

BOSE Amends Class 12 Results

165 'Failed' Students Get Distinctions



Agencies

Srinagar: At least 165 students, who were declared failed to qualify all subjects of 12th standard have been re-declared as distinction holders in the amended annual regular results.

Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) on Monday announced the amendment and revised notification of those students who were declared failed due to the 'lackadaisical approach of either from their parental school or the BOSE'. In a notification BOSE said, "Further to the Higher Secondary Part Two examination results, at least 165 roll numbers' results are amended, revised and declared."

Pertinently, a group of class 12th students Saturday held a demonstration here in press enclave Srinagar against the discrepancy in results announced by BOSE. The protesting students

had said that scores of students of Government Higher Secondary School Kakapora have been marked absent for practical paper of chemistry subject and subsequently marked as 'reappear'.

"We have scored good marks in the theory paper, and due to the practical discrepancy, the entire subject is shown as 'reappear,' which has left us mentally disturbed," they said.

On Friday, Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education announced annual regular results of 12th standard with an overall pass percentage of 65 per cent.

Meanwhile, top officials of BOSE informed that the parental school of those students hadn't updated their award roll.

"We got the award roll lately from their respective schools and that's why this issue occurred. There was no fault of BOSE in it," the official said—(KNO)

Evidence Has To Be Weighed, Not Counted: HC

Upholds Acquittal Of Men Accused Of Murdering Sopore Resident Residency Road In 2011

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Srinagar: Observing that evidence has to be weighed and not counted, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh has dismissed a petition challenging acquittal of accused persons in connection with murder of a man from Sopore at Residency Road near Pratap Park Lal Chowk here in June 2011.

According to prosecution, one Mohammad Afzal Khan son of Samander Khan of Naharpur Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, was fired upon by a person(s) through illegal weapon and he sustained critical injury. Khan was referred to SMHS Hospital where he succumbed to injuries. Subsequently, it said, a case was registered and later a charge sheet filed under section Sections 302, 120-B, 109 RPC and 7/27 of the Arms Act.

Subsequently trial started and Principal District and Sessions Judge Srinagar acquitted on 14 May 2016. The prosecution had challenged the judgment on the grounds

that it is against the facts, law and canons of justice. The prosecution stated that the trial court has not applied its mind to the facts and circumstances of the case and that the trial court while acquitting the accused has failed to appreciate the evidence in the proper perspective.

On the other hand, the counsel for the accused (acquitted persons) submits that the finding of trial court does not call for any interference as the Principal District and Sessions Judge has properly appreciated the evidence. He further submits that there was no sufficient evidence which the trial court could have recorded the order of conviction against the accused.

"The trial court has recorded the entire evidence in its breadth and length in the judgment and the same does not require to be repeated and reiterated here again," a bench of Division Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul and Mohan Lal.

"The trial court, as is clear from the judgment, has, after taking into consideration the entire evidence | More on P10



FEMALE TOURISTS TAKING A SELFIE behind a lit up Chinar tree at Kashmir's first pedestrian market - Polo View in Srinagar city on Monday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

RBI Okays Compromise Settlement Of Wilful Defaulters, Fraud Accounts

Press trust of India

Mumbai: In order to ensure maximum recovery from distressed assets, the Reserve Bank of India has allowed banks to go for compromise settlement of fraud accounts and wilful defaults.

All regulated entities (REs) will be required to put in place board-approved policies for undertaking compromise settlements, with the borrowers as well as for technical write-offs laying down the process to be followed for all compromise settlements and technical write-offs, with specific guidance on the necessary conditions precedent, the RBI has said in a notification.

Conditions would include minimum ageing, deterioration



in collateral value etc, it said.

The policies would also put in place a graded framework for the examination of staff accountability in such cases with reasonable thresholds and timelines as may be decided by the board. REs may undertake compromise settlements or

technical write-offs in respect of accounts categorised as wilful defaulters or fraud without prejudice to the criminal proceeding underway against such debtors.

"In respect of compromise settlements, the policy shall inter alia contain provisions relating to permissible sacrifice

for various categories of exposures while arriving at the settlement amount, after prudently reckoning the current realisable value of security/collateral, where available," as per the notification.

The methodology for arriving at the realisable value of the security shall also form part of the policy.

The objective would be to maximise the possible recovery from a distressed borrower at minimum expense, in the best interest of the Regulated Entity (RE).

"The compromise settlements and technical write-offs would be without prejudice to any mutually agreed contractual provisions between the RE and the borrower | More on P10

AMARNATH YATRA

29 CCTV Cams, 4 Body Scanners To Be Installed For Security

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Nearly 29 CCTV cameras will be installed in and around the main base camp for Amarnath pilgrims in the winter capital of Jammu and Kashmir, said an official on Monday.

The Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar in Jammu serves as the main base camp for pilgrims from across the country before they leave for Kashmir to pay obeisance at the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine of Amarnath. The pilgrimage is scheduled to commence from the twin tracks on July 1.

According to officials, the Yatri Niwas will have nearly 29 CCTV cameras installed in and around the area with two big



360-degree cameras.

These cameras will monitor the entire area round the clock through an electronic eye, they said, adding that four body scanners will also be deployed at the site.

The Yatri Niwas based at Jammu's Bhagwatinagar area will also have | More on P10

6 WE HAVE INSTALLED SIX ACS EACH TO MAKE TWO EATING HALLS FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED SO THAT pilgrims get better facilities. We have also installed close circuited fire hydrant systems."

NIA Attaches 17 Properties Of Zahoor Watali

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday attached 17 properties of Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Ahmed Shah Watali in a "terror funding" case, the agency said.

Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front chief Yasin Malik is currently undergoing life imprisonment in the case.

The NIA said the case relates to "terrorist and secessionist activities" in Jammu and Kashmir carried out by proscribed ISI-backed organisations such as Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), JKLF, Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), and others.

These outfits were spreading terror and perpetrating violence in the Valley by promoting and conducting attacks on civilians and security forces, it said.

The investigating agency said 17 properties belonging to "financier of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir" Watali in the Handwara area of Kupwara district were attached on the orders of Special NIA Court,



Patiala House, under section 33(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) (UAPA). These banned groups were using the Hurriyat Conference, "which was formed in 1993 as a front for carrying out and supporting secessionist activities" in Kashmir, it said.

Investigations revealed that the secessionists, arraigned as accused in the case, including the Hurriyat, had entered into a criminal conspiracy and adopted a strategy of instigating the general public to create a surcharged | More on P10

Tourist Charred To Death In Hotel Blaze

An elderly tourist from Dehradun city of Uttarakhand was charred to death while four employees were injured on Monday after a hotel was gutted in a blaze in the tourist resort of Pahalgam in South Kashmir's Anantnag district. An official said that fire damaged a hotel in Pahalgam hill station on Monday, during which an elderly tourist staying with | More on P10

AVM, DGP Discuss Kashmir Situation

The Air Vice Marshal Praveen Keshav Vohra and the Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh on Monday discussed the security scenario in the Union Territory, particularly the attempts from across the border to disturb the peace. Vohra, AVSM VM commanding Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh called on the DGP Dilbag Singh at Police Headquarters here on Monday, a police | More on P10

Envoy, LG Discuss J&K Trade, Tourism

Vimarsch Aryan, Deputy High Commissioner of India in Mauritius on Monday discussed trade and tourism potential besides investment opportunities in different sectors in Jammu and Kashmir with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, officials said. Aryan called on the LG at Raj Bhawan, here on Monday and discussed various important matters | More on P10

Electric Shock Kills Labourer

A labourer died after receiving an electric shock in Central Kashmir's Budgam district. 40-year-old Abdul Rashid Ganie of Dans village of Beerwah was chopping trees in Hardu Panzoo village on Monday afternoon when he came into contact with a live wire and received an electric shock, reports said. Ganie, who sustained critical injuries in the accident, died | More on P10

Woman Injured In Bear Attack

A 40-year-old woman was critically injured on Monday after being attacked by a wild bear in the Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir, a police official said. Identified as Mori Devi, the woman was attacked by the animal near her house in Kultyar village of the Panchari area early morning, the official said. Devi has suffered serious injuries in the face and arms. | More on P10

Mortar Shell Recovered In Kupwara

Security forces on Monday recovered an old mortar shell in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. A road opening party of the BSF recovered the explosive in general area of Bhatpura village near a culvert on the Handwara-Naogaon highway, they said. They said the recovered shell may have been lying at the site for some time. | More on P10

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Mammals During Lockdowns Moved Farther, More Liberally, Study Finds

Press Trust Of India

During strict Covid lockdowns between January and May 2020, animals had travelled up to 73 per cent longer distances in 10 days and occurred on average 36 per cent closer to roads than the lockdown-free year before, researchers say.

The study findings suggested, they said, that most animals in these locations were exploring more of the landscape when vehicle movement was reduced.

The researchers also suggested that venturing closer to roads was because animals were less fearful of the road traffic or human presence in these regions.

They said their study, published in the journal Science, showed how animals responded directly to human behavioural changes and that it provided valuable insight into future conservation strategies, because it meant that humans making behavioural adjustments could impact animals' lives positively.

Exploiting the unique, natural opportunity afforded by lockdowns to study the effects of abrupt changes in human presence on wildlife, Marlee Tucker from Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, and 174 colleagues collated movement data of 43 different land mammal species around the world, tracked using GPS devices.

They then compared the mammals' movements during the first period of lockdowns with movements during the same months a

year earlier. Altogether, there were more than 2,300 individuals included in the study, from elephants and giraffes to bears and deer.

"There were many media reports that nature was recovering during those first lockdowns. For example, cougars were roaming the streets of Santiago, Chile, but we wanted to know: is there any



evidence of this? Or were people simply paying more attention to everything while being at home?" said Tucker.

There were several explanations for the results, the researchers said. Fewer people outside during lockdowns gave animals the opportunity to explore new areas.

"In contrast, in areas with less strict lockdowns, we saw that animals travelled shorter distances. This may have to do with the fact that during those lockdowns, people were actually encouraged to go into nature.

"As a result, some nature areas were busier than before COVID-19," said Thomas Mueller, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany, who designed the study together with Tucker.

Government of Jammu And Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer Construction Division Kashmir,
J&K Sports Council, Srinagar

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
Fresh Tender Notice: e-NIT No: 13 of 2023 - 24
Dated: 10.06.2023.

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, UT of J&K e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved an eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work:-

S. No	LUP Code	Name of work	Adv. cost (Rs. in lacs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Documents	Time of completion
1	2195	Construction of Olympic Standard Swimming Pool including Electro Mechanical Works, Testing and Commissioning Complete at SKMSAC GINDUN, Raj Bagh, Srinagar. (Part - D)	Rs. 164.91 Lacs	Rs. 329,820/-	AAY Class /Firm	Rs. 2600/-	140 days

Position of AAA = Accorded
Position of funds = Committed under Languishing Projects
Technical Sanction = 1. GE (R&B) KTS/297 of 2021-22 Dated: 07-08-2021.
2. MED/K/TS/67 Dated: 15-07-2021.

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility Criteria, specification, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

Sl. No	Description	Date
1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice.	10.06.2023 from 05.00 PM
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents.	10.06.2023 from 05.00 PM upto 17.06.2023 upto 4.00 PM.
3.	Bid Submission Start Date.	12.06.2023 from 10.00 AM
4.	Bid submission End Date.	17.06.2023 upto 04.00 PM
5.	Date & Time of opening of Bids (online)	19.06.2023 at 10.00 A.M. in the office of Ex. Engineer, Const. Division Kashmir, J&K Sports Council at Administrative Block, Bakhshi Stadium, Srinagar.

