

Miscarriages In Kashmir: Burden Of Tragic Losses & Unheard Woes

Farzana Nisar

In the centre of a petite room, bathed in a faint glow that filtered through the curtains, casting patterned shadows on the walls, Shaista Gulzar, 34, laid curled up in a blanket. Her eyes wide open, staring at the ceiling and her breaths coming in short, uneven gasps, unveiled the silent turmoil within her. Shaista had recently miscarried a child and the emotions were still raw and fresh. She felt like a part of her had been ripped away, leaving a void that would never be filled.

Every once in a while, her mother would come in, sit next to her bed and make an effort to console her, "but no amount of words can ease the pain I am feeling," she said. The mere mention of the loss gnawed at her soul, a constant reminder of the precious connection that was abruptly severed.

The day that Shaista found out that she was pregnant was one of the happiest in her life. She and her husband had been trying to conceive for three years and the news of a baby on the way was a pinnacle of unbridled bliss. What followed were tearful phone calls made



to close friends and family, as she sought support and solace in sharing the long-awaited news. However, things took

an unforeseen turn, when she started having cramps and spotting in the tenth week of her pregnancy. She was taken

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to her gynaecologist, who told her that she was having a miscarriage. After undergoing a Dilation and curettage (D&C) - a surgical procedure used to remove any remaining tissue from the uterus after a miscarriage or abortion, Shaista experienced immense physical pain. The soreness even persisted for days after

the operation, but it was the psychological trauma that affected her the most.

"It was devastating. One minute we were planning and dreaming of the arrival of the baby and the next I was lying in a hospital bed. I couldn't understand what went wrong, why did my body fail us," she said in a despondent tone. **More on P10**

Headmaster Suspended for Fake Social Media Post

Jammu: A headmaster of a government high school in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district has been put under suspension for allegedly circulating fake content on social media, officials said on Friday.

An order to this effect was issued by the Director of School Education Ashok Kumar Sharma in Jammu.

"Pending inquiry regarding the circulation of fake contents on the social media pertaining to annual transfer drive, Shah Nawaz, loo-kafter headmaster of government high school Sarthal (Kishtwar) is hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect", Director said in an order here.

The official shall remain attached with the Directorate during the suspension period.

Kishtwar chief education officer will conduct an inquiry into the matter and furnish the report within a week. PTI

AMARNATH YATRA

Comfort, Security of Pilgrims Govt's Priority: HM

Chairs High-Level Meet With J&K LG, Army's Northern Commander; Union Home Secretary And Director IB



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the Narendra Modi government's priority is to ensure that Amarnath pilgrims have a comfortable visit and directed officials to make adequate security arrangements along the entire pilgrimage route in Jammu and Kashmir.

The home minister said this while chairing a high-level meeting where he took stock of the preparations for the Amarnath pilgrimage with top officials of the central government, Army and the Jammu and Kashmir administration.

The 62-day-long annual pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath, located at a height of 3,880 metres in the south

Kashmir Himalayas, will begin on July 1 and continue till August 31.

During the meeting, the home minister said it is the priority of the Narendra Modi government that Amarnath pilgrims should have comfortable "darshan" and should not face any difficulty. He directed officials to make adequate security arrangements on the entire route of Amarnath pilgrimage, according to an official statement.

The pilgrims travel through two routes -- Baltal and Pahalgam -- in Jammu and Kashmir.

At the meeting, it was apprised that all the pilgrims will be given RFID cards so that their real-time location can be traced and everyone will be given Rs 5 lakh insurance cover. There will be insurance cover of **More on P10**

Restriction On Temporary Appointment In J&K: HC

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High court of J&K and Ladakh on Friday held that there is complete restriction on appointments from 29 April 2010 on ad hoc or contractual or consolidated or temporary basis in Jammu and Kashmir.

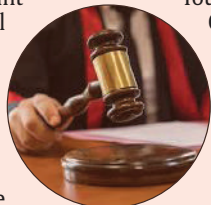
A bench of Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul made the observations while dismissing a petition filed by a number of persons, seeking quashment of order no.25/JKTDC of 2019 dated 27th May

2019, imposing restriction upon their engagement as casual and consolidated labour.

Petitioners had also sought direction to the J&K

Tourist Development Corporation to allow them to continue and release their wages, with a further direction to regularize their services.

"Perusal of the file would reveal that petitioners had been engaged on casual basis and their tenure was extended from time to time, which was lastly extended from **More on P10**



Srinagar Family Mourns Lone Son Chased To Death By Stray Dogs

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: A Pall of gloom descended on the Rather family of Batamalu after their lone young son succumbed at SKIMS Bemina, 12 days after slipping into a sewer while saving his life from a pack of stray dogs.

Ahmad bin Javed, according to his family, was an endearing child, who was adored by everyone in the locality and at the school.

"I can't believe Ahmad is no more. His naughty acts and smiling face would cheer us up and his sudden death has shattered us all. My heart pierces when people remind me that my son is no more," devastated father, Javid Ahmad Rather said while talking to Kashmir Observer at his residence where a stream of visitors came on Friday to console him.

A student of Dubai Grand International School on the city outskirts, Ahmad was



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playing joyfully with other kids of the neighborhood on May 28 outside his home, when a pack of dogs came charging. Caught by surprise canine attack, 11 year old

Ahmad tried to run away. However, he slipped into a sewer while saving his life.

"Ahmad was loved by everyone in the locality. His teachers and classmates in

the school mourn him today. His mother and younger sister are in a state of shock, I don't know what needs to be done," Javed said.

Javed said the death of his son has shattered all his dreams and created a void that could never be filled.

"I want to see him again. I will never scold him for his naughtiness. I don't know why God snatched my world. He was quite a brilliant kid, he was so sharp, be it studies or other activities," the distraught father said before tears started trickling down his cheeks.

Ahmad, Javed said, remained on a ventilator for nearly 12 days and succumbed on Thursday evening at SKIMS Bemina. His brain, Rather said, was dead while fluid accumulated in his lungs.

He said the doctors left no stone unturned to save his son's life but all their efforts couldn't bring him back.

"I appeal authorities to take some measures **More on P10**

Unauthorized Occupation Of Migrant Property Force To Be Used If Land Not Surrendered: HC

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Friday said that if a person, unauthorisedly occupying migrant property, fails or refuses to surrender its possessions, force is to be used by competent authority.

A bench of Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul also reiterated immovable properties belonging to migrants shall be deemed to be in possession of District Magistrate irrespective of the nature of possession of any person other than the migrant himself.

The court made the observations while dismissing a petition filed against an order dated 29 May 2015 by District Magistrate, Kulgam, whereby Tehsildar Devsar, was directed to proceed on spot and evict the illegal occupant and take over the possession of land measuring two kanals 17 marlas at Chowgam Tehsil of the south Kashmir district. The petitioner had stated



he has been in continuous peaceful exclusive possession of land prior to the year 1971. He had stated that the rights of ex-owner S Pandith regarding the land were extinguished under Section 4 of Agrarian Reforms Act and the petitioner was declared as prospective owner.

He had submitted that the land was later on mutated in his favour under Section 12 of the Agrarian Reforms Act and he came to be in absolute possession of the said land.

On the other hand, counsel

representing migrants argued that the petition was not maintainable in view of provisions contained in Jammu and Kashmir Migrants Immovable Property (Preservation, Protection and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act, 1997, therefore, the same was liable to be dismissed.

"...if a person, unauthorisedly occupying migrant property, fails or refuses to surrender its possessions, force is to be used by competent authority as is so envisaged in **More on P10**

Girls Steal The Show!

65 Percent Students Qualify Class 12 Exams

LG Sinha Congratulates Students, Says 'Historic Uniform Academic Calendar Has Streamlined Conduct Of Exams'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The girl students in Jammu and Kashmir have again outclassed boys in higher secondary school examinations (class 12th exams) with scoring of a pass percentage of 68% against 61 pass percentage of boys.

The maiden academic session of class 12th students of Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh under Uniform Academic Calendar 2023, implemented last year, concluded successfully with declaration of result by J&K Board of School Education here today.

In total, 1,27,636 students were enrolled for class 12th annual regular session 2023 in the UTs of J&K, and Ladakh, of which 40045 students passed the exams. Girls have excelled again by scoring a higher pass percentage against that of the boys. The exam was conducted

at 1255 centres established across the Soft and Hard Zone areas identified in both the UTs.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha congratulated the students for their success.

"Many congratulations to the students, who have passed JKBOSE class 12th Annual Regular Examination-2023. Wishing you all the very best for your future. Compliments to parents, teachers & @Office_JKBoSE. Historic Uniform Academic Calendar has streamlined conduct of exams," LG Sinha Tweeted.

"Heartening to note that girls continue to outshine boys with 68% pass percentage against boys 61%, the girls have shown the remarkable talent. After Academic Calendar reform, JKBOSE for the first time has made results available on Digilocker service," he said.

Expressing satisfaction over the entire examination process, Chairperson JKBOSE, Professor Parikshat Singh Manhas congratulated all the stakeholders and expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, Advisor to LG, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar and **More on P10**

S H O R T T A K E S

3.9 Magnitude Quake Hits Ladakh, J&K

An earthquake of magnitude 3.9 jolted Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) said. There was no report of any loss of life or damage to property, officials said. The earthquake struck at 10.23 am and lasted for a few seconds, the NCS said. The depth of the earthquake was 10 kilometers below the surface of the earth at latitude **More on P10**

Police Rescues 250 Tourists In Gulmarg

Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday said to have rescued 250 tourists in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. 250 tourists who went for Gondola ride to Gondola Phase II Affarwat area of Gulmarg and while on their return to Gondola base, the tourists got stuck there due to technical glitches in the cable car operations, a police spokesperson said in a statement. Acting upon this, police **More on P10**

Baby Girl Drowns To Death

A baby girl drowned to death in South Kashmir's Shopian district on Friday, officials said. They said 18-month-old girl went missing from her residence in Feeripora at around 3 pm on Friday. Soon after the news spread, the locals started searching for her and after around two hours, her body was found in a small canal, close to her residence. She has been identified as Zoya Bilal, **More on P10**

Landslide Halts Traffic In Kishtwar

The Sarthal-Kishtwar road was closed for vehicular movement after a landslide in the Hasti area of Kishtwar district on Friday, officials said. The incident occurred in the morning when a massive rock rolled down the hill and blocked the road, they added. However, no casualty was reported, the officials said, adding that work to clear the road is underway. The road stretch daily caters to around **More on P10**

Cattle Smugglers Detained Under PSA

Two persons were arrested Friday for their alleged involvement in cattle smuggling in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, officials said. The duo identified as Ishtiaq Ahmed and Atta Mohd were also slapped with the Public Safety Act (PSA), they said. A police team detained them after conducting a raid in the Chatroo area. Kishtwar District Magistrate has also issued an order **More on P10**

Kupwara Gets Consumer Commission

In order to redress the consumer complaints and grievances at the district level, the Government on Friday established a Consumer Commission (Consumer Court) at district Kupwara for the convenience of the general public. In this connection, Peerzada Qouser Hussain joined Thursday as President of the District Consumer Commission Kupwara and Nyla Yaseen joined as **More on P10**



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Subject:- Grant Of Registration of Paying Guest House/ Home Stay under the name & Style "M/S Kabbys Resort " Situated at Upper Barji Harwan Srinagar

Public Notice

Whereas I Mr./Ms. Yasmeen W/o Kifayat Ali Khan R/o Arabal Shalimar Srinagar, Kashmir intends to apply in the office of the prescribed authority of Directorate of Tourism Kashmir for Registration of my proposed Paying Guest House/ Home Stay under the name and style "M/S Kabbys Resort " Situated at Upper Barji Harwan Srinagar under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Before the case is processed for registration by the competent authority the matter is hereby notified for information of general public / Financial Institutions / Bank/ Organization, Etc For Objection, If Any And The Same Should Reach To The Deputy Director Tourism registration (email: ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas Mr Mohammad Shafi Bhat, being one of the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Securities Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the Rules) issued a demand notice dated 09/12/2021 calling upon (i) Mr. Rafi Ahmad Wani S/o Abdul Gani Wani R/O Sallar Pahalgam Anantnag (Borrower/Mortgagor) Sole Proprietor of M/s Wani Enterprises, (ii) Mr. Aijaz Ahmad Wani S/O Noor Mohammad Wani R/O Sallar Pahalgam Anantnag (iii) Mr. Muzaffer Ahmad Wani S/O Ghulam Qadir Wani R/O Sallar Pahalgam Anantnag and (iv) Mushtaq Ahmad Mir S/O Mohammad Ramzan Mir R/O Kullar Pahalgam (Guarantors), hereinafter referred as Borrower/s to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.16566876.12/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Five Lacs Sixty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Six and paise Twelve only) (Outstanding as on 30/09/2021) together with further interest from 01/10/2021, along with costs, charges and expenses, within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The above named Borrower/s having failed to repay the said amount, Notice is hereby given to the said Borrower/s, in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules on this 06.06.2023 in supersession to possession notice dated 21.02.2022.

The said Borrower/s, in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property/assets and any dealings with the said property/assets will be subject to the charge of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Business Unit Zablipora for an amount of Rs.17069912.12/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Lac Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve and paise twelve only) (outstanding as on 19/02/2022) together with further interest thereon from 01/02/2022 along with costs, charges and expenses.

Your/ the Borrower/s attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the said Act where under he/she/they can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of secured asset(s) by public auction by inviting quotations, tender from public or private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or private treaty as the case may be, Borrower/Mortgagor may not be entitled to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

Mortgage of all that piece and parcel of immovable property being land measuring 2 Kanals along with construction upon it falling under Khasra No.864 Khata No. 234 Khewat No.143 in Estate Mouza Sallar Tehsil Pahalgam District Anantnag.

Bounded:

On the North by:- Residential house of Ali Mohd Mir
On the South by:- Residential house of Abdul Majid Wani
On the East by :- Residential house of Rafi Ahmad wani
On the West By :- Govt Hr. Secondary School

Date:- 06.06.2023
Place:- Sallar

Nissar Ahmad Najar (9797)
Authorized officer

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Description of the Immovable Property

Mortgage of land measuring 44 kanals 11 Marlas under Khasra No. 1339/3 min (07K 16M), Khewat no. 240, Khata no. 561, Khasra no. 1444/4 (03 K 08 M), Khewat no. 240, Khata no. 561, Khasra no. 06 (3K 6M) and Khewat no. 240, Khata no. 561, Khasra no. 09 (01K 07M), Khewat no.240, khata no. 561, Khasra no. 10 (2 K 9M) and Khewat no. 240, Khata no. 561, Khasra no. 11 (04K 07M), Khewat no.240, khata no. 561, Khasra no.12 (03K 13M), Khewat no. 241, Khata no. 563, Khasra no. 1449/13(06K 05M), Khewat no. 241, Khata no. 563, Khasra no. 1454/14 (05K), Khewat no. 241, Khata no. 563 and Khasra no. 1458/16 (07K), Khewat no. 241, Khata no. 563 situated at Hardu Kuthal Sofipora Tehsil Sallar, District Anantnag .

Bounded:

On the North by :- Land of Hamid Sheikh
On the South by : Land of Hamid Sheikh
On the East by : Land of Hamid Sheikh
On the West By- Land of Hamid Sheikh

Date:- 06.06.2023
Place:- Sallar Hardukuthal

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DIPK-NB-1174/23

dated: 09-06-2023

The Jammu & Kashmir Forest Development Corporation Ltd.

(North Extraction Circle Sopore)

ABBREVIATED TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
e-NIT No.02/2023-24 North Dated: 29.05.2022

For and on behalf of Managing Director J&K Forest Development Corporation Ltd General Manager Extraction North Circle J&K Forest Development Corporation Ltd Sopore invites e-Tenders from contractors registered with the J&K Forest Development Corporation Ltd. for execution of various Timber logging operations viz Extraction, Off Road Transportation and Road Transportation activities in advertising Compartments as per details given in the Annexure-1 to the General Tender Notice (SBD & BOD) issued vide this office e-NIT Endorsed vide No 396-416/GMN/FDCL/S dated 29/05/2022 The Tenders shall be submitted online on J&K e-Procurement portal www.iktenders.gov in The Calendar of events shall be as under -

* Activity	Date & Time
f01 Publishing Date	12.06.2023 from 1800 Hrs
02 Document Download start Date	13.06.2023 from 1800 Hrs
03 Pre-Bid Meeting	14.06.2023 at 1130Hrs
04 Bid Submission Start Date	15.06.2023 from 0900 Hrs
05 Bid Submission End Date	30.06.2023 at 1800 Hrs
06 Document Download End Date	30.06.2023 at 1800 Hrs
07 Technical Bid Opening Date	03.07.2023 at 1100 Hrs
08 Uploading of Technical Bid Evaluation Sheet	Immediately after the completion of technical Bid opening
09 Financial Bid Opening Date	Immediately after the completion of technical evaluation
10 Uploading of Financial Bid Evaluation Sheet	Immediately after the completion of financial evaluation
11 Declaration of the Successful bidder	To be Notified Later

Annexure 2 to the Tender Notice Issued vide this office no 396-416/GMN/FDC/S Dated: 29-05-2023
For extraction and transportation up to sales depot.

