Abu Zeid, spokesman for the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, said the two discussed a number of regional issues of common concern and affirmed their interest in continued cooperation to improve security in the region.

Shoukry expressed Egypt's full support of Iraq in its war against terrorism and highlighted the importance that Egypt attributes to the tripartite cooperation mechanism between Egypt, Iraq, and Jordan, a reflection of the countries' common political will.

Separately, during a discussion with experts of the Egyptian Center for Strategic Studies, Al-Hakim said there are many areas in which Egypt and Iraq can coordinate, citing the importance of regional cooperation as a reason why "Iraq hosted five rounds of talks between Saudi Arabia and Iran, in addition to discussions between other countries."

Iraq was able to overcome, to a large extent, the challenges facing it, especially those posed by terrorist groups, which are now only present in some small enclaves in the desert, he added.

"Sectarianism in Iraq is political, not social, and there are political forces that want to entrench themselves behind sects to gain (benefits)," Al-Hakim said.

There has been a "national realization," he added, that "there is no way to overcome challenges except through dialogue" that promotes "internal solutions" rather than ones "imposed from outside."

Agencies

BEIJING, CHINA: China successfully launched the latest mission to its Tiangong space station on Tuesday, with a crew that includes its first civilian astronaut.

It marked the latest space milestone for China, as it looks to catch up with the United States and Russia.

Here is a look at the Chinese space programme, and where it is headed:

Mao's vow
Soon after the Soviet Union launched Sputnik in 1957, Chinese leader Mao Zedong pronounced: "We too will make satellites."

It took more than a decade, but in 1970, China launched its first satellite on a Long March rocket.

Human spaceflight took decades longer, with Yang Liwei becoming the first Chinese "taikonaut" in 2003.

As the launch approached, concerns over the viability of

the mission caused Beijing to cancel a live television broadcast at the last minute.

But it went smoothly, with Yang orbiting the Earth 14 times during a 21-hour flight.

Space station and 'Jade Rabbit'

Following in the footsteps of the United States and Russia, China started planning for a space station of its own in Earth orbit.

The Tiangong-1 lab was launched in 2011.

In 2013, the second Chinese woman in space, Wang Yaping, gave a video class from that craft to children across the country.

Tiangong-1 was also used for medical experiments and, most importantly, tests intended to prepare for the construction of a space station.

That was followed by the "Jade Rabbit" lunar rover in 2013, which initially appeared to be a dud when it turned dormant and stopped sending signals back to Earth.



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Indian Chief Priest Sentenced To Jail In Singapore For Pawning Temple Jewellery

Press Trust of India

SINGAPORE: The 39-year-old Indian chief priest of Singapore's oldest Hindu temple was sentenced to six years in jail on Tuesday for pawning over SGD 2 million (USD 1.5 million) of ceremonial jewellery repeatedly from a prominent temple, according to a media report.

Kandasamy Senapathi was employed by the Hindu Endowments Board as a priest at Sri Mariamman Temple in the downtown Chinatown district from December 2013 until he resigned on March 30, 2020.

He pleaded guilty to two charges of criminal breach of trust by dishonest misappropriation and two charges of transferring criminal proceeds out of the country, Channel News Asia reported.



Another six charges were considered in sentencing, it said.

Senapathi, an Indian national, was caught when the COVID-19 pandemic struck in 2020, throwing the regular audit timing off and revealing the missing jewellery.

In 2014, he was entrusted with the keys and combination number code to the safe in the temple's holy sanctum, which contained 255 pieces of gold jewellery owned by the temple, with a book value of about SGD 1.1 million.

Senapathi began pawning pieces of the jewellery in 2016, taking them to pawn shops and later redeeming them by using money he obtained from pawning other pieces of temple jewellery.

In 2016 alone, Senapathi pawned 66 pieces of gold jewellery from the temple on 172 occasions, the report said.

Gurugram Woman Cheated Of ₹1.8 Crore By Nigerian Man She Met On Instagram

Press Trust of India

GURUGRAM: Two Nigerian nationals were arrested for allegedly swindling a woman for ₹1.80 crore on several pretexts after befriending her through Instagram, police here on Tuesday said.

According to police, the victim was a local woman who reported the matter on April 10 at Manesar Police Station.

In her complaint, the woman said she was cheated of 1.80 crore by a man who she had met on Instagram last year. The man had introduced himself as a British Airways pilot, she told police.

"The accused talked to me regularly. One day last year he said he was sending a gift parcel for me which contained an iPhone, jewellery, and other items. Later, on December 6, a man called me saying a parcel had arrived in my name and I have to pay ₹35,000 in tax to get it," the woman said in her

complaint, according to police.

The victim deposited the money in a bank account shared by the man, but was kept being asked for more money by his so called friend, who demanded it in name of different fees such as 'United national anti terrorist clearance' or some penalty, police said.

By the time she realised it was a fraud, she had paid ₹1.80 crore to the man, police said after her complaint, a team of Cyber Crime investigated the matter and arrested two men from Delhi's Nihal Vihar Phase-2 area on Monday.

The accused were identified as Nigerian nationals Ebuka Felixi and Chukwaka Ewere who were living in the outer Delhi area from where they were arrested.

A check book, 16 bank passbooks, 25 ATM cards, seven mobile phones with as many SIM cards, one laptop, one scooter, and ₹10,000 cash found in their possession were seized by police.

Supreme Court Grants Protection To UP Woman Who Alleges Threat From Family

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Delhi Police to grant protection to a 20-year-old woman who allegedly ran away from home and is apprehending threat to her life from her family members.

The top court passed the order while declining to interfere with a Madhya Pradesh High Court order cancelling the anticipatory bail granted to a man accused of kidnapping her.

As the matter was being heard by a vacation bench of Justice Bela M Trivedi and Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, the woman appeared via videoconferencing and requested the court to permit her to appear in-person.

After being granted permission, she appeared before the bench and expressed apprehension that there is a threat to her life from her family members and alleged that her brother is following her.



The woman expressed apprehension that she will be forcibly taken back to her home, where she does not want to go. According to her, she stays in Varanasi and wants to return there. However, she sought protection.

When the women told the court about her condition, the bench said the high court had cancelled the anticipatory bail granted to the man by observing that he was not cooperating with the investigation and not responding to the investigating officer despite being called.

"We are not inclined to interfere with the impugned orders passed by the high court."

Political Leaders Condemn Circus Worker’s Killing



Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Tuesday condemned the killing of a civilian by militants in Jammu and Kashmir’s Anantnag district and sought strict security measures to prevent such targeted killings.

Singh, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister’s Office wrote on Twitter, “While on a visit to Chennai, I was extremely shocked to learn about the brutal killing of young Deepu who hailed from Majalta, district Udhampur and was earning meagre livelihood in Anantnag. BJP Karyakartas have already reached the house of the bereaved family to provide all possible help.

“While strongly condemning the killing of this youth from a poor family, it is strongly urged that strict security measures be enforced to prevent such target killings and also to act as deterrent against terror activities.”

Kumar hailed from Udhampur district, represented in the Lok Sabha by Singh.

Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha also condemned the attack and said the government and the entire nation is standing shoulder to shoulder with the family.

“Our security forces remain committed in their resolve to thwart the designs of terrorists and all efforts will be made to bring the perpetrators to justice,” he said in a statement late on Monday.

Leaders of all political parties also expressed their condemnation.

Peoples Democratic Party chief Mehbooba Mufti said in a tweet, “Deeply anguished by yet another attack on an innocent civilian in Anantnag, Deepu eked out his living by working at an amusement park. My heart goes out to his family in this hour of grief. This speaks volumes about GOI’s

policy which have been a monumental failure in J-K.”

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah tweeted, “Pained by the news of yet another targeted attack against a civilian in Anantnag area of South Kashmir. The murder of Deepak who worked with a travelling circus to earn an honest living is an abomination and I condemn this militant attack unreservedly. May Deepak’s soul rest in peace.”

Condemning the killing, Democratic Progressive Azad Party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad said “terrorism is a menace that needs to be fought by all collectively”.

“Strongly condemn the heinous act of killing Deepu of Udhampur by terrorists in Anantnag. Terrorism is a menace that needs to be fought by us collectively. It is a curse against humanity!” Azad said in a tweet.

He also expressed solidarity with the victim’s family and urged the authorities to bring the culprits to justice.

Sajad Lone, chairman of the People’s Conference, tweeted, “The killing of Deepu by terrorists in Anantnag is yet another incident of savagery. In wonderment how does the killing of a civilian help anybody. Deepu was here in search of livelihood for himself and his family. And May Allah burn in hell those thugs who killed him.”

The 27-year-old Kumar was expecting his first child in June and was the sole breadwinner in his family.

Kumar’s body was on Tuesday taken to his remote Thial village where, in a heart-wrenching gesture, locals came forward to help the Below Poverty Line-family perform his last rites.

A little-known outfit, Kashmir Freedom Fighter, believed to be a shadow outfit of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, has claimed responsibility for the killing.

Villagers In Anantnag Hold Fishing Festival To Clean Waterbodies

Press Trust Of India

ANANTNAG: Residents of Panzath village here have found a novel way of keeping their water bodies clean. They hold a fishing festival annually in which men of all ages clean the lakes and ponds, all the while managing to catch some fishes too!

What sets the exercise apart is that people do not use fishing rods but baskets made of wicker or plastic containers to catch fish. The containers are dipped into the water and then pulled out with trash collected in them, which are then unloaded on the banks of the water body. People, if lucky, find fishes from among the trash. The trash is later discarded.

“Today people are gathered here to celebrate the annual fishing day. The main aim of this celebration is to clean the water bodies. Like we wait for the Eid to be celebrated every year, the same way we celebrate this day,” Farooq Ahmad



Bhat, a local resident of the village, told PTL.

“We request the LG administration that this place be designated as a tourist spot which is just a few kilometers away from the Gateway to Kashmir (Qazigund),” Bhat said.

“We have seen thousands of fishes die due to polluted water in Dal Lake. That’s why we clean this water body. This water is used for irrigation purposes here and also as a source of drinking water for two districts,” he added.

Another resident Mudasir said children and adults both come for fishing during the festival held on the last Sunday

of May every year.

Mudasir, who also said the festival helps clean the streams, said the event has gained popularity as people from other parts of Anantnag district also come to take part in it.

“Earlier, only people belonging to this village would come for fishing, but now people from the entire Anantnag district do fishing here,” he added.

A senior official of the district’s tourism department said the department has already included Panzath in the proposed list of places which could be developed as new tourist destinations.

If Yasin Gets Death Sentence, BJP Will Welcome It: Altaf Thakur

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Days after the NIA approached the Delhi High Court seeking death penalty for jailed separatist leader Yasin Malik, BJP leader Altaf Thakur on Tuesday said if the court awards death sentence to the JKLF chief, his party will welcome it.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on May 26 approached the Delhi High Court seeking death penalty for Malik, who was awarded life term

by a trial court in a militant funding case.

“Yasin Malik is a killer and a killer should be given capital punishment. If he is handed death sentence by the court, BJP will welcome it,” Thakur, who is Jammu and Kashmir BJP spokesperson, told reporters here.

He said Malik was involved in several militancy-related cases.

“Yasin Malik has got hundreds of Kashmiris killed and has always conspired against the nation,” he claimed.

Thakur, who led a protest against the killing of circus worker Deepu Kumar on Monday by militants, warned Pakistan to stop bloodshed of innocents in Kashmir.

Thakur said Pakistan is frustrated by the successful culmination of a G20 event in Kashmir.