2. The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into the bank account by the bidder for which the following information can be used by the bidder.

a. Name of Bank	=	J&K Bank Ltd.
b. Account Title	=	Executive Engineer, Construction Div. Kmr. JKSC
c. Account No	=	CDG-036501020000842
d. Branch	=	Lal Mandi
e. IFSC Code	=	JAKA08BOARD

The bidders must upload the scanned copy of bank payment acknowledgment slip.

3. Hard Copy shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as Lowest Bidder (L1) after opening of Financial Bids.

Sd/-
Ex. Engineer, CDK
J&K Sports Council
Srinagar

DIPK-NB-1239/23
dated: 12-06-2023

The Jammu And Kashmir State
Board Of School Education

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 12th session Annual Regular 2013 issued by the Board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Mazaf Nazir
S/o : Nazir Ahmad Mir
Roll No : 410268
Year & Session 2013 Annual/Regular

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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary
Board Of School Education
Sub Office Bandipora

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اعزالت سبج ميونىل جيسرنيٹ سرنيٹر
با اجلاس مهري مشتاق

رجسٹر ابرہيس اينڈ ذمتس
ابيس نام سبج ميونىل (ميونىل)

باقم Ruqsana

سابل اسانده
درخواست لغز اندراج تاريخ پيدائش
Ruqsana
تاريخ پيدائش: 15-06-1993
معامله مندري عنوان الصدر في سابل اسانده لغز عدالت بدائيس ايك درخواست بشمول حلقى لغز
اندرج تاريخ پيدائش اوقات
Ruqsana D/o Ghulam Rasool Rah
R/o Gulshan Abad Colony
Mehjoor Nagar Srinagar
مورده 07-06-2023
بذريه اشتها رطلع كيا جاتا هے كندست درخواست كوئي عذريه اعتراض هونے كى صورت ميں اسپنے
عذرات اشاعت اشتها رطلع كندست درخواست ميں آكر پيش كرسے۔ بعد گزنے ميوا كوئي عذريه
اعتراض قابل قبول نهيں هوكا۔ تاريخ آينده عدالت بدائيس 20-06-2023 كو مقرر هے۔
تخريه الصدر

سبج ميونىل جيسرنيٹ سرنيٹر nj

اعزالت برده مشور هه اجلاس ارشاد احمد ملك

مضمون درخواست مختاب: بسره ظبور دختريه انجره راجح سابل اسانده نر كد به پوره
لغز حصول RBA سر نيكيت تحت ابيس آراء 126
اشتها ر برادر آگابى هر خاص وعام۔

معامله مندري عنوان الصدر في سابل اسانده لغز عدالت بدائيس ايك درخواست بغز حصول RBA سر نيكيت
دختر بدائيس پيش كيا هے۔ اس بارے ميں عمله فيلده بسره پورط طلب كيا كيا جس سے عياں
هے كد سابل اسانده هذ اشتره كندست پندر سالوں سے رهائش پذير هے سابل اسانده كى ممانه
آرد 822408 هے اور سابل اسانده بهل هے۔

نمبر شمار	نام افراد كنديه	عمر	پيشه	آردنى
01	ظبور احمد	52 سال	سر كاري ملازم	
02	مصره بگيم	20 سال	گهريلو كام	
03	عادل ظبور	52 سال	سر كاري ملازم	
04	بسره ظبور	20 سال	زير تعليم	

اس كد علاه اور كوئي افراد نمده نهيں بتلایا كيا هے۔ لهد از بر بحت سر نيكيت اجراء كرنے
ميں اگر كسى شخص كوئي عذريه اعتراض هوتوه سات دن كندره اندراج اعتراض معده
دجوابت پيش كرسے۔ ميعا گزنه لهد كوئي عذريه اعتراض قابل قبول نهيں هوكا۔
تانبه تحصيلدار bmg

اعزالت پلمهان

مضمون درخواست مختاب: وليم اجراء اكر ولد غلام حسن اهنگر سابل اسانده متقن نا پرواري پوره
لغز حصول SC سر نيكيت تحت ابيس آراء 208
اشتها ر برادر آگابى هر خاص وعام۔

معامله مندري عنوان الصدر في سابل اسانده لغز عدالت بدائيس ايك درخواست بغز حصول SC سر نيكيت
دختر بدائيس پيش كيا هے۔ اس بارے ميں عمله فيلده بسره پورط طلب كيا كيا جس سے عياں
هے كد سابل اسانده هذ اشتره كندست پندر سالوں سے رهائش پذير هے سابل اسانده كى ممانه
آرد 822408 هے اور سابل اسانده بهل هے۔

نمبر شمار	نام افراد كنديه	عمر	پيشه	آردنى
01	ساره بگيم			
02	جواهر اختر			
	وليم اجراء			
04	شوات احمد انگر			
05	آبيده جان دختر عبد احنى حام			
06	بللبي حسن			

اس كد علاه اور كوئي افراد نمده نهيں بتلایا كيا هے۔ لهد از بر بحت سر نيكيت اجراء كرنے
ميں اگر كسى شخص كوئي عذريه اعتراض هوتوه سات دن كندره اندراج اعتراض معده
دجوابت پيش كرسے۔ ميعا گزنه لهد كوئي عذريه اعتراض قابل قبول نهيں هوكا۔
تانبه تحصيلدار fko

اعزالت سبج ميونىل جيسرنيٹ سرنيٹر

سابل اسانده: وديده احمد گانانى باقم رجسٹر ابرہيس اينڈ ذمتس
درخواست لغز اندراج تاريخ پيدائش

نام Taha Waheed
تاريخ پيدائش 28-05-2014
معامله مندري عنوان الصدر في سابل اسانده لغز عدالت بدائيس ايك درخواست
بشمول حلقى لغز اندراج تاريخ پيدائش S/o Taha Waheed
Waheed Ahmad Ganie R/o Khanpora Budgam

مورده 05-06-2023
بذريه اشتها رطلع كيا جاتا هے كندست درخواست كوئي عذريه اعتراض هونے كى صورت ميں اسپنے
عذرات اشاعت اشتها رطلع كندست درخواست ميں آكر پيش كرسے۔ بعد گزنے
ميوا كوئي عذريه اعتراض قابل قبول نهيں هوكا۔ تاريخ آينده عدالت بدائيس
20-06-2023 كو مقرر هے۔
تخريه الصدر

پنجير كلس سرنيٹر nj

Govt of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama

Mr. Mohd Ayoub Mir
S/o Bashir Ahmad Mir
R/o Gulshan Nagar Nowgam

No; T-1/EEP/3554-58
DATED: 10-06-2023

Subject. - Non-execution of projects approved under NABARD.
i Construction / Upgradation of Kanidajan Wasomarg road.
ii Strengthening/upgradation of Hawal Kunjoo road including uthmullah Drach Road
Reference: -01 - The Superintending Engineer PW(RAB) Circle Pulwama / Shopian H.Q Pulwama /Allotment No.'s :
I- SE/PS/8085-87 Dated: 12/03/2022.
II- SE/PS/8072-74 Dated: 10/03/2022.
02- This office Notice No.'s :
a) T-I/EEP/1204-06 Dated: 02/05/2023.
b) T-I/EEP/1207-09 Dated: 02/05/2023.
c) T-I/EEP/2451-52 Dated: 23/05/2023.
03- The /Assistant Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Sub-Division Rajpora
Notice No.'s :
I- AEE/RSO/10 Dated: 05/04/2023.
ii- AEE/RSO/11 Dated: 05/04/2023
iii- AEE/Rsb/25 Dated: 27/04/2023.
iv- AEE/RSD/29 Dated: 27/04/2023.
v- AEE/RSD/51 Dated: 16/05/2023.
vi- AEE/Rsb/61 dated: 22/05/2023.
vii- AEE/RSO/62 Dated: 22/05/2023.

Whereas the subject named works have been approved during the year 2021-22 under the NABARD RIDF XXVII and after fulfilling of all pre-requisite formalities the works have been allotted in your favour being found LI by the SE vide no. quoted under reference S. No. 01 and

Whereas, the execution process was going on smoothly with overall physical achievement of 12% and 25% respectively upto June 2022 however in the meantime both the allotments were cancelled by the Superintending Engineer PW(RAB) Circle Pulwama/Shopian H.Q Pulwama after a caution notice was issued by the Superintending Engineer PW(RAB) Circle Srinagar/Budgam vide No. : 5488-5515 Dated: 23/06/2022 regarding fake registration card.

Whereas, after clarification was received from the higher authorities regarding the genuineness of the registration card the cancellation notice issued vide No. : SE/PS/1655-59 Dated: 24/06/2022 » as accordingly revoked by the notice issuing authority vide No. : SF/PS/4456-60 Dated: 09/11/2022 and in quick action you were directed to get the halted work started via a chain of notice made by this office as well as from the Sub-Divisional level

However you paid no heed to the conveyed repeated directions/notices despite all your work done dues were cleared upto march 2023, and

Whereas, showing your lackadaisical approach/non-willingness towards the allotted work you approached this office via representation vide Ref No. : 1109 Dated: 17/05/2023 after a gap of considerable time where under you have again shown your non-resumptonal attitude and,

Whereas this office approached the Superintending Engineer PW(RAB) Circle Pulwama/Shopian H.Q Pulwama vide No. : T-I/EEP/2939-41 Dated: 30/05/2023 for issuance of necessary instructions/directions regarding the issue and in response the directions were given to this office by the Superintending Engineer which reads as under serve the final notice to the said agency/contractor with the direction to resume the work within three day without any further delay, failing which there will be no option but to invite fresh tenders for the balance work at the risk and cost of contractor and (Card issuing Authority) shall be approached for cancellation of his registration certificate. Furthermore the SE also directed that the said notice shall be given vide publicity and circulated through print/electronic media by publishing the same in two leading news paper" and,

Now in view of the directions conveyed by the Superintending Engineer as well as the District Dev. Commissioner Pulwama for early resumption and completion of these projects in order to ease the suffering of the general public due to absence of good road connectivity particularly inhabitants of the Kanidajan Wasomarg villages who are approaching this office on daily basis, you are as such given final notice to get the work started within 02 day positively from the issuance of this letter and get it completed within minimum possible time, failing which it shall be presumed that you are not willing to do the same and the award issuing authority shall be communicated accordingly for further necessary action at their end.

"Treat this notice as final through print media".
"One Copy of this notice also send to you on your Whatsapp No: _besides on copy through speed pot"

DIPK-3278/23
dated: 12-06-2023

Executive Engineer
R&B Division Pulwama

NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

I have changed my name from (old name) MUNEEF HUSSAIN to (New name) MUNEEF HUSSAIN WANI. In future I will be known as (new Name) MUNEEF HUSSAIN WANI. If any body having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.
MUNEEF HUSSAIN WANI
S/o MANZOOR AHMAD WANI
R/o PALLAR Budgam Kmr. Cell. 9419013739. mcb

From the office of Advocate Muheet Yousof

In the case of :
Mohammad Ashraf Mir
S/o Ghulam Rasool mir

2.Mrs.Ridwana Ashraf
W/o Mohammad Ashraf Mir
Both Residents of Reshi mohalla habba kadal Srinagar

...Caveator

Versus
Public at Large

...Non-Caveator

In the matter of : Caveat Petition in terms of Section 148-A CPC.

The caveators apprehends that the non-caveator may file any suit or writ or any appeal at the back of the caveators and may manage to get ex parte order, therefore the caveators submit in case of any Writ Petition/Appeal/Suit or such proceedings are filed before this Hon'ble court by the non-Caveator's against the Caveators, the Caveator's or the counsel for the Caveator's may be provided an reasonable opportunity of being heard before passing any of the order in the said Writ Petition/Appeal/ Suit or any Proceeding otherwise the Caveator's may suffer such an irreparable loss and injury which cannot be compensated lateron in any manner and same would be an abuse of the process of the court.