Division	Compt No	Volume		Brief Of activities envisaged in execution of the contractor/ project	Nature of Contract	Norms rate per CR for all activities (In Rs)	Estimated contract value (In Lakhs)	EMD Required (Rs in Lakhs)	Working period	Class of registered contractors eligible for tenders	Status of Markings
		Std. (In Lakh Cr)	Conv. (In Lakh Cr)								
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Zangl	27/Keren	0.230	0.169	Extraction including conversion of trees into logs. Debranching. Carving. Debarking. passing, rolling of logs up to predetermined Forest Loading Points.	Composite	168.90	28.544	0.58	10/2024	"D & Small"	Markings Taken over
	5/LB & 38/Keran	0.371	0.263			104.11	27.381	0.550	12/2023	"C&D"	
	02/Sindh	0.170	0.100	Construction/ maintenance of main road/link roads and culverts including Loading un-loading, land compensation for property land coming in the road alignment if any wherever necessary and road transportation up to FDC Safe Depot Shaltang. Srinagar including all en-route taxes/expenses		70.14	7.014	0.15	12/2023	"D & Small"	
Ganderbal	3b/Sindh	0.138	0.070			81.45	5.701	0.12	12/2023	"D & Small"	
	19b/Sindh	0.048	0.035			84.49	2.957	0.06	12/2023	"D & Small"	
	Total	0.957	0.637								

The sequence of different Tender IDs of various advertised compartments as these figures in Annexure-1 to the instant e-NIT is given here under:

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2023_JKSFC_215482_4	2023_JKSFC_215482_5	

A pre bid conference shall be held on 14.06..2023 at 1130 hours in the Office of General Manager (North) J&K Forest Development Corporation Ltd. Extraction Circle, Opposite Hotel River Edge Ashpeer Sopore to clarify the queries of prospective bidders if any All intending bidders should attend said conference to clarify matters related to this tender inquiry if any

The tenders (Technical Bids) will be opened online in the office of Managing Director, J&K Forest Dev. Corporation. Forest Complex, Shiekh Ut Alam Complex. Raj Bagh Srinagar, in case of un-foreseen circumstances the date of opening will be next wording day or else notified separately. The detailed tender documents (SBD) with terms and conditions are available on www.iktenders oov.in

(M A Wani)
General Manager North

No: 417-437/GMN/FDC/S DIPK-NB-1144/23 Dated: 08/06/2023



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CONVOCATION NOTICE

It is notified for the information of all the concerned that the 2nd Convocation of Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Awantipora Kashmir has been scheduled to be held on **24th of June, 2023**. The students who have already registered themselves for said Convocation are advised to stay in touch with the University website for further updates.

No: IUST/Reg/Adm/23/1945
Dated: 08-06-2023

Sd/-
REGISTRAR

DIPK-NB-1177/23 dated: 09-06-2023

From the Office of the ADV. Arzoo Bhat

In the case of :- Ghulam Hassan Doobi S/o Mohammad Ismail Doobi R/o Bemina Sgr

Vs
Public At Large

The Caveator has reasons to believe/apprehension that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, or any other type of proceedings before this Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief / order at his back/ in exparte against the Caveator and in such eventuality the caveator will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that Caveator is given Opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order .

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Sd/-
Advocate

Court Of The 2Nd Additional Munsiff JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS AT SRINAGAR

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC
CNR: JKS602-006233-2022
Date of Filing 27-12-2022 FILE NO: 529/N

Afroza Parveen W/o Mir Irshad Parvaiz R/o New Colony Soura Srinagar, through her attorney (Father) Bashir Ahmad Budoo S/o Ghulam Ahmad Budoo R/o Naribal Soura Srinagar

Plaintiff

Versus

Mst. Saleema W/o Bashir Ahmad Budoo R/o Naribal Soura Srinagar

Defendant

WHEREAS a suit for declaration and Permanent Prohibitory injunction has been made before this court that the defendant purchased the land measuring 16 marlas at Mouza/Estate Zakoor Tehsil Sringar North District Srinagar comprising under Survey no. 265 Min Khewat no. 62 Khata no. 440 and the sale deed was executed in this behalf on 03.12.2022. The defendant has portioned the said land 16 marls into two halves and orally gifted 8 marlas in favour of the plaintiff on 22-07-2022.

Defendant has admitted the suit and has stated that that she has she has orally gifted 8 marlas of land situated at Estate Zakura Tehsil Srinagar North District Srinagar falling Khasra no. 265 Min Khewat no. 62 and Khata no. 440 in favour of the plaintiff on 22.07.2022, hence has no objections if the same is transferred in the name of plaintiff

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having ar: objection(s) to the above titled suit may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 15 days of this publication.

Dated, this 29th day of May 2023.

Sd/- (Ahtaz Ahmad)
2nd Addl. Munsiff (JMCI)
Srinagar

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از غیابت تملہ گام

مضمون درخواست منجانب :- عاشق غنی ولد عبدالغنی
بغرض حصول SC سرٹیفکیٹ
تحت الیس آر آر 126

اشہار برادر گامی ہر خاص و عام۔

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول SC سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر ذمہ داری پیش کیا ہے۔ اس بارے میں غلط فہمی سے رپورٹ طلب کیا گیا جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل تمام ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے سائل کی سالانہ آمدنی 169200 ہے اور سائل کا کنڈہ بڑیل ہے۔

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01	عبدالغنی قیام ولد غلام محمد الدین	60 سال	زمینداری	
02	آصمت بیگم زوجہ عبدالغنی	50 سال	گھریلو کام	
	بالا احمد قیام	30 سال	دکانداری	
04	انشاہ بیگم زوجہ بالا احمد	26	گھریلو کام	
05	آسیہ جان دختر عبدالغنی قیام	24	زیر تعلیم	
06	عاشق غنی ولد عبدالغنی قیام	17	زیر تعلیم	

اس کے علاوہ اور کوئی افراد کنڈہ نہیں بتلایا گیا ہے۔ لہذا زیر بحث سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنا اعتراض مہم و جوابت پیش کرے۔ میعاد گزرنے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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Tara Waheed

تاریخ پیدائش 28-05-2014

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل اسلئے عدالت ہذا میں ایک درخواست

بغرض حلفی بغرض اندراج تاریخ پیدائش Tara Waheed S/o

Waheed Ahmad Ganie R/o Khanpora Budgam

مورخہ 05-06-2023 پیش کی ہے۔ لہذا اعداوم الناس کو بذریعہ اشتہار مطلع کیا

جاتا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے

عذرات اشاعت اشتہار کے اندر دس ایم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے

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20-06-2023 کو مقرر ہے۔

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CEO ERA, WB Team Inspects Work On 120 Bedded B&J Hospital, Barzula

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Executive Officer, Jammu and Kashmir Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA), Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP), Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, today inspected progress on construction of 120-bedded Specialized Orthopedic Unit (additional hospital block) at Bone and Joint Hospital, Barzulla.

The CEO was accompanied by a World Bank team led by Lead Disaster Risk Management Specialist at the World Bank, Deepak Singh and officers of JKERA, JTFRP, Chief Engineer Department of Roads and Buildings (R&B) among others.

During the inspection, the CEO directed the concerned agency to speed up work and ensure that the project gets completed at the earliest. He along with experts from the World Bank inspected all the stories of the building and directed the concerned agency to speed up execution on the remain-

ing works.

Notably, the prestigious project has been taken up under the component "Critical Infrastructure" of JTFRP funded by the World Bank.

Inspecting the ongoing works, Dr Abid directed the concerned officers and the agency to work in close coordination with focus on maintaining the project's quality parameters, ensuring timely completion.

During the inspection, the team also analyzed the technical specifications of the building.

Earlier, the executing agency had been directed to initiate the process of procuring necessary medical infrastructure for the hospital which is part of the composite tender given to NPCC Limited.

JTFRP, which is part of PM's development package, has received a major fillip in implementation in the last one year which has been recognized in various tripartite review meetings between the World Bank, the Department of Economic Affairs and the government of J&K.

Srinagar Airport Launches E-Carts For Drop And Go Facility

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Airport Authority of India has introduced a "drop and go" facility at the entry to the Srinagar international airport to address "long standing" grievances from passengers about delays and hassles at the Airport.

According to the Airport Director, the facility, a complimentary one, would allow a passenger to leave their vehicles at the drop gate, then directly put their baggage on x-ray and after screening, they can board e-carts stationed at Drop Gate.

"There is a long-standing grievance from our passengers about delays and hassles for entry to the Airport at Drop Gate," the Director said in a statement. The vehicle checking, baggage checking and personal frisking is a time consuming process and

this results in delays to the passengers seeking entry to the airport, he noted. "Hassles are increasing to such an extent that we have to often advise the passengers to come to the airport four hours in advance so that they do not miss their flights," he said, adding, "Despite such precautions there are frequent complaints that passengers are still missing their flights."

However, he said there would be no such delays and hassles with the introduction of the facility.

"We have introduced a Drop and Go facility at the entry to the airport. Our esteemed passengers can leave their vehicles at the drop gate, and the vehicles can go back to the city," he said, adding, "The passengers will then directly put their baggage on x-ray and after screening can board our e-carts stationed at Drop Gate."



A shepherd grazing his herd of sheep on a sunny Friday on the outskirts of Srinagar. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Why Can't Chinar Trees Be Lopped For Srinagar Smart City Project?

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Several chinar trees, which line the iconic Polo View Road in Srinagar, have been lopped by the authorities as part of the Smart City project, leading to an outcry by environmental activists.

The authorities defended the move saying it was done following the set procedure.

Under the Jammu and Kashmir Specified Trees Act-1969, some tree species such as mulberry, walnut and chinar cannot be felled or lopped in view of their importance in local economy or heritage.

Raja Muzaffar Bhat, an environmental activist, said chinar trees are a heritage of Kashmir and if the government had to cut down these trees because of road-widening projects or construction of flyovers, there is a provision of replantation.

"Even if the trees are 300 to 400 years old, they can be transplanted. There is a tree transplantation policy in different states. The Delhi government has a policy for tree transplantation and they have transplanted 100-150 year old trees as well. So I don't think that the government should have any problem with transplanting or replanting chinar trees which were lopped around the Polo View area," Bhat said.

He cited the example of the first chinar transplantation done in February last year.

"The chinars could have been easily transplanted to different locations like the government did in the case of Ruplank island in Dal Lake," he added.

Athar Aamir Khan, Srinagar Municipal Corporation Commissioner who heads the Srinagar Smart City project, said the lopping was necessary and has been done after following all legal provisions.

"Smart City project cannot touch a chinar on its own and we did not. It has gone through a proper process, proper channel. At places where the committees and authorities concerned found that lopping or cutting of dried branches or removal of old dried chinar was required, they have done that," Khan said.

Khan said the Smart City project has given priority to maintaining ecology and safeguarding the trees.

"For us, ensuring that the ecology and the trees are safeguarded has been paramount. Polo View Market itself is a witness to that. So wherever we have laid footpaths, wherever any kind of work has been done, there is adequate space which had been left for the breathing space for trees so that they thrive. In addition to that, whether you look at the M A Road or Airport Road, you would see thousands of plantations have been done," he added.

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Government of Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Financial Commissioner (Revenue)

Subject: Appointment to the post of Junior Assistant (Revenue Department) District Cadre Anantnag in pursuance to Advertisement Notification No. 02 of 2021 under Item No 460 issued by the J&K SSB.

Ref: 1. Letter No. Rev-NG/13/2023(7152177) dated 20.03.2023 from Administrative Department, J&K.
2. Letter No. JKSSB/PLAN/25/2022-03 dated 16.03.2023 from J&K Service Selection Board.

ORDER No:279 FC (REV) of 2023
DATED:07 /06/2023.

On the recommendations of the J&K Service Selection Board, and endorsed by the Administrative Department vide their letters referred above, sanction is hereby accorded to the temporary appointment of the below mentioned candidate as Junior Assistant in the Revenue Department, District Cadre Anantnag, in the pay level-4 (Rs 25500-81100).

S.No.	District Cadre	Name of the candidate (Mr.)	Parentage (Mr.)	Address	Category	CID Character verification form no.
1	Anantnag	Sahil Sharma	Tilak Raj	H.No.110, Ward-07, Lamberi, Nowshera, Rajouri	PSP	61075 dated 06.06.2023

The appointee shall report to the Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, within a period of twenty one (21) days from the date of issuance of this order and shall be allowed to join after the production of following documents/certificates (in original) to be verified subsequently:-

- Academic/ qualification Certificates.
- Matriculation/Date of Birth Certificates.
- Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer of the District.
- Domicile Certificate issued by the competent authority.
- If the candidate has taken loan for self employment from DIC/Employment Department, to be ascertained from the District Industries Centre (DIC) and District Employment & Counseling Centre of the domicile District, he shall relinquish the proprietorship of unit/enterprise and also stakes, if any, in such self employment unit/enterprise before joining the Government service. He shall be required to repay the entire loan liability in suitable EMIs to be worked out by the DDO concerned from his salary. DDO concerned shall obtain an affidavit from the concerned appointee regarding both relinquishment of proprietorship and stakes if any, in such a self-employment unit/enterprise and recovery to be made and also personally monitor its recovery.
- Valid relevant Category Certificate, if any, applicable.

The above appointment shall further be subject to the following conditions:-

- The clearance received from the Criminal Investigation Department, J&K is provisional and it shall be mandatory for the appointee to fill in the Verification Rolls (V-Rolls), as available through the online mode under the Electronic Employment Verification System (EVS). Any false information provided by the appointee, or an adverse finding subsequent to the V-Roll submitted electronically shall result in cancellation of appointment ab-initio, without any further notice.
- The appointee shall give an undertaking in the shape of an affidavit to the effect that if, on verification, genuineness of the qualification/category certificate from the concerned issuing authority are found fake/forged, the appointment shall be treated to have been cancelled ab-initio.
- The salary of the appointee shall not be drawn and disbursed to them unless a satisfactory report in respect of (a) above is received in their favour.
- The appointee shall be initially on probation for a period of two years.
- The appointment of the candidate shall be governed by the "New Pension Scheme" as per SRO 400 of 2009 dated 24.12.2009.
- The inter-se-seniority of the appointee shall be strictly as per their merit in the select list.
- The cadre allocated by appointing authority/SSB shall not be changed under any circumstances.
- This appointment order is issued subject to outcome of any petition(s) pending in any competent Court/Tribunal, etc.
- If the appointee fail to join within a period of 21 days (twenty one) days from the date of issuance of this order they shall forego their right to appointment which shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio without any further notice.

By order of the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) J&K.

DIPK-3155/23
DATED: 09-06-2023

Sd/-
(Shaleen Kabra) IAS
Financial Commissioner,
(Revenue) (J&K)

No: FCR-NGAZ/60-2023-06-FCR -7154227

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- BUBHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS

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

 HIJRI CALENDAR 20 Zil-Qadah 1444	PRAYERS	
	FAJR	3 :34
	ZUHR	12:30
	ASR	5: 29
	Magrib	7:44
	ISHA	9: 24

This Day In History

- 1190-Third Crusade: Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I Barbarossa drowns while crossing the Saleph River (modern Turkey) leading an army to Jerusalem
- 1358 - French Jacquerie peasant leader Guillaume Cale captured at the Battle of Mello
- 1538 - Catholic German monarchy signs League of Neuremberg
- 1539 - Council of Trent: Paul III sends out letters to his bishops, delaying the Council due to war and the difficulty bishops had traveling to Venice. 1538-Catholic German monarchy sign League of Neuremberg
- 1605 - False Dimitri I, an impostor, crowned Russian tsar (rules 1605-1606)
- 1610 - Thomas West, Baron de La Mar, is appointed governor of Virginia
- 1610 -1st Dutch settlers arrive (from NJ), to colonize Manhattan Island
- 1619 - Thirty Years' War: Battle of Záblatí, a turning point in the Bohemian Revolt.
- 1624- Netherlands & France sign anti-Spanish Treaty of Compiègne
- 1760- NY passes 1st effective law regulating practice of medicine
- 1786- A landslide dam on the Dadu River caused by earthquake ten days earlier collapses, killing 100,000 in the Sichuan province of China
- 1801-Tripoli declares war on US for refusing tribute
- 1902- Patent for window envelope granted to H F Callahan
- 1907- France and Japan sign an agreement to maintain the independence and integrity of China, equality for all nations in trading with China, and the status quo in the Far East
- 1915 -British/French troops conquer German colony of Cameroon
- 1916-Great Arab Revolt begins against ruling Ottoman turks

From KO Archives

Muezzin Murdered Inside Mosque

Brutality Gives Blood-Soaked Kashmir Another First

Observer News Service

S RINAGAR- In an indication of the heights, brutality has scaled in Kashmir, a 40 year old villager was done to death in a local mosque in a Shopyan village on Friday night, and his bleeding body left on the floor for the locals to discover.

The victim, Muhammad Yaseen, was the muezzin (one who gives the call for prayer) for the Harpora village, who at usual, had left home to offer night prayers in the local mosque.

Concerned when he didn't return by 10 pm, Yaseen's family set out to search for him and were told by several villagers that he had been seen at prayer in the mosque.

When a group of people entered the premises, they found the muezzin lifeless on the blood-splattered floor.