Asked if the situation in Kashmir has deteriorated, Thakur said, “If terrorists come in the dark and carry out a cowardly act, it does not mean the situation in Kashmir is bad.”

Admin Gears Up To Host Chamliyal Mela Along IB

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The annual Chamliyal mela, considered as a symbol of Indo-Pakistan bonhomie in the past, will be held next month at the famous shrine of Baba Chamliyal near the International Border (IB) in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir, an official said on Tuesday.

Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Abhishek Sharma chaired a meeting to review the preparations for the mela, which is scheduled to take place in Ramgarh sector on June 22.

The shrine of Baba Dalip Singh Manhas, popularly known as Baba Chamliyal after whom the village on the zero line is named, lived over 300 years ago and is revered by the people of all faiths because of his saintly qualities and spiritual powers.

Thousands of devotees from across the country throng the shrine but no delegation from Pakistan was allowed to take part in the fair over the past five years after cross-border firing left four BSF personnel including an Assistant Commandant dead on June 13, 2018. Earlier, the delegation used to take ‘Shakkar’ (clay) and ‘Sharbat’ (water) believed to have healing powers against various skin ailments from the shrine.

Chairing the meeting, the deputy commissioner emphasised the need for well-planned arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the mela, an official spokesman said.

To enhance the overall experience and safety of the attendees, he said, the power Development Department (PDD) was instructed to ensure proper lighting arrangements and uninterrupted power supply throughout the mela.

DC Rajouri Inaugurates CBC’s Exhibition On AKAM, G-20 Presidency, Mission LiFE In BGSBU

Observer News Service

RAJOURI: As a part of ongoing Nationwide celebration of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ to celebrate 75 years of India’s Independence, an Integrated Outreach and Communication Programme (ICOP) on Amrit Mahotsav, G-20 Presidency, Mission LiFE and allied themes was organized by Central Bureau of Communication, Field Office, Rajouri, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Government of India in the Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University(BGSBU).

Vikas Kundal, Deputy Commissioner, Rajouri inaugurated the 2-Day Multimedia Exhibition in the presence of Asgar Ali Shah, Dean Academic Affairs BGSB University; Ghulam Abbas Chaudhary, Joint Director Central Bureau of Communication & Press Information Bureau, J&K and Ladakh, Rajiv Khajuria; Addl. DC and faculty members of the Varsity.

The DC appreciated the efforts of the Central Bureau of Communication, J&K for organizing the event in Rajouri and urged the audience to grasp the

knowledge being disseminated by the department.

He appreciated focused awareness regarding AKAM, G-20 Presidency, Mission LiFE, various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and initiatives of district administration about which resource persons of various departments are giving information.

He urged the youth to use web portals of various departments to avail the benefits of various schemes under Digital India.

Ghulam Abbas Chaudhary, Joint Director, Central Bureau of Communication & Press Information Bureau, J&K and Ladakh, in his welcome address, said that the Government of India has various schemes for an individual which one can avail right from pre-natal stage to death. He expressed gratitude towards district Administration and Authorities of BGSB University for their cooperation and support.

He urged the audience to spread the message of the event among common masses to visit the venue as the Exhibition will remain open from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily (Free of Cost).

AMARNATH YATRA CEO Shrine Board Reviews Preparations At Baltal

Emphasizes On Close Coordination, Timely Completion Of Works For Smooth Yatra

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor and Chief Executive Officer Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board on Tuesday visited Baltal Base Camp where he chaired a meeting of district officers to review the arrangements for the annual yatra via Baltal route.

The CEO reviewed in detail the arrangements for the convenience of the pilgrims at base camp Baltal and en-

route including sanitation measures, power and water supply, parking spaces, registration of service providers and ponies, health services, construction of shelter sheds, flood protection works and other arrangements.

At the outset, the DC briefed the CEO about various facilities, langars, tents for yatri accommodation and other establishments planned at the Baltal base camp, for which all prerequisites are being undertaken by the District Adminis-

tration, Ganderbal.

The CEO also reviewed the status of registration of ponies and other service providers. He called upon the concerned to carry registration vigorously and to upload data on portal on real time basis so that RFID cards could be generated and distributed timely to the service providers.

Regarding sanitation measures, ACD Ganderbal briefed in detail about the preparedness of sanitation services being put in place

for the convenience of the pilgrims at the base camp Baltal and enroute. This included deployment of sufficient staff for managing these toilets including sanitation workers, supervisors and other staff, he added.

The CEO stressed on the need to appoint nodal officers/supervisors to monitor keep cleanliness and sanitation in and around toilet points and other locations and to maintain check lists for the same.

AMARNATH YATRA

Work Underway To Redevelop Base Camp In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The main base camp for Amarnath pilgrims here is getting a major facelift with the authorities setting a deadline of June 15 for completion of the works, officials said on Tuesday.

The Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar in Jammu serves as the main base camp for the pilgrims from across the country before they leave for Kashmir to pay obeisance at the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath.

The two-month pilgrimage is scheduled to commence on July 1 from the twin tracks -- the traditional 48-kilometre

eral of Police (Jammu-Kathua Range) Shakti Pathak, Deputy Commissioner (Jammu) Avny Lavasa, Tourism Director Vivekanand Rai and other senior officers of various departments, the official said.

For foolproof security, Kumar passed directions for the deployment of sufficient personnel and the installation of additional CCTV cameras.

Emphasis was laid on making adequate provision for basic amenities well in advance by working in close coordination, the official said, adding that directions were issued to improve sanitation, drinking water and other logistics.

The divisional commissioner



Nunwan-Pahalgam route in the Anantnag district and 14-kilometre shorter but steeper Baltal route in the Ganderbal district.

The first batch of pilgrims is expected to leave the Jammu base camp one day prior to the start of the yatra.

“The renovation of the Yatri Niwas is going on smoothly. Divisional Commissioner (Jammu) Ramesh Kumar has instructed the engineers concerned to expedite the pace of renovation and ensure the completion of all works by June 15,” an official said.

Kumar visited the Yatri Niwas on Monday and inspected the works before chairing a high-level meeting to review in detail the arrangements being put in place for the comfortable stay of the pilgrims and their safety.

The meeting was attended by CRPF Inspector General Mahesh Laddha, Deputy Inspector Gen-

also instructed the Jammu Municipal Corporation to start the city’s beautification by illuminating the chowks and major rotaries.

The Tourism department was asked to install hoardings and banners at prominent locations, beginning from Lakhampur -- the gateway to Jammu and Kashmir -- to showcase the region’s tourist destinations, the official said.

The provision for transportation of the pilgrims, disaster management, setting up of langars (community kitchens), communication centres and medical facilities, deployment of medical teams, sanitation, uninterrupted supply of electricity, adequate water supply and traffic arrangements were also discussed.

The Public Works department was asked to start black-topping of roads from Bhagwati Nagar to the Yatri Niwas Road and erecting barricades.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
AWANTIPORA FOREST DIVISION AWANTIPORA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT NO: - 08of 2023-24 DATED:-27-05-2023

Name of Work: - Supply of Soil, Humus and Sand and preparation of potting mixture in the ratio of 3:2:1 after sieving soil, humus and sand, separating pebbles and other undesirable materialand mixing net quantities together in desired ratio & volume followed by filling up of bags, preparation of beds and placement of such bags inKanjinag Nursery of Awantipora Forest Division, Awantipora.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu &Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following work: -

S. No.	Particulars of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lakh)	CDR Amount Rs	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion
01	1. Supply of potting material consisting of Soil, Humus and Sand for filling up of nursery bags. Soil (3 Parts): Humus (2 Parts): Sand (1 Part) = 2235 cft 2. Preparation of potting mixture by sieving soil, humus and sand and removing pebbles and other undesirable material and mixing net quantity in the ratio of 3:2:1 & followed by filling up of bags, preparation of beds and placement of such filled bags in suitable beds of nursery for raising of nursery stock 3. Collection ,sowing and fungicides of seed. 4. Purchasing of poly bags of size 9"x6" No. of Polypots=35000 No.'s Name of Forest Nursery: Kanjinag Nursery Location of Nursery: Kanjinag Range: Awantipora Range Division: Forest Division Awantipora	2.81 Lac	Rs. 5620/-	"D" Class PWD Contractor/ Forest Contractor/ JKFDC Contractor	Rs. 200/-	One calendar month.

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.Q), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:-www.jktenders.gov.in.

Position of Funds: Budgeted
Position of AA: Accorded
Position of TS: Accorded

Publishing Date:-	29-05-2023
Download Start Date :	30-05-2023 from 09:00 AM
Bid submission Start Date:	30-05-2023 from 09:00 AM
Bid submission End Date:	08-06-2023 Upto 6:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	10-06-2023 at 02:00 PM in the office of the Conservator of Forests Kashmir South Circle Bijbehara
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened online at any convenient date & time after complete evaluation of technical bids

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act. Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.

2. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to the Divisional Forest Officer, Awantipora Forest Division. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.

3. The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form.Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e CDR/FDR, Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2023-24, PAN, Valid GSTRegistration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document),Affidavit(notarized),undertaking, tender application form (Read tender document carefully)

4. The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.

5. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).

6. The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.

7. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

8. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

NO:- DFO/Awp/Ptg/2023-24/35-40
Dated:- 24-05-2023
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Safe Social Media

Social media has revolutionized the way people communicate, share information and connect with each other. However, as its use has grown exponentially, so have concerns about its potential negative effects on mental health, especially in young people. In response to this, the American Psychological Association (APA) recently issued a health advisory on social media use in adolescence, emphasizing the importance of adult guidance and limit-setting in the use of social media by teenagers.

The advisory's importance is universal. We live in a time when social media is increasingly becoming a bane than a boon. And it is not just for its massive potential to spread misinformation and disinformation but also for its role in manipulating minds at an impressionable age. In Kashmir, as anywhere else, the parents allow their children unhindered access to social media on their smartphones so that they don't disturb them or are persuaded to have food. So, in a sense, social media is used as a pacifier in our homes. And as the children add some more years to their life, they are given separate smartphones and the freedom to use it in whatever way possible.

This is why the APA report needs to be taken seriously by parents everywhere including in Kashmir. The report is timely, given the growing evidence of the negative impact of social media on young people's mental health, including depression, anxiety, and loneliness. The advisory aims to provide actionable advice to help parents, teachers, and policymakers navigate this complex issue and reduce the potential psychological harm caused by social media.

The APA report recommends that adolescents should receive adult supervision and limit-setting, with increasing autonomy as they develop digital literacy skills. Parents and other adults should monitor teenagers' social media feeds, talk to them about social media, encourage them to take breaks from their devices, and train them in social media literacy. This training should begin even before teenagers start using social media platforms.

One significant finding of the report is that exposure to "cyberhate" can lead to increased anxiety and depressive symptoms in adolescents, particularly those from marginalized groups. Therefore, adolescents should receive training to recognize and critique racist messages online to reduce psychological distress.

The report also highlights the negative impact of using social media for social comparison related to physical appearance. The researchers suggest that adolescents should receive training in social media literacy to develop psychologically-informed competencies and skills that promote safe and meaningful social media use. And this is important if we want to nurture a new generation that is not only healthy in their body but also in their mind.

OTHER OPINION

Global Downturn

Data released last week showed that the German economy has slid into a recession. GDP fell by 0.3 per cent in the January-March quarter, after a drop of 0.5 per cent in the October-December quarter of the last year, as households cut back on spending due to high inflation and aggressive monetary policy tightening. Considering that the German economy is the largest in Europe, some analysts are now estimating that the entire Euro region slowed down significantly during this period, perhaps just barely managing to escape a recession. This grim economic picture is not just limited to the Euro zone.