S/d
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From the principal District Judge, Srinagar
Present : Mr. Jawad Ahmad

1. Shaista Shafiq Wd/o Akhter Rasool
2. Hassan Raza (Aged 4 Plus) S/O Late Akhter Rasool
3. Hussain Rasool (aged 1 1/2 plus) S/O Late Akhter Rasool No. 283 through their mother shaiста Shafiq Petitioner No. 1 All residents of Gudood Bagh Habba KADAL Sgr A/P Ali Pora Botakadal Sgr

V/S

1. Gh Rasool Dar F/o Late Akhter Rasool
2. Mehmooda W/o Gh Rasool Dar Both residents of Gudood Bagh Habba Kadal Sgr

In the matter of
Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

Notice To Public At Large

Where the petitioner(s) FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITION BEFORE THIS COURT OF ISSUANCE OF SUCCESSION certificate in favour of Petitioner(s) in respect of Rs 20,97,178 as debts and securities in name of Deceased Namely: Late Akhter Rasool S/o Ghulam Rasool Dar R/o Gudood Bagh Habba Kadal Sgr who died on 10-10-21. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 28-06-23

Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the drom of this proclamation that at any anyone has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/she / they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 28-06-2023. Failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the same

In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday the matter shall be taken on the next working day.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on
Jawad Ahmad
Principal District Judge,
Srinagar

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Excise Department Seals Mobile Liquor Shop On Boulevard

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Excise Department sealed a mobile wine shop on Boulevard Road in Dalgate area of Srinagar city on Monday. Sources said that a mobile container selling liquor to customers was sealed after the operator failed to produce a registered license. The mobile wine shop, sources said, was sealed during a surprise inspection by the excise department.

Scores of people, mostly tourists, were seen buying liquor from the mobile shop when the container was sealed. Sources said the customers were being overcharged for every bottle of branded liquor. There are a couple of liquor shops on picturesque Boulevard Road that witness huge rush of local and non-local customers-KNT



Himalayan Goral Among 9 Distinct Species Treated, Rehabbed At RCHC Dachigam

No Case Of Intergroup Animal Clash Reported, Say Officials

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: As many as nine distinct species of wild animals and birds including the Himalayan Goral, porcupine, common leopard and wild bear have been rehabilitated after successful treatment at the newly established Wildlife Research Cum Healthcare Centre, Dachigam wildlife sanctuary here. Injured in human-animal conflicts at various locations around this hilly region, more than ten common leopards and about four wild bears were brought to the animal healthcare center since December last, wildlife officials told Kashmir Observer. Similarly two Himalayan Gorals were also rehabilitated after treatment, while more than three porcupines were also brought to the healthcare facility either in a sick or injured state. Dr Mohsin, a wildlife veterinarian at Dachigam National Park told Kashmir Observer that nine distinct species of wild animals and birds have been successfully treated and rehabilitated at the newly established healthcare facility at the national park. The wild animals include, macaques a genus (Macaca) of gregarious Old World monkeys, Himalayan Gorals also referred

to as Naemorhedus goral or the gray goral, is a bovid species native to the Himalayas, porcupine, Falcon, wild Kites, common leopard, and wild bears, He said besides common species, civet cats and common snakes too are being treated at the newly established wildlife healthcare facility. "Among 10 common leopards, one still receives treatment. The leopard spotted in Kupwara district of north Kashmir was brought in an extremely injured state here, its jaws and claws were broken, but now the leopard is doing well and I hope it too will be released soon," Dr Mohsin added. He said some animals suffer permanent damages like their limbs are broken, eye damaged, skeletal muscle rupture, congenital anomaly, oral cavity or abdominal damage or fracture. "After receiving successful treatment, wild animals, whether sick or injured, are being released. We have USG machines here and soon have a DNA sampling facility as well," said he. Regarding common illness among wild animals, he said "not only are those animals which are injured in human-animal conflicts treated here. But sometimes animals having received electric shocks too are being treated here. We put them on IV fluids after administering with tranquilizers," he said, adding animals too experience liver ailments, anorexia and gastrointestinal issues.

Traffic Police Introduces Integrated Technology To Curb Violations

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Traffic police Srinagar on Monday said they have introduced the integrated hi-tech version technology to curb traffic violations in the city, and also to take the traffic enforcement and surveillance management on modernized lines. Senior Superintendent of Police for City Traffic, Muzaffar Ahmad Shah, said while they already had speed radar guns, now they have integrated the device with a smart card connected to an application on the tablet. "The traffic violation monitoring has come on modern technology lines now as we have introduced integrated use of speed radar guns fitted with 360° PTZ camera," the SSP traffic Srinagar said, adding that the device will be on move and placed wherever it is needed. The officer said the device comes fitted with a smart card and has a good number of utilities.

"We can direct live feed access at our control room," he said. Shah said the technology is an improved version that has become wireless now and it will capture all the violations with proof. "As of now, the device will be on the move and won't be placed permanently at any particular place as we are in its initial phase. So far, it has shown good results," he added. In its trial phase, the city traffic police authorities earlier in the day carried out its test on the boulevard in Srinagar where a senior traffic official said the technology comes with pre-defined settings. "These devices have not come for the first time. We already had speed radar guns or cameras, but now they all have been integrated into a one-vehicle. We have named it a smart vehicle that will detect maximum traffic violations and all the feed will be sent to the control room," an official said

Frequent Jams On Dalgate-Khayam Bridge Irk Commuters

Srinagar: Long queues of vehicles on the busiest Dalgate road in the wake of under construction Dalgate-Khayam Bridge is causing immense hardships to commuters. Locals said frequent traffic jams along the stretch have hit normal life in the area and demanded immediate completion of the bridge. "These gridlocks have negatively impacted our lives. Authorities should address the issue on priority," they added. Chief Engineer, Roads and Building department (R&B), Mohammad Rafiq said old Dalgate Bridge was sealed by the R&B department a year ago over safety concerns and hence traffic from both sides ply through a single tube. "The pending work on the bridge is going on and will be completed in a year," he added.

Authorities should address the issue on priority," they added. Chief Engineer, Roads and Building department (R&B), Mohammad Rafiq said old Dalgate Bridge was sealed by the R&B department a year ago over safety concerns and hence traffic from both sides ply through a single tube. "The pending work on the bridge is going on and will be completed in a year," he added.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER FOR MACADAM WORKS
NIT No. 22/2023-24/RnB/Kul/e-tendering/2341-61 Dtd 10-06-2023

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

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost incld: GST (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money	Time of completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Repair/ Renovation of Gandwani Jaibal road (Agg: length 1.50 Kms)	19.32	800	38640	15 days	Pot Holes	Bee, Cee & MSME
2	Repair/Renovation of Degree College road at D.H Pora road at D.H Pora Agg: length 0.75 Kms	13.02	600	26040	15 days	Pot Holes	Bee, CEE, Dee & MSME
3	Repair/ Restoration of Manzgam - Bathipora Chogalpora road (Agg: length 1.00 Kms)	25.61	1100	51220	20 days	Pot Holes	Aay, Bee & MSME
4	Macadamization of Mini Secretariat Kulgam	29.07	1100	58140	20 days	Pot Holes	Aay & Bee & MSME

Position of AAA: Accorded Position of AAA: Authorization reference No: Administrative Deptt.'s No: PWD-PLNG/16/2023-05/E-7164089 dated 13-04-2023

The NIT 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 as per schedule of dates given below:

S.No	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	Period of downloading of bidding documents	Bid submission Start Date	Bid Submission End Date	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)
1	-06-2023	10-06-2023 from 10.00 AM. to 22-06-2023 up to 04:00PM	10-06-2023 from 10.00 AM.	22-06-2023 up to 04:00 PM	23-06-2023 from 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Kulgam

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Demand Draft/ Treasury Challan / Receipt credited to MH 0059-Rev.Misc: and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR / FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Kulgam (tender receiving authority).--Refer Govt: order No. O.M. No. A/24(2017)-651 Dated:- 07-06-2018. However the Date of uploaded e-Challan/ treasury Receipt /CDR/FDR must be in between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date).

2. Earnest Monty (2% of the Advertised cost) from all the bidders in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG at the time of tendering and 5% performance security of the allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG by the Successful Bidder). The same shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period of the work. The EMD 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security) vide Chief Engineer (R&B) Kashmir, Srinagar's Circular No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-72 dated 01-01-2022

3. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam

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

5. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

a. 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.

b. 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.

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

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

e. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

f. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.

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

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

7. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Kulgam must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document) and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

8. 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.

9. Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

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

11. All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

No.: 2362-64
DIPK-3315/23 Dtd: 12-06-2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Kulgam

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

HIGHWAY STATUS

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

PRAYERS

FAJR 3:34
ZUHR 12:30
ASR 5:30
Magrib 7:45
ISHA 9:27

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- This Day In History**
- 1325 - Ibn Battuta begins his travels, leaving his home in Tangiers to travel to Mecca (gone 24 years)
 - 1373 - Anglo-Portuguese Treaty of Alliance (world's #39;s oldest extant) signed in London
 - 1900 - In China, Baron von Kettler, the German minister to China, beats two young Boxers with his walking stick; when word of this circulates, rioting and arson spread throughout Peking during the night
 - 1932 - Great Britain and France sign peace treaty
 - 1937 - Stalin executes Russian officers Tuchachevski, Jakir, Putna and Ubergrevitch
 - 1940 - Paris evacuates before German advance
 - 1942 - 1st V-2 rocket launch, Peenemunde, Germany; reached 1.3 km
 - 1942 - Germany lands 4 saboteurs on Long Island
 - 1942 - US Office of Strategic Services (OSS) formed
 - 1942 - The United States opens its Office of War Information, with Elmer Davis as head
 - 1944 - German counter attack on Villers-Bocage, Normandy
 - 1944 - Nazi Germany begins V-1 (Fieseler Fi-103) flying bomb (doodle-bugs) attacks
 - 1946 - 1st transcontinental round-trip flight in 1-day, California-Maryland
 - 1951 - UN arm forces reach Pyongyang Korea
 - 1965 - Vietnam War: Battle of Dong Xoai ends in a Viet Cong victory
 - 1966 - US Supreme Court's Miranda decision; suspects must be informed of rights
 - 1971 - "The New York Times" begins publishing excerpts from the Pentagon papers, classified documents on the long history of the U.S. in Vietnam
 - 1971 - In defiance of a government ban, members of the Orange Order march through the mainly Catholic town of Dungiven, County Londonderry, causing a riot

From KO Archives

No power on Earth can change status of Kashmir: Farooq
'I Never Go To Pakistan, Never Ever Play Golf With Hurriyat Leaders'

Observer News Service

Srinagar - National Conference (NC) Patron Farooq Abdullah today asserted that no power on Earth can change the present status of Jammu and Kashmir, saying it will continue to remain a part of India.

I consider this part of Kashmir as part of India and that part of Kashmir as part of Pakistan. I cannot see any other solution ever working than this whether Prime Minister Manmohan Singh says anything or Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf, "Dr Abdullah said before the start of the one-day TAG Heuer Golf tournament here.

"We must accept one thing for final and that is Jammu and Kashmir belongs to India and no power on Earth can change it... Nothing is going to change and let us be honest about it," the former Chief Minister added.

About the Hurriyat leaders visit to Pakistan and Pakistan-administered Kashmir (PaK), he said they are welcome to go anywhere, but nothing is going to come out of this visit either. The separatists have also said that they do not expect much from their visit, he added.