On being informed, the local police took the body for an autopsy. The police said that Yaseen, a farmer by profession, had been killed by a heavy, sharp-edged weapon, probably an axe, as could be judged from the wounds on his head.

The body was handed over to his family after a post-mortem and other police formalities.

The police has registered a case under section 302 and started investigation, but no arrests had been made when reports last came in.

Sources said that police had obtained some vital clues, and taken down the statement of several villagers.

The police expects to unearth the facts about the murder in the coming few days.

The wave of grief swept across the village when the Yaseen's body was handed over to his family. Hundreds of people attended his funeral prayers, and staged demonstrations demanding the swift exposure of the killers.

Top police officers have assured the family that the guilty would be arrested within the coming few days.

غلام محمد لون انتقال کر گئے

یہ خبر انتہائی دکھ کیساتھ دی جاتی ہے کہ غلام محمد لون ولد عبدالرحمان لون ساکنہ گرین لینڈ کالونی نزدیکی SP آفس کولگام 8جون 2023 بروز جمعرات کو اچانک اس دنیا فانی سے رحلت کر گئے۔ مرحوم انتہائی شریف النش، ملنسار اور انسان دوست شخص ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ صوم و صلوات کے پابند تھے۔ مرحوم کی فاتح خوانی التوار 11جون 2023 آبائی مقبرہ پر

نوٹ: مستورات سے گزارش ہے کہ میوہ وغیرہ ساتھ نہ لائیں۔

بذریعہ: پرویز احمد

الذات گم گم ہمارو				
دعوتِ امت از جانبِ سیدنا و گرامیہ و گرامیہ ہمارا کہ ان کو جو کچھ ہم تحصیل کیجیے				
جن راجہ مولد مراد رسول Legal Heir مرگلیٹ۔				
اشتیاء راجہ مراد کا جانی خاص و عام				
مطالعہ موجودہ خزانہ الصدور کے نسبت اول مرتبہ پڑائی حلقے سے طلب کی گئی۔ یہ پڑت پڑائی حلقے سے امتیاز ہوتا ہے				
کہ سالانہ و جملہ کاٹھ مرگھا کاٹھ سیر ولد مراد کی برسر ان کو جو کچھ ہم تحصیل کیجیے۔ یہ حق کا سکوت۔ تاریخ 26-03-2023				
کوہت ہوا ہے اور حوتی کے پیمانہ گانہ بڑیل نقوش پر مشتمل ہیں۔				
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1	صیاد و گنہ و گنہ کاٹھ سیر	1	گنہ کاٹھ	51 سال
2	عائسہ بانو مرگھا کاٹھ سیر	2	گنہ کاٹھ	28 سال
3	رمدی مرگھا کاٹھ سیر	3	گنہ کاٹھ	24 سال
4	نورہ مرگھا کاٹھ سیر	4	طالب علم	21 سال
5	درشان مرگھا کاٹھ سیر	5	طالب علم	18 سال
اس صورت سے حوتی کے پیمانہ گانہ کی تعداد (5) ہے۔ اور گنہ کوئی فرد موجود نہیں ہے۔				
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‘End Of Justice’: Imran Khan Says Stage Set For His Court Martial

Press Trust of India

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan’s former prime minister Imran Khan has said the stage has been set for his “court martial” after the country’s all-powerful army vowed to try the “master-minds and planners” of May 9 violence in military courts.

His remarks came a day after Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah accused Khan of planning the countrywide violence that erupted after his arrest in a corruption case on May 9.

Talking to reporters after appearing before the Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday in connection with 10 different cases, including two ongoing petitions and eight new bail petitions, the 70-year-old Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief said he knew he would be tried by a military court.

He termed a civilian’s trial in the military court as the “end of democracy” and the “end of justice” in Pakistan. “The trial in the military court will be illegal,” he was quoted as saying by the Dawn newspaper. “They knew that over 150 cases registered against me are baseless and there is no chance of my conviction in these bogus cases, therefore, they have decided to conduct my trial in the military court,” Khan said.

Pakistan’s powerful army on Wednesday vowed to tighten the “noose of law” around “planners and masterminds” who mounted a “hate-ripened and politically-driven rebellion” against the state.

Khan dispelled the impression of being sidelined within the party and also dismissed the rumours about leaving Pakistan.

"I don't have money to live in



any other country because the [UK] pound has crossed ₹400 and I can't afford to stay there,” he said.

He also rejected the rumours of a “bitter” meeting with PTI Vice Chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi and said that he has cordial relations with the former foreign minister. Earlier, Khan spent four hours in the office of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in Rawalpindi and replied in detail to the queries of the accountability watchdog in the Al Qadir corruption case.

It was Khan’s second appearance in the case. During the last hearing, he was asked to provide further details regarding the questions asked by the NAB. In a setback to Khan, scores of disgruntled leaders who quit his party on Thursday launched a new political party to fight the general elections likely to be held in October.

Sugar baron and Khan’s old friend Jahangir Khan Tareen, who is leading the group of leaders announced the launch of the Istehkam-e-Pakistan

Party (IPP) during a press conference in Lahore on Thursday. “We are laying the foundation of a new political party – Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party,” said Mr Tareen, flanked by former PTI leaders.

Tareen, who played a major role in the formation of the Imran Khan-led government in 2018, said that he joined politics to play his role for the betterment of the country.

“We have gathered at one platform to make joint efforts to lift the country out of this quagmire,” said Mr Tareen, who was disqualified for life after the Supreme Court ruled in 2017 that he was found guilty in assets beyond means case.

He said that the country needed a political leadership which could resolve all prevailing issues including social, economic and others.

Reacting to the launch of the new party, the PTI rejected it, saying the country’s issues could not be resolved by launching parties with people who were “coming after forced divorces”.

India-Dubai Flight: Man Held After Co-Passenger Overhears Him Saying ‘Bomb’



Agencies

NEW DELHI: A man travelling to Dubai was arrested at Indira Gandhi International Airport on Thursday after a co-passenger overheard him saying ‘bomb’ during a telephonic conversation.

A woman overheard a male passenger saying to someone on the phone that the, “CISF removed coconut from my bag fearing it could be a bomb but allowed guthkha that was in my bag”.

A senior official informed that a passenger was travelling to Dubai through a connecting flight from Mumbai via Vistara Airlines flight no UK-941 (Delhi to Mumbai), which was scheduled to depart at 4.55 pm.

“The passenger travelling to Dubai for the job was talking to his mother on the phone and the conversation was overheard by a lady co-

passenger sitting next to him. He told his mother that CISF not allowed coconut in his bag fearing it could be a bomb but they allowed pan masala that was kept in his bag,” said the official.

After hearing the word bomb, the lady co-passenger raised an alarm and the flight crew informed CISF.

The passenger was deboarded and the woman also deboarded the plane voluntarily. The entire plane was thoroughly checked but nothing was found.

The lady’s co-passenger refused to board the plane and she booked another ticket for Mumbai. “In the process, the flight was delayed for two hours before it got clearance to take off. The male passenger was handed over to IGI police,” the official said.

IGI police informed that a case has been registered.

Delhi Police Takes Wrestler To Wrestling Body Chief’s Official Residence

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Stepping up its probe into sexual harassment allegations against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief, the Delhi Police on Friday took a woman wrestler to his office here to recreate the sequence of events that led to the alleged crime.

Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh’s official residence houses the office of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).

Sports Minister Anurag Thakur had assured the protesting wrestlers that a chargesheet would be filed in the case by June 15, after which the grapplers suspended their protest.

A Delhi Police official said the wrestler, accompanied by women police personnel, was taken to the WFI office at 1.30 pm. “They were there for half an hour. They asked her to recreate the scene and recall the places where she faced harassment,” the police official said.

Hours after the police left the place, wrestler Vinesh Phogat, who was among those leading the protest, took to Twitter to express her disappointment at media reports that claimed that the wrestlers had reached the WFI office for a compromise.

“This is the power of Brij Bhushan. He is harassing women wrestlers by using his muscle power, political power and running false narratives, and his arrest is necessary. If the police arrests him instead of breaking us, there is hope for justice, otherwise not. Women wrestlers had gone to the crime scene for police investigation, but it was flashed in the media that they had gone for a compromise,” she tweeted in Hindi.



Mumbai Man Kills Partner, Chops Up Body, Boils In Cooker

Agencies

MUMBAI: Gory details of the gruesome crime in which a man accused of killing his live-in partner in Mumbai, used a tree cutter to cut the corpse into pieces. The accused boiled the pieces in a pressure cooker to ensure there was no foul smell and then filled them in plastic bags to dispose them of.

In a spine-chilling murder case, a 32-year-old woman was brutally murdered and later cut into pieces by her 56-year-old live-in partner in Maharashtra’s Thane.

The suspect, identified as Manoj Sane, had been staying with Saraswati Vaidya in the rental flat in the Akashganga building in the Mira Road area over the past three years.

Deputy Commissioner

of Police (DCP) of Mira-Bhayandar, Vasai-Virar Police Jayant Bajbale while speaking to ANI said that the accused boiled the pieces of body is true but he didn’t feed the dogs with her body pieces.

“We found several body pieces in utensils when we entered the house. The accused Manoj Sane killed her live-in partner Saraswati Vaidya and chopped her into pieces using a tree cutter. Body parts have been sent to JJ Hospital for further investigation,” Mr Bajbale said.

“The accused boiled pieces is true but he didn’t feed her body pieces to dogs. The accused has been arrested and sent to Police custody till 16th June,” he added.

According to the Police, the accused boiled pieces of her body in a pressure cooker and later filled them into plastic bags to

dispose of them.

“Yesterday we received a report of foul smell from a flat in a society. When the police broke open the door of the house, they found pieces of a dead body in a lot of utensils and buckets in the kitchen. Investigation revealed that a couple lived there, they have been identified. In this matter, we have registered a case under the relevant sections,” the police said.

On Wednesday, Nayanagar police station received a call from residents of the building, complaining about a foul odour emanating from the couple’s flat.

As per the police, a preliminary investigation revealed that the woman had been brutally killed.

Police further said that Saraswati Vaidya the reason behind the murder is said to be a fight between

the couple.

“The reason behind the murder is said to be a fight between the couple after which the woman had poison. The police have taken his statement. In further interrogation, the reason behind the murder will come out. The most shocking thing to be noticed is that in such a big society no one knew about that incident. If a person is missing for the past 2-3 days, then it is a possibility that the person is in danger. We should be vigilant toward each other then such incidents can be avoided,” member of Maharashtra State Commission for Women Utkarsha Rupwate said.

In the case, the forensic team left Naya Nagar Police Station and arrived at the couple’s residence on Thursday in the Mira Road murder case.

Putin Says Russia Will Deploy Nuclear Weapons In Belarus In July

Agencies

Russia will start deploying tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus after the facilities are ready on July 7-8, President Vladimir Putin told his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko on Friday in a meeting in Sochi.

"So everything is according to



plan, everything is stable,” Mr Putin said, according to a readout from the Kremlin.

The two men had previously agreed the plan to deploy Russian land-based short-range nuclear missiles on the territory of Moscow’s close ally, where they will remain under Russian command.

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING BARAMULLA.

E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No: - 12/Xen/Rew/Bla/2023-2024 Dated.08/06/2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	EMD AMOUNT	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA/TS
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit near Masjid shareef at hachipora Under SBM year 2023_24 Block kandi Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
2	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit near Health centre at Kangroosa Under SBM year 2023_24 Block kandi Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
3	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit near H/O Ab Rehman najar at Pazalpura Under SBM year 2023_24 Block kandi Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
4	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit at Pir Mohalla Zethan Under SBM year 2023_24 Block kandi Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
5	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit at Chopan Mohalla hoom Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Khaipora	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
6	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit Near H/O Gh. Mohd khan,Mohd Abdullah khan and others at khaipora payeen Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Khaipora	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
7	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit At Ward 2 Mughalpora Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Khaipora	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
8	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit At Dooligund Yarbugh Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
9	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit At Tankeypora behrampora Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
10	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit At Nengli Mohalla Chatloora Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
11	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit Near H/O Mohammad Sultan Ganie at Tajpor Liaser Halqa Dandoosa Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
12	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit at Machinpora Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
13	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit Sheikh Mohalla at Saripara Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
14	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit at Najar Mohalla Soin Sadanar Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
15	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit at Yarbugh Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Rafiabad	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
16	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit Near Masjid Ahli Hadees Chopan Mohalla at Edipora A Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Tujjersharief	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
17	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit Near H/O Farooq Ahmad Ganie and others at Andergam Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Pattan	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
18	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit at Dargam near Orchards Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Pattan	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
19	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit near L/O Mukhtaar Ganie Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Pattan	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
20	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit at Pethpora Nehalpora A Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Pattan	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
21	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit Near Middle School Palpora Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Pattan	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
22	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit Near Old Guttud Building at Goriwan at Takiye tapper Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Pattan	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
23	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit Near Graveyard at Malikpora Wanigam bala Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Pattan	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
24	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit at Shah Mohalla Wussan A Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Pattan	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
25	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit Near Panchayat Ghar at Uglar Wussan B Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Pattan	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded
26	C/O Grey water Community Soak Pit at Nadihal C Under SBM year 2023_24 Block Nadihal	2.36	200	4720	30days	DEE	SBM	AAA Accorded

1.

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

2.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	08-06-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 08-06-2023 to 17-06-2023 up to 6:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date	08-06-2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	17-06-2023 up to 6:00 PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 19-06-2023 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.

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The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:07.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance deptt)that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat.In the event of inadequate response to a tender ,participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted.

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

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In case of dilemma/confusion, the rate and the unit against any item shown in Boq , the SOR rate along with its unit will be applicable.

1.

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

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 at the office of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla.

3.

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

4.

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

4.a

Unbalanced Bid:
The successful bidder shall have to deposit an additional performance security in the shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG before award of contract in case the bid of the successful bidder is found to be unbalanced and the following scale shall apply thereto: -

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz -a- viz Adv. Cost	Additional performance security to be deposited on
1	Upto and including 15% below	Nil
2.	>15% upto and including 20% below	5%
3	>20% upto and including 25% below	10%
4	>25% upto and including 30% below	15%
5	>30% below	20%

5.

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

6.

The earnest money/ performance security shall be forfeited, If:-

a)

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

b)

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

c)

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

7.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

7.1.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the “Downloads” option as well as from “Bidders Manual Kit” on website www.jktenders.gov. into acquaint bid submission process.

7.2.

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 vendors.

7.3.

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

7.4.

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

7.5.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.

7.6.

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

7.7.

DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED IN SOFT:
Scanned copy of valid registration card along with Latest Renewal , EMD/TR as per NIT, GST, Latest clearance, PAN.

7.8.

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

No: 89-96
Dated: 08-06-2023

DIPK-3131-23
DT: 09/06/2023

Executive Engineer.
REW Baramulla



Union Minister Stresses On Eco Tourism Promotion, Eco Clubs In Bandipora

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: As part of Union Government's Public Outreach Programme, Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ashwini Kumar Choubey on Friday visited Bandipora to review the ground level implementation of Government Schemes.

During his visit Ashwini Kumar Choubey visited Wullar vantage park to take first hand appraisal of wullar conservation works.

He was accompanied by Principal Secretary Forest, Dheeraj Gupta, PCCF Roshan Jaggi, APCCF T Rabi Kumar, Conservator of Forest North Circle Irfan Rasool Wani, Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed, SSP Bandipora Lakshay Sharma and other officers from forest Department and District Administration.

During the inspection of Stalls installed by various departments at wullar vantage the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Dr. Owais Ahmed apprised the Minister about the progress of various centrally sponsored schemes.

The minister on the occasion handed over sanction letters of welfare schemes among the beneficiaries of various Departments including Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Industries, Social Welfare, NRLM and Bank.

The minister also distributed books among students and AB-PMJAY cards among beneficiaries of the Health Department.

At Wullar Vantage, Ashwini Kumar Choubey interacted with Wullar mitras and administered oath to wullar mitras, officers/officials and other participants to protect the environment and beat plastic pollution.

The Minister also chaired a meeting of officers at mini Secretariat Bandipora to review the progress of implementation of schemes at grass root level.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner apprised the chair regarding various developmental activities, progress of Government Sponsored schemes and achievements of District.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that the central government is committed to take developmental scenario to new heights and generate employment avenues for youth.

Ashwini Kumar Choubey expressed satisfaction for the proper implementation of Govt. schemes by District Administration.

He appreciated the close co-ordination of District Administration and PRIs in implementing Government Schemes and programmes for the welfare of people.

The Minister on the occasion stressed on the promotion of Eco Tourism promotion and formation of Eco Clubs in educational institutions.

At mini Secretariat Ashwini Kumar Choubey also participated in the plantation drive.

Various delegations of DDCs, BDCs, Sarpanchs, Youth representatives met the minister and apprised the chair regarding the issues of enhanced ration distribution, communication and other issues.

Later the Minister visited NHPC and interacted with students and sports persons led by Padmashri Faisal Ali Dar.

The visit concluded with enthralling cultural performances in the NHPC auditorium by the students of HSS Kaloosa, HSS Mantrigram, Army Goodwill School and IDPS Bandipora with the message "Save Environment- Save Earth".

Kotwal Takes Over As Advisor To LG Of Ladakh

JAMMU: Senior IAS officer Pawan Kotwal took charge as Advisor to Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh B D Mishra on Friday, officials said.