With the US economy seen to be losing steam, some analysts are expecting it to tip into a recession later this year. The minutes of the last US Federal Reserve meeting, released a few days ago, revealed that as economic risks had increased, the Fed officials were "less certain" about the need to raise interest rates further. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell has, in fact, previously acknowledged the possibility of the US entering a mild recession. The UK, however, might just avoid entering into a recession this year. The International Monetary Fund, which had earlier projected the economy to contract by 0.3 per cent, now expects it to grow at 0.4 per cent in 2023, driven by falling energy prices, and healthy demand, though with inflation being sticky, interest rates are likely to remain high. Then there are concerns that China's economic recovery is losing momentum with some recent data coming in considerably below expectations. Some analysts have already begun to factor in additional support by the authorities. With the Chinese economy sputtering, and the global economic outlook weakening, Singapore, a major entrepot of trade and capital flows, contracted in the first quarter (on a quarter-on-quarter seasonally adjusted basis).

The Urdu Press: Mumbai Blast Verdict
The effects of a slowing global economy on India are already evident. After growing by 17 per cent in the first half of 2022-23 (April-September), the country's merchandise exports plummeted in the second half of the year (October-March), contracting by 3.7 per cent, with global demand coming under pressure. In April 2023, goods exports contracted further by 12.7 per cent, with most of the non-food product categories witnessing declines. With global demand likely to remain under pressure, merchandise exports are unlikely to provide a fillip to the Indian economy in the near term.

Indian Express

Old Foes, New Friends: Syria
Back in the Arab-fold

After more than a dozen years of ostracism by regional Arab and western leaders, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is officially back in the Arab fold, he was warmly embraced by regional

Asad Mirza

Apparently, it seems that the Arab League has lost its meaning and purpose and it is demonstrated by the manner in which member states take its sessions in a non-serious manner. Morocco declined to host a summit in 2016, calling the event a waste of time. The Saudi crown prince Muhammad bin Salman, skipped last year's gathering in Algeria on medical grounds. Heads of state are sometimes spotted falling asleep at the fora meetings.

But it seems that at the moment no one would relish the regional Arab body more than the Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad, who seemed euphoric to be invited to the Arab summit, last week. Syria was suspended from the league in 2011, when Assad began a brutal crackdown on anti-government protests that plunged the country into a civil war.

Assad's deployment of chemical weapons against his own people along with mass arrests, torture and disappearances and killing of more than 3 million civilians in the country have no parallel elsewhere. This is a legacy, which he inherited from his father, Hafez al-Assad, who reportedly massacred more than 10,000 people in the city of Hama during a 1982 siege.

On 7th May, however, the regional Arab body agreed to readmit Syria to its fold. Though an invitation from a dull talking shop crammed with dictators may seem unappealing to many but to Assad, it is the culmination of a long effort to end his Arab isolation - and, he may hope, another step towards acceptance in the West.

US stand on Syria

However, Assad's regional Arab acceptance creates a "problem" for the United States, which continues to oppose any sort of normalising ties with the Syrian government but has not been able to force its Arab partners from restoring ties with Damascus.

US officials maintain that though they do not back normalisation with al-Assad, they share the objectives that restored relations could bring, including expanding humanitarian access to conflict-torn regions, combating ISIL/ISIS, reducing Iran's influence and countering the trafficking of the drug Captagon.

Mona Yacoubian, vice president of the Middle East and North Africa centre at the US Institute of Peace (USIP), a think tank funded by the US Congress, told Al Jazeera that the US position under President Joe Biden reflects a "tricky, gnarly, complex challenge".

But without accountability for Syrian government abuses,

she added, Washington will not normalise its relations with Damascus or ease its heavy sanctions, including the blocking of foreign reconstruction funds.

Making the US stand quite clear, the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said last week, "We do not believe that

the Assad Anti-Normalisation Act, which aims to "hold the Assad regime, and its backers, accountable for their crimes against the Syrian people and deter normalization with the Assad regime".

The bill is a sign that Congress will likely push Biden

When it comes to Syria, however, they want something bigger in return. Its neighbours hope to get 'rid' of millions of Syrian refugees. The 2 million or so in Lebanon, with a population of just 5 million, are seen as a burden, blamed unfairly for the country's eco-



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As to why Arab states are keen to bring Syria among their fold, there are many plausible reasons. One is to forge a broader spirit of detente. The Saudis struck a deal in March with Iran to restore diplomatic ties and reopen embassies. This came after years of proxy wars in Syria, Yemen by both and now both seem to have forgotten the past. Turkey and Egypt, mired in mutual economic crises, are trying to end a decade of animosity

Syria merits readmission to the Arab League.”

Still, Blinken said Washington and its Arab allies have broader common objectives in Syria.

Last week, a group of bipartisan House representatives introduced a bill dubbed

and future administrations to fully enforce Syria sanctions.

Syria's Ostracisation

Syria was suspended from the Arab League and left isolated by regional power brokers in 2011 after its crackdown on protests during the Arab Spring, a wave of anti-government demonstrations across several countries in the region that year.

That heavy-handed security approach in Syria turned into a protracted war, killing hundreds of thousands of people and displacing millions.

In recent years, government forces recaptured much of Syria with the aid of Russia and Iran, and local ceasefires have maintained relative calm as parts of the country remain under the control of various rebels and armed groups.

Emerging Scenario

As to why Arab states are keen to bring Syria among their fold, there are many plausible reasons. One is to forge a broader spirit of detente. The Saudis struck a deal in March with Iran to restore diplomatic ties and reopen embassies. This came after years of proxy wars in Syria, Yemen by both and now both seem to have forgotten the past. Turkey and Egypt, mired in mutual economic crises, are trying to end a decade of animosity. Gulf states have ended their embargo of Qatar, which accomplished little. Old foes across the region are keen to pretend they are friends.

conomic collapse.

In addition, the West hopes that mollifying Syria may result in it controlling its Captagon trade. Syria has become the world's leading producer of Captagon, an amphetamine that is a popular recreational drug in the Gulf. The scale of the Captagon trade is often exaggerated. Unconfirmed estimates put its annual value at \$57bn. The real figure is probably an order of magnitude smaller - but that is still large enough to make it Syria's top export.

Regardless of the future of US policy on Syria, the fact that Arab states are normalising with al-Assad is also a sign of the receding US political influence in the region.

Indeed, this seems to be a sad commentary on the Arab world and its dictatorial leaders who basically conspired to crush the Arab Spring 12 years ago, instead of working for the betterment of their people. In reality the pro-democracy, pro-rights movement has not fizzled out; rather, it was clubbed to death by a conspiracy of the dictators.

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

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On Self Medication

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

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

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

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

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

Ranganathan Sivakumar

The Harsh Reality of Tobacco: A Deadly Addiction

Quitting tobacco is one of the most challenging, most rewarding and most profound acts of self-care and self-respect you can undertake

Dr. Ashaq Hussain

Tobacco usage dates back centuries, with its origins rooted in Native American cultures. Traditionally Tobacco has been used in numerous cultural and ceremonial practices worldwide, often symbolising unity, spirituality, or connection with the divine and as such made a way to rituals, prayers, and offerings in many indigenous cultures. Socially, sharing tobacco has been a social and communal activity, promoting interaction and bonding among individuals. It has been used as a symbol of hospitality and friendship in various cultures, fostering connections within communities. In the modern era, Tobacco has been a significant crop for many countries, serving as a valuable commodity in international trade. It has provided economic opportunities for farmers, labourers, and the tobacco industry, contributing to economic growth and development. The production and sale of tobacco products have generated substantial tax revenue for governments worldwide, contributing to public funds and funding various public services and infrastructure projects.

Nowadays, tobacco consumption has been a major cause of concern for public health worldwide. With its addictive nature and detrimental effects, tobacco poses a significant threat to individuals, families, and communities. Smoking tobacco, whether through cigarettes, cigars, or pipes, exposes individuals to a range of toxic substances. The most notorious among them is nicotine, an addictive compound that alters brain chemistry and keeps users hooked. In addition, tobacco smoke contains



thousands of chemicals, including carcinogens such as formaldehyde and benzene, leading to a heightened risk of developing various diseases. The most prominent health risks associated with tobacco use include lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), heart disease, stroke, and various forms of cancer affecting the mouth, throat, bladder, and pancreas. Non-smokers are also at risk through exposure to secondhand smoke, which has been linked to respiratory issues, cardiovascular diseases, and even an increased risk of cancer. Societal Impact extends beyond individual health; it also places a significant burden on societies as a whole.

While acknowledging and recognizing the historical, cultural and economic importance that tobacco

has held in societies throughout the world, understanding its complex role for a more nuanced significance is much needed. As we strive to address the health risks associated with tobacco, it is crucial to approach the issue with sensitivity, recognizing the multifaceted nature of tobacco's impact on human civilization. On this significant occasion of No Tobacco Day, let today we come together to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of tobacco and to encourage a tobacco-free lifestyle. No doubt quitting any addiction is a challenging journey and to add more to this Nicotine, found in tobacco products, is highly addictive, making it difficult to break free from its grip. However, I firmly believe that every journey begins with a single step, and by choosing to read this message, you have

already taken a step in the right direction..

Thus, quitting tobacco is one of the most profound acts of self-care and self-respect you can undertake. It is an investment in your health, longevity, and overall quality of life. By choosing to quit, you are giving yourself the gift of a healthier future, free from the shackles of addiction. I understand that the path to quitting may seem daunting, but remember that you are not alone. There are numerous resources available to support you on this journey. Seek guidance from healthcare professionals, join support groups, or explore cessation programs that can provide the necessary tools and strategies to overcome nicotine addiction. The road may have bumps along the way, but perseverance and determination

will see you through. Think about the positive changes that a tobacco-free life can bring. Imagine breathing in fresh air without a lingering cloud of smoke, feeling more energetic, and enjoying the taste of food. Picture yourself as a role model for your loved ones, inspiring them with your courage and determination.

To conclude with and on No Tobacco Day today, let me remind you all that Tobacco is a lethal addiction with far-reaching consequences for individuals, communities, and societies at large. Its adverse health effects, economic burden, and influence on vulnerable populations necessitates robust tobacco control measures. I encourage you (tobacco users) to reflect on the reasons why you want to quit tobacco. Write them down and keep them close as a reminder of your commitment. Remember that it's never too late to start this journey. Each day is an opportunity for a fresh start, a chance to reclaim your health and well-being. I believe in your strength and resilience. You have the power to break free from tobacco's grip and build a brighter future for yourself and those around you. Let this day be the catalyst for positive change in your life and to build a society free from the burden of tobacco-related illnesses. Your decision to quit will contribute to this global effort and have a positive impact on your community. Today, let us embrace the opportunity for change. Let us prioritise our health, well-being, and the well-being of those we care about.

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AGELESS WONDER

What Makes Dhoni a Megastar of Indian Cricket

Biswadeep Ghosh

Rainfall ruined the possibility of play on Sunday. Monday, the reserve day, saw the revival of expectations of a thrilling summit clash of Indian Premier League between the Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led Chennai Super Kings and Gujarat Titans captained by Hardik Pandya.

CSK were eyeing their fifth IPL title to equal the record held by Mumbai Indians. GT, which had debuted in and emerged as the winners last year, were chasing their second successive title. The match began on time in Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, but cricket fans continued to pray for uninterrupted play before the deserving team won the title.