The Hurriyat leaders are themselves divided. They blame each other for many things. They will just go. Kha pi ke aa jayenge... Kuch bag bi layenge aur kuch hawala se aa jayega (They will bring some with them and the other will come through hawala)." Dr Abdullah claimed.

Dr Abdullah then NC leader said he did not expect anything substantial coming out of the peace process. "Where is the peace process? Innocent people get killed everyday. India is not going to give up Kashmir and Pakistan will not settle without Kashmir. So where is the settlement?" he asked.

However, Dr Abdullah advocated that borders should be made immaterial so that people can go and come and trade between the two sides promoted.

He also expressed dissatisfaction over the performance of the Mohammad Sayeed government in the state.

(Kashmir Observer, 13 June, 2005)

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اہلبہ سید میرک شاہ قادری کی چوتھی برسی پر

خراج عقیدت

وچھو شیرس دودھ گل چپاوان
موج بیچھو احسنرموجی آسان

پارسال قبل آج ہی کے یعنی 13 جون 2019 کو ہمیں داغ مفارقت دے کر ہم سے جدا ہو گئے۔ اللہ تعالیٰ سے ہم سب دست بدعا یں یہ مرحومہ کے درجات بلند فرما کر انہیں جنت الفردوس میں اعلیٰ مقام عطا کر کے۔ آج ہماری شفیق والدہ کی تیسری برسی پر ہم انہیں انکسار آکھوں سے عقیدت کے پھول پھماور کرتے ہیں۔

سید اشفاق احمد قادری (فرزند) و دختران

NATO begins unprecedented air drill in 'show of strength'

Agencies

BERLIN: NATO will begin the largest air force deployment exercise in Europe in the alliance's history on Monday in a display of unity toward partners and potential threats such as Russia.

The German-led "Air Defender 23" will run until June 23 and include some 250 military aircraft from 25 NATO and partner countries including Japan and Sweden, which is bidding to join the alliance.

Up to 10,000 people will participate in the drills intended to boost interoperability and preparedness to protect against drones and cruise missiles in the case of an attack on cities, airports or sea ports within NATO territory.

Presenting the plans last week, Lt. Gen. Ingo Gerhartz of the German Luftwaffe said "Air Defender" was conceived in 2018 in part as a response to the Russian annexation of Crimea from Ukraine four years before, though he said it was "not targeted at anyone".

He said that while NATO would defend "every centimeter" of its territory, the exercise would not "send any flights, for example, in the direction of Kaliningrad," the Russian enclave bordering alliance member states Poland and Lithuania. "We are a defensive alliance and that is how this exercise is planned," he said.

US Ambassador to Germany Amy Gutmann said the drill would show "beyond a shadow of a doubt the agility and the swiftness of our allied force" and was intended to send a message to countries including Russia.

"I would be pretty sur-

prised if any world leader was not taking note of what this shows in terms of the spirit of this alliance, which means the strength of this alliance, and that includes Mr. Putin," she



re- told port- ers, referring to the Russian president.

"By synchronizing together, we multiply our force."

Russia's war on Ukraine has galvanized the Western military alliance set up almost 75 years ago to face off against the Soviet Union.

Finland and Sweden, which long kept an official veneer of neutrality to avoid conflict with Moscow, both sought membership in NATO after Russia's February 2022 invasion.

Under NATO's Article Five, an attack on one member is considered an attack on all.

The exercise will include operational and tactical-level training, primarily in Germany, but also in the Czech Republic, Estonia and Latvia. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz will visit pilots based at the Schleswig-Jagel airfield in northern Germany on Friday.

General Michael Loh, director of the US Air National Guard, said NATO's duties were at an "inflection point".

"A great deal has changed on the strategic landscape throughout the world, especially here in Europe," he said.

Iran says indirect talks with US continue via Oman

Agencies

TEHRAN: Iran on Monday said it has continued indirect negotiations with the United States through the Sultanate of Oman over its nuclear deal and a possible prisoner swap.

Iran's nuclear program has long been the subject of scrutiny from Western powers, resulting in sanctions that have crippled the country's economy.

A 2015 deal granted Tehran much-needed sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program before it was torpedoed by the United States' unilateral pullout in 2018.

In recent days, the two capitals have denied media reports that they were close to reaching an interim deal to replace the 2015 accord.

"We welcome the efforts of Omani officials and we exchanged messages with the other party through this mediator" over the lifting of

US sanctions, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani said Monday.

"We have never stopped the diplomatic processes," he added during his weekly press conference, emphasising that the talks "were not secret."

Diplomatic ties between Tehran and Washington soured in 1980 following the 1979 Islamic revolution led by Iran's first supreme leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Efforts to revive the 2015 nuclear deal have so far failed to yield results.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Sunday reiterated the denial of moves toward acquiring a nuclear weapon.

He also said deals could be reached, provided they do not change "the existing infrastructure of the nuclear industry."

Iran and its arch-nemesis the United States have also been involved in Oman-me-

diated talks over a possible prisoner swap.

Kanani on Monday said a prisoner exchange could be agreed "in the near future," provided that Washington exhibits "the same level of seriousness" as Tehran.

At least three Iranian-Americans are being held in Iran, including businessman Siamak Namazi, arrested in October 2015 and sentenced to 10 years in prison for espionage.

In the last few weeks, Iran has released six European citizens and recovered an Iranian diplomat, Assadollah Assadi, who was convicted of terrorism and imprisoned in Belgium.

Kanani also denied that Iran had provided Russia with equipment to "build a drone factory."

White House national security spokesman John Kirby on Friday warned that Russia was receiving materials from Iran to build a drone factory on its territory.



Chechen forces sign contract with Russia after Wagner's refusal

Agencies

Russia's defence ministry has signed a contract with the Akhmat group of Chechen special forces, a paramilitary group waging the Kremlin's offensive near the town of Mariinka in the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine.

The announcement came on Monday, a day after Yevgeny Prigozhin, the chief of Russia's Wagner group of private mercenaries, refused to sign such a contract.

The deals are part of a new Russian law aimed at controlling private armies fighting on Moscow's behalf in Ukraine.

by the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), a Washington, DC-based think tank. Chechen fighters have operated in areas behind the front line following their involvement in bloody battles in Ukrainian cities, including Mariupol, Severodoneck and Lysychanak.

But after fighting in Russia's Belgorod intensified earlier this month, Kadyrov's troops have likely been ordered to take a leading role in the fighting in Ukraine, ISW said.

Over the weekend, Prigozhin said his units "will not sign any contracts with Shoigu".

"Shoigu can't properly control military formations," Prigozhin said in an audio mes-



The order requires all "volunteer units" to sign contracts by July 1, bringing them under the control of the country's Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu.

The Kremlin says volunteer fighters would receive the same benefits as regular troops if they agree to the rules of the defence contract.

"I think this is a very good thing," Akhmat commander Apty Alaudinov said after the group's leader Ramzan Kadyrov accepted the offer.

He added that his group has "prepared and sent tens of thousands of volunteers" to Ukraine in the past 15 months.

So far, according to a report

sage, published by his press service on Saturday.

The Wagner chief has repeatedly criticised Russia's defence ministry, arguing that it does not provide enough support to his troops in Ukraine.

The Putin ally often unleashes foul-mouthed video tirades, in which he vehemently scoffs at Moscow's military leadership. Kadyrov has refrained from criticising the defence ministry.

Russia's deputy chief of the general staff, Colonel General Alexei Kim, said after signing the agreement with the Chechens that he hoped other volunteer units would follow suit.

Priyanka Gandhi's 5 Guarantees For Election-Bound Madhya Pradesh

Agencies

JABALPUR: Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday launched the election campaign for the upcoming Madhya Pradesh assembly polls slated later this year and announced five guarantees for people of the state.

She launched the campaign in Jabalpur district and also addressed a public gathering on the occasion.

Talking about the five guarantees, Ms Gandhi said, "A monthly aid of ₹1,500 will be given to every woman in the state, an LPG gas cylinder to each household at ₹500, 100 units of electricity free and 200 units at half price, loans of farmers will be waived and will implement old pension scheme in the state." "We have come to the banks of Maa Namada, we will not lie," she added.

Targeting the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the Congress leader

said, "They (BJP) come here and make announcements, but do not fulfil them. They talk about double engine and triple engine. They used to say the same in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka but public has shown them that they should stop talking about the double engine and start working."

"Whatever promises our party made, we have fulfilled them in Chhattisgarh and Himachal Pradesh. Look at the condition of the Congress-ruled states and you (the public) will realise. When the Congress government came to power in Madhya Pradesh, a lot of work and development were done," she said.

In the last assembly polls, the Congress government came in power, but the BJP broke the government by horse trading and formed their government. The mandate is being crushed on the basis of money power, Priyanka Gandhi said.

\$10bn investment deals signed at Arab-China summit

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia announced on Sunday billions of dollars in investment deals between China and the Arab world, on the first day of the China-Arab business conference in Riyadh.

The meeting comes amid growing commercial and diplomatic ties between Beijing and Middle Eastern countries, including a recent landmark Chinese-brokered rapprochement between powerhouses Iran and Saudi Arabia that has shifted regional relations.

The oil-rich kingdom is hosting the conference, now in its 10th edition, for the first time. Over two days, it brings together more than 3,500 government and business officials from China and Arab countries, the Saudi investment ministry said in a statement.

The event "marked its first day with the signing of \$10 billion in investment agreements", the statement said — the vast majority of which are for projects in Saudi Arabia or by Saudi



firms and government entities. This figure includes a \$5.6-billion memorandum of understanding between the Saudi investment ministry and Human Horizons, a Chinese maker of electric and self-driving cars.

More than half of the total sum is in the memorandum of understanding, as well as a separate "cooperation agreement" and a "framework agreement" involving other companies, according to the statement.

It detailed agreements in various fields, including technology, agriculture, renewable energy, real estate, natural re-

sources and tourism.

At the launch of the conference, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan highlighted the potential in increased trade and economic ties between China and Arab countries.

"(This) meeting is an opportunity... to build a shared future towards a new, beneficial era for our peoples," he said.

According to the Saudi statement, a \$533-million deal was concluded between AMR Alulwaa Company and Zhonghuan International Group (Hong Kong) for the establishment of an iron factory in Saudi Arabia. (AGENCIES)

Jharkhand Man Strangles 12-Year-Old Son To Death After He Asks For ₹10

Press Trust of India

CHATRA (JHARKHAND): A 48-year-old man allegedly strangled his 12-year-old son to death for asking for ₹10 in Jharkhand's Chatra district on Monday, police said.

The incident took place in Karailbar village in Bashishnagar police station area, around 200 km from Ranchi.

"Both parents of the boy, identified as Pappu Kumar, were in an inebriated condition around 9 am and were quarrelling when the boy asked for ₹10 from his father, sparking a vio-

lent reaction from the accused, identified as Bilesh Bhuiyan," Bashishnagar police station in-charge Gulam Sarwar said.

Prima facie, it seems the boy was strangled to death by his father, he said, adding that however, it was not yet known why the boy had asked for ₹10.

The incident came to light when the deceased's 15-year-old sister returned home after working in a brick kiln, and she raised an alarm.

The accused was arrested and the body was sent for post-mortem examination, he added.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR



TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, SONAMARG



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Reyaz Ahmad Kasana,
R/o Branward Thune Kangan,

FINAL NOTICE

Whereas, the work "Sanitation/Cleanliness/clearance and maintenance of various SDA Assets/Parks/parking areas and meadows at Sonamarg for the year 2023-24, was allotted to you vide allotment No. EE/SDA/861-64, dated: 20-03-2023.

Whereas, the supervisory staff reported that you have engaged sanitation labourers less than the number required as per the allotment which affected the sanitation in and around tourist destination Sonamarg.