Kotwal becomes the second Advisor to the LG of Ladakh after outgoing advisor Umang Narula. Narula was the first official to be appointed to the post in 2019 when Ladakh became a Union Territory. Narula has been appointed as the Advisor to the LG of Delhi.

Kotwal, a 1994-batch IAS officer from AGMUT cadre, took charge in the presence of Narula and other senior officials of the Ladakh administration at Civil Secretariat, Leh today.

The IAS officer has previously served as the principal secretary for health & medical education, forest, ecology & environment, and revenue, planning & monitoring department in the Ladakh administration.

He played a pivotal role in implementing crucial reforms and initiatives in the health and medical education sector, officials said.



Kotwal spearheaded efforts to improve healthcare infrastructure, enhance medical education facilities, and promote the well-being of the people of Ladakh, they said.

His accomplishments in the fields of forest, ecology, environment, and revenue are equally commendable, demonstrating his dedication to sustainable development and effective governance, they added.

Srinagar, Pahalgam Among 4 Places Record Hottest Day Of Season



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir summer capital, Srinagar as well as Pahalgam and Kokernag in South Kashmir and Gulmarg in northern district Baramulla recorded the hottest day of the season on Friday.

Srinagar recorded the hottest day of the season today as the mercury settled at 30.6 degree Celsius.

Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort also recorded the hottest day of the season with officials saying that 21.3 degree Celsius temperature was recorded at the station today while Pahalgam and Kokernag in South-

ern district Anantnag also recorded the hottest day of the season.

As per the details, the maximum temperature at Pahalgam and Kokernag settled at 26.4 degree Celsius and 29.6 degree Celsius.

The maximum temperature has risen across Jammu & Kashmir after the frequent wet spell continued for over half a month here, which led to the plummeting of the temperature across the Union Territory.

Pertinently, the weatherman here had predicted further increase in the temperature across Jammu & Kashmir, say-

ing that the Union Territory would witness warmer days ahead.

Director Meteorological department (MeT), Sonum Lotus had said that the weather would remain mainly dry from June 09-June 12 across J&K, adding that a brief spell of shower, thunderstorm mainly towards evening during the next four days cannot be ruled out.

"The possibility of show and thunderstorm in the evening is less with just 10-20 per cent chances," he said.

Lotus further added that there is no forecast of any major rainfall till June 12 in Jammu & Kashmir—(KNO)

Sunderbani Narco-Militancy Case

3 Key Conduits Of Arrested In Poonch: Army

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Three key conduits, involved in Rs 150 crore narcotics recovery case in Jammu and Kashmir's Sunderbani area, were arrested by government forces in the Poonch border district on Friday, officials said.

The duo were part of an inter-state drug peddling racket, which was busted by government forces on June 1. Two of its members were arrested here with 22 kg of narcotics worth over Rs 150 crore in the international

market, they said.

"In the follow up operations to the Sunderbani narcotics recovery case, multiple joint operations have been conducted by the Indian Army and police in Poonch district in the last 72 hours," Public Relations Officer (PRO) Defence said.

During the operation, three main conduits and operatives of the cross-border narco-militancy module have been apprehended, PRO said.

The apprehended conduits have been identified as Shkar Din of Degwar Terwan

Village, Rashid and Shafir both residents of Kalas village of district Poonch, the officer said.

During search operations, warlike stores, including two grenades, have also been recovered from their possession, he said.

PRO said extensive joint search operations are currently in progress.

The apprehension of these three individuals is a major blow to the complex cross-border narco-militancy nexus being operated from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, he said.

Woman Among Two Chargesheeted For Cheating Students

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir on Friday produced the Chargesheet against two persons for duping students.

In a statement, the crime branch said that chargesheet has been submitted in a Case FIR No.26/2018 U/S 420, 120-B RPC of P/S Crime Branch Kashmir (Now Economic Offences Wing Srinagar) before the Court of Passenger Tax Srinagar against Nazir Ahmad Wani S/o Ghulam Rasool Wani R/o Tragpora Baramulla, A/P Gazali Abad H.M.T, Shala Teng Ghat, Srinagar and Shubnam Fayaz W/O Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat R/o Ompora Budgam.

According to spokesman, the instant case had been registered upon a written communication received from the CM's grievance cell followed by another

communication received from Civil Aviation Department J&K Government, wherein it is alleged that students paid huge amount for pursuing Aviation and Hospitality course offered by International College of Aviation Baghat Barzulla, Srinagar which however, is not recognized nor registered. Accordingly, Case FIR No. 26/2018 U/S 420, 120-B RPC of P/S Crime Branch Kashmir (Now Economic Offences Wing Srinagar) was registered and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, it came to fore that proprietor International College of Aviation Baghat Barzulla, Srinagar has established the said college at his own level without seeking registration from the regulatory authorities of Govt. of India. It also transpired that the said proprietor Nazir Ahmad Wani pasted different logos on the course

certificates. The said accused proprietor cheated the innocent students by luring them with tall promises of a bright future and job security etc, he said.

Further, the proprietor-cum Managing Director Nazir Ahmad Wani has lured the gullible aspirants under the garb of imparting six months and one year course in so called un-recognized International College of Aviation Baghat Barzulla, Srinagar thereby extracted huge amounts from the students deceitfully, dishonestly and fraudulently and caused wrongful loss to the students (complainants), he said.

The offence under section 420, 120-B RPC has been proved against the accused persons and accordingly the Chargesheet was presented before the Hon'ble Court of Passenger Tax Srinagar for judicial determination, reads the statement.

Union Minister Recounts Modi Govt's Achievements During Rajouri Visit

Observer News Service

RAJOURI: Union Minister of Law and Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal on Friday listed remarkable progress achieved under various government schemes during nine years of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's government.

Union Law Minister, during his extensive visit to Rajouri district, said that the government's renewed focus on taking the nation to new dimensions of growth and development under the leadership of Narendra Modi has significantly improved implementation of schemes across the region.

In his address to the gathering, Meghwal commended the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) scheme for its exceptional achievements. He acknowledged that previously, the scheme's progress was sluggish, but with the government's increased funding and a strict timeline for completion, houses are now being constructed at an unprecedented pace.

Leveraging advanced technologies such as geo-tagging, the scheme ensures transparency and accountability in allocation of houses while the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode facilitates seamless and corruption free fund transfers. Union Minister proudly stated that this remarkable progress

reflects government's commitment towards "9 Saal Be Misal" development.

Furthermore, Union Minister shed light on remarkable accomplishments recorded under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), announcing that a staggering 11 crore toilets have been successfully constructed across the country after the campaign was launched. This monumental achievement is a testament to the government's unwavering dedication towards creating a clean and hygienic India, he asserted.

During his press briefing, Union Law Minister also highlighted the significant strides made under Ayushman Bharat scheme and other crucial projects undertaken nationwide. The Ayushman Bharat scheme has revolutionised healthcare accessibility by providing financial protection and quality medical services to millions of Indians, he added.

Union Minister, while responding to questions raised by the media, reaffirmed the government's commitment towards rapid development, inclusive growth and welfare for all citizens.

Also, Union Minister chaired a mega beneficiary Samelan at Rajdhani Thanamandi during his visit to the district which was attended by a large number of beneficiaries of the Central Government schemes.

Javed Anjum Is Director Srinagar Int'l Airport

Agencies

SRINAGAR: International Airport Professional Javed Anjum has assumed the charge as new director of Srinagar International Airport.

Before being appointed as director Srinagar Airport he was general manager at corporate headquarters Airport Authority of India (AAI).

Talking to a local news agency KNO, Anjum said that his primary priority will be to further streamline passenger experience at the airport and to enhance systemic functioning.

Notably, the appointment of a new director has come at a time when the yearly annual Hajj pilgrimage has just started, and during this phase, the airport functioning remains over-occupied apart from regular flight operations.

"Our endeavor at Srinagar Airport will be to give maximum comforting services to Hajj pilgrims", he said.

H&ME Department Elevates 243 Faculty Members Of GMCs

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Department, has promoted nearly 243 members of teaching faculty of Medical Education cadre working in various Government Medical Colleges of J&K.

Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, has congratulated the elevated faculty members and exuded confidence that all the Government Medical Colleges in J&K will become centers of excellence in teaching, research and patient care, and make Jammu & Kashmir emerge as hub of Medical Education.

Out of the 243 promotees, 92 belong to GMC Srinagar while 73 are from GMC Jammu. In new Government Medical Colleges of J&K, which are at the nascent stage of their development, most of the direct recruits at the level of Assistant Professor have been elevated. These included 20 faculty members of GMC Anantnag, 15 of GMC Baramulla, 12 of GMC Doda, 17 of GMC Kathua and 14 of GMC Rajouri.

Most of the elevated doc-

tors included those who have rendered requisite service as teaching faculty in various disciplines in Government Medical Colleges including newly established Government Medical Colleges as per National Medical Commission's minimum qualification for teachers' eligibility regulations.

A meticulous exercise was undertaken in the Health and Medical Education Department in recent months to proactively attend to and resolve the service matters of faculty members of GMCs.

Notably, the unprecedented elevation of 167 faculty members in old GMCs will aid in enhancement of Post Graduate seats in Government Medical College Srinagar and Jammu, besides motivating the senior faculty members to further strengthen the teaching and research activities in the medical colleges.

The H&ME Department is also referring the vacancies accrued at the entry level in all the new GMCs to JKPS for fast track selections to conform to the requirements of Medical Assessment and Rating Board of National Medical Commission.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL
HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR

(Tele-fax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: xenmhchdsk@yahoo.in)
(Short-term)

Gist- e -NIT NO: MHCHD/TS/2023-24/25/e-tendering
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from registered firms with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (in days)	AAA/Position of Funds	TS.NO	Earnest Money (in Rs.)
1	2	3	5	6	7	8
Preparation of detailed drawings and design for Fire Fighting System and Central Heating System for District Court Shopian	0.50	100	05	CC-5/11911-14, Dated:- 17-01-2023	AEE SD-III/02 of 2023-24, Dated:- 05/2023	1000

1. The Tender document 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 the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 08.06.2023(18.00 hrs).

2. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 08.06.2023 (18:00hrs) to 14.06.2023 (12:00 hrs) in two (02) cover.

3. The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 14.06.2023(14:00 hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

No: MHCHD/ TS/1790-94,
Dated: 08-06-2023

DIPK-3103-23
DT: 09/06/2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
MHCHD, Srinagar

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SUB
TRANSMISSION DIVISION-IIND, RAJBAGH, SRINAGAR

Email id:- std2rajbagh@yahoo.in Fax No. 0194-2310042

EXTENSION NOTICE NO 1

SNO	E.NIT No.	Name of the work	Tender ID	Cost tender document (In Rs)	EMD Cost (In Rs)
1	STD-II / 13 of 2023-24 Dated 11-05-2023	ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS OF 33KV/11KV POWER TRANSFORMERS (DAMAGED) UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SUB TRANSMISSION DIVISION-II, RAJBAGH, SRINAGAR FOR THE YEAR 2023-24 OR TILL NEXT RATE CONTRACT	2023_PDD_212297_1	Rs1000.00	Rs 38950.00
Last Date of Bid Submission extended upto			16-06-2023; 2.30pm		
Bid Opening Date			17-06-2023; 2.30pm		

Due to administrative reasons, the date of submission of bid in respect of below mentioned e-NIT's is hereby extended with the details enumerated below:-

No.:STD-II/396-98/Ts
Dated: - 09-06-2023
DIPK-NB-1191-23
DT: 09/06/2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Sub Transmission Division-II,
Rajbagh, Srinagar.

Street Harassment Is Not Normal

Street Harassment is not harmless, it perpetuates rape culture

Dania Sheikh

“This reluctance to report harassment stems from the warped notion of honour that is fed to women from a very early stage. Young girls are conditioned to believe that harassment erodes their honour, it leaves them scarred, this stigma and shame attributed to the victim makes rape and harassment an instrument to control women, to subdue them and discourages women from speaking up

The recent National Family Health Survey reveals that there has been an upsurge in violent crimes and sexual harassment against women in J&K. The survey report suggests that in 2019-2020, 9.6% women in the age group of 18-49 experienced domestic violence, and 1046 rape cases were registered during this year. These numbers are a grim reminder of the lopsided power dynamics which relegates a lower status to the women in our society. It is this position of authority and power which gives men a sense of impunity and license to get away scott free after committing heinous and barbaric crimes. Uprooting patriarchy is the only way to end the systemic suppression that women face in our society. Change in social attitudes, coupled with a robust justice system can put an end to the myriad forms of atrocities that women face on a daily basis and make the society a habitable place for women. Violent and unfathomable crimes do not emerge out of a vacuum, they are a consequence of ignoring and trivialising sexist jokes, catcalling, whistleblowing and groping etc. These behaviours exhibited towards women are not harmless, they create an environment conducive for men to assert their power over women and perpetuate rape culture. A society which tolerates any form of harassment (verbal or physical) against women incapacitates the harasser and gives him the confidence to disregard a woman's agency and violate her consent. An outcry against harassment is the first step in the long haul of subverting the rape culture that exists in our society. Refusing to accept it as something harmless is essential for reclaiming our agency and public spaces and moving around freely with calmness and comfort without the fear of being visually profiled and assaulted. Reports indicate that 50% of the women who face harassment chose not to report it and this is why no statistical survey can reveal the actual extent of the harassment faced by women in the society. This reluctance to report harassment stems from the warped notion of honour that is fed to women from a very early stage. Young girls are conditioned to believe that harassment erodes their honour, it leaves them scarred, this stigma and shame attributed to the victim makes rape and harassment an instrument to control women, to subdue them and discourages women from speaking up. Eradicating the stigma and shame attached to the victim is essential to take this power away from men and empower women. The prevalence of victims shaming makes speaking up against harassment more morally reprehensible than harassment itself,



this needs to be countered. The flailing justice system and the apathy shown by the law enforcement agencies dissuades women from reporting instances of harassment. Additionally, the burden of proof that rests on the victim makes seeking justice traumatic. The fear of harassment, harassment and the process of seeking justice are distressing and adversely impact women, their quality of life and their well being. In our society every woman is either a victim or a potential victim and has to live in trepidation and constantly tweak her choices to ensure her safety. We cannot claim that we live in a civil and democratic state if women have to be hyper vigilant whenever they step out. It is incumbent upon the state to play an active role in ensuring that women's rights are protected and their freedom of movement is not restricted

and that they are able to live life freely without fear. Apart from the effective implementation of laws that safeguard and protect women's rights, the government also needs to ensure that women are adequately represented in all spheres of the society, representation is the tool through which women can assert themselves and reclaim their agency, otherwise the only way women can ensure their safety is by being invisible in the public sphere.

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The True Picture On The Economy

Karan Bhasin

With the release of recent economic data in India, there has been several attempts to dissect the data and interpret it in a variety of ways. There remains considerable disagreement regarding the state of the economy, its likely future trajectory, and recent economic performance. This disagreement is not new, but rather a function of different hypotheses and competing narratives. Some might wonder how the same information can contribute to professional commentators, economists and policy wonks drawing different, often contrary conclusions. The existence of strong prior beliefs explains a part of the disagreement while the rest can be explained with the difference in the way information is processed by economists. The optimists, for example, would point out that India's economic growth came in at 7.2% in the last financial year—an impressive achievement as it makes the India as the fastest growing major economy of the world. The pessimist might point at low tractor sales or muted consumption growth. Both of these are important and true data points—but some might focus on the former while others might focus on the latter. Another example is for people to compare the annual growth rate for the last three years and conclude the average growth rate to be just 3.28%. Again, this is true, but incorrect from an analytical standpoint, given that 2020-21 was the pandemic year with lockdowns imposed not just in India but across much of the world. What would have been more meaningful is to compare India's average growth rates during the last three years as a ratio of average growth rates or the median growth rate of emerging markets over the last three years. The result would be a ratio greater than 1, which shows that India's growth process has been rather good. It is likely that much of the disagreement regarding the health of India's economy originates from priors, which also influence the way professional commentators process information. As a



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result, the disagreement among experts has been widening. Public discourse, unfortunately, is collateral damage, as unassuming consumers of public debate are effectively left more confused while some end up just reconfirming their priors. Not surprisingly, strong priors have led to bias proclamations and forecasts for the Indian economy—many of which have been found to be incorrect, inefficient, and inconsistent. The fact that many such forecasts have now been ridiculed diminishes public confidence in experts, which tends to have unintended consequences. Needless to say, this disagreement among ex-

perts will only intensify over the coming months as two competing economic narratives are constructed purely to serve political purposes. In the process, we will see many “experts” deviate from well-established analyses attempting to be too creative in their interpretation of statistical data. It is therefore important to distinguish the reality from these narratives and explore the current state of the Indian economy. In terms of sheer numbers, the Indian economy has indeed performed well post the pandemic. Much of this growth recovery has been led by in-

vestments, more so, public investments. That is, government building roads, highways, airports and other infrastructure. This is desirable given the sheer infrastructure gap that existed in India adding to overall logistics costs for businesses. The bulk of these investments are being financed through domestic sources, which implies domestic savings. One of the effects of the pandemic on household balance sheets was either increased borrowings or reduction in savings. Some households who could not consume due to lockdowns saw an increase in their savings. To focus on aggregate effect would be misleading given the distributional consequences. Those with surplus savings are now spending, while those with depleted savings are now building them back. This is what is influencing the consumption patterns that are visible in the economy at the moment, with high consumption growth in tourism and related services sectors and an aggregate of 2.8% consumption growth in Q4 of FY 2022-23. There is a process through which households have started to restore their balance sheets, and this process is likely to continue through the first two quarters of the current financial year. No surprise that some see consumption slowdown. However, if you talk to people in the hospitality sector, they are operating at a higher capacity than prior to the pandemic. Two competing narratives—yet, the reality is closer to the latter. It is a fact that despite a sharp monetary tightening over the last few months, the Indian economy has managed to grow at above 7% while simultaneously easing inflationary impulses. It is also important to point out that the government of India and the finance ministry deliberately desired to engineer an economic recovery driven by investments post the pandemic. Their policy prescriptions have been successful in achieving that objective, as revealed by the data released last week. Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer. The article was originally published by Financial Express



KO INTERVIEW

DAVID LEPESKA

An American Journalist Lays Out Lively Kashmir Journey

KO WEB DESK

AWARD-winning American journalist David Lepeska's first full-time reporting job was for the Kashmir Observer, from the summer of 2006 until mid-2007. His new book, *Desiccated Land: An American in Kashmir*, highlights the time he spent in Kashmir and his KO reporting from that period, alongside personal and geopolitical observations about South Asia.