Dhoni was playing in his 11th IPL final, among them ten for CSK, while Pandya was appearing in his fifth final. Although the match took place in the home-ground of GT, CSK's yellow overshadowed the former's dark blue inside the stadium. The sight of so much support for the outsiders surprised nobody, considering Dhoni is one of the most popular megastars in the history of Indian cricket.

Batting first, GT amassed 214 for 4, a big score in a final. Chasing a revised target of 171 runs in 15 overs in a rain-curtailed match, CSK won a last-ball thriller by five wickets, courtesy Ravindra Jadeja's six and four off the last two deliveries of the match. Dhoni's individual performance was limited to a first-ball duck, and an extraordinary stumping to dismiss the in-form Shubman Gill for his 300th T20 dismissal in his 250th IPL match.

While the battle for the trophy was being fought in Ahmedabad, many cricket lovers would have been anxious. 'What if the CSK skipper bids goodbye to the game as a player with a formal announcement today?' His fans would have been restless until he spoke



to Harsha Bhogle during the post-match presentation ceremony. "The tough thing for me is to work hard for another nine months and come back and play at least more season of IPL...A lot depends on the body...It will be more like a gift for them (CSK fans) from my side," he told Bhogle. The stadium erupted in joy when he said these words at close to 3 am on Tuesday. It was the best news his fans could have hoped for.

The bike-loving Ranchi-born cricketer, who once made headlines because of his changing hairstyles, will turn 42 on July 7 this year. He preferred to bat in the lower order this year. He was not hundred per cent fit because of a sore knee. He often remained unbeaten with few runs under his belt, although he did entertain his fans by hitting ten sixes during the course of the tournament.

As a skipper, however, his smart bowling changes, excellent field placements and the ability to inspire teammates such as Shivam Dube, Matheesha Pathirana and Tushar Deshpande served as lessons on the use of resources. Viewers could sense the impact of his sheer presence on the field as he tried to erase the disappointing memories of CSK's ninth place finish last year. Jadeja's heroics made it possible.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MEMORIES

Each time CSK played, their fans started wondering whether Dhoni will play in IPL for one more year. Placards inside stadiums and tweets in thousands revealed their unconditional love for the cricketer, whose eventful career is a collection of stories we fondly remember from time to time.

Who can forget that day in 2006 when Pervez Musharraf, the then President of Pakistan, praised his long-haired look during a presentation ceremony after a one-day match between India and Pakistan in Lahore? Musharraf also told Dhoni, the man of the match in India's win, "May I congratulate Dhoni on being the architect of the victory. May I tell Dhoni, I saw a placard asking you to get a haircut. If you want to take my opinion, you look good in this haircut. Don't get a haircut."

Who can forget his aggressive batting from the start of his career, which led to famous knocks like his 148 off 123 deliveries against Pakistan in April 2005, in Visakhapatnam? Or, his knock in October, also in 2005, when he scored an unbeaten 183 off 145 deliveries against Sri Lanka in Jaipur?

Who can forget the 2007 ICC World Twenty20 final against Pakistan in Johannesburg? Pakistan needed 13 runs from the last over. Misbah-ul-Haq was on strike. Dhoni, the then young captain, handed over the ball to the inexperienced Joginder Sharma. Misbah hit a Sharma full toss over long-off for a six off the second legal delivery of the over, which brought the title within Paki-

stan's reach. He attempted to paddle-scoop the following delivery over fine leg, did not get the desired result, and Sreesanth took a simple catch at short fine leg. India had snatched a victory from the jaws of defeat, and Dhoni and his men returned home from South Africa with the prestigious trophy.

Who can forget that day in 2011 when he stepped out to bat ahead of an in-form Yuvraj Singh and smashed an unbeaten 79-ball 91 to guide India to a six wicket win over Sri Lanka in the final of the 2011 Cricket World Cup in Mumbai? Had he failed in that all-important match, Indian cricket lovers would have showered criticism on him. What happened was the exact opposite, resulting in a great victory.

The Dhoni story, in short, is a tapestry of unforgettable memories. He captained India to three ICC tournament triumphs: the 2007 World Twenty20, the 2011 Cricket World Cup and the 2013 ICC Champions Trophy. He led the team to Asia Cup wins in 2011 and 2016. Under his captaincy, India attained the number one position in Test rankings for the first time in 2009.

Moreover, India won the 2010 and 2011 Test Mace and the 2013 ICC ODI Championship under his captaincy. A better captain in the shorter formats, he captained CSK to IPL triumphs in 2010, 2011, 2018 and 2021. The team also won Champions League T20 twice, in 2010 and 2014, under his captaincy. His record as a skipper is nothing short of phenomenal, which makes him an idol for the younger lot seeking to emulate his feats someday.

Dhoni's journey is a fascinating fairytale. It is possible he will play in 2024 for the one last time. His millions of fans must be hoping that happens before he bids that inevitable final goodbye.

The article was originally published by news18

More Trees, Taller Buildings Next To Thin Streets Could Reduce "Urban Heat Island" Effect

Press Trust Of India

Enhancing tree canopy, reflective pavements and constructing taller buildings adjacent to thinner streets could help mitigate the "urban heat island" or the UHI effect, according to a new research.

The tendency of cities to trap heat, termed the UHI effect, can lead to dangerous temperatures during summers.

However, this research from Pennsylvania State University, US, published in the journal Buildings, has suggested certain urban factors that can reduce this effect.

The study found that trees had a cooling effect on outdoor air temperature, mean radiant temperature, or the heat given off by buildings and other infrastructure, and predicted mean vote index, a measurement designed to evaluate thermal comfort levels.

Further, the researchers determined that both a higher building adjacent to thinner streets, thus creating shade for the streets, as well as higher 'albedo' pavements or pavements better at reflecting sunlight led to lower mean radiant temperature and

greater comfort levels. They are both urban morphological factors.

The researchers said that heat island hotspots and mortality rates tended to be greater in urban blocks with a socially disadvantaged population owing to a combination of physical factors, such as impervious surfaces and lack of vegetation, and social factors, such as vulnerability to heat-related health effects.

"Global warming makes some human habitats unbearably hot, but more so for socially and historically disadvantaged communities," said Guangqing Chi, professor of rural sociology, demography and public health sciences.

"This interdisciplinary project provides an effective, equitable urban design solution for enhancing resilience against extreme heating," said Chi.

The research was based in the US city of Philadelphia that, according to the researchers, experiences high rates of both poverty and extreme weather, a combination of socioeconomic and climate factors that made it an ideal location for investigation.

Quoting a 2021 study, this study said



that Philadelphia had the highest poverty rate out of the most populated cities in the US, with 22.8 per cent of the urban people living below the poverty level. The city also has experienced its snowiest winter, two warmest summers, wettest day and two

wettest years on record since 2010.

For the study, the researchers used the social vulnerability index, or SVI, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, along with data about tree coverage to identify two neighbourhoods in the city.

While one of them had the lowest SVI and high tree coverage, the other had the highest SVI and the lowest tree coverage.

The researchers ran 24-hour simulations for six scenarios - winter, spring, summer, fall, extreme hot and extreme cold - on digital 3D models of these neighbourhoods, which incorporated information on construction materials, land cover, albedo and heat generated by human activities, along with environmental factors, such as air temperature and mean radiant temperature, and urban morphology.

The researchers found that while trees can create a cooling effect, these benefits are limited to their immediate surroundings. Areas without trees had significantly higher mean radiant temperatures, and the effect of trees on air temperature decreased as distance from the tree canopy increased.

New Gene Editing Tool May Help Reduce Spread Of Antimicrobial Resistance

Press Trust Of India

Scientists have developed a new gene editing tool which could help reduce the spread of antimicrobial resistance.

Antimicrobial resistance is a major global threat, with nearly five million deaths annually resulting from antibiotics failing to treat infection, according to the World Health Organisation.

Bacteria often develop resistance when resistant genes are transported between hosts. One way this occurs is via plasmids - circular strands of DNA, which can spread easily between bacteria, and swiftly replicate. This can occur in our bodies, and in environmental settings, such as waterways.

The researchers at the University of Exeter in the UK harnessed the CRISPR-Cas gene editing system, which can target specific sequences of DNA, and cuts through them when they are encountered.

The team engineered a plasmid which


can specifically target the resistance gene for Gentamicin - a commonly used antibiotic.

In laboratory experiments, the research, published in the journal Microbiology, found that the plasmid protected its host cell from developing resistance.

The researchers also found that the plasmid effectively targeted antimicrobial resistant genes in hosts to which it transferred, reversing their resistance.

"Antimicrobial resistance threatens to outstrip Covid in terms of the number of global deaths. We urgently need new ways to stop resistance spreading between hosts," said study lead author David Walker-Stünderhauf, of the University of Exeter.

"Our technology is showing early promise to eliminate resistance in a wide range of different bacteria. Our next step is to conduct experiments in more complex microbial communities," Walker-Stünderhauf said.



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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, mortgagor and guarantors in particular that the below mentioned immovable property mortgaged to The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Pakherpora , the physical possession whereof has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank under section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 will be sold through e auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and " No complaint" basis on 03.07.2023 for recovery of dues to the **Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Pakherpora**. The description of property, reserve price and the earnest money deposit (EMD) is mentioned herein below:

Description of the mortgaged property (Put on sale)	Land measuring 01 kanal 10 marlas alongwith commercial building constructed thereupon falling under khasra no. 1819/1040 min, khata no. 516 and khawat no. 84 situated in Mouza Litter Shister, Tehsil Shahoora District Pulwama, standing in the name of Ali Mohammad Malla S/o Abdul Qadoos Malla R/o Litter Shister Pulwama.
Reserve Price	Rs. 1,45,00,000 (Rupees One Crore and forty five lac Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.14,50,000/

The bid document/format containing full details of the mortgaged property and all the terms & conditions can be had from and submitted on the website "<https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> (Contact Persons: Mr. Ram Sharma (M) 9978591888, 9265562821 (O) 079 - 6813 6844). The bids complete in all respects can be only submitted online by or before **25.06.2023 upto 4.00 PM**. The e -auction will be held on **03.07.2023 from 11.30 AM-4.00 PM**. The contact details of the bank officials are: Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Khan (Authorized Officer) Mobile No. **9149443300** & Mr.Gulzar Ahmad Magray (Branch Head Pakherpora) Mobile No. **9596078600**.


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Dated: 26.05.2023
Place: Pakherpora

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Description of the mortgaged property (Put on sale)	Two storeyed residential house (with attic) along with land underneath and appurtenant thereto measuring 18 marlas and 204 sqft (5100 Sqft) in total falling under khasra no 1124 min (04 marlas), khasra no 1125 min (14 marlas and 204 sqft) of khata no 539&540 of khawat no 97&98 situated in Mouza Zakura Tehsil Srinagar (North) District Srinagar, standing in the name of Sheikh Abdul Rashid S/o Sheikh Ghulam Mohammad R/o Zakura Crossing, Hazratbal Srinagar.
Reserve Price	Rs. 3,00,00,000 (Rupees Three Crore Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.30,00,000/

The bid document/format containing full details of the mortgaged property and all the terms & conditions can be had from and submitted on the website "<https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> (Contact Persons: **Mr.Ram Sharma (M) 9978591888, 9265562821 (O) 079 - 6813 6844**). The bids complete in all respects can be only submitted online by or before **25.06.2023 upto 4.00 PM**. The e -auction will be held on **25.06.2023 from 11.30 AM-4.00 PM**. The contact details of the bank officials are: Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Khan (Authorized Officer) Mobile No. **9149443300** & Mr. Iqbal Rabbani (Branch Head Sainik School Manasbal) Mobile No. **9797115577**.