Whereas, you were intimated by the medium of the notices vide EE/SDA/2023/352-53 dated:- 12/05/2023 EE/SDA/2023/118-20, dated: 20-05-2023 to carry out the contract as per the allotment but no action was taken in the matter from your side.

Whereas, you were called by Chief Executive Officer, SDA, in presence of the undersigned and Accounts officer, SDA, in his office chamber and directed to increase the manpower as per the allotment but again you failed to perform and a fresh notice was served by undersigned vide no EE/SDA/2023/148-50, Dated:-25-05-2023.

Whereas, the supervisory staff reported that you have stopped the sanitation works at Sonamarg on 03-06-2023 leading unnecessary inconvenience to SDA, and this office has engaged its own casual labourers on emergency basis for the same job.

In the backdrop of the above facts, you are directed once again to resume the work as per the conditions of the allotment within a period of 02 days, failing which your contract shall be cancelled without any further notice. In case of non-response within the stipulated time, it would be construed that you have nothing to say on your behalf.

No. EE/SDA/2023/215-20.
Dated:10.06.2023.

DIPK-NB-1237-23
DT: 12/06/2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Sonamarg Dev. Authority.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (DISTRIBUTION), ELECTRIC DIVISION KULGAM, KASHMIR POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED

Contact No/ Fax: - 01931-260386 E-mail: - xenpddkulgam@gmail.com

NIT: - EDK/e-tender/29 of 2023-24 Dated:- 10-06-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-tenders (Single-Cover) are hereby invited from Registered Class-A Electrical Contractors for execution of below mentioned works under PRI Grants of District Kulgam 2023-24.

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost. (Lacs)	Cost of tender document	EMD	Class
1	Improvement of HT/LT Network at Rehmatnagar at Brazloo Jagir, Mir Garh/Mavnard/Lone Angan Mavnard at Bugam B, Hadigam, Bonpora, Teeli Mohalla, Nagbal Mohalla, Sheikh Mohalla and H/T Add Katrasoo, Pathpaur Nanibugh, Main Road to Ab Samad Bhat at Onwards Poniwah and Jadipora Shurath	Rs. 17.70lacs	Rs.1000	Rs.35400	Class-A

1	Publishing Date & Time	10-06-2023 (1700 Hrs)
2	Document Download / Sale Start Date & Time	10-06-2023 (1700 Hrs)
3	Seek Clarification Start Date & Time	10-06-2023 (1700 Hrs)
4	Seek Clarification End Date & Time	27-06-2023 (1400 Hrs)
5	Bid Submission Start Date & Time	10-06-2023 (1700 Hrs)
6	Bid Submission End Date & Time	10-07-2023 (1300 Hrs)
7	Bid opening date & Time	11-07-2023 (1300 Hrs)
8	Venue of opening Bids	Electric Division Kulgam

Position of Funds = Authorized
Please Read Document Carefully

The Quoted rates shall be Firm, inclusive of all taxes and duties, WCT, freight, transportation up to working sites. The rates shall include costs, if any attracted towards mandatory inspections / testing by the designated agencies and the department will not be required to pay / reimburse anything over and above the price quoted.

No. EDK/TS/ 883-89
Dated: 10-06-2023

DIPK-NB-1221-23
DT: 12/06/2023

Executive Engineer,
Electric Division Kulgam

Bandipora's 'Bangladesh' Becomes Overnight Sensation For Selfie Lovers

Auqib Javed
BANDIPORA: Set on the banks of Wular —Asia's second largest fresh lake, the newly constructed boardwalk in a picturesque Zurimanz village here has become a major attraction for youth, especially the selfie lovers in this North Kashmir district.
 Known as Bangladesh across North Kashmir, this small hamlet of Zurimanz has all of sudden become a favourite spot for photographers, social-media savvy youth, and the villagers of the neighborhood for the boardwalk constructed by Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WCMA) recently.
 The village, according to locals, rose from ashes in a devastating fire during the 1971 India and Pakistan war that ended with the creation of Bangladesh. Since then, this village is popularly known as Bangladesh.
 "I saw the picture of the



You can see the full view of Wular lake from here," said Tariq Ahmad, a resident of Sopore.
 The Boardwalk provides a breath-taking scene of mount Harmukh overlooking the Wular lake. Apart from it, the visitors can also enjoy a wide range of activities, including boating, fishing, and bird watching.
 Conservator WCMA, Irfan Rasool Wani told Kashmir Observer that the construction of the boardwalk was part of a comprehensive plan for ecotourism in Wular lake and

Bandipora and Baramulla.
 "Some work is still pending for the Boardwalk but there was an overwhelming response from the visitors and we couldn't stop them," he added.
 To attract more visitors to the newly created site, Wani said that WCMA has started dredging inside the lake and construction of small parks, riverside beautification, Shikara ghats are also in the offing.
 "We are also encouraging the local community for homestays so that they could benefit," he added.
 The Wular lake is one of the largest freshwater lakes of Asia having an area of 130 sqkm. The WCMA is working on the conservation, restoration and rehabilitation of Wular lake.
 "The lake has a silt and willow infestation problem which is being mitigated by carrying out large scale earth excavation and willow removals," the officials said.
 As per official figures, an area of 4.5 sq km has been restored out of 27 sq kms. The work on remaining 22 is going on. The project is being executed in a phased manner. The two phases of the dredging have been completed so far.
 "The administrative approvals for the other phases are yet to be received. We will float the tenders after approvals and start the work," he added.
 In 2018, the UT administration had sanctioned Rs 200-crore Wular Action Plan for the conservation and management of the lake.
 The official said that so far one lakh willows have been removed from the lake during restoration works so far which has generated revenue of Rs 24 crore to the government.
 The dredging has increased the capacity of the lake. Around 30 villages are dwelling on the banks of the lake. It also supports the livelihood of a huge population and is a habitat for migratory water birds.

RAJOURI ATTACK

Victim Families Block Jammu-Poonch Highway; Demand Justice

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Family members of the seven civilians killed in a militant attack in Dangri village of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district in January this year blocked the Jammu-Poonch National Highway on Monday.
 Demanding justice, hundreds of villagers marched in a procession from Dangri and blocked the busy highway near Muradpur, half-a-km away from the scene of the militant attack in Rajouri district.
 The victim families sought identification and arrest of the culprits behind the attack without any further delay, officials said.
 Militants had struck Dhangri village on January 1 and targeted villagers before fleeing the scene, leaving behind an improvised explosive device (IED).
 While five people were killed in the firing by militants, two others died in the IED explosion the next morning. As many as 14 villagers were injured in the twin attacks.
 On May 6, the army killed a militant during an operation in the forested Kandi area of Rajouri. Some locals later identified the slain militant as one of the Dhangri village attackers.



Carrying pictures of the slain civilians and chanting slogans in support of justice, the villagers staged a sit-in on the highway around 9 am on Monday and also burnt tyres, leading to traffic jams.
 Senior civil and police officials rushed to the scene and are trying to persuade the protesters to disperse, officials said.
 Saroj Bala, who lost her two sons in the militant attack, said she had been waiting for justice for the last six months.
 "We have been hearing that the case has almost been solved, but there

is no trace of the militants involved in the attack. The militant supporters, who facilitated the attack, are also yet to be identified," Bala, who was leading the protest, said.
 She had addressed a press conference in Jammu on June 5 and said "I simply want justice for my children".
 Bala's two sons Prince and Deepak were killed in the militant attack, leaving her the only survivor member in the family as she had lost her husband to a disease sometime back.
 "Six months have passed since the attack happened, but no solid action has taken place till date," she added.

3 Drug Smugglers Held For Shooting At Locals In Samba

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Three alleged narcotic smugglers from Punjab were arrested after they shot at two local youths in a village near the International Border in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, police said.
 Later, 2.8 kilograms of heroin worth crores of rupees was recovered at the instance of the accused who were identified as Jagdeep Singh (21) and Satinderpal Singh of Tarn Taran and Sunny Kumar (22) of Amritsar, they said.
 The three accused were arrested after they shot at two youths during a scuffle between the two sides on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday, Samba Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Benam Tosh told reporters.
 The youths, both from Ramgarh sector, and one of the smugglers were injured in the firing near Rangnor bus

stand, he said.
 "The arrest of the three heroin smugglers is a big achievement for police... no militant link has been established so far. It is a matter of investigation whether the smugglers had come to pick up a consignment or deliver one," the SSP said.
 Giving details of the incident, Tosh said when the heroin smugglers from Punjab reached the border village of Rangnor Camp, they got into an argument with a group of eight local youths over letting their car pass through.
 As the argument escalated, Satinderpal opened fire with a pistol, resulting in bullet injuries to two youths Sunil Kumar (21) and Sunil Kumar (23) and his associate Sunny Kumar, he said.
 He said the smugglers, including Sunny, abandoned their car and tried to flee the spot on a motorcycle of one of the locals but were intercepted by police at a nearby checkpoint and arrested.
 The injured were provided preliminary treatment at a local medical facility and later referred to Government Medical College and Hospital, Jammu for specialised treatment, the SSP said.
 The arrested smugglers later led the police to a spot near the scene of the crime from where 2.8 kilograms of heroin worth crores of rupees in the international market, a pistol with a magazine and some rounds, cash worth Rs 93,200 and four costly mobile phones were recovered, he said.
 A case has been registered in the matter under sections of the Indian Penal Code, the Arms Act, and the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, Tosh said.

Farooq, Mehbooba To Attend Oppn Meet: JD(U) President



Press Trust Of India

PATNA: Jammu and Kashmir stalwarts Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti will reach Bihar capital next week for the June 23 conclave of parties opposed to the BJP, a key political aide of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has said.
 JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh Lalan' made the disclosure at the party's Bihar headquarters here on Sunday.
 "In all, leaders of 18 parties have agreed to attend the meeting. National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, both former chief ministers of Jammu and Kashmir, have also agreed to come", said Lalan.
 Earlier, Lalan had said leaders who had given their assent included Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge from Congress, besides Arvind Kejriwal (AAP), Mamata Banerjee (TMC), M K Stalin (DMK), Hemant Soren (JMM), Sharad Pawar (NCP), Akhilesh Yadav (SP) and Uddhav Thackeray (Shiv Sena-UBT).

Picturesque Bungus Valley Witnesses Rise In Tourist Footfall

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KUPWARA: With the improvement in weather conditions, the tourist footfall to the fascinating Bungus Valley here is increasing with each passing day.
 Located in the higher ranges of the Shamsbari mountains at an altitude of 10,000 ft above sea level in northern district of Kupwara, Bungus Valley has a lot to offer to visitors with its natural breath-taking beauty.
 Nested in the border district of Kupwara in the northern belt of Kashmir valley, Bungus since the 2021 ceasefire pact has seen a record number of tourist arrival.
 Apart from the increased footfall of tourists, small business units have come up in the nearest places. Existing markets are witnessing a rush with an increase in demand for different things from trekkers, hikers, night camping, tourists, and those visiting Bungus for a day of sightseeing.
 "This place offers a lot to the eyes and satisfaction level of an individual. The beauty of Bungus is a comfort to the eyes. People leave very relaxed," Irshad Ahmad told a local news agency KNO while expressing his experience of visiting the tourist destination.
 He said that even people prefer night stays as well. "Those visiting Bungus never leave disappointed. The place has a lot to offer to fascinate visitors in every manner," he said.
 A moto vlogger, who visited the place recently while sharing his experience said that with the passage of time, the place will become the first choice for everyone. "If the natural habitat is not compromised, Bungus in times to come would go on to become a premier tourist destination. Every car, bike, and explorer would drive straight to this place without any doubt," he said.