KO: The book is a blend of reportage, memoir and travelogue. How did you arrive at this unique way of telling the Kashmir story? And how did you approach weaving these disparate elements together?

David Lepeska: Well, it wasn't easy. It all started when KO editor Sajjad Haider came to me in the summer of 2020 and said that Kashmir Observer's 25th anniversary year is coming up and we want to release a few books in conjunction with that. He said his initial thought was collecting my writing for the paper and he'd talked to a publisher who expressed interest.

My immediate thought was, well, we can't just put 15-year-old news reports and features together in a book. It would need some context, to present it to the reader in a way that sheds light on how they were created, the circumstances, the personal journey, the reality. What did these writings mean at the time and what do they mean now?

I remembered that while I was living in Kashmir I'd kept a personal blog. That was the age of the blog — long before podcasts. So I was blogging every week, maybe every few days, and I dug up a handful of those old blog posts and put them alongside my Kashmir Observer reports from 2006-7 and they helped flesh out the reality of that time in Kashmir.



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So you've got the Kashmir Observer reports, you've got my blog posts from that period, and then to explain it all, to add context and insight, I added a good deal of new writing — the introduction, the epilogue, little intros to the chapters and some of the articles. The book contains 50-60 pages of new writing, almost a quarter of the total, so the reader bounces back and forth between the past and the present, hopefully learning about both as they go.

This



seemed the only way to do this: sharing the old KO articles, showing my life at that time and explaining how I got to that point and how Kashmir got to that point, by intertwining my personal story with the history of Kashmir. I also examine how my experiences and Kashmir's reality fits into my broader worldview. Does it work, as a book? I've gotten some good feedback, so I feel like I did okay. I hope people give it a chance.

In your book you detail how you were drawn into journalism by 9/11, wanted to find a Muslim region to report from, and ended up coming to Kashmir and Kashmir Observer — in part because you had visited Kashmir years before as a tourist and enjoyed your time here. So, upon returning to Kashmir as a journalist in 2006, what were your impressions? Did the Valley and its people seem different once you lived and worked here? What stood out about your initial weeks reporting for Kashmir Observer?

Of course I found Kashmir beautiful. The food was fantastic. The people were so kind, helpful and warm. I felt close to everybody almost immediately. Those were my first impressions.

And then I started my work at Kashmir Observer. Sajjad was very open and helpful and just made me feel comfortable and welcomed. And I remember being surprised about how calm everybody seemed in the office at Kashmir Observer. Also about the journalism community in general, that whole community of people. Coming from the West, I expected Kashmir to be a very high pressure place, a very stressed out and anxious place, because of the regular violence, the persecution and the constant trauma. Just the inability to control one's situation, the inability to find relief, to ensure security and stability, for yourself and your family and your community. Being an American, I imagined all that would be absolutely debilitating, paralyzing mentally and emotionally.

But of course, unless you find a way to accept that, you're just going to go crazy. You're gonna be incredibly stressed and anxious all the time and it's gonna keep you from doing anything productive, from having a real life. So within a few weeks I came to realize that Kashmiris had found a way to adapt to a difficult, high stress, high pressure, impossibly traumatic environment. It taught me a lot about being a reporter, especially in conflict zones and dangerous and difficult situations, and just a human being dealing with trauma.

The late educator Agha Ashraf Ali, to whom you dedicated the book, seems to have had a big impact on you during your time in Kashmir. You wrote a lengthy profile of him for Kashmir Observer. What about him stands out to you? What does he mean to you, or represent Kashmir?

First and foremost he was just deeply interesting. He was kind of a remnant of a Kashmir that has largely passed — well educated and well-traveled and accomplished and a raconteur. He knew so many people, spent time with Gandhi-era Indian

leaders, knew philosophers and militants and more. His children lived in the US, which he visited regularly. He was a worldly, cosmopolitan,

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incredibly well read and eloquent Kashmiri. There just aren't many of those left today, sadly. So he was kind of a throwback to an earlier era for Kashmir.

Also, he was a kind of a social center, a social hub. Almost every week he would have people over to have drinks and talk politics and art and culture and books and eat and just have a fantastic time. Just socializing and connecting. There's very little of that in Kashmir. It's not like Kashmir has wild nightlife or fancy restaurants. People generally keep their heads down. They don't want to get into trouble. They don't want to make a lot of noise. They rarely have big gatherings. Not that his gatherings were big but, you know, 8-10 people getting together and talking and having great conversations and connecting and understanding each other. Rare and wonderful.

Beyond that, he was terribly good fun. He was an incredibly vibrant and energetic man, even when I knew him at age 81, 82 — so full of life. Every moment he had something interesting to say. He wanted to eat incredible food, read the best books, have the best conversations. He fizzed with interesting thoughts and random ideas. One day for no good reason he just started calling me Professor of Honolulu. I guess it just rolled off the tongue and had a nice ring to it. From then on it was "Hello, Professor!" every time I visited. That to me just kind of highlighted his energy, his verve, his love for life and interesting people. I like to think I have some of that verve myself, so there was a personal connection.

You have not been to Kashmir since your last visit in 2008. Why?

The opportunity hadn't come up to return to Kashmir, to return to India. It was always in my mind. I've kept in touch with people there. Now I've done this book, and I've been planning for the last year and a half to come to Kashmir.

What message do you hope readers take away from *Desiccated Land* and how do you want it to contribute to the broader conversation about Kashmir and its future?

Well, first, the book is mainly intended for readers outside Kashmir. Of course, I want Kashmiris to read it, and I think they'll enjoy it. But I also think Kashmiris know much of what's in this book. I mean, if I've done a good job, this book presents their daily lives. It may feel good and humanizing to see their stories told on the page, but as I said the book is primarily aimed at people in mainland

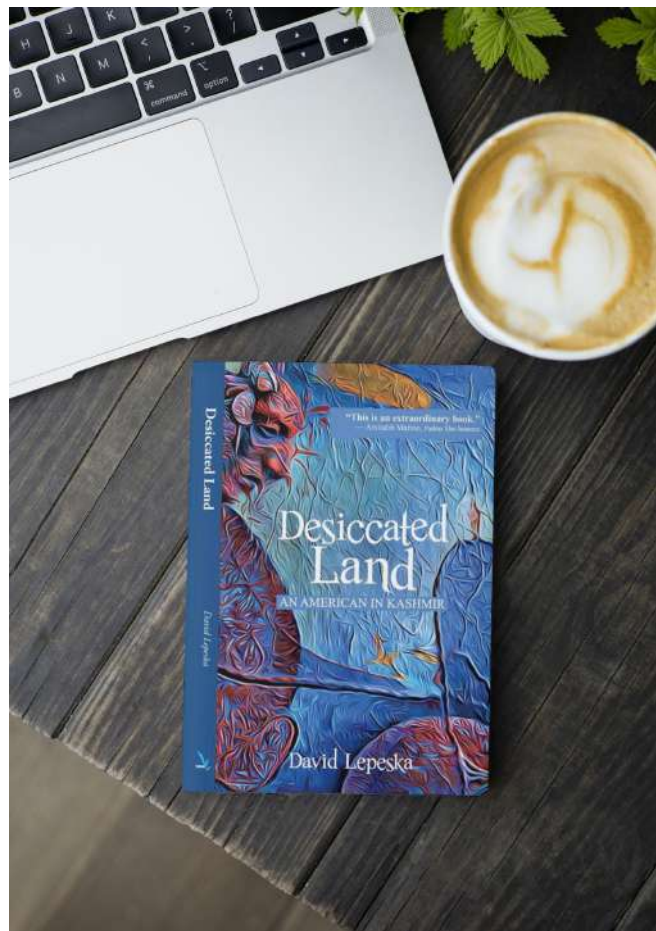
India and beyond.

As I explain at the end of the introduction that a century ago, 80 years ago, America held so much promise for the world. Everybody saw my homeland as the shining beacon of democracy and millions of people emigrated there. But in the end, the US largely disappointed the world — undermining and eroding democracy and the rule of law and inciting violence, toppling governments, and so on. The unjust invasion of Iraq, the destruction in Afghanistan and Libya and beyond. Many would describe the US in recent days, in the post-Cold War era, as a global failure. It failed to live up to its expectations, its ideal of exceptionalism, and in doing so damaged the world.

So, as some people talk about "the Indian century," I hope to show Kashmir as a potential lesson for Indians. So that's one thing I want Indian readers to take away, avoiding the troubled course America has taken.

The book is titled *Desiccated Land* — a reference to the ancient myth of Kashmir's origin being a result of Balarama clearing a path through the mountains to allow the water to flow out of the beautiful lake, Satisar, and kill the water demon, Jhalodbhava. Kashmir today remains a beautiful, if troubled place. So is this title meant to refer to Kashmir, or to something, or somewhere, else?

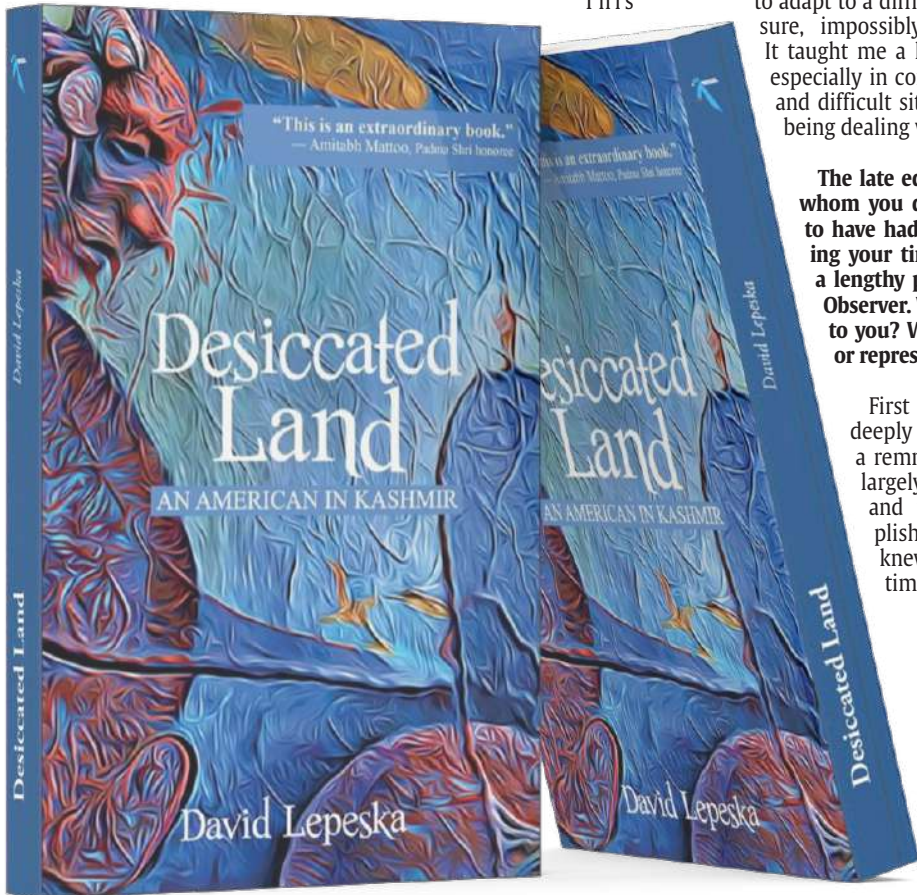
The title does refer to this myth, this origin



story, and to the idea that Kashmir was a paradise that has been desiccated, destroyed. After that it was built up again into a paradise, and lost again. That's the story of Kashmir, over and over, and it all starts with that origin story.

Second, it's a reference to how outsiders, conquerors, and rulers — almost all of whom were not Kashmiris — have persistently over the centuries desiccated Kashmir.

Lastly, as I touched on in my previous response, it also refers to my homeland, to the United States, which has long been seen as this beacon of democracy, this shining light, American exceptionalism and all that. But it has largely disappointed. My country has shown its principles to be largely hollow. So the book aims to reveal that, to show America as a desiccated land, desiccated morally, failing over and over to live up to its ideals.



DESICCATED LAND

An American in Kashmir by David Lepeska is available on Amazon in Kindle and paperback versions

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (for Road work/bridges/Buildings)

TWO COVER SYSTEM (above Rs. 2.50 Crores)

NIT No: - 38 of R&B /2920-29/2023-24 Dated:- 08/06/2023 (E-tendering)

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Tendered Cost including GST (Rs in lacs.)	Cost of Tender Documents (In Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs in Lacs) CDR/FDR/BG	Time of completion	Class of contractor	AA-Status	TS-Status		
	Construction Part	Maintenance cost (for road component).	Total cost work							
1	Construction/ Upgradation of Nowbugh to Wadipora including Bahrampora road NABARD RIDF XXVIII	431.63	43.16	474.79	5500	9.4958	1.5 years	AA Class	CE(R&B) K/ AA/08 OF 2022-23 DT 09/06/2022	CE(R&B) K-TS/427 OF 2023-24 DT 07/06/2023

Major Head of Account = 5054 NABARD (RIDF 28)
 Position of AAA = Accorded
 Position of TS = Sanctioned
 Position of funds = Available
 Project Authority: Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department Kashmir

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	08/06/2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	09/06/2023
3.	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	12/06/2023 from 11.00 AM.
4.	Bid submission Start Date	13/06/2023 from 10.00 AM.
5.	Bid Submission End Date	26/06/2023 upto 4.00 PM.
6.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) (Tech. Bids)	27/06/2023 11.00 AM in the office of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Srinagar/ Budgam

Note:- The Bidders shall mention the name of the advertised work/ reference to NIT & S. No. on the EMD / Bid security (CDR/FDR/BG) while submitting the bidding documents, in order to avoid using the same multiple times for multiple works.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under MH: 0059 Revenue Misc in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora (tender inviting authority) and Bid security 2% in favour of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Srinagar/ Budgam (tender receiving authority)
- At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e., Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Srinagar/ Budgam. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG @ 5% in favour of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Srinagar/ Budgam at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.
- All Bidders shall to quote the rates in BOQ excluding GST. GST @ 18% or as admissible will be added separately at the time of issuance of Allotment by the allotting authority.
- The EMD (Bid Security/earnest money) of 2% of the advertised cost of successful bidder shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security)
- 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 Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Srinagar/ Budgam (tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids

The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-

- Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
- Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
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.
3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.
6. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

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

- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora and Bid security in favour of Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle Srinagar/ Budgam must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), CDR/FDR/BG (earnest money / Performance security) and relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
- Bidders should quote in percentage below/ the percentage above or at par at the bottom of the BOQ Percentage Template for the Work.
- 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.
- Price Escalation and Taxes:- 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.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- For the NABARD project, the NABARD guidelines shall be strictly followed.

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JKB FSL Achieves 1 Billion Milestone In Mutual Funds (AUM)



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: JKB Financial Services Limited (JKBFSL), the Wholly Owned Subsidiary of J&K Bank, has achieved a milestone of One Billion i.e. Rs Hundred Crore in Mutual Fund Assets under Management (AUM). The company celebrated the achievement yesterday at its headquarters in Jawahar Nagar.

J&K Bank's GM (Subsidiary Management) Syed Rais Maqbool and GM (Cross Selling) Syed Shafat Hussain Rufai were present at the celebratory function, which was attended by MD JKB FSL Syed Aadil Bashir, Company Secy. Mudassir Ahmad Padder, CFO Ashiq Hussain Sheikh and other officials of the company.

While lauding this significant achievement, Bank's General Managers advised the JKBFSL team to continue enhancing its product offerings, expanding its reach and to provide innovative solutions in order to meet the evolving needs of its growing clientele.

Both the General Managers urged the participants to leverage their expertise and experience as financial advisors for better investment management services and wealth management services to the people of UT of J&K and Ladakh.

Speaking on the occasion, MD-JKB FSL said, "Achievement of 1 Billion Milestone in Mutual Fund AUM attests our relentless commitment of providing best financial services to our valued clients. It is a result of our team's unwavering dedication, expertise, and customer-centric approach."