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Dated: 26.05.2023
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Study Finds A Possible Biological Cause For Sudden Infant Death Syndrome


Press Trust Of India

Researchers have found an altered serotonin 2A/C receptor in infants who died from sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), a biological abnormality that they think made these infants vulnerable to death under certain circumstances.

SIDS is the inexplicable death of an infant, generally in their sleep, before their first birthday despite a thorough investigation for its cause.

Previous research in rodents has shown 2A/C receptor signalling to contribute to arousal and autoresuscitation, protecting brain oxygen status during sleep.

In this study, the researchers, including those from Boston Children's Hospital, Massachusetts, US, examined the brain stems of 70 infants, who died between 2004 and 2011, and tested them for consistent abnormalities.



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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. Raja Sajad Hussain Khan, 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 **06.07.2022** thereby calling upon the Borrower namely **Mr. Sajad Ahmad Dar S/o Ghulam Mohi u Din Dar R/o Sada Bahar Colony, Nowgam, Srinagar** to repay an amount of **Rs.10,30,894.96p (Rupees Ten Lacs Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Four and Paise Ninety Six only)** being the balance outstanding as on **30.06.2022** 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 date the **23.05.2023**

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.10,71,726.96p (Rupees Ten Lacs Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Six and Paise Ninety Six only)** as on **30.04.2023** together with future interest thereon from 01.05.2023 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
Equitable Mortgage of Residential House alongwith land underneath and appurtenant measuring **05 Marlas bearing Khasra No. 1021 min, Khata No. 1398 and Khawat No. 897** situated in Sada Bahar Colony in mouza Nowgam, Tehsil Nowgam, District Srinagar standing in the name of Mr. Sajad Ahmad Dar S/o Ghulam Mohi u Din Dar R/o Sada Bahar Colony, Nowgam, Srinagar.

Dated: 23.05.2023
Place : Nowgam Bye Pass, Srinagar

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TENDER NOTICE
E-NIT No: 33/EEP/RNB/of 2023-24/2850-60 Dated: 29 /05/2023
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT term e-tenders (In Single Cover system) are invited on %age Basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work :-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. Lacs.)	Cost of T/D (Rs.)	Earnest Money (In %age.)	Time of Completion in working Days	Class of Contract	Major Head of Accounts	Administrative Accord Approval No:	Call No:
1.	Repairement of washrom at Munsif Court Pampore.	0.50	200/	2% of Adv. cost	03 working Days	DEE,	District Capex	22-DDCP of 2023 Dated: 27/05/2023	Ist call

Status of Technical Sanction: Approved
Project Authority:
The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, 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 date given below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	29 - 05 -2023
2.	Bid downloading Start Date	29-05-2023 from 10:00 A.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	29 - 05-2023 from 10:00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	05 - 06-2023 upto 0 4:00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	06-06-2023 at 10:30 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Div.Pulwama
6.	Submission of Performance Security(PS)	Within three (03) days of receipt of LOA. (The First lowest successful bidder has to provide 5% of allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and EMD of 2% shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan /Receipt as per Annexure -C (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama (The Date of Treasury Challan and EMD should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date.
2. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama
3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
4. EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of the Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama
5. The normal deposits (deducted @ 10% from running bills) shall be released after the DLP of the work is over.
6. The Contractors are advised to visit the site and to be aware of the conditions for launching at site of work before quoting the rates.
7. The contractor shall also be responsible for any theft/ damage to any of the component at site and the cost of damage/ theft if any shall be deducted from the work done or CDR of the Contractor till completion of work and handing over.
8. The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama within three (03) days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond DLP.

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Pilots Offered Extra Rs 1,00,000 A Month To Stay At Go Air

Bloomberg

NEW DELHI: Go Airlines India Ltd. plans to raise salaries of captains by 100,000 rupees (\$1,211) a month and by 50,000 rupees for first officers as it tries to salvage its operations after filing for insolvency on May 2.

The additional pay, which the airline calls a retention allowance, will come into effect on June 1, according to an email to pilots seen by Bloomberg News. It will also be offered to those who have left the company but are willing to withdraw their resignations by June 15. The airline, which rebranded as Go First two years ago, said it will also soon reintroduce a "longevity bonus" for long-serving staff.

Go's captains currently earn about 530,000 rupees a month on average, according to data on AmbitionBox, compared with 750,000 rupees at SpiceJet Ltd., which has increased wages twice in recent months.

Last week, the aviation regulator gave Go Air 30 days to sub-



mit a revival plan, including details on how many pilots it has.

"If things shape up as per the present progress plan, it won't take long before we will be flying again which will also enable us to be regular on salary payments," the airline said in the email to pilots.

A representative for the company didn't respond to request for a comment.

Aviation is facing a shortage of staff globally as the world emerges from the pandemic. India's biggest carrier IndiGo aims to hire 5,000 workers in fiscal 2024, while Air India Ltd. plans to add more than 4,200 cabin crew and 900 pilots this year.

BCAS Suggests Steps To Avert Congestion At Airports During Peak Travel Periods



Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI/ NEW DELHI: To avert possible congestion at airports amid rising passenger traffic, regulator BCAS has suggested that new flight operations at airports should be linked to their passenger handling capacities at security check points, according to a senior official.

The move also comes against the backdrop of congestion witnessed at Delhi airport late last year that had resulted in long queues and waiting hours for passengers.

As domestic air passenger traffic crosses the pre-pandemic level, the civil aviation ministry has been taking various measures to ensure that there is no congestion at airports.

Capacity assessment is being done by the airports on the processing time, queuing time, passenger touch points and demand forecast.

The senior official told PTI that it needs to be ensured that airports have adequate capacity to handle rising air passenger traffic and in this regard, it has been suggested that new flights at airports should be linked to their passenger handling capacities at security checkpoints.

The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) is conducting an assessment of passenger handling capacity at airports as part of the civil aviation ministry's efforts to ensure there is no congestion at airports during peak travel periods, the official added.

As authorities work on capacity assessment, the Association of Private Airport Operators (APAO) has called for a more scientific approach to capacity assessment and that the parameters proposed are too conservative which could lead to creation of inefficient infrastructure.

Number Of Bank Frauds Rose In 2022-23, Amount Involved Halved: RBI Data

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The number of frauds in the banking sector went up to 13,530 in 2022-23 year-on-year, but the amount involved nearly halved at Rs 30,252 crore, showed a Reserve Bank data released on Tuesday.

Frauds occurred predominantly in the category of digital payments (card/internet), in terms of number, said Reserve Bank's Annual Report 2022-23.

However, in terms of value, frauds have been reported primarily in the loan portfolio (advances category).

A total of 9,097 frauds had taken place in 2021-22 involving Rs 59,819 crore. In 2020-21, the number of frauds was 7,338 and amount involved was Rs 1,32,389 crore.

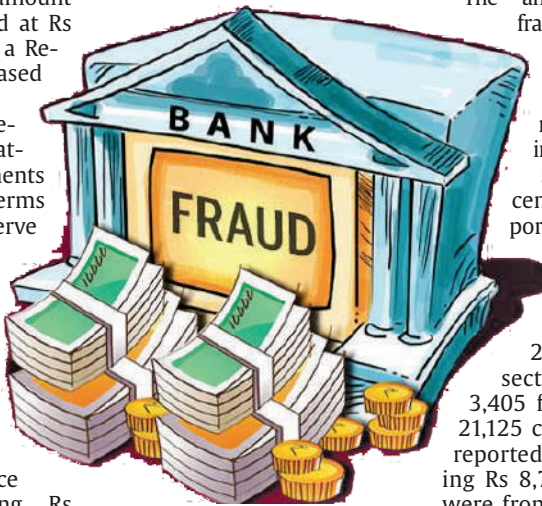
"An assessment of bank group-wise fraud cases over the last three years indicates that while private sector banks reported maximum number of frauds, public sector banks continued to contribute maximum to the fraud amount during 2022-23," the report said.

Data are in respect of frauds of Rs 1 lakh and above reported during the three years.

The report said there was a 55 per cent decline in the

amount involved in the total frauds reported during 2021-22 over 2020-21.

Further, proportionately, the decline in the total



amount involved in frauds continued during 2022-23, with a reduction of 49 per cent over 2021-22.

"While small value card/ internet frauds contributed maximum to the number of frauds reported by the private sector banks, the frauds in public sector banks were mainly in loan portfolio," the RBI said.

It said frauds reported in a year could have occurred several years prior to the year of reporting.

The central bank also said an analysis of the vintage of

frauds reported during 2021-22 and 2022-23 shows a significant time-lag between the date of occurrence of a fraud and its detection.

The amount involved in frauds that occurred in previous financial years formed 93.7 per cent of the frauds reported in 2021-22 in terms of value.

Similarly, 94.5 per cent of the frauds reported in 2022-23 by value occurred in previous financial years.

During 2022-23, while public sector banks reported 3,405 frauds involving Rs 21,125 crore, private banks reported 8,932 cases involving Rs 8,727 crore. The rest were from foreign banks, financial institutions, small finance banks, and payment banks.

As per the data, 95 per cent or Rs 28,792 crore of the total Rs 30,252 crore was reported in cases related to loans (advances).

The central bank said amounts involved reported do not reflect the amount of loss incurred. Depending on recoveries, the loss incurred gets reduced. Further, the entire amount involved is not necessarily diverted.

The RBI said it would be taking more steps to check fraud in the banking sector.

With 23-Fold Increase, India's Defence Exports At All Time High In 9 Years



ANI

NEW DELHI: India's defence exports have reached an all-time high worth nearly ₹6,000 crore in 2022-23, surging from a mere ₹686 crore in 2013-14.

This 23-fold increase reflects India's progress in the global defence manufacturing sector.

"With exports reaching more than 85 countries, India's defence industry has shown its capability of design and development to the world, with 100 firms exporting defence products at present," said a government release Tuesday.

To give a push to defence exports, the government has taken a number of policy initiatives and brought reforms over the last nine years. Export procedures have been simplified and made industry-friendly with end-to-end online export authorisation and curtailing delays to bring in Ease of Doing Business.

Further, the self-reliant India call or 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives have helped the country by encouraging indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment in the country, thereby reducing dependency on imports in the long run.

The release said that the expenditure on defence procurement from foreign sources has reduced from 46 per cent of overall expenditure in 2018-19 to 36.7 per cent in December 2022.

India, once known primarily as a defence equipment importer, now exports a wide range of major platforms, including aircraft like the Dornier-228, artillery guns, Brahmos Missiles, PINAKA rockets and launchers, radars, simulators, armoured vehicles. The global demand for India's indigenous products, such as the LCA-Tejas, Light Combat Helicopters, Aircraft Carriers, and MRO activities, is also on the rise, it added.

Govt Asks Top Industries Bodies For Advising Retailers Not To Take Consumers' Mobile Numbers Without Consent

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Amid rising complaints, Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh has written to major industry bodies for advising retailers not to take mobile numbers of consumers without their consent at the time of sale of goods or services.

The secretary has recently written a letter to CII, FICCI, Assocham, PHDCCI, Retailers Association of India (RAI) and Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), asking them to advise retailers on this issue.

"I urge upon you to suitably advise the retailers that the mobile number of the consumers should not be taken without their express consent at the time of sale of any goods or services and, providing the same should not be made a mandatory pre-condition for sale," Singh said in the letter dated May 26.

The secretary noted that a number of grievances are being registered on the National

Consumer Helpline (NCH) about the fact that many retail stores are compelling consumers to submit their mobile numbers before purchasing a product.