He also said that his subscribers' on his social media pages often enquire about the place. "If the camera is attracting people to this level imagine wouldn't it drive people crazy who are more into the offbeat destinations," he said.
 With an increasing number of visitors the adjoining and nearest marketplaces are also witnessing a new dawn. "People are coming in numbers and prefer to buy eatables and other materials from here only. Every fresh item is available here. It excites us to serve the tourists," Khazir Mohammad, a shop owner of Chowkibal said.
 Abdul Ahad another shop owner said that they are happy with the increasing number. "We are increasing and meeting the demands of tourists. We hope that the weather remains conducive to tourism activities," he said while hoping for a better tomorrow.
 Apart from the markets, small business establishments have also come up on the roadsides serving different delicious like Noon Chai, snacks, chips, and many other fast food options.
 Sameer, who has set up his business unit along the roadside near Tee Pee (Drangyari) said not only him rather everyone is enjoying the process.
 "We are completely new to it. We are enjoying the process, and with time we will also improve our services. Our motive is to provide native delicacies to tourists at affordable rates," Sameer said. "We want to be genuine to them so that more and more people prefer visiting this place thus helping us to earn a livelihood without any difficulties.
 Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Kupwara Ghulam Nabi Bhat, who is also heading the Lolab and Bungus Drangyari Development Authority (LBDDA) said that facilities shall be increased there for tourists. —(KNO)

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SUMBAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
 NIT No.17 of 2023-24/R&B Sumbal Division
 (Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following work-

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of Completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Supply, installation and successful commissioning of one No. Sine wane inverter of 3500 VA/48V Capacity supporting 4 No. batteries RC 18000 Rugged rated tall tubular batteries of 150 AH/12V Capacity with 06 water level indicators of Luminous , Exide make or equivalent, including P/F of MCB for protection from input main, auto over-load handling capacity, bypass switch for supplying output directly from grid in case of UPS Fault including Supplying and installation of One No. 4KVA, Digital Voltage Stabilizer of aulden, Philips or equivalent Make. Including checking / repairing of old wiring / switches, testing and successful commissioning etc. Complete Job.	1.50	200/-	3000/-	3-Days	2059-M&R	Registered Supplier/ Electric Card Holder

Position of AAA: - Accorded
 Position of Funds: - Available

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10.06.2023 from 4.00 P.M
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	10.06.2023 from 4.00 P.M.
3	Bid submission Start Date	15.06.2023 upto 4.00 P.M.
4	Bid Submission End Date	16.06.2023 at 11.00 A.M in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender receiving authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal(tender receiving authority).
- The successful Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit @3% of contract value in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 days after opening of Bids which shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP. This will replace the EMD @ 2% of the Advertised cost uploaded by the Bidder.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (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
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- 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.
- 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.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- 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 Sumbal (The date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
- 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:- The %age quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.
- For drawing of agreement of the contract and memorandum of an agreement relating to sake of bill of exchange one rupee for Rs.10,000/- or part thereof shall have to be realized/deposited by the Contractor at his own to revenue Head of Accts.0030/Stamps of Deputy Commissioner Stamps J&K UT.

No.R&B/Sbl/23/1011-17. Dated:- 10-06-2023. DPK-3285-23 Dt: 12/06/2023

Sd./
Executive Engineer,
(R&B) Division Sumbal

KASHMIR OBSERVERTM

Tuesday | 13-06-2023

Diabetes Epidemic

A study published in The Lancet has revealed that over 100 million people in India suffer from diabetes, accounting for 11.4 percent of the population. An additional 136 million individuals are in a pre-diabetic state, putting them at higher risk. The study which involved 113,000 participants, aged 20 and above, from every state in India, represents the first comprehensive assessment of non-communicable diseases across the country.

Around 9 percent of the population of Jammu and Kashmir have diabetes as per the survey conducted by the Union Ministry of Health. The reason for this is our unhealthy lifestyle. A significant number of people don't exercise, nor do we eat balanced food. Ditto for the rest of the country. This is why it is important that people change their lifestyles for the better.

The Lancet findings have significantly surpassed previous estimates by the World Health Organization (WHO), which had approximated 77 million cases of diabetes and 25 million cases of pre-diabetes in India.

Diabetes is a serious condition associated with an increased risk of heart attacks, strokes, vision loss, kidney failure, and limb amputations. While there are various forms of diabetes, type 2 diabetes is the most common and is often linked to lifestyle factors, although genetics and ethnicity also play a role.

The prevalence of diabetes varies across different states, with the highest rates observed in Goa, Puducherry, and Kerala. However, the study warns against a potential surge in diabetes cases in states such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Arunachal Pradesh, where the prevalence has been relatively lower but shows an increasing trend. This regional disparity calls for tailored strategies and targeted awareness campaigns.

This is apparent from the study itself. It reveals a higher prevalence of diabetes in urban areas compared to rural regions, indicating the influence of lifestyle factors. This finding underscores the need for interventions focusing on promoting healthier lifestyles in urban settings.

Earlier, last month union minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who is also a diabetologist, highlighted that India is at the forefront of diabetes research worldwide. He stressed the importance of preventing diabetes, not only for healthcare purposes but also for nation-building, given that 70 percent of India's population is under 40 years of age, and the youth will shape the country's future as prime citizens in 2047. Urgent efforts are needed to enhance prevention strategies, prioritize healthier lifestyles, and ensure widespread access to appropriate healthcare and treatment options. Failure to act swiftly will result in severe consequences for the well-being of millions of Indians and strain an already burdened healthcare system.

OTHER OPINION

Lifestyle Disorders

An ICMR-backed study has thrown light on the worrying proportions assumed by lifestyle-related diseases in the country. Published last week in the medical journal, The Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology, the decade-long study spearheaded by Dr Mohan's Diabetes Specialist Centre is the biggest representative estimate of metabolic disorders in India. It reveals that more than a tenth of the people in the country have diabetes, 35 per cent have hypertension and 28 per cent have high cholesterol levels. The burden of these disorders is higher in urban areas. But people in rural centres are increasingly becoming vulnerable to metabolic diseases, especially diabetes. There is, for instance, almost no rural-urban divide when it comes to pre-diabetes — more than 60 per cent of pre-diabetic people in India end up having the disease. The study's warning that the country's already serious diabetes burden could take a turn for the worst in the next five years should be taken seriously by the country's healthcare sector.

Most non-communicable diseases (NCDs), including diabetes, were earlier associated with older age groups. But unhealthy diets, inadequate physical activity, exposure to tobacco smoke and alcohol abuse mean that raised blood pressure, increased blood glucose and obesity have begun to show up among the relatively young. Several studies have shown that close to 20 per cent of diabetics in the country are below the age of 45 and nearly 45 per cent of the people with the disease are not senior citizens. These studies have pointed out that the lifestyle-related disease is aggravated by poor awareness, especially in rural areas. In 2019, a collaborative study by the Public Health Foundation of India and research institutes in the US, UK and Germany revealed that only half of those ailing from diabetes in the 15-50 age group were aware of their ailment. Last year, the National NCD Monitoring Survey revealed that 45 per cent of the diabetics in the country were aware of their health condition and only 15 per cent had their blood sugar under control.

The National Health Mission does recognise that the country is experiencing a rapid health transition with NCDs, including lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, surpassing the burden of communicable diseases in the past decade. However, the healthcare sector has not always been alive to the task of bringing about behavioural changes. The NCD monitoring survey, for instance, revealed that the country lacks adequate counselling facilities for diabetics. These caveats and the alarm bells rung by the Lancet study should be heeded urgently. Lifestyle diseases carry an economic cost — the WHO estimates they could cost India \$6 trillion by 2030.

Indian Express



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

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Legal awareness helps to promote consciousness of legal culture and Government officials especially need to be given periodic training on interpretation of judicial orders and judgements

Lost in Misinterpretation Government Officials Reading Orders Wrong

All the DDOs should be periodically trained to interpret court orders & judgements

Misinterpretation of judicial orders has become a common practice in Jammu & Kashmir especially in the Govt offices. Many public works are not executed on the ground as officials fail to apply their mind while going through court orders. In some cases, this is done deliberately but in many cases this happens because our Govt officials lack legal acumen and they are not given periodic training on the subject. There are instances wherein Govt officials deny information to people under Right to Information Act (RTI) claiming that matter is sub-judice.

Case study 1- Chitroo Ganderpora village

Some days back, I got a chance to visit Chitroo Ganderpora village in district Budgam where the work on a road project had been halted by the officials of Roads & Buildings (R&B) department. The officials according to locals have been made to believe that court had stayed construction of a protection bund (Retaining Wall) as one local landowner had obtained a court order wherein the contractor has been restrained from construction in the area. The local residents had actually invited me to visit their village area to highlight their issue through social media. When I visited the village recently I went through some official land documents issued by the Revenue Department. The local residents had obtained them under the Right to Information Act (RTI). When I keenly saw the Khasra Girdawari I found two survey numbers namely 791 and 792 mentioned in it. Pertinently, the survey number is also referred to as Khasra numbers in Urdu. The disputed site where the protection bund isn't being allowed to be constructed falls under Khasra number 790 and we visited that spot as well. This khasra or survey number is mentioned in the order issued by Munsif Judicial Magistrate Budgam's order dated July 22nd 2022. In the said order there is no mention of khasra 791 or 792 as both these survey numbers are related to state land through which passes a 22 feet road and an irrigation canal. The operative part of the court order reads:

“In the meantime subject to objections from other side, the Non applicant defendant no 5 is temporarily restrained from carving out motorable / link road from the suit property till next date of hearing”

The defendant number 5 is the contractor who has been allotted the work by R&B division Budgam.

When this author spoke to the Junior Engineer of R&B Division Budgam he told me that they can't go ahead with the work. The official was not ready to even understand the case and seemed scared of court order without even understanding what had been written in the order. I told him the road doesn't fall under survey number 790 for which suit has been filed, but the said official seemed confused. He asked me to contact Executive Engineer R&B Division Budgam. I contacted the Executive Engineer Mr Javid Shawal and made him understand the whole case. He assured me that he would visit the site. During my conversation with him I could make out that his Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) has not been able to understand this case and he stopped the work on protection bund.

Initially, when I was not able

to get any reply from the Executive Engineer and Chief Engineer I had contacted the Principal Secretary of the Public Works Department Mr Shailendra Kumar. This senior bureaucrat is always responsive and quickly forwarded the replies he got from his officers. He was also told that there is a court case and that was the reason work on protecting bund could not be taken up.

Case study 2: J&K Housing Board

Former State Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) G R Sufi a week before his retirement gave a landmark judgment on Feb 18th 2016. He made it clear to the Govt Offices about misusing the legal term Sub-Judice. It has become a norm for many Government officials to misuse and misinterpret this legal terminology and under its garb not only the information is denied under Right to Information Act (RTI) but injustice is done with many people who remain silent due to lack of legal knowledge. The then State Chief

under Section 8, which is the provision of law along with Section 9, which exempts certain information from being disclosed. The State Information Commission in its orders said:

“The Commission has gone through relevant provisions of the law and found that there is no concept of sub-judice under Section 8, which is the provision of law along with Section 9, which exempt certain information for being disclosed. Section 8(1)(b) of the J&K State RTI Act, 2009 states that information which has been expressly forbidden to be published by any court of law or tribunal or the disclosure of which may constitute contempt of court shall not be disclosed. The FAA and PIO have not brought anything to the notice of the Commission, wherein, Hon'ble High Court or any other Tribunal has expressly forbidden the disclosure of information or anything which may constitute contempt of the court. As there is no any such expressed direction of any court or tribunal or anything which



Information Commissioner (CIC) in his orders said that there is no mention of word sub-judice in section 8 (exemption clause) of J&K RTI Act 2009.