"We offer a diverse range of mutual fund products that cater to the varied investment objectives and risk profiles of our clients", he added.

He extended his heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed clients, whose unwavering trust and support, he said, has been instrumental in this remarkable achievement.

J&K Bank Adds 3 CRMs To Its Banking Touchpoint Network



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Taking forward its ease-of-banking mission, J&K Bank commissioned three Cash Recycler Machines, one each, at Jawahar Nagar Rajouri, Fruit Mandi Sopore and Main Branch Uri.

The Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head (Kashmir) Tabassum Nazir inaugurated the CRM at Fruit Mandi Sopore in presence of Zonal Head (Baramulla) Imtiyaz Ahmed Bhat, President Fruit Mandi Sopore Fayaz Ahmad Malik amid a gathering of valuable customers, traders, local residents and other bank officials.

Speaking on the occasion, GM Tabassum Nazir said that the Bank has embarked upon the journey of service-excellence with a host of digital offerings along with other alternate channels of banking WHICH HAS BROUGHT EFFICIENCY AND EASE OF BUSINESS TO THE DOOR STEPS OF PUBLIC IN GENERAL AND TO OUR CUSTOMERS IN PARTICULAR.

In Rajouri, DDC Chairman Naseem Liaquat inaugurated the CRM today in presence of Bank's Zonal Head (Rajouri)

Satish Kumar, representatives of Beopar Mandal Rajouri amid a gathering of valuable customers and other officials of the Bank.

Commending the role of J&K bank in providing latest and convenient banking facilities to the people, Naseem Liaquat said that the CRM would make banking easy, accessible and time-saving for the residents and local businessmen. This is the sixth CRM in district Rajouri taking the total tally to eight in this zone.

Meanwhile, SDM (Uri) Jatinder Kishore (IAS) inaugurated the CRM at the Bank's Main Branch Uri in presence of Zonal Head (Baramulla) Imtiyaz Ahmed Bhat, Cluster Head Sheikh Mohammad Muzaffar, and Branch Manager Fayaz Ahmad amid gathering of valuable customers, local residents and other Bank officials.

Lauding the contribution of J&K bank in rendering the world class banking facilities to the people in the remotest areas of UT, SDM (Uri) urged the people to avail the facilities besides other products especially the government sponsored schemes.

Pricing Regulator Fixes Retail Prices Of 23 Drug Formulations



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI National drug pricing regulator NPPA on Friday said it has fixed retail prices of 23 formulations, including the medications to treat diabetes and high blood pressure.

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has fixed the prices under the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 2013 based on the decision of 113th Authority meeting dated May 26, 2023.

As per the notification, the NPPA has fixed the price of one tablet of diabetes drug Glucophage ER and Metformin Hydrochloride tablets at Rs 10.03.

Similarly, the retail price of one tablet of Telmisartan, Chlorthalidone & Cilnidipine tablets at Rs 13.17. The retail price of one tablet of pain reliever medication Trypsin, Bromelain, Rutoside Trihydrate and Diclofenac Sodium tablets has been fixed at Rs 20.51.

The NPPA said it has also revised ceiling price of 15 scheduled formulations under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (NLEM 2022).

It has also fixed ceiling price of two scheduled formulations. Besides, it has fixed and revised ceiling price of one

scheduled formulation, the notification said.

The NPPA is mandated to fix/revise the prices of controlled bulk drugs and formulations and to enforce prices and availability of the medicines in the country. It also monitors the prices of controlled drugs in order to keep them at reasonable levels.

The regulator implements and enforces the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order.

It is also entrusted with the task of recovering amounts overcharged by manufacturers for controlled drugs from consumers.

Billions In Frozen Iranian Assets To Be Released From Iraq And South Korea

Agencies

TEHRAN- A reported \$24 billion of Iran's frozen assets will soon be released from Iraq and South Korea, according to the Iranian Students' News Agency.

The release of the funds is reportedly an outcome of the recent meeting between Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Omani Sultan Haitham bin Tariq in Tehran and of a low-profile trip to Muscat by US President Joe Biden's senior West Asia advisor Brett McGurk.

According to Axios, McGurk's trip to the Sultanate was meant to discuss "a new diplomatic push over Iran's nuclear program with Omani mediation."

Oman is also mediating talks between Saudi Arabia and the Ansarallah-led government in Yemen.

The news of the assets' release comes on the heels of a meeting between the Governor of the Central Bank of Iran, Mohammad Reza Farzin, and the head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Kristalina Georgieva, in Washington, where it was reportedly decided that Iran will be able to access more than \$6.7 billion of its special drawing rights.



Over recent weeks, western media reports have revealed renewed interest in Washington to restart indirect talks with the Islamic Republic over the inert Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), also known as the Iran nuclear deal.

Washington unilaterally pulled out of the nuclear deal in 2018 and launched a "maximum pressure" sanctions campaign against Iran. After months of talks between Iran and the remaining signatories of the JCPOA, last September — under heavy Israeli pressure — the US put an end to any hope of restoring the deal.

Since then, Iran has restored ties with Saudi Arabia under a Chinese-brokered deal and is reportedly working alongside Gulf countries to form a "naval alliance" to protect the northern Indian Ocean.

Witnessing these developments and seeing itself being pushed aside by former allies in West Asia, the US is in a scramble to reposition itself in the region.

Rajouri Experiencing Apricot Boom; 511 Hectares Of Land Under Farming

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri is experiencing a boom in apricot farming, with an annual yield touching 2,500 metric tonnes of fruit from 511 hectares under apricot production, officials said. The border district is also experiencing an increasing trend among progressive farmers opting for apricot production.

"At present, 511 hectares of area is under the apricot production in the district bearing an annual production of 2,500 metric tonnes of fruits," Chief Horticulture Officer (CHO), Rajouri, Madan Lal told PTI. He further said that several progressive farmers are opting for apricot production.

"Apricot is an important fruit crop of the intermediate region of Jammu Division. In Rajouri, it was grown traditionally with old local varieties but with the introduction of quality plant material and with proper guidance by the department of horticulture Rajouri, the production and quality of apricot fruit has increased in manifolds," Lal said.

Qumar Rubani -- a resident of Aitti, Rajouri -- has set an example of becoming a successful orchardist by planting 250 apricot plants during the



year 2016-2017, producing approximately more than 1.5 metric tonnes of fruit every year.

"During the year 2021-22, he has earned more than Rs 5 lakh from his orchard," the CHO said.

Horticulture Development Officer (HDO) Shafqat Khan further explained that apricot farming has contributed to the upliftment of the socio-economic status of the farming community and played a vital role in the eradication of unemployment in certain pockets.

"This crop matures earlier than all other fruits produced in Rajouri, thus, providing better income to the farmers."

"There is immense potential of the horticulture and allied sectors in Rajouri and farmers need to embrace and benefit from the government schemes available to them," Khan said.

IIM Jammu Signs MOU With LEAD To Startup Ecosystem Development

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue-LEAD to set out a framework for the participants to cooperate in investment promotion in J & K.

The MoU was signed at a Mega event for start-ups in Jammu on 09th June 2023. The organizations will jointly conduct studies, research, and organize various capacity-building activities across the districts of Jammu and Kashmir with an aim to identify investment opportunities and measure the potential of growth in various sectors of the industry.

The MOU was signed in the presence of Prof. B.S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu by Cmdr Kesavan Baskaran (R), Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu, and by Sunil Shah, Director, LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue-LEAD.

Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu said that the signing of the MoU will open new avenues to showcase business opportunities in J&K to potential investors, creation of start-up ecosystem, and drive strategic sector-specific investments from private sector stakeholders across India and the



world. The Institute along with the LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue-LEAD, will try to leverage this partnership by working in the continued interest of the people of Jammu, and Kashmir and thereby paving the path for sustainable development for the nation and the globe.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Sunil Shah, Director, LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue-LEAD expressed his happiness for the signing of the MoU with IIM Jammu under the leadership of Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu. He mentioned further that the collaboration with IIM Jammu will help us to develop our competence in many key areas ranging from research, Institutional knowledge, development of entrepreneurship, and Institutional development. This partnership will lead to a significant exchange of synergies between both Institutes.

JKTPO To Organise Mega Trade Fair Cum Exhibition In Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In line with the vision of Lieutenant Governor, J&K and under the directions of Chief Secretary, J&K, the Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) has joined hands with India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) to organize a mega trade fair and exhibition in Srinagar.

This multi-sector event aims to foster business opportunities and facilitate networking among various stakeholders. It is set to become the flagship event organized by JKTPO and will be held annually in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions. The same shall be organized under the guidance of Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce department.

A team of experts from ITPO Brijlal, GM-Arch, Krishan Kumar, DGM and Satish Kumar, Sr. Manager visited Srinagar, and surveyed multiple locations along with the officials of the JKTPO to identify the most suitable venue for the trade fair. Factors such as ease of access, central location, and other essential attributes were considered to ensure the successful implementation of this grand event.

The ITPO team also had a meeting with Khalid Jahangir, Managing Director JKTPO and discussed finer details of the proposed event. ITPO is the major stakeholder of the J&K Trade Promotion Organisation. It is Apex Trade Promotion body of the country that organize such events within and outside country. The expertise

of the ITPO will help to plan, organize the event in most meaningful and productive manner.

The proposed trade fair and exhibition will feature about 250 stalls in which sellers from diverse sectors from UT and other states of the country will participate. Handicrafts, handlooms, agriculture, horticulture, Dairy, food processing, manufacturing and various other sectors will be showcased, providing a platform for sellers to display their products and connect with potential buyers. Special focus shall be given to GI tagged products from both Jammu and Kashmir region.

One of the primary objectives of this event is to facilitate business-to-business (B2B) with domestic and international buyers and business-to-consumer (B2C) interactions. It will offer opportunities for networking, lead generation, and collaborations between industry professionals. The event is expected to boost trade domestically and internationally, thereby expanding economic prospects and strengthening trade ties with other countries.

The event is tentatively scheduled in the month of September and will contribute significantly to the growth and development of the region's business landscape. Similar event shall also be planned to be organized in Jammu. With its annual recurrence, these events are poised to become prominent platform for promoting trade, showcasing innovative products, and fostering partnerships.

ED Issues Notices To Xiaomi, 2 Senior Executives For FEMA 'Violations' To Tune Of Rs 5,551 Cr

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday said it has issued show-cause notices to the Indian arm of Chinese mobile phone manufacturer Xiaomi, its chief financial officer and director Sameer B Rao, former managing director Manu Kumar Jain and three foreign banks for alleged violations of the foreign exchange law to the tune of more than Rs 5,551 crore.

The Adjudicating Authority (of the Foreign Exchange Management Act) has issued the notices to Xiaomi Technology India Private Limited, the two executives, the CITibank, the HSBC bank and the Deutsche Bank AG under section 16 of the FEMA, the federal agency said in a statement.

A show-cause notice is issued after the completion of a FEMA probe and once it is settled, the accused may have to pay a penalty that could be three times the amount contravened.

The notices have been issued to the firm, along with Jain and Rao, the ED said.

The Adjudicating Authority has also issued show-cause notices to three banks -- Citibank, HSBC Bank and Deutsche Bank AG -- for contravention of sections 10(4) and 10(5) of the FEMA and directions issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as they allowed foreign outward



remittances in the name of royalty through the banks, "without" conducting due diligence and "without" obtaining any underlying technical collaboration agreement from the company, it said.

The ED had earlier seized funds worth Rs 5,551.27 crore of Xiaomi Technology India Private Limited lying in its bank accounts under the FEMA for the "unauthorised" remittance of this amount in guise of royalty abroad by the company.

"The competent authority, appointed under section 37A of the FEMA, has confirmed the said seizure order. The authority, while confirming the seizure, held that the ED is right in holding that foreign exchange equivalent to Rs 5,551.27 crore has been transferred out of India by Xiaomi India in an unauthorised manner and is held outside India on behalf of the group entity in contravention of section 4 of the FEMA, 1999 and the same is liable to be seized in terms of provisions of section 37A of the FEMA," it said.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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Lucknow Court Shooting: 2 Police Teams Formed, Security Tightened At Court Premises

Lucknow: Two police teams have been constituted to investigate the murder of gangster-politician Mukhtar Ansari's aide Sanjeev Maheshwari Jeeva here, while steps have been taken to tighten security at court premises in the wake of the incident, a senior police officer said on Friday.

Jeeva (48) was shot dead on the premises of a Lucknow court on Wednesday, police said. A policeman and a two-year-old girl were injured in the incident.

"Two teams with four policemen each have been formed for prompt and successful disposal of the investigation of the case registered at the Wazirganj police station here," Joint Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Upendra Aggarwal told reporters.

Wazirganj police station in-charge Manoj Kumar Mishra will head the investigation, he said.

"The second team constituted for technical assistance includes Rajdev Prajapati, in-charge of the surveillance cell, western zone with three others," Aggarwal said.

Apart from this, Inspector Ramphal Prajapati has been assigned the task of making adequate security arrangements



at the old premises of District Court and High Court Lucknow Bench, the officer said.

He said an application will be moved in court on Saturday over the police custody of the accused.

The senior police officer said a meeting was also held with lawyer organisations on Friday and a consensus was reached on several points regarding security on court premises. There will be separate entry gates for officers and advocates besides

other elaborate security arrangements, he said.

"Steps are being taken to ensure security in court. We also held a meeting with the Central Bar Association and the members have assured their cooperation in this process," he said.

Meanwhile, the police have increased the number of police personnel deployed in the district and sessions courts, and installed metal detectors at every gate.

Lawyers coming to court now

have to show their identity cards and are frisked by police officers.

The alleged assailant, identified as Vijay Yadav (24), a resident of Jaunpur district, was caught on the spot after the shooting took place right outside a courtroom, police said. Eyewitnesses said the assailant was dressed as a lawyer and fired around six shots.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed the formation of a three-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the incident.

The assailant opened fire when Jeeva, who was serving a life term in a Lucknow jail, was brought to the court for hearing in a case, police officials said.

A resident of Muzaffarnagar district in Uttar Pradesh, Jeeva is an accused in the murder cases of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA Krishnanand Rai and former state minister Brahm Dutta Dwivedi as well as in 22 other cases, including those of fraud and criminal conspiracy.

Meanwhile, chief medical superintendent of King George's Medical University Trauma Centre said the girl, who was shot in the incident, has been successfully operated and the bullet has been removed.

Activists stand in solidarity with Umar Khalid as he completes 1,000 days of incarceration in Delhi riots case

New Delhi: Scores of students, civil rights activists and media personalities gathered here on Friday to express solidarity with former JNU student leader Umar Khalid after he completed 1,000 days of incarceration in the 2020 northeast Delhi riots case.

The activists gathered at the Press Club to talk about 'Democracy, Dissent and Censorship', saying Khalid's 1,000 days of imprisonment equals to "1,000 days of resistance".

The event was earlier scheduled to be held at the Gandhi Peace Foundation, but the activists claimed police forced the venue managers to cancel their booking.

Khalid was arrested by Delhi Police in 2020 and charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and provisions of the Indian Penal Code. Police claimed he was the mastermind of the northeast Delhi riots which had left 53 people dead and over 700 injured.

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Jha said, "This is 1,000 days of imprisonment as well as 1,000 days of resistance. Umar Khalid will be very happy to know that in this scorching heat, hundreds of people gathered to defend democracy."

"This solidarity is not just for Umar, but for every political prisoner. This is a fight of

memory. A dominant memory is mainstream today, while the memories of marginalised communities are ignored," he said.

Senior journalist Ravish Kumar said the road to the door of justice has been stretched too far for those like Khalid.

"Remember 1,000 days that have passed. Remember that these are not just 1,000 days since Khalid's incarceration, but also 1,000 days of shame for the Indian judicial system," he said.

Present at the event was also Khalid's father S Q R Ilyas who said the confines of the prison walls has not dampened the spirit of his son.

"Has 1,000 days of jail dented Umar's confidence, has it dampened the spirits of his friends? Absolutely not. When I see all those who have been jailed during their court hearings, I see confidence in their faces, they know that they are in jail for a cause," he said.

He said his son is fighting for the country and democracy.

Ilyas demanded the release of all 'political prisoners', including his son, Sharjeel Imam, Khalid Saifi, Shifa Ur Rehman and others.

On the row over the event's venue, Supreme Court advocate Shahrukh Alam said the venue was cancelled following an intervention by the Delhi Police.

"We were told Delhi Police gave a notice to the management of the earlier venue that the booking should be cancelled. They did not quote any sections under which the order was made," she claimed.

Khalid, who completed his PhD on tribals in Jharkhand from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), was arrested on September 14, 2020.

Ilyas said Khalid was not in Delhi when the riots took place, but the police refused to accept it as "evidence of his innocence".

Meanwhile, RJD MP Manoj Jha also tribals in Jharkhand Centre over the sedition law.

"Now the Law Commission is recommending that more stringent punishment should be given under the sedition law... That would mean those who cannot be targeted by agencies like the CBI and ED will be booked under the UAPA to crush dissent," he said.

Opposition parties, including the RJD, have been alleging that the Union government is misusing probe agencies like the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against their leaders.

Prabhat Patnaik, Professor Emeritus, JNU said the continued detention of Khalid is not just a personal tragedy, but "social waste" of a talent.