In case of denial to provide the mobile number, consumers were in many cases denied their rights under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 by retailers, either declining to sell the product or service and/or also rejecting any refund, exchange etc, the secretary wrote.

"By imposing a mandatory requirement to provide mobile number, consumers are often forced to share their personal information, against their will, after which consumers are often flooded with marketing and promotional messages from retailers, which they did not even opt for at the time of purchasing the product," Singh said.

The secretary said that the Department of Consumer Affairs has taken serious note of this situation.

Stock Markets Extend Rally For 4th Day In FII Inflows

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI- Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty maintained their winning streak for the fourth straight day on Tuesday, helped by foreign fund inflows and positive Asian markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 122.75 points or 0.20 per cent to settle at 62,969.13. During the day, it jumped 189.74 points or 0.30 per cent to 63,036.12.

The NSE Nifty advanced 35.20 points or 0.19 per cent to end at 18,633.85.

From the Sensex pack, ITC, Bajaj Finserv, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finance, Axis Bank, HCL Technologies, Wipro, UltraTech Cement, Maruti and Infosys were the biggest gainers.

Tata Steel, Tech Mahindra, Nestle, Larsen & Toubro, Tata Motors and Titan were among the laggards.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the green. The US markets were closed on Monday for Memorial Day.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers on Monday as they bought equities worth Rs 1,758.16 crore, according to exchange data.

Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 2.30 per cent to USD 75.30 a barrel.

The BSE benchmark climbed 344.69 points or 0.55 per cent to settle at 62,846.38 on Monday. The Nifty gained 99.30 points or 0.54 per cent to end at 18,598.65.

Over 1000 Job Seekers Participate In 'Job Fair' At Employment Complex Jammu

JAMMU: Director Employment, Nisar Ahmad Wani, Tuesday inaugurated one day 'Job Fair' at Employment Complex, Toph Sherkhania, Jammu.

The event was organized by District Employment and Counseling Centre, Jammu, wherein eighteen companies participated and offered more than 500 jobs in different sectors. The event witnessed an overwhelming response from job seekers with more than 1000 youth participating in the event.

On the occasion, Director interacted with the job providers and job seekers and highlighted the importance of such events for educated unemployed youth of the region.

He said that the government is facilitating the unemployed youth to avail employment in the private sector by organizing regular Job fairs. The main purpose of these events is to bridge the gap between job seekers and Job Providers and provide them a common platform, he added. He encouraged and motivated the participants to broaden their career choices and seek alternate employment avenues by looking for gainful employment opportunities available in private sector. He also deliberated upon various other departmental activities and emphasized on self employment in addition to employment in private sector.

Director said that such platforms are meant to provide private companies with an opportunity to exhibit their vacancies, skill requirements and make on spot

recruitments whereas the unemployed youth get an opportunity to interact with companies available under one roof, learn about skills in demand and secure gainful employment for themselves.

Joint Director Employment, Dr. Khalid Hussain Malik also addressed the event and highlighted the importance of the fair.

Nearly, eighteen companies from different sectors including HDFC Bank Limited, Axis Bank Limited Bajaj Allianz Limited, Jio Mart, Emcure Pharmaceuticals, Ravenbhel Biotech, Paytm, Innov Solutions, Fairdeal Motors and others participated with vacancies available in Jammu and adjacent areas.

More than 1000 job seekers participated in the event, of which, 160 candidates were shortlisted by the participating companies..

Pertinent to mention here that these Job Fairs are being regularly organized by the Department of Employment besides conducting quarterly Job Fairs in every district of Jammu and Kashmir through District Employment & Counseling Centers.

Additionally, the department of Employment is engaged in other activities like counseling, registration on employment Portal i.e., www.jakemp.nic.in (which has recently been integrated with National Career Services Portal), awareness regarding self employment schemes to guide and motivate unemployed youth to seek self employment or employment in public/private sector and similar other activities.

'CBDC Pilot Expanded; To Include More Banks, Locations'

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank on Tuesday said the scope of the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) pilot is being expanded gradually to include more banks and locations.

The first pilot in the Digital Rupee -Wholesale Segment (e rupee-W) commenced on November 1, 2022. It was followed by the first pilot for retail digital

rupee (e rupee-R) was announced on December 1, 2022. Retail digital rupee offers features of physical cash like trust, safety and settlement finality in digital mode.

It can be held or used to carry out transactions, similar to how currency notes can be used in physical form, the RBI said in its annual report.

The pilot was launched in Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar, comprising participating customers and

merchants in a closed user group (CUG).

Other locations, including Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Gangtok, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Kochi, Lucknow, Patna and Shimla are also being added to the pilot in phases. The pilot began with four banks -- State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank and IDFC First Bank -- while four other banks -- Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank have joined subsequently.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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

Address: Mini Secretariat Ganderbal Tel No. 0194-2416058

Subject:- Up gradation of road from NHI to Ziyarat Rehman Sahib Bandy Bagh with allied links under RIDF-XXVIII Length 1.50 kms.

Reference: This Office NIT No.18 of 2023-24 issued under endorsement No.1744-48 Dated:16-05-2023

EXTENSION NOTICE

The Bid submission end date for the subject work floated for tenders vide this office NIT No. referred to above which were scheduled to be on 30-05-2023 upto 4:00 PM is hereby extended and the details whereof given as under:-

1	Date of issue of Tender	16-05-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	16-05-2023 from 5:00 PM
3	Bid submission start date	16-05-2023 from 5:00 PM
4	Bid submission End date	06-06-2023 upto 4:00PM
5	Date & time of opening	07-06-2023 at 11:00 AM in the office Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Ganderbal-Bandipora

The other terms and conditions of the aforesaid NIT shall remain un-altered.

No.2771-75
Dated:30/05/2023

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DT: 30/05/2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
(R&B)Division Ganderbal

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10 Vaishno Devi

approved an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh each for the next of kin of those who lost their lives and Rs 50,000 each for those seriously injured. Condoling the deaths, he said in a tweet, “Extremely pained by the loss of lives in a tragic bus accident in Jhajjar Kotli, Jammu. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families & prayers for speedy recovery of the injured. Directed district administration to provide all possible assistance & treatment to the injured.”

Ravinder Panday, one of the travellers, said they felt that something hit the bus. “It lost balance and rolled down,” he said.

The accident site looked horrific with bodies trapped under the mangled remains of the bus.

Describing the accident, witnesses said the bus was in the left lane, but it crossed over to the right side after the driver lost control, hit the railing of the bridge and fell down into a gorge.

The front wheels came off and got stuck in the parapet of the bridge.

“We were going to pay obeisance at the Mata Vaishno Devi temple and perform ‘mundan’ (rituals related to shaving a baby’s hair for the first time). We were several families together,” said Ramesh Kumar, who escaped unhurt.

For the journey to Katra, the vehicle, carrying a registration number of Uttar Pradesh (UP 81 CT 3537), should have taken a left turn nearly two km before the spot of accident, but passengers said the driver seemed to have lost the direction and was probably going to the Udhampur-Srinagar side of the highway.

Chief Secretary Arun K Mehta, DGP Singh, ADGP (Jammu Zone) Mukesh Singh and other senior officials visited the Jammu GMC Hospital to enquire about the condition of the injured.

Speaking to reporters, Mehta said all possible help and the best of treatment are being provided to the injured.

This is the third big accident in Jammu and Kashmir this month. On May 24, seven persons were killed and two others critically injured after a vehicle ferrying workers of a power project rolled down a hill in Kishtwar district.

On May 21, a 27-year-old woman was killed and 24 people were injured when a Rajasthan-bound bus carrying Vaishno Devi pilgrims overturned in Jammu and Kashmir’s Reasi district.

Condoling the loss of lives, BJP J&K president Ravinder Raina said, “We stand by their families in times of grief.”

The Apni Party also expressed grief over the accident and said “may Almighty give the grieving families, who lost their loved ones in this horrible accident, enough patience to cope with the pain.”

Chairman of Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad asked party leaders and workers to visit the spot and provide all assistance to the injured and victims.

Circus Worker

“What was his crime for which he was brutally killed? An innocent blood was shed and those who have done this have committed a great sin,” Raina said, adding “the culprits cannot escape the law here and the creator too will not forgive them”.

The BJP leader said he spoke to the Lt Governor and sought adequate compensation for the poor family. “I am hopeful that the government will come out with a proper rehabilitation plan for them”.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has approved an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh for the next of kin of Kumar.

Hailing from remote Thial village of Majalta, about 60 kms from the Udhampur district headquarters, Kumar was a sole breadwinner in a joint family comprising his pregnant wife, ailing father besides blind brother, his wife and two children who are putting up together in a single-storey mud-house on a slope in the village.

Reacting to the killing, the Jammu chapter of J-K High Court Bar Association termed it as “dastardly act” and voiced concern about the game-plan of militants and their masters across the border in selectively targeting the peace-loving civilians.

Chairing a condolence meeting inside

the court complex in Jammu, Bar president Vikram Sharma appreciated the offensive mounted by security forces against the perpetrators of crime to bring them to book.

“We hope such incidents are not allowed to recur and that the terrorism shall soon be wiped out,” he said, urging the government to give a befitting response to those waging war against the country from within and outside.

LG Sanctions

approved Rs 5 lakh each for the next of kin of those who lost their lives in a tragic bus accident in Jammu and Rs 50,000 each for those seriously injured, they officials said.

LG Calls Upon

“Our initiatives in health, education, infrastructure, connectivity and emphasis on empowering women and youth have opened up a vast array of opportunities. Focus on balanced development is benefiting all sections of society and backward areas are being linked to the mainstream,” he said, while urging people to isolate those elements, who are trying to disrupt peace.

The LG called upon the PRI members and all the stakeholders for their active participation in effective implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) and other development endeavours of the government.

“Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) offers an opportunity to empower 3/4th population of J&K UT. We have to ensure that Kisan Sampark Abhiyan benefits more farmers and subsequent interventions lead to sustained growth and development,” he said.

“India is leading the world in digital revolution, growth, and is set to become 3rd largest economy in the world. We must aim higher and create an environment for excellence, so that J&K can collectively contribute in realizing the dream of building our country as a global superpower,” he said.

Paying homage to the “Lion of Baramulla”, Maqbool Sherwani, the LG said the youth of Baramulla are scripting new milestones in various sectors and making significant contributions in nation building.

Earlier, the LG said that the projects dedicated to the public today have the potential to bring transformation not only in Baramulla district but in the entire Jammu Kashmir. He also laid the foundation stone of several projects.

“The upgradation of Narbal-Tangmarg road will further strengthen the connectivity,” he said.

He also congratulated the people, public representatives, Deputy Commissioner and the entire district administration for the ‘Excellence in Public Service Administration’ award to Baramulla in the Aspirational District category, conferred by the PM.

“This aspirational district has transformed itself into a centre of economic importance in the last few years. The quality of life that the citizens of Baramulla had dreamed for a long time is being fulfilled to a large extent,” he added.

Among others, the projects inaugurated by LG included Water Supply Schemes at Kreeri, Ushkura, Singhbakh and Cherdari and 6.3 MVA, 33/11 KV Receiving station Nehalpora.

The projects for which foundation stone was laid today include Construction of Hostel block and Classroom Block for Government Degree College Uri, and installation of entry gate near Amargrah Bypass and District Library Baramulla.

‘Gulmarg Meet

“But I am sure that the successful event in Srinagar will definitely help see a large number of foreign guests at the ski-resort in the ensuing year,” he said.

He said 57 foreign guests from 27 countries attended the G-20 meeting which is the highest ever participation as far as the G-20 working group meetings is concerned.