With an aim of seeking some information from J&K Housing Board one Ashudeep Kohli R/O Channi Himmat Jammu filed an application under J&K RTI Act 2009 in the office of Senior Programmer who is also the designated Public Information Officer (PIO) of J&K Housing Board. The RTI application was received in the office of Senior Programmer (PIO) on June 2nd 2015. Ashudeep Kohli wanted to know the reasons for not considering his bid for allotment of a shop in Sector 1, Channi Himmat, Jammu. In this regard MD J&K, Housing Board had already issued an advertisement on 17-07-2014. The Housing Board Senior Programmer and designated PIO under RTI Act passed an order on June 27th 2015 and provided information under RTI Act to Ashudeep Kohli. After getting the reply Kohli was not satisfied with the reply. On July 11th 2015 he challenged the reply by filing first appeal before the Managing Director who is the First Appellate Authority (FAA) of Housing Board. On August 14th 2015, the MD Housing Board decided the 1st appeal by upholding the PIO's order. Not satisfied again with MD's orders, Ashudeep Kohli went to the then State Information Commission (SIC) by filing 2nd appeal on September 29th 2015. The State Information Commission (SIC) heard this case several times and on February 18th 2016 the commission gave its final judgment. The Commission made it clear that there is no concept of sub-judice

may constitute contempt of the court, therefore, information as sought by the appellant becomes disclosable and PIO to disclose said information within 15 days of the receipt of this order”

Conclusion

Legal awareness helps to promote consciousness of legal culture and Government officials especially need to be given periodic training on interpretation of judicial orders and judgements. Government departments too are not able to properly elucidate on court orders and make unnecessary delays in submitting the counter responses to various judicial or quasi judicial institutions and the ultimate sufferers are the citizens. Legal education comprises a range of activities which intend to build public awareness and skills related to law and the justice system. The Govt must at least keep holding refresher courses on interpretation of court orders for its officials, especially the drawing and disbursing officers (DDOs). This will not only help build their skills and capacities but will also make governance more citizen centric.

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Echoes from Fields: Melodic Ode to Agricultural Nostalgia

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As the first rays of dawn painted the canvas of my Facebook feed, a captivating video unfolded before my eyes. Enchanting and evocative, it portrayed a symphony of women meticulously sowing paddy saplings. In that fleeting moment, I was whisked away to a bygone era when farming pulsated with unbridled passion and boundless zest. It was a season that not only yielded bountiful harvests but also bloomed with artistic grandeur. A time of jubilant celebration, akin to the revelry of religious and artistic carnivals. Alas! Those cherished memories now reside in the realm of nostalgia. The towering significance of agriculture in Kashmir, where it serves as the veritable lifeblood, employing a staggering 64 percent of the populace. The backbone of Kashmir's economy, agriculture weaves an immense potential of abundance and opportunity. Ah, how vividly I recall those early mornings, roused by the thunderous roar of tractors! My brother and I, drawn like moths to a flame, would flock to the fields, entranced by the ballet of those mighty machines tilling the soil. The mynas, charming little guardians of the land, would flock in droves, savoring the veritable feast of insects and pests, unfurled from the fields. Alas, the grand assembly of these feathered heroes has ebbed to naught, for they were once stalwart defenders, masterfully vanquishing vile intruders that menaced our crops. Oh, the enchantment that stirred within the hearts of children, beckoning them to the fields during the sacred ritual of tilling! Such was their insatiable hunger to claim a seat upon the majestic tractors, consumed by a greed that knew no bounds. And lo, as if destiny itself conspired, I too



partook in the kaleidoscope of childhood adventures, my spirit buoyed by the camaraderie of treasured companions. Together, we danced amidst the symphony of tillage, soaring on the wings of elation, basking in the glorious rapture of tractor rides across the resplendent, furrowed canvas of the earth.

Yet, over the past decade, the landscape of agricultural practices has meta-

morphosed. No longer do individuals immerse themselves wholeheartedly in the noble craft of husbandry. What was once a revered responsibility, ardently embraced by our forebears, has been reduced to a mere formality. Outsourced laborers now shoulder the burden, from tilling the earth to planting paddy saplings. Cast your gaze upon the yesteryears, when the denizens of Kashmir infused the land

with their indomitable spirit. With zeal aplenty, they personally placed each paddy sapling in the fertile soil, their harmonious voices echoing through the fields. Inviting their kin and kindred souls, they forged bonds of love and camaraderie, extending a helping hand while reaping a shared fiscal harvest. A choreography of roles unfolded, as children scattered the saplings with laughter, while women

remained behind to concoct teas, lemon-infused elixirs, and tantalizing repasts. Amidst the scintillating sun, the intermittent respite brought sips of lemon nectar and succulent slices of melons. The land bore witness to a grand feast, as women gracefully carried wicker baskets brimming with delicacies, accompanied by eager children lugging pots filled with mouth-watering culinary Kashmiri delights. But alas, those blessings have dimmed, eclipsed by covetousness, envy, and a lamentable shadow of authenticity. In the realm of agrarian metamorphosis, where migrant laborers from Bihar and surrounding regions have taken the reins, resides an underprivileged and impoverished community battling to secure their livelihood. Yet, their susceptibility becomes a fertile breeding ground for deceit, as nefarious elements exploit their vulnerability, cunningly portraying their toil as trifling, thereby diminishing their rightful wages. Interestingly, it is noteworthy that these very non-local laborers now demand higher compensation for their services, reversing the tides of fortune. Our hearts yearn for the revival of our agrarian heritage, for within it lies the very essence of our communal tapestry. Let us not succumb to idleness, for it is our grandparents who beseech us to tend to the fields of prosperity. Should we falter in our commitment, we shall witness the tragic transformation of lush landscapes into desolate barrenness. Let us awaken to the irrefutable truth that agriculture is a legacy, a priceless gift for generations yet unborn.

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How Arguments Can Help Strengthen a Relationship

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A relationship without arguments may seem ideal. And indeed, I once went through years in a relationship without having a single major argument with my then significant other. But I would argue that such a situation is not good. While not arguing may have left the superficial impression of everything being hunky dory, in reality it wasn't. Not arguing allowed a lot of R&R to build—resentment and "arrgh." Eventually, and not surprisingly, the whole relationship exploded in a very messy breakup.

There were certainly times throughout the relationship when we could have had arguments. For example, when I felt that one of her family members was being nasty toward me, I raised the issue with her. But when she appeared reluctant to do anything about it, I didn't continue pushing the issue. That was a mistake, leading more to harm than harmony. Deep down, the unresolved issue continued to build resentment in me. I became less and less affectionate towards her, which was not very fair to her. She undoubtedly noticed but didn't really bring it up until the very end.

Not to say that having arguments would have fixed everything in that relationship. But at least, arguments would have exposed sooner what could and could not have been fixed. Arguments would have more quickly revealed fundamental incompatibilities, which could have ended up saving both of us a lot of time.

When two human beings are close in any way, it's completely unrealistic to expect no disagreements regardless of how compatible they may be. Heck, assuming that you are not a full-blown narcissist, you're sure to get fed up with even yourself every now and then. No two people are always going to fit together like hand in glove. Sometimes it's going to be more



like hands in boxing gloves.

Arguments can be an important way to communicate. When done constructively, arguing can help you better understand each other and any issues that may be coming between you. It can provide a release valve for pent-up frustrations. It can help reveal problems to which you can design and implement solutions. As a result, it can actually help both parties grow and even greatly strengthen the relationship.

The key, then, is not to avoid arguments as if they were sweater vests but rather to accept and even embrace them.

Arguments are not necessarily a sign that you two are incompatible. More important are the answers to the following three questions:

1. What are you arguing about?

Are you constantly arguing about things that are not very significant, such as, "Which is more important: chocolate or cheese?" when the answer should be "Yes"? If the argument is about something that doesn't really matter in the long run, it may be best to table the argument by agreeing to disagree. Arguing

about little stuff all the time can become tiring and erode the bond between you.

However, make sure that the topic of the argument doesn't actually represent a deeper unspoken issue. Never feel afraid to bring up an important issue more directly simply because you don't want to have an argument. In fact, it's better to have an argument as soon as an important point of contention arises.

2. How are you arguing with each other?

Arguing doesn't mean that you can

bring out the heavy artillery just to pummel the other person. Don't target the other person's trigger points or try to manipulate or gaslight the other person just to "win" or have the satisfaction of seeing him or her squirm. Instead, fight fairly with the intention of finding solutions rather than winning over the other person. The only way to win the argument is if your relationship is better off in the end.

3. What results from the argument?

Having an argument is like holding a business meeting. Don't have it for the sake of having it. Don't stop arguing without first solving the problem or at least discussing concrete next steps on how you are going to truly resolve the disagreement. And even after you think you've resolved the conflict, continue to check in with each other in the days after the argument to make sure that there aren't any lingering hard feelings.

All in all, don't view arguments as an oh-my-goodness-is-this-a-sign-that-we-aren't-compatible-what-am-I-going-to-do-maybe-I-need-to-get-back-on-Tinder-or-the-equivalent type of situation. Instead, view arguments as another form of communication, a very important form of communication.

Ideally, you and your partner, whether the relationship is personal or professional, should discuss and agree upon ground rules on how you are going to argue in general. And these ground rules should include not trying to run each other into the ground. The ability to constructively argue is an important sign of a healthy relationship. And if you can't seem to argue fairly with each other at all, then I would argue that maybe, just maybe, it's not the right relationship for you.

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Notification: Flight Schedule of Haj Pilgrims/Reporting time at Haj House Bemina, Srinagar. In continuation to this office notification dated: 10-06-2023, the flight schedule for 13th June, 2023 is hereby published for information of the concerned Haj pilgrims.

Table with 4 columns: Sno., Flight No., Date of Departure, Reporting time at Haj House. Contains flight details for 13-06-2023.

The pilgrims are advised to report on time at Haj House, Bemina, Srinagar. It may be noted that only standard baggage without any banned item shall be accepted as check-in-luggage by the Airlines at Haj House, Srinagar.

The flight schedule for remaining pilgrims shall be notified separately. Dr. Shujaat Ahmad Qureshi (JKAS) Executive Officer.

No:Haj/2023/CS/274/23 Dated:11-06-2023

FLIGHT ALLOTMENT FOR HAJ 1444 (H) - 2023

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Govt Imposes Stock Limit On Wheat Till Mar 2024; To Offload 15 Lakh Via Omss To Check Prices

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: For the first time in 15 years, the government on Monday imposed stock limits on wheat with immediate effect till March 2024 in a bid to check hoarding and contain rising prices of the key commodity.

The government also decided to offload 15 lakh tonnes of wheat to bulk consumers and traders from the central pool from month-end under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS). Apart from wheat, rice will be offloaded to bulk buyers under the OMSS and the quantity will be decided in due course of time.

The government made it clear that it has no plans to tweak the wheat import policy as the country has ample stock. It further said the ban on wheat export would continue and further export of sugar will be not permitted as of now.

The stock limit on wheat has been imposed until March 2024 just before the commencement of General Elections to control prices. Last time, the stock limit was imposed in 2008.

Briefing media, Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra said the stock limit has been imposed on wheat because some "unscrupulous elements are holding the stock and creating artificial scarcity" driving mandi prices up by almost 8 per cent in the past month.

"The wholesale and retail prices have not gone up to that much. With the lag, we expect

the wholesale and retail prices will also go up as modal mandi prices are showing upswing. The government has imposed stock limit on wheat..." he said.

Wheat prices in mandi rose to Rs 2,302 per quintal on June 7 from Rs 2,129 per quintal a month before.