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Miscarriages In

After informing about her pregnancy, Shaista was showered with congratulations, visits, and well-wishes, "but after my miscarriage, the support and attention from friends and family quickly dried up," she said. "Nobody asked me how I felt. Instead, I was told that I broke the news of my pregnancy too quickly and invited bad luck."

It isn't a woman's fault!

When an unborn baby dies, society often reacts differently than the loss of a healthy baby, remarked Nelofer (name changed), who has had two miscarriages in a span of five years. "The thing with miscarriage is that most people don't realise what we have actually lost. They don't understand the intensity of our grief," she said, adding that people think the loss is not significant since the baby was not a 'real' person.

For Nelofer, the burden of being unjustly accused and blamed for the loss added to her agony. Her sister's marriage was scheduled shortly after she conceived for the first time, and she couldn't help but notice the insinuations made by her in-laws, implying that her miscarriage was due to her involvement in the wedding preparations. "I was labelled as careless for not being able to take care of my pregnancy," she said. She confessed lingering on the bathroom floor for hours and crying freely without any judgement or interruption, as she was often told, "tchea osuy ne zyad time gomut, thaw wani aith seith bihun (you weren't pregnant long enough, stop holding on to the grief too much)."

The data from the National Family Health Survey for 2019-21 reveals that 8% of foetuses are lost due to abortion, miscarriage, or stillbirth, whereas 92 percent of pregnancies result in a live birth in Jammu and Kashmir. The most prevalent type of foetal wastage is a miscarriage, which accounts for 5% of all pregnancies, and abortions, which account for 2%. Globally, about 1 in 10 women will have a miscarriage over a lifetime. According to a series of articles in The Lancet, an estimated 23 million miscarriages occur every year, translating to 44 pregnancy losses each minute.

In a simple yes or no poll on Yakjut – a facebook group exclusively for Kashmiri women, out of 23 women who participated, 18 reported to have suffered from a miscarriage or an abortion due to medical needs. Despite the high incidence, miscarriage is still a hushed topic in Kashmir that is often associated with secrecy, taboo and shame. The stigmatisation, where the mother is largely held responsible for miscarrying leads to emotional distress and anxiety among the women.

Waseem Ahmad Kakroo, a clinical psychologist based in Kashmir believes that miscarriage is a deeply personal and emotional experience for women and their partners. The loss of a pregnancy can bring about a range of intense emotions such as grief, sadness, guilt, and even feelings of failure, "however, societal attitudes and cultural beliefs often contribute to the perception that miscarriage is a private matter and should not be openly discussed. This can create an

atmosphere of shame and silence surrounding the topic," he said.

He added that it can be challenging for a woman when those around her fail to recognize the depth of pain. "This lack of empathy can leave her further isolated and misunderstood. It makes it more difficult for women to open up and seek the support they need."

The myths persist

"This must have been a son," Filory Jan, recalled being told after her medically advised abortion following a non-viable pregnancy in the first trimester. "The insensitive remarks and the false beliefs in Kashmir make it worse for us. I was told that I would never be able to conceive again and I had started to feel hopeless," until she gave birth to a healthy baby girl two years later.

It is not limited to this, as some women also reported encountering dietary myths that suggest certain foods or eating habits can cause miscarriages. "People who visited me during those days frequently enquired if I had eaten bananas or tomatoes. Had that been the case, my doctor would have advised me to avoid consuming certain things," Filory said. In her view, misinformation about pregnancy could be more harmful than helpful. She did her own research and talked with her healthcare provider, and learned that the vast majority of miscarriages are caused by genetic or developmental issues, and that no single food or behaviour can completely prevent or cause a miscarriage.

The confluence of infertility, stress and miscarriages

According to the National Family Health Survey for 2019-21, Jammu and Kashmir has the lowest fertility rate in the country, with a 0.6 percent decrease in the fertility rate from the last survey in 2015-16. This only compounds the challenges that women who experience miscarriage face. Miscarriage can be an isolating experience under any circumstances, but in a society where childbearing is viewed as central to women's roles and identities, the emotional impact of miscarrying a baby can be especially difficult to navigate.

"Because of the high infertility, women may feel pressured to carry pregnancies to term, which can heighten their disappointment and frustration when a miscarriage happens," another woman who has experienced recurrent miscarriages and is trying for a child, said.

According to Dr. Munaza Farooq, an Obstetrician and Gynecologist working at Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, health factors such as Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOD), obesity, torch infections and sedentary lifestyle are associated with the risk for miscarriages. "These factors can give rise to certain metabolic disorders like diabetes and thyroid which in turn can contribute to miscarriages," she said.

"Not just biological and medical reasons, social factors also play a role," she told Kashmir Observer, adding that high levels of stress, anxiety, or

emotional distress can potentially affect hormone levels, disrupt the normal functioning of the reproductive system, and potentially contribute to complications in pregnancy. "Society keeps on forcing a woman to have kids, but they must know that it is very important for a woman to be mentally fit to be able to conceive again after a miscarriage."

Waseem Kakroo also emphasized on the need to provide a non-judgmental space to women. He suggested promoting open conversations and educating people about the emotional impact of pregnancy loss as a way to assist them in finding healing and resilience.

Lt Gen Mitra Takes

commander in National Security Guard; and Colonel General, Staff, Faculty of Studies, Army War College.

He was posted as the chief instructor of the Army Wing at Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

Lt Gen Mitra has been awarded Chief of Army Staff and General Officer Commanding in Chief Commendation Cards twice, an apt recognition of his selfless and distinguished service, the spokesperson said.

He was also awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for his contribution as a general officer commanding in eastern Ladakh. PTI

Comfort, Security

Rs 50,000 for each animal carrying pilgrims.

Shah stressed on providing smooth arrangements on the route from the airport and railway station to the pilgrimage base camp and directed to make available air service from Srinagar and Jammu at night for the convenience of the pilgrims.

The home minister also directed to ensure adequate stock of oxygen cylinders and their refilling and asked for availability of additional teams of doctors.

He directed to ensure adequate number of medical beds and deployment of ambulances and helicopters to meet any medical emergency.

Shah gave instructions to make proper arrangements for all necessary facilities for the pilgrims and that include travel, stay, electricity, water, communication and health. He directed to ensure better communication system on the pilgrimage routes and deployment of machines to immediately open routes in case of a landslide.

Besides, arrangements for tent city, Wi-Fi hotspots and proper lighting will be made on the travel routes. Additionally, online-live "Darshan of Baba Barfani", live telecast of morning and evening "aarti" in the holy Amarnath cave and religious and cultural programmes will be organised at the base camps, the statement said.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, the Army's Northern Command chief Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, Director of Intelligence Bureau Tapan Deka were among the top functionaries who attended the meeting.

Sources said all stakeholders of the pilgrimage have taken part in the meeting and all issues relating to arrangements being made for it have

been discussed.

Last year, 3.45 lakh people visited the holy cave and this year, the figure could go up to 5 lakh, they said.

The sources said that to avoid any incident like last year's flash flood which claimed 16 lives near the shrine, the National Disaster Response Force has started identifying ideal locations for setting up pilgrim camps keeping in mind any possible unforeseen natural disaster.

Indian Air Force helicopters are expected to be deployed to carry out aerial sorties in the upper reaches of the holy cave to check for glacial events and the formation of lakes that may trigger flash floods downhill.

Last year, such sorties were conducted only after the flash floods occurred in June, but this year, the exercise will be undertaken before the start of the pilgrimage and at continuous intervals during the two-month yatra, the sources said.

The aerial surveys may be conducted by a team with expertise in remote sensing and satellite, hydrology and disaster response. Once a dangerous water build-up is spotted, contingency measures will be taken all along the pilgrimage route, especially in the areas near the cave shrine, they added.

Recently, a lot of snow has been found along both the routes - Baltal and Pahalgam - leading to the holy cave and therefore the Border Roads Organisation has been given the task to clear the snow by June 15, the sources said.

Srinagar Family

so that no child could again fall prey to these stray dogs."

Pertinently, stray dog assaults have increased in both rural and urban areas of the valley and that susceptible population including elderly and young are the worst hit.

It is worth mentioning that a middle aged woman died after being bitten by stray dogs in Munawarabad locality in April this year.

A seven years old girl, Surat Jan daughter of Mohammad Ashraf from Mitragam, Kulgam in south Kashmir was seriously injured by stray dogs outside her makeshift home. She was admitted at Children's Hospital Bemina here.

Annoyed by the huge population of dogs in his area, another elderly man from Shalimar area in Srinagar was arrested for tying a stray dog to his two-wheeler with a rope and dragging it down the Fore-Shore Road in April this year.

According to the data, nearly 5000 dog bite cases have been reported to Anti Rabies Clinic in Kashmir, with nearly 4,000 such cases reported from Srinagar city alone.

When contacted, Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Athar Amir Khan said that two sterilization centers have been set up in Srinagar.

"A rapid sterilization drive has been launched in Srinagar in this regard and I hope the sterilization process will help reduce the canine population in urban areas," he added.

Restriction On

November 2017 to ending October 2019," the court said.

According to petitioners, the court said, Circular no.30-GAD of 2019 dated 24th May 2019 is not applicable to them and they are required to be allowed to continue inasmuch as they have been engaged in corporation much before issuance of Circular.

"Section 14 (of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Special Provisions) Act, 2010), on its bare perusal, would provide that from commencement of the Act of 2010, i.e., 29th April 2010, no appointment shall be made by any department against any post on ad hoc or contractual or consolidated or temporary basis and all vacant posts shall be filled up strictly in accordance with the rules governing the recruitment to the respective services or posts" the court said, adding, "Thus, there is complete restriction on appointments from 29th April 2010 to be made on ad hoc or contractual or consolidated or temporary basis."

Force To Be

Section 5 of the Act of 1997," the court said, adding, "For implementation of the Act of 1997, competent authority, as is mentioned in Section 6, can take such steps and force, which in its opinion is necessary."

If there is a written complaint by a migrant, the court said, the competent authority can take or cause to be taken such steps and use or cause to be used such force as may be necessary for eviction from or delivery of possession of migrant property.

"The competent authority can also enter upon migrant property and make survey including measurement and do any other act which may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of the Act of 1997."

Not only this, the court referred to its Division Bench observation in a case in which it has been held that that it is not necessary that a person in possession of the immovable property of migrant ought to be in illegal or unauthorized possession as neither Section 3 nor Section 4 contemplates about the nature of possession of immovable property belonging to migrants, "meaning thereby that immovable properties belonging to migrants shall be deemed to be in possession of District Magistrate irrespective of the nature of possession of any person other than the migrant himself."

65 Percent Students

Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar.

He also conveyed gratitude to divisional and district level administrative machinery, India Posts, officers and officials of JKBOSE, teachers who have tirelessly contributed towards smooth conduct of examination and all other people who have directly or indirectly contributed towards success of this vision of the government wherein all the students of the two UTs were brought together in the same academic session and their result has been declared successfully.

Professor Manhas said that "It is heartening to know that girls have again outshined boys. The students and their parents deserve great appreciation for their whole hearted acceptance and cooperation in realizing the visionary goal of unifying the staggered academic sessions in both the

union territories of J&K and Ladakh. It is a momentous occasion for all of us as our concerted efforts have yielded fruitful results. "JKBOSE is consistent in its efforts for upgrading and fine-tuning its mechanisms and processes for the student welfare," he added

In case of any query regarding this result, the students have been advised to avoid visiting the JKBOSE offices at Jammu/Srinagar physically. However, they can email their query at jssc-crecy_jd@jkbose.co.in (for Jammu Division) and jssc-crecy_kd@jkbose.co.in (for Kashmir Division) citing all the relevant details which shall be addressed after due processing at the earliest possible.

The aggrieved students, if any, can contact their respective schools or the nearest JKBOSE Sub/Branch office. JKBOSE provides an opportunity to the students to get a photocopy and re-evaluation of their answer sheets for which they can apply online after the notification is issued in this regard.

3.9 Magnitude

35.64 degrees north and longitude 76.62 degrees east.

Its epicentre was in Ladakh, officials said.

Police Rescues 250

rescue teams of PS Gulmarg led by SHO PS Gulmarg Inspector Irshad Ahmad with the assistance of staff of Gondola Car Corporation swung into action and after strenuous over night efforts, they rescued the stranded tourists and brought them back to Gulmarg base safely, reads the statement.

The tourists expressed their gratitude towards the Police for timely help, reads the statement further.

Baby Girl

daughter of Bilal Ahmad Dar of Feeripora, Shopian.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident—(KNO)

Landslide Halts

20,000 people in the region.

Cattle Smugglers

to book them under PSA for their repeated involvement in cattle smuggling cases, officials said.

The accused were involved in several other crimes as well, including attempted murder, snatching and those registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and Arms Act, they said.

They were active for a long time and involved in multiple FIRs of cattle smuggling registered at different police stations in the district. The accused were kept under surveillance and ultimately detained, officials added.

Kupwara Gets

Member of the Commission. Thereafter, the President and the Member of the Commission held an introductory meeting with the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray, ADC Kupwara and AD Food.

The general public of Kupwara district is informed to approach the District Consumer Commission Kupwara on Helpline Number 01952-358533 in case they have any grievance/complaint.



YSS Holds Sports Events For Tribals Across Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) successfully organised sports and other allied activities for the tribal population in most of the districts of Kashmir division.

The department in most of the Kashmir-based districts conducted different sports and recreational activities for the elders, youngsters and women of different tribal groups during the last 10 days. Speaking about this unique initiative of the Department, Waseem Raja Joint Director Kashmir of the Department of YSS said that under the "Sports for All" initiative the Department is exploring all possibilities to engage people from all walks and ages in sports and recreational activities with an aim to promote physical and mental wellness in common masses.

"An official communicate was circulated in this regard wherein all the District Youth Services and Sports Officers of Kashmir division were directed by my office to organize activities for specially-abled, elderly people and tribal population," he stated.

While providing details about the encouraging figures about participation in sports activities with an upward trend he said, "2 Lakh 85 thousand youth have participated in various sports activities. May 2023 in comparison to the previous month, i.e., April which was 1 Lakh 53 thousand depicting an encouraging flip of 86.3% growth."

Meanwhile, the Department

of Youth Services and Sports wrapped up the "Sports For Tribals" event in Gurez Valley with an exhilarating display of sportsmanship during the finals of Volleyball, Kabaddi, and Tug of War. The event marked a significant milestone for the Department. District Youth Services and Sports Officer Bandipora was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The event was a celebration of sports and culture, with students from Gurez showcasing their talents through various local cultural folk songs. The spectators were treated to an exciting tug-of-war match, followed by enthralling Volleyball and Kabaddi finals. The competitive spirit and camaraderie displayed by the participants were truly commendable, reflecting the passion and dedication of the youth in Gurez Valley.

The event concluded with a memorable award ceremony, where deserving athletes were honored with mementos and medals. The winners, runners-up, and guests were acknowledged for their remarkable contributions to the success of the event. Also, Sports Kits for the Youth of Gurez were distributed among them on the occasion.

The conclusion of the "Sports For Tribals" event in Gurez Valley marks an important chapter in the efforts of DYSS J&K to promote sports and cultural exchange among the tribal communities. This event served as a platform for young athletes to showcase their skills and foster a sense of unity and harmony through sports.

DYSS Sports Competitions Continue In Anantnag



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services & Sports organised sports activities in various zones of district Anantnag on Friday.

Events in Tug of War and Rope Skipping for Girls under the Age Group of 14 & 17 were held at Sports Stadium Mattan while Zone Bidder organised Rope Skipping and Tenukiot competition among Girls for the Age Group of 14 & 17 at HS Sagam with a total of 220 participation.

Zonal Physical Education Office Qazigund also organised Annual Road Race for both Boys & Girls under the Age Group of 14 & 17 with 330 participants and Zone Doru hosted a competition in Kho-Kho and Kabaddi at three venues for both Boys & Girls under the Age Group of 14 and with a participation of 1450.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Department of Youth Services & Sports is always fulfilling its dedication to serving every student by providing them best sports infrastructure with best technical support.

WTC Final: Aussies Take Massive Lead On Day 3



Press Trust of India

LONDON: Ajinkya Rahane and Shardul Thakur kept India in the game with a rearguard 109-run stand but Australia still managed to take a massive 173-run lead on day three of the World Test Championship final here on Friday.

Having reached 260 for six at lunch, India could only 36 runs in the afternoon session to end with 296 all out in 69.4 overs.

Australia, who made 469 in their first innings, were 23 for one in 11 overs at tea.

Mohammed Siraj continued to be India's standout bowler in the game and removed David Warner in the fourth over. He bowled his heart out with his sharp short balls roughing up Marnus Labuschagne on two occasions.

Rahane (89 off 129 balls) could not add to his tally after the break, and having once again delivered in challenging overseas conditions, fell to a stunning one-handed catch by Cameron Green at gully.

Rahane went through with the shot away from his body off Pat Cummins and a diving Green plucked the flying ball

out of thin air for a memorable catch.

Thakur (51 off 109) was able to get to his third half century at The Oval with a couple of straight drives off Cummins, India's tail hardly put up a resistance and the team was bowled out midway into the second session.

In the morning, Rahane stood tall amid the ruins in his comeback game as he showed remarkable skill and courage against a hostile Australian pace attack.