The LG said that the people of J&K are forgetting the past and playing their role

in peace building.

“The UT is going through a massive development. But no development can take place without peace. There are still some elements who can’t digest this peace. We all will defeat their plans,” he said.

Taking a jibe at Pakistan, the LG said that the country that can’t feed its own people can never be the saviours of J&K citizens. “In Pakistan, Atta per kg is sold at Rs 125. How can it (Pakistan) be the well-wisher of people of J&K,” he said.

The LG said that in J&K, 70 per cent of the people are dependent on Agriculture.

“A massive change will take place in the Agriculture sector soon. There are 29 projects that are inter-linked but purely aimed at changing the fate of Agriculture and those associated with it,” he said. (KNO)

Says J&K, Goa

is also the reflection of the spirit of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat. He said that the foundation day of the state of Goa is also the day to connect the new generation with the ancient values blessed by the land of Vitasta, J&K and Mandovi River, Goa.

“People of Goa have shown exemplary entrepreneurship, providing enviable strength and self-confidence to its economic growth, be it tourism or fisheries. It is a confluence of glorious heritage of art, dance, drama, music and different modern culture,” he added.

The LG also remembered the contribution of great personalities like Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia; young revolutionary and the first martyr of Goa freedom movement Bala Raya Mapari of Azad Gomantak Dal, and the socialist leader Madhu Limaye, in the freedom struggle of Goa.

The captivating performances by the artists showcased the bouquet of culture and traditions of Goa and Jammu Kashmir.

On this day in 1987, Goa got full statehood and became the 25th state of the Republic of India.

The event was attended by the people from Goa living in J&K UT. They were also the special invitees on the occasion. Senior officials of civil administration, Police and Security forces were also present.

Former Cricketer

Office J&K Cricket Association Srinagar, vide communication number JKCA/CEO/20/230 dated 2-3-2021 wherein it was alleged that one Majid Yaqub Dar son of Mohammad Yaqub Dar of Ishber Nishat, (Ex cricketer) was playing from J&K Cricket Association from 2001 to 2014 in BCCI sponsored National Tournament,” reads the FIR, copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer.

It further reads that the accused during the registration process for Ranji Trophy in 2013 produced his certificate, showing his date of birth on December 30, 1978, while his actual date of birth was December 12, 1970.

The probe agency according to the FIR instantly initiated a probe vide PV NO 40/2021 to verify the authenticity of the complaint and filed an FIR No 26/23 against the accused after prima facie establishing the offense under sections 420, 467, 471 RPC at police station Crime Branch Kashmir.

During the probe it has got prima facie established that the accused Majid Yaqub Dar has submitted a fake/forged DOB certificate while for the BCCI sponsored National tournament during the year 2012-2013.

“The act of omission and commission on the part of the accused Majid Yaqub Dar prima facie disclose commission of offense punishable u/s 420, 467, 471, RPC. Case is accordingly registered at the economic wing (Crime Branch) Kashmir and investigation taken up,” it added.

Ladakh Admin

Government of erstwhile state of J&K had re-notified Matayen Kharu field firing range for a period of five years. Ladakh was then part of the erstwhile state.

The notification states that land falling under the field firing range shall be allowed to be used by villagers for bonafide grazing purposes. It, however, reads that during the scheduled firing period to be given by the Army in terms of months and dates, no grazing should be permitted

for physical safety of the grazers and the livestock.

According to Home Department’s notification, the area shall be opened to tourists/civil populace up to Botokul only—(KNO)

Man Sentenced

However, the court said the offence under section 420 IPC has not been established against the accused.

“Therefore, accused Mohammad Shafi Bhat is convicted for commission of offence u/s 138 Negotiable Instruments Act only. Accordingly, accused is sentenced to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of one year and is also sentenced by way of fine to the tune of Rupees cheque amount plus half of the cheque amount as the case is of the year 2021 only, therefore discretion is exercised in awarding lesser sentence instead of double the cheque amount,” the court said, adding, “Accused shall also pay an amount of Rs. 3 lakhs as compensation to the complainant. The total amount to Rs. (73,50,000/-) Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs and fifty thousand only.”

The accused, the court said, stands already lodged up in Kotbalwal Jail. “The fine imposed shall be recovered by issuance of levy warrant to be executed by District Collector Srinagar authorising him to realize the total amounting to Rs. 73,50,000 (Seventy Three lakhs and fifty thousand only) by execution /attachment through civil process against both movable and immovable property of the accused,” the court said and directed compliance report to be filed by District Collector regarding the execution within one month.

Court Convicts

for playing with younger brother of the accused who was also putting up with them there,” presiding officer of 2nd Additional Session Judge Srinagar, Renu Dogra Gupta said after hearing the counsel for accused and additional Public Prosecutor Farooq Ahmad Malik. “The accused had gagged her mouth and committed heinous and barbaric crime of rape with her there and also threaten not to disclose the same to anyone,” the court said and convicted him for the offence under 376 RPC (rape).

The accused being a major and married person, the court said, was fully aware of the consequences of his “barbaric act.

“On the other hand the victim girl, being innocent and unaware of the consequences, kept silent due to the threat given by the accused, resulting into her pregnancy. “...The (victim) might have suffered so much which cannot be expressed in words and has lost everything including honour, dignity, education etc. She became a helpless victim of a diabolic person whose only sin was that she used to go to the accused’s rented residence for playing with his younger brother.....an innocent child was made prey of lust by accused”. The Crime of this nature against the child girl is definitely a crime against the society, the court said.

“This court is of considered opinion that prosecution has successfully proved the guilt of the accused beyond any reasonable doubt. Therefore the accused is liable to be convicted for the offence punishable under Sections 376 of RPC,” the court said and sent him to Judicial custody in Central Jail Srinagar. The court has listed the case for quantum of punishment on May 31.

Policeman Dies

have taken cognizance of the incident.

Forest Officer

alleging that he was demanding a bribe of Rs 22,000 from a man after accusing him of cutting and taking away a tree from the forest area without permission, an ACB spokesperson said Tuesday.

The complainant, he said, had maintained that he had taken one dry fallen Chir tree from the forest and days after it, Munshi of PP Taryath had contacted him to inform that the forest guard has lodged a complaint against him.

“When the complainant met Munshi of PP Teryath, he told him to settle the matter with the Forest Guard. When the complainant contacted the forest guard through another person, he demanded Rs

22,000 as bribe for withdrawal of application and settlement,” the spokesperson said.

On this, he said, the complainant approached ACB and lodged complaint in Police Station ACB Rajouri for taking legal action against Kumar.

Since the contents of the complaint disclose demand of bribe by alleged accused public servant, the spokesperson said that the same was verified through verifying officer who reported that prima facie commission of offences under section 7 of PC Act 1988 is made out against the accused Forest Guard.

Accordingly, he said, a case FIR No. 02/2023 was registered at PS ACB Rajouri and investigation started.

“During investigation a trap team was constituted. However, during the trap proceedings, another forest official Sat Pal, I/c Block officer Thakrakote was also found involved in the conspiracy with the said Forest Guard Abneet Kumar,” the spokesperson said.

Both the accused, he said, were caught red-handed while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs15,000 from the complainant.

“Both of them were arrested on spot after completing necessary legal formalities. Searches were also conducted in the houses of the accused persons situated at Pouni, Reasi and Gurha Jagir, Akhnoor,” the Bureau spokesperson added.

Man Held With

machines, three cameras, three motors, four amplifiers, one inverter, one stabilizer and one speaker have also been recovered during the raid.

“Some part of recovered property is suspected to be stolen in nature but exact use of mobile phones will be clear during investigation,” the police said.

A case under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act has been registered against Ahmed, who was becoming notorious for peddling of narcotics in the town and was luring youth towards addiction.

Rajouri Senior Superintendent of Police Amritpal Singh (IPS) said, “There is zero tolerance policy against peddlers and stringent action as per law of land will continue against them.”

“Parental surveillance at home is the first but most powerful form of preventive measure to save the youth and younger generation from falling into the net of addiction of drugs and narcotics,” he said.

Man Held For

subjected her to sexual harassment. She managed to escape, albeit leaving behind her mobile phone and school bag inside the vehicle,” he said.

Taking immediate cognizance of the matter, the spokesperson said, Police immediately began investigating the incident thoroughly and during diligent efforts and resourceful investigative work, the accused individual involved in this deplorable act was identified.

“He was promptly apprehended and the vehicle bearing registration number JK01N 5711, a Verna model involved in the incident was also seized,” he said, adding that Police is committed to ensure the safety and security of all individuals, particularly women and children.

“This incident serves as a reminder of the importance of reporting such crimes promptly, allowing law enforcement agencies to take swift action and bring the perpetrators to justice. All members of the community are encouraged to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious or criminal activity immediately,” the spokesperson said.

The police expressed gratitude to the victim for displaying tremendous courage in coming forward and reporting the incident.

“Such bravery is commendable and plays a vital role in upholding justice and safeguarding the community,” he added.

Trainee Constable

(MS) SDH Ganderbal, Dr Ab Majid Bhat told a local news agency KNO that as off now it seems like a cardiac arrest, but the exact cause of death can be determined after post-mortem.

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Decoding Dhoni: Next Season Will Be About Figuring How To Manage Team From Dugout

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: Mahendra Singh Dhoni was numb.

He didn't raise his head even as Ravindra Jadeja had started sprinting towards the dugout and his mates in canary yellow responded in kind.

Maybe Dhoni was trying to process it all after a gruelling two months.

Moeen Ali hugged him and the contours of his face was devoid of any emotion.

Maybe there was a storm brewing in his mind during those last six balls and it was the calm after-effect.

Dhoni has just guided CSK to a fifth IPL trophy in 11 final appearances and he remained unfazed.

Job done, what's the fuss about.

He couldn't suppress his wide grin as an ecstatic Jadeja jumped on to his lap and engaged in a bear hug.

There were conjectures about their relationship deteriorating after Jadeja had to relinquish CSK captaincy mid-season in 2022, but as they say in Hindi, "anth bhala toh sab bhala" (all's well that ends well).

If Dhoni is involved, one would never know what actually transpired.

Because what happens in 'DhoniLand' stays in 'DhoniLand'.

Ask any CSK faithful, and he would vouch that it's an old concrete jungle saying.

Did the world see moistened eyes? Perhaps yes.

But there won't be any overt display of emotions.

It was all about process and execution with precision.

A lot of pluck, and yes, a bit of luck, too.

He quietly trudges onto the field.

Pats unlucky Gujarat Titans bowler Mohit Sharma's head.

He knows how it feels to come so near and yet miss out.

Remember Old Trafford where he was setting it up ala Dhoni style.

That's why Dhoni is special and eminently relatable.

He can relate with failures as much as he can with success.

Mohit is someone who learnt the ropes of top-flight bowling under Dhoni at CSK before fading into oblivion and then making a grand re-entry this IPL.

In the meantime, Jadeja does a TV interview and dedicates his performance and win to "MS Dhoni".

The Motera stand, resembling a sunflower, erupts, but is it a hint that the end is near.

The question has followed Dhoni to every city and different people had asked him in a different manner.

The street-smart player that



he is, he always gave a cheeky reply, like one to Danny Morrison where he joked that he is already forcing him to retire, or at a promotional event where he said that any announcement would make things go haywire.

Have we seen the last of him? Maybe or maybe not.

Only time will tell how he copes with a damaged knee when is nearing 43.

"If you circumstantially see, it's the best time to announce the retirement. The easy thing for me to say is thank you and retire. But the hard thing to do is to work hard for nine months

and try to play one more IPL season. The body has to hold up. The amount of love I have received from CSK fans, it would be a gift for them to play one more season," Dhoni said before receiving his fifth trophy.