India remained behind in the game despite the resilience of Rahane and Thakur's much-needed support. Thakur also survived two nasty blows on his forearm and was dropped twice. India, who resumed the day at 151 for five in response to Australia's 469, managed to score 109 runs in the 22 overs bowled in the first session.

The way Scott Boland and Cummins got the ball to kick off length in the first hour, one could sense a wicket off every ball.

Boland ripped through the defense of KS Bharat on the second ball of the day as the Indian wicketkeeper had no answer to a ball that jagged back in sharply

from length.

Cummins looked equally threatening from the other end and hit Thakur's forearm on back-to-back balls with extra bounce, forcing the batter to seek the physio's intervention.

Like Thakur, Rahane too had luck going his way as he was dropped by David Warner at first slip when he was on 72.

After getting a few streaky boundaries, Rahane got to his fifty with a spectacular six off Cummins over fine leg. The Australian skipper angled one into his body and Rahane made room to pull it for a maximum.

His best shot of the morning was a cover drive off Green, and it came after a thick edge that flew over the slip cordon, showing that one had to take his chances on this wicket.

The final moments of the session were full of action. Rahane got consecutive fours off Nathan Lyon via a back foot punch and a crisp drive through the cover.

The last over before lunch saw Thakur being adjudged lbw but it ended up being a no ball from Cummins. The Aussie skipper had also overstepped after trapping Rahane in front of the stumps on day two.

Brij Bhushan Was Drunk, Misbehaved With The Girls: International Referee

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: International referee Jagbir Singh on Thursday claimed that he has been a witness to Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh's inappropriate behaviour towards female grapplers on several occasions since 2013.

Brij Bhushan is currently under scrutiny after top Indian wrestlers, including Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat and Sakshi Malik, demanded his arrest for alleged sexual harassment of women grapplers.

"I am an UWW referee since 2007 and I have been a referee before the birth of the protesting wrestlers. I also know Brij Bhushan for a long time," Jagbir told PTI.

"I couldn't say much because until the girls register complaints, I could not do anything. But I saw the episode with my own eyes and felt bad," he said.



Jagbir, who has been a coach-cum-international referee since 2007, said he witnessed Brij Bhushan's misbehaviour with his own eyes on numerous occasions.

"After he became the president during his second tour in 2013 in Kazakhstan, the president told us 'I will feed you Indian food today' and he arranged a party in the junior wrestlers' hotel," he claimed.

"Brij Bhushan and his accomplices from Thailand were drunk and they misbehaved with the girls and I was a witness to that.

"In 2022, I witnessed some-

thing. Whenever the president used to travel inside the country for national tournaments, two to three girls were always with him but we could never protest. We have seen that with our eyes."

Jagbir, in fact, has corroborated the protesting wrestler's allegations in his testimony to the Delhi Police.

Asked about Brij Bhushan's denial of all the allegations, Jagbir said: "Does a thief ever say I have stolen? Every culprit will make these excuses."

He, however, refused to comment on the U-turn of the minor wrestler's father, who said he accused Brij Bhushan due to personal enmity after his daughter was discriminated during U-17 Asian Championship Trials.

"I will not like to comment on statement of the minor girl's father. I even don't know who is the minor wrestler. Whatever I am saying is all about what I have seen with my own eyes," he said.



Latest 'Deadline' Looms In Man Utd Takeover Saga

Agencies

LONDON: Manchester United fans can be forgiven if they refrain from eagerly checking the news on Friday as the latest "deadline" looms in the menacing seven-month saga of the club's sale that is beginning to resemble the final series of TV's Succession.

In this real-life battle of the billionaires, Qatari Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad al-Thani and Briton Jim Ratcliffe have each seemingly taken turns to be the preferred bidder, but in what has been something of a vacuum of confirmed news, and against virtual silence on the matter from the club, almost their every move comes with the caveat of "reportedly."

Britain's Daily Mail said this week that Sheikh Jassim, the son of a former Qatar Prime Minister, has made a "fifth and final" offer of more than five billion pounds (\$6.28 billion) for total control of the club, with a deadline of Friday, after which he will not enter any further negotiations. That comes two months after a "third and final offer" was said to have been tabled.

Representatives of the Sheikh did not reply to Reuters' request for clarification of their current bid status on Friday, as The Guardian reported that the bid would remain on the table beyond the deadline. The current owners, the American Glazer family, initially invited

bids for United, arguably still the biggest "brand name" in the world's most popular sport, in November.

Media reports in the UK suggested that the Glazers are seeking six billion pounds (\$7.5 billion), which would be a world record for any sports club or franchise, but that neither bid is that high.

Representatives of both bidders met officials from Raine Group, the American banking operation overseeing the sale, at Old Trafford in March and were given access to details of the club's finances, after which both sides made second, improved bids. Further bids followed, up to the Qatari's earlier this week, which is said to include clearing nearly a billion pounds of club debt and a commitment to a major redevelopment of Old Trafford.

Manchester-born Ratcliffe, who owns clubs in France and Switzerland as well as the Ineos Grenadiers cycling team, is "reported" to be the preferred bidder at the moment, potentially because his plan would allow Joel and Avram Glazer, the executive co-chairmen, to retain a 20 percent stake for an undisclosed time period. Britain's Times newspaper reported last month that Ratcliffe is set for "final talks" with the Glazers and Raine Group, who did not comment on the current status of the deal when approached by Reuters on Friday.

Italy To Face Uruguay In U-20 World Cup Final



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LA PLATA: Italy and Uruguay will each be bidding for a first Under-20 World Cup title when the countries meet in the final on Sunday.

Italy knocked out South Korea with a 2-1 win in the semifinals Thursday after Uruguay beat Israel 1-0. Both matches took place Único Diego Armando Maradona Stadium at La Plata, which will also host the final and the playoff for third place.

Uruguay reached tournament final in 1997 and 2013, losing the championship matches to Argentina and France on those occasions, Italy will play the de-

cider for the first time.

The evening encounter between Italy and South Korea offered more than 20,000 spectators one of the best matches of the tournament, with goalkeepers Sebastian Desplanches and Kim Joon-hong working hard from start to finish.

Italy opened the scoring in the 14th minute via the player of the tournament so far. Cesare Casadei shot from the edge of the box despite being crowded by three South Koreans to put the ball in the back of the net for the seventh time in the U-20 World Cup.

South Korea equalized with Lee Seung-won's shot from the spot in the 23rd after a video-reviewed decision.

Man City, Inter Milan Meet In Champions League Final Of Contrasting Club History

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ISTANBUL: Manchester City will enter the Champions League final on Saturday as a modern soccer and financial heavyweight compared to Inter Milan.

That is a new twist in the European history of two clubs who have rarely operated at the same level and whose respective status, on and off the field, flipped about 12 years ago.

Inter had the aristocratic, storied tradition and trophies while City was an English third-tier team when crosstown rival Manchester United lifted the iconic European Cup trophy in 1999.

"One is a kind of old nobility," European soccer consultant Olivier Jarosz told The Associated Press about Inter, "and one comes from a working-class family that has made a nice marriage with money." Yet both City and Inter were teammates on the failed Super League project in 2021, albeit for different

reasons. Loss-making Inter was seeking to avoid being left behind by English Premier League dominance; financial juggernaut City, backed by Abu Dhabi sovereign wealth, didn't want to be left out.

Abu Dhabi's petrodollars have been spent wisely so debt-free City goes to Istanbul for its second Champions League final in three years and fresh from sealing a seventh Premier League title in 12 seasons.

In the same era, Inter went through three owners, racked up record losses, won Serie A just once and did not advance through any Champions League knockout round until this season. Inter failed even to qualify for six straight years.

City's sustained success now sees it with the highest overall and sponsorship revenue of any club in world soccer last year, and the most expensive squad costing about \$1.3 billion in total. Inter earned less than half of City's income of about 730 mil-



lion euros (\$784 million) in 2022 and ran up a loss of 140 million euros, according to UEFA's latest industry analysis.

The entire Inter lineup that started the second leg of its semifinal game against AC Milan cost less in total transfer fees than just one City player — 117.5 million euros (\$126 million) record signing Jack Grealish — in the team that dismantled Real Madrid one night later.

"(Inter) are in the Champions

League final despite the ownership, and Manchester City are in the final because of the ownership," Kieran Maguire, author of "The Price of Football," told the AP on Thursday.

It was very different for most of the 68-year history of what started as the European Cup and became the Champions League.

When Inter last won in 2010, the Nerazzurri had been European champion more often than City had played total games in

the competition: three titles for Inter, two games for City.

Inter won back-to-back titles in 1964 and 1965 and reached two more finals in 1967 and 1972. Three UEFA Cup titles also were won in the 1990s when Serie A was still the best, richest and most fashionable league in Europe.

Owned for most of this era by the Moratti family, billionaires in the oil industry, Inter also broke the world record transfer fee four times, including when it signed Brazilian striker Ronaldo from Barcelona.

City's only European Cup adventure lasted two weeks and ended in Istanbul in October 1968, eliminated by Fenerbahce in the first round. The European Cup Winners' Cup title was won the next season, but the club had no serious European status for decades.

A sliding doors season was 2011-12 — a first Champions League campaign in Manchester came three years after the take-

over by Abu Dhabi, and was the last in the blue half of Milan for six years.

By 2018, when both were again in the Champions League groups, much had changed. City had just regained the Premier League title, a first coached by Pep Guardiola who was reunited with former executives from Barcelona and built a dominant team in the world's richest domestic league.

"The quality of (City's) decision-making is extremely high," said Maguire, who described Inter as "a classic case of random, unstructured ownership." Inter was sold first by Massimo Moratti into the control of Erick Thohir, a former owner in the NBA, and then in 2018 to the Chinese corporation Suning, which installed 26-year-old family scion Steven Zhang as chairman.

Suning is subject to global financial pressures and in 2021 shut down its Chinese club, Jia-angsu, months after winning a first domestic league title.

This season, Inter Milan's stretched finances led UEFA to deduct 4 million euros (\$4.3 million) from its prize money. The club also paid 6 million euros (\$6.5 million) in 2015 for breaking "financial fair play" rules.

City also has two FFP punishments from UEFA — totaling 30 million euros (\$32 million) — though evaded Champions League bans in cases related to having too much income, not too little. The club is currently fighting more than 100 charges from the Premier League related to alleged breaches of financial rules.

"For me, they are siblings," Jarosz, an executive with the LIT Sports consultancy, said of the two finalists. "You really have a very small pool of clubs who have the same financial capacities." Saturday's game is the third Champions League final since April 2021 and all those finalists since — Man City, Chelsea, Real Madrid, Liverpool, Inter Milan — were Super League members.

Over 11% Indians Are Diabetic, 36% Have Hypertension, Shows Lancet Survey



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New Delhi: The prevalence of diabetes in India is 11.4 per cent, while 35.5 per cent of people suffer from hypertension, according to the findings of a nationwide survey published in The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology journal.

The study, conducted by the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and other institutes, also found that the prevalence of generalised obesity and abdominal obesity in India stood at 28.6 and 39.5 per cent, respectively.

The results, assessing the burden of non-communicable diseases (NCD) across the states, are based on a survey of 1,13,043 (over 1.1akh) people (33,537 urban and 79,506 rural residents), in 31 states and Union Territories in the country, between 2008 and 2020.

The survey also showed that 35.5 per cent of Indians suffer from hypertension, 15.3 per cent of people have pre-diabetes, while an alarming 81.2 per cent have dyslipidaemia -- the imbalance of lipids such as cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, (LDL-C), triglycer-

ides, and high-density lipoprotein (HDL).

"All metabolic NCDs except prediabetes were more frequent in urban than rural areas. In many states with a lower human development index, the ratio of diabetes to prediabetes was less than 1," the authors of the study said.

The team, including researchers from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, conducted the survey in multiple phases with a stratified multistage sampling design, using three-level stratification based on geography, population size, and socioeconomic status of each state.

"The prevalence of diabetes and other metabolic NCDs in India is considerably higher than previously estimated. While the diabetes epidemic is stabilising in the more developed states of the country, it is still increasing in most other states," the authors of the study said.

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"Thus, there are serious implications for the nation, warranting urgent state-specific policies and interventions to arrest the rapidly rising epidemic of metabolic NCDs in India," they said.

Air India Operates India's First All-Women Haj Flight To Jeddah

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Malappuram: Kerala's first women-only Haj flight took off on Thursday from Calicut International Airport at Karipur after Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs John Barla flagged off the flight. Barla performed the symbolic flag-off ceremony and distribution of boarding passes for the first flight.

This was the first time that only women's flight has been organised for Haj in Kerala. The pilot and crew of the aircraft are all women.

The Air India Express flight left Karipur at 6.45 p.m. carrying 145 women pilgrims and six women crew marking the first such flight from Kerala for women pilgrims without mehram or a male companion.

Barla said that the women-only flight marked a glorious step for women's empowerment in the country and requested the pilgrims to pray for the country's safety and security as well as progress.

Apart from the 145 women pilgrims travelling in the plane, the pilot who flew this plane and the other crew members of the plane, as well as the dispatch, flight operation, loading, cleaning, engineering, ground service and other related activities at all levels were done by women, making this trip different.

Minister inaugurated the distribution of boarding passes by giving to 76-year-old Sulaikha, the senior most member of the team.

The minister expressed happiness over the arrangements being made for the pilgrims by the State Haj Committee.

Eleven flights have been scheduled till Monday only for women pilgrims leaving via Karipur airport. 1,595 women pilgrim belonging to the 'ladies without Mehram' category will depart on



several days in eleven flights.

The rest will travel on other flights. 2,733 people are leaving this year from the state through the 'ladies without mehram' category. Out of this, 1,718 people will depart via Karipur, 563 via Kochi and 452 via Kannur embarkation points.

This year's oldest woman pilgrim, Khadijuma (87), a native of Nedyirup in Malappuram district, will depart on the 4.20 am flight on June 10.

69 men and 76 women took off from Karipur at nine o'clock in the morning on flight IX 3021 on Thursday.

71 men and 74 women travelled from Kannur airport today afternoon.

The second flight from Kochi will leave from will leave at 11.30 tomorrow.

In Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu who met the batch of Muslims leaving for Mecca at the Haj House here on Thursday said that the Government has appointed a Haj Committee which is accompanying the pilgrims to ensure hassle-free journey. This is the first time that pilgrims are

leaving for Haj from the Vijayawada embarkation point.

"Deputy Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, who is accompanying you, will take care of you and will inform me in case of any need," the CM said wishing pilgrims all the best. Very year, millions of Muslims around the world embark on a sacred pilgrimage known as Haj.

This spiritual journey holds immense significance in the lives of believers, offering an opportunity to connect with Allah, seek forgiveness, and strengthen their faith. The heartfelt desire to be among those walking to Mina, echoing the Labaika with the crowd, and performing the rituals of Haj is a sentiment shared by countless individuals.

Haj is a unique manifestation of unity, as Muslims from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and nations gather in the sacred land of Makkah to perform the rituals together. It is a remarkable sight to witness people from different walks of life converging towards a common purpose, setting aside their differences and embracing one another as equals before Allah.

Safe Diabetes Pill Metformin, Reduces Long Covid Risk By 40 Per Cent Study Finds

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A two-week course of the safe, affordable diabetes medication, metformin, following a positive Covid test could reduce risk of long Covid by 40 per cent over the subsequent 10 months, a study published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases journal found.

Participants chosen for the study were over 30 years of age, at a higher risk of severe COVID-19 because of being overweight or obese and had tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 within the last three days, with no prior Covid infection.

The study, which included researchers from the University of Minnesota, US, recruited 1,126 participants from December 2020 to January 2022 who were given either metformin or an identical placebo pill after they returned a positive Covid test. Follow-up data over the 10 months was collected through questionnaires every 30 days.

The study also found that 6.3 per cent (35 out of 564) of the patients administered with metformin reported a long Covid diagnosis over the follow-up period, compared to 10.4 per cent (58 out of 562) of those receiving placebo. The diabetes medication had been previously found to have prevented 40 per cent of emergency department visits, hospitalisations, and deaths due to COVID within two weeks of starting the treatment, compared to a placebo, the study said.

Long Covid, consisting of symptoms Covid infected patients face in the long-term, is an emerging chronic illness poten-

tially affecting millions of people around the world and currently, has no proven treatment or means of prevention, other than preventing the infection itself.

"Long COVID is a significant public health emergency that may have lasting physical health, mental health, and economic impacts, especially in socioeconomically marginalised groups."

"Our study showed that metformin, a medication that is safe, low-cost, and widely available, substantially reduces the risk of being diagnosed with long COVID if taken when first infected with the coronavirus," said first author Carolyn Bramante, University of Minnesota Medical School. Bramante, however, said that their study did not indicate if metformin would be as effective in treating patients who already have long Covid.

"Previous studies have found that metformin stops the SARS-CoV-2 virus from replicating in the lab, which is consistent with predictions from our mathematical modelling of viral replication, so that might be what is causing the reduction in both severe COVID-19 and Long COVID diagnoses seen in this trial," said co-author David Odde, University of Minnesota biomedical engineer.

Other arms of the trial looked at ivermectin and fluvoxamine and found neither to prevent long Covid. The study is limited, the authors said, by the fact that the trial excluded those not overweight or obese, younger than 30 years and thus, it was unknown if the findings could be generalised to these populations.





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