The love of Chennai fans has been unconditional and Chepauk has been his amphitheatre, and he has been the hero as well as the main protagonist for them.

"The way they've shown their love and emotion, it's something I need to do for them. It's the last part of my career. It started over here and the full house was chanting my name. It

Dhoni, which pays him a fat pay cheque.

It is an emotional investment. Going into the next decade, he will only be making all cricketing decisions and as a quick learner, work alongside Rupa Gurunath to also understand the business of running a franchise.

But those who have seen Dhoni, they know that N Srinivasan, the venerable CSK owner, is the former India captain's life coach and he has learnt one thing from him: if possible, always bide time, and take it deep, on and off the field.

So if another IPL is 10 months away and he has to keep himself cricket-fit for at least three months in the lead-up to the next edition, he will try and do it.

"The kind of cricket I play, they feel they can play that cricket. There's nothing orthodox about it and I like to keep it simple," Dhoni said.

As Stephen Fleming pointed out after the match.

Dhoni's training sessions are on need basis.

"I can assure you that he has done no wicket-keeping practice during the IPL. It is all natural. He tried to do a keeping session with Devon Conway, who is an international wicket-keeper, and it was almost comical," Fleming said.

"Today was phenomenal, the style he does it with is awesome. That stumping is MS Dhoni at his best. It is nature, he has learned from tennis-ball cricket and it is just pure skill," Fleming added.

The impact player rule will give Dhoni a chance to maybe keep wickets for 20 overs but not use himself as a batter save a few occasions.

"Look, he knows, his power-hitting game is long gone. Like on Monday, he came ahead of Ravindra Jadeja. You could say it's because of maintaining the left-right combination but even then he took a chance because 15 balls were left. Had Jadeja gone out before him and got a first-ball duck, Dhoni might not have been able to finish the game," a former CSK player told PTI when asked how the skipper thinks.

So will he play next season? "My hunch is that he won't play as a batter any more.

He would perhaps still play a few games and check if he can run the team from dugout without being on the field.

The moment, he cracks that code, he won't play anymore.

For that if you read Fleming's words, he would try to fit in Devon Conway in that slot," the former player said.

After all, MSD is CSK and CSK is MSD.

DPS Students Shine At MMA National Championship



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Students from Delhi Public School Srinagar have achieved outstanding success at the recently concluded MMA National Championship 2023 held in Lucknow from May 18 to May 21.

Competing against a formidable field of 500 participants from various states and union territories across India, the students from Delhi Public School Srinagar emerged as shining stars. Their relentless dedication and unwavering commitment to excellence resulted in an impressive haul

of one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze medal. Gasiq won gold, Mohammad Farique won silver and Mohammad Zahir Thakur won bronze in the championship.

The MMA National Championship 2023, a highly anticipated event in the world of martial arts, drew the attention of sports enthusiasts and experts alike.

Principal, Ms. Shafaq Afshan expressed her elation and appreciation, stating, "Our students' exceptional performance at the MMA National Championship 2023 is a testament to their hard work and dedication."

Olympian Gul Mustafa Retiring From Government Service

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Gul Mustafa Dev, the first Indian Olympian in Winter Games from J&K, is retiring on 31st of May 2023 after rendering 29 dedicated years of his service in the Department of Youth Services & Sports J&K.

A grand retirement party was organised in his honour at Youth Hostel here. Director of the Department Subash C Chibber presided over the function. Waseem Raja Joint Director Kashmir and former JD of the Department Bashir Ahmed also attended the function besides other senior officers and officials of the Direc-



torate, JD Office, District Youth Services and Sports Office Srinagar and Gulmarg Hutments.

Emotional Dev expressed his gratitude towards the Department. Azhar Hajini I/C Media and Publicity Wing of the Department conducted proceedings of the function.

YSS Organises Unique Trekking Expedition In Gurez



Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The Department of Youth Services & Sports organised an exhilarating trekking expedition in the picturesque Gurez Valley of Bandipora district.

The trekking expedition, co-ordinated by the Zonal Physical Education Office Gurez, aimed to provide an enriching experience for the students of HS Chorwan. Under the supervision of dedicated officials of Youth Services & Sports, the students eagerly embarked on this adventure, ready to explore the stunning landscapes

and delve into the natural beauty of the Habba Khatun Mountains.

A total of 60 students, both boys, and girls, participated in the trekking expedition, which proved to be a memorable and transformative journey for all.

Joint Director Kashmir of the Youth Services and Sports Department Waseem Raja while conveying his appreciation to DYSSO Bandipora and ZPEO Gurez for arranging this activity in an impressive and unique way has said that the best part of the trekking expedition was students' vibrant display of the local Shina cultural program.

Sevilla, Roma Put Records On Line In Europa League Final

Agencies

BUDAPEST: A remarkable perfect record in European soccer must fall Wednesday when Sevilla faces José Mourinho's Roma in the Europa League final.

Sevilla has played six and won six finals of the Europa League, or the UEFA Cup as it was called when winning the first of those titles in 2006.

Mourinho has a 5-0 career mark in finals of the three major European club competitions, dating back to the UEFA Cup triumph in 2003 with Porto.

Mourinho actually has more European title wins than Sevilla coach José Luis Mendilibar has total games managed in those same competitions. The 62-year-old Mendilibar's career is peaking since joining then-struggling Sevilla just two months ago.

Only one record can survive their meeting at the Puskás Aréna in Budapest where the Europa League trophy is just the start of the rewards for the winning club.

Neither Roma nor Sevilla can finish in the top four of their domestic leagues that would have ensured qualifying for the Champions League.

Their only path to the Champions League next sea-



son – and the potential tens of millions of euros (dollars) in extra prize money from UEFA – is taking the group-stage place protected for the Europa League winner.

The Roma coach can make more history by becoming the first coach to win the Europa League with three different clubs, joining his Porto and Manchester United (2017) teams. And this just one year after the latest team in his storied career won the inaugural Europa Conference League to make Mourinho the first coach with titles in each of the three club competitions.

Mendilibar has a more modest background yet has arguably outcoached Mourinho in his brief spell at Sevilla.

Replacing former Argentina coach Jorge Sampaoli in March, Mendilibar became Sevilla's

third coach this season with the team just two points clear of the La Liga relegation zone.

Mendilibar's Sevilla has lost only two of 11 league games, is one point off seventh place going into the final round this weekend, and is unbeaten in the Europa League while eliminating Man United – despite trailing 2-0 after 83 minutes at Old Trafford in the first leg – and Juventus.

Roma came to Budapest having gone seven Serie A league games without a win, and advancing to the final with a 0-0 draw in the second leg at Bayer Leverkusen, managing just one goal attempt compared to 23 for the Germans.

Still, Mourinho fans can point to that being a classic performance by one of his teams – doing exactly what was needed to win.

'Kosovo Is The Heart Of Serbia', Djokovic Writes At French Open

Agencies

Serbian world number three Novak Djokovic risked stirring up a political controversy at the French Open on Monday after writing a message about Kosovo following his first-round victory. "Kosovo is the heart of Serbia. Stop the violence," 22-time Grand Slam champion Djokovic wrote on a camera lens in Serbian.

Around 25 NATO peace-keeping soldiers defending three town halls in northern Kosovo were injured in clashes with Serb protesters on Monday, while Serbia's president put the army on the highest level of combat alert. The incidents came a day after NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg called on Kosovo to tone down tensions with Serbia following clashes between Kosovan police and protesters who are opposed to Albanian mayors taking office in ethnic Serbian areas.

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic said that 52 Serbs were injured on Monday, three



of them seriously, while Kosovo President Vjosa Osmani accused his Serbian counterpart of destabilising Kosovo. Serbia and its traditional ally Russia do not recognise Kosovo's independence, and Moscow has blocked the country's bid to become a member of the United Nations. Serbia still considers Kosovo part of its territory.

"Kosovo is our cradle, our stronghold, centre of the most important things for our country... There are many reasons why I wrote that on the camera," RFI radio quoted the 36-year-old Djokovic as saying

to Serbian media. The French tennis federation (FFT), which organises the event, told Reuters that there were "no official Grand Slam rules on what players can or cannot say. The FFT will not be making any statement or taking any stance on this matter."

Djokovic will hope to avoid another political distraction at a Grand Slam after he defended his father at the Australian Open in January when a video emerged showing him posing with some fans holding Russian flags amid the war in Ukraine.

'Pandya Could Have Been Valuable In WTC Final'

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Batting legend Ricky Ponting feels that India should have picked Hardik Pandya in their squad for the World Test Championships final against Australia in London, saying his all-round abilities could have turned out to be the deciding factor in the one-off game.

Pandya has not played a Test since 2018 and he has opted sit out of the five-day format due to

ongoing fitness concerns. But for a one-off game... he's been bowling every game through this IPL and he's bowling quick." The former Australia captain, also the head coach of Delhi Capitals in the IPL, said Pandya could have been the X-factor for the Indian team in the WTC final beginning on June 7.

"He (Pandya) could be that X-factor there just to pick in a one-off game, come in and see what he can do with bat and ball. He could be the difference between the two teams." The 29-year-old



ongoing fitness concerns.

But Ponting felt Pandya could have played in the winner-takes all clash at The Oval from June 7-11. Primarily because he has bowled in more or less every game in the just-concluded IPL for Gujarat Titans which he captains.

"...I thought about the other day for India in this game is how valuable someone like Hardik Pandya could be in a one-off Test match," Ponting wrote for the ICC Review.

"I know he is on record saying that the Test match game is probably a little bit hard on his body.

Pandya has played in 11 Tests till now after making his debut in 2017, scoring 532 runs at an average of 31.29 with one hundred and four fifties. He has taken 17 wickets at an average of 31.05.

In the 74 ODIs he has played so far, Pandya has scored 1584 runs at an average of 33.00 and taken 72 wickets. In the T20Is, he has scored 1271 runs from 87 matches and scalped 69 wickets. Pandya led Gujarat Titans to maiden IPL triumph in 2022 but lost to Mahendra Singh Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings in this season's final on Monday.

Will Return Awards To Govt, Say Manipur Sportspersons

Press Trust of India

IMPHAL: International and national award-winning sportspersons from Manipur Tuesday said that they will return the prizes given to them by the government if the state's territorial integrity is compromised.

Eleven of them will submit a memorandum to Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the issue during his ongoing tour of the state.

L Anita Chanu (Dhyan Chand awardee), Arjuna awardees N Kunjarani Devi (Padma Shri), L Sarita Devi and W Sandhyarani Devi (Padma Shri awardees) and S Mirabai Chanu (Padma Shri and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna awardee) are among the 11 sportspersons.

"If Amit Shah does not give us an assurance about the protection of the integrity of Manipur, we will return our awards given by the Indian government," Anita Chanu said at a press conference here.

If the demand is not met, then the sports persons will not represent India in the future nor will they train any budding talent, she added.

The 11 sportspersons went to submit a memorandum to Shah addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi but could not do so as the union home minister had left for Churachandpur to meet Kuki victims and organisations.

"We have submitted a copy of the memorandum to Chief Minister N Biren Singh. He has assured us of arranging a meeting with Shah in the evening after his return from Churachandpur. We will handover the memorandum to him then," Chanu said.

The memorandum is also signed by other Arjun awardees from the state.

They are Oinam Bembem Devi (also Padma Shri), N Soniya Chanu, M Bijoit Singh, Y Sanathoi Devi, L Shushila Devi and M Suranjay Singh.





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