A stock holding limit of 3,000 tonnes has been imposed on wheat traders/wholesalers; 10 tonnes on retailers, 10 tonnes for each outlet of big chain retailer and 3,000 tonnes at all their depots. In the case of processors, 75 per cent of annual installed capacity, he said.

They have been directed to declare the stock position and update them regularly on the portal of the Department of Food and Public Distribution.

In case, the stocks held by them are higher than the prescribed limit, then they have to bring the same to the prescribed stock limits within 30 days of the issue of this notification.

To improve domestic availability and check prices, Additional Secretary of the Food Ministry Subhod Kumar Singh said the government has decided to offload both wheat and rice under the OMSS to bulk buyers and traders.

About 15 lakh tonnes of wheat from the central pool stock will be offloaded in the first phase to bulk buyers, flour mills, private traders and manufacturers of wheat products through e-auction. The lot size will be 10-100 tonnes per entity, he said.

Retail Inflation Dips To Over 2-Year Low Of 4.25% In May

RBI likely to hold rates steady in FY'24



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NEW DELHI: Retail inflation declined to a 25-month low of 4.25 per cent in May mainly on account of softening prices of food and fuel items, with experts saying that RBI is expected to hold interest rates steady in the current fiscal.

This is the fourth straight month when retail inflation has declined and the third straight month of Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation remaining within the RBI's comfort zone of below 6 per cent.

CPI-based inflation stood at 4.7 per cent in April and 7.04 per cent in May 2022.

At 4.25 per cent, retail inflation is the lowest since April 2021 when it was 4.23 per cent.

Inflation for the food basket was at 2.91 per cent in May, lower than 3.84 per cent in April. The food basket accounts for nearly half of the CPI.

Inflation in fuel and light eased to 4.64 per cent, from 5.52 per cent in April.

CPI inflation print for May

eased more than expected, with the positive surprise chiefly driven by the food and beverages segment. Nevertheless, concerns loom on the horizon regarding the potential impact of a sub-par monsoon on food inflation in the second half of this fiscal.

ICRA Chief Economist and Head of Research and Outreach Aditi Nayar said the headline CPI inflation may rise mildly to 4.5-4.7 per cent in June 2023 based on the early uptrend in the prices of most of the food items, barring edible oils.

ICRA expects an extended pause by RBI through FY2024, and the stance to remain unchanged over the next couple of policy meetings, Nayar said.

Barclays, MD & Head of EM Asia (ex-China) Economics, Rahul Bajoria said inflation moderated further in May, given the high base and some sequential easing in energy costs. The RBI is likely to watch for the persistence of core inflation and the impact of El Nino on food prices in

the coming months.

The decline in inflation was mainly driven by food items led by 'oils and fats' and vegetables where inflation fell by 16 per cent and 8.18 per cent respectively.

However, inflation in cereals and pulses came in higher at 12.65 per cent and 6.56 per cent respectively.

Experts said the monsoon forecast and performance will hold clues to future movements in food inflation, and pulses will be more vulnerable in this context.

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) said going forward inflation is expected to remain in the 4.4-5.4 per cent range for the rest of this fiscal. It expects RBI to maintain a pause on interest rates for the rest of the current fiscal.

Last week, the Reserve Bank kept policy rates unchanged at 6.5 per cent and projected retail inflation for the current fiscal to average 5.1 per cent. June quarter inflation was projected at 4.6 per cent.

Airfare In India Spiked By 41% Since Covid: Report



ANI

NEW DELHI: Airfares in key markets in Asia-Pacific and the Middle East rose sharply even as airport charges have remained steady since the pandemic. A study conducted by Airports Council International Asia-Pacific in collaboration with Flare Aviation Consulting on airfare trends in the region found highest airfare increase was in India (41 per cent), followed by the United Arab Emirates (34 per cent), Singapore (30 per cent) and Australia (23 per cent).

The study found domestic airfares have continued to increase in several of these markets, including India, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Japan in the first quarter of 2023 and only decreased marginally on international routes.

ACI Asia-Pacific argues airlines are capitalising on low competition and pent-up demand to increase profits and recover losses incurred during the pandemic, while airports continue to provide enhanced services to passengers despite incurring heavy operational and capital expenditures.

Airports froze or reduced airport charges, including landing, parking, and passenger fees, and provided incentives at the peak of the pandemic despite the fact that airports have made significant investments in capital expansion and technology, it said.

"These excessive airfares

threaten the industry's long-term recovery and may have a far-reaching influence on the associated industry by reducing demand for air travel and increasing the financial burden on the already stressed sector," said Stefano Baronci, Director General of ACI Asia-Pacific.

Baronci suggested airlines should exercise fair pricing that supports recovery and safeguards consumers' interests.

"A supply-demand imbalance should not be exploited by airlines at the expense of customers by restricting the capacity, especially international one which is a key driver of social and economic growth and a major source of revenues for the airport sector. We urge airlines to carefully consider the long-term impacts of their pricing decisions. At the same time, governments must consider liberalising markets through policies such as open skies, which will allow competition while keeping airfares under control."

Fuel prices and inflation are responsible for a significant portion of airfare increase. Fuel prices went up 76 per cent in 2022 compared to 2019. The airlines' costs increased as the retail inflation saw an average 10 per cent increase over the same period.

Congress leader KC Venugopal and Union civil aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia had a Twitter battle over the rise in airfares and other affairs involving India's civil aviation sector.

UAE Emerges As Fourth Largest Investor In India In FY23

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The United Arab Emirates (UAE), with which India implemented a comprehensive free trade agreement in May last year, has emerged as the fourth largest investor in India during 2022-23, according to government data.

In the last fiscal, foreign direct investment (FDI) from the UAE to India jumped over three-fold to \$3.35 billion from \$1.03 billion in 2021-22, the data of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) showed.

The UAE was the fourth largest investor in India in 2022-23 compared to the seventh in 2021-22.

Singapore was the largest investor in India with \$17.2 billion investment in FY23, followed by Mauritius (\$6.1 billion) and the US (\$6 billion).

"The rapidly strengthening of bilateral ties and investment cooperation between India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) can be chiefly attributed to the strong bilateral relations between India and UAE, growth in investment commitments from UAE, and the policy reforms to further ease of doing businesses between the two countries," Rudra Kumar Pandey, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, said.

UAE's investments in India are mainly in sectors like services, sea transport, power and construction activities.

One of the crucial factors for the increase in foreign direct investment (FDI) from UAE is the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and UAE on February 18, 2022 (effective from May 1, 2022), Pandey added.

"Apart from CEPA, another growth engine of FDI from UAE in India is the investment commitment from UAE. UAE has committed to invest USD 75 billion in the Indian infrastructure sector over a period of time. It has also committed to partner with India in the renewable energy sector," Pandey noted.

India and the UAE have operationalised a comprehensive free trade agreement since May 1 last year. Under the pact, a number of goods from both countries are getting zero-duty access to each other's markets, besides eased norms for promoting investments.

The country accounts for about 2.5 per cent of the total FDI India received between April 2000 and March 2023. During this period, India has attracted \$15.6 billion worth of overseas inflows from the UAE, the data showed.

According to experts, the trade agreement has helped significantly increase the import and export between the countries and consequently increased the investments from UAE in Indian companies.

JKEDI Hosts Investor Meet & Pitching Session With Angel Investor Mahavir Pratap Sharma



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today organized a successful Investor Meet and Pitching Session, aimed at fostering the growth and development of startups in the UT of J&K at Sempora campus of the Institute.

The event brought together Mahavir Pratap Sharma, a renowned Angel Investor and a motivational speaker, aspiring entrepreneurs and industry experts to explore innovative business ideas and facilitate meaningful connections.

The event was held under the guidance of Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director JKEDI and served as a platform for startups from J&K to showcase their innovative ideas, business models, and growth potential in front of the investor.

The event witnessed a meaningful turnout of enthusiastic entrepreneurs, reflecting the growing entrepreneurial spirit in the region. Sheikh Ashiq, a leading entrepreneur of J&K

and former President of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) among other industry experts was also present on the occasion.

Mahavir Pratap Sharma, a serial entrepreneur who also served as the chair of TIE Global Angel Investors, brought his vast experience and expertise to the event.

As a renowned angel investor and mentor, Sharma shared valuable insights into the startup ecosystem, investment strategies, and the qualities that investors seek in potential ventures. His presence added immense value to the event, inspiring and guiding the participating entrepreneurs.

"There is no dearth of talent here and I want all of you to think of solutions that have a global appeal and can be scalable. I will be available to all the aspiring startups and will share my experience and knowledge. Some of the ideas presented today have immense potential and I will work with them and help them to scale up. Government support and grants are also important," said Mahavir Sharma.

Industrial Production Grows 4.2% In April



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NEW DELHI: India's industrial production growth rose to 4.2 per cent in April from 1.7 per cent in March 2023, mainly due to good performance by the manufacturing and mining sectors, according to official data released on Monday.

The factory output growth measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) stood at 6.7 per cent in April 2022.

As per the IIP data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the manufacturing sector's output grew 4.9 per cent in April 2023 against a 5.6

per cent expansion a year ago. Power generation declined 1.1 per cent in April 2023 compared to a growth of 11.8 per cent.

Mining output, however, rose by 5.1 per cent during the month under review against a growth of 8.4 in the year-ago period.

As per use-based classification, the capital goods segment recorded a 6.2 per cent growth in April compared to a 12 per cent expansion a year ago.

Consumer durables output during the month declined by 3.5 per cent against a 7.2 per cent growth a year ago.

Consumer non-durable goods output grew 10.7 per cent against a contraction of

0.8 per cent a year earlier. Infrastructure/construction goods posted a growth of 12.8 per cent compared to a four per cent expansion in the same period a year ago.

The data also showed that the output of primary goods logged 1.9 per cent growth in the month against 10.3 per cent in the year-ago period.

The intermediate goods output in April grew by 0.8 per cent compared to a 7.1 per cent growth during the corresponding month last year.

For fiscal 2022-23, the growth in IIP works out to be 5.2 per cent, down from 11.4 per cent in the preceding year.

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Bhubaneswar sizzles at 44.3 degrees Celsius, IMD issues Orange warning



Press Trust of India

Bhubaneswar: Odisha's capital Bhubaneswar on Monday sizzled at 44.3 degrees Celsius which is more than 8.3 degrees than the normal temperature while as many as 31 places across the state recorded temperature of 40 degrees Celsius or more, MeT office said.

Temperature above 5 degrees Celsius than the normal temperature in the coastal area is considered a severe heatwave condition.

The weather office issued an orange warning (be prepared) for heatwave to severe heat wave conditions at a few places over the district of Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Bargarh, Sonepur, Boudh and Bolangir on Tuesday and Wednesday.

It also issued a yellow warning (be updated) and said heatwave condition is very likely to prevail at one or two places over the district of Sundergarh, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Angul, Dhenkanal, Deogarh, Kandhamal, Nuapada, Kalahandi, Nayagarh, Khurda, Cuttack, Ganjam and Jajpur, during the same period.

The normal life across the state including the twin cities of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack (43.2) were severely affected due to heatwave condition and there seems to be no respite as the

IMD forecast said similar weather will continue for two more days.

The IMD said that the day temperature on Monday breached 45 degrees Celsius in two places. Sambalpur was the hottest place in the state at 46.1 degrees Celsius and it was followed by Hirakud at 45.6 degrees Celsius and Sonepur 45 degrees Celsius.

While Bargarh recorded 44.9 degrees Celsius, Bolangir, Boudh, Titlagarh, Nayagarh and Talcher registered 44 degrees Celsius. It was followed by Angul (43.9), Jharsuguda (43.4), Rourkela (43.2), Dhenkanal, Cuttack and Nuapada (43.2).

Bhubaneswar encountered both hot and humid conditions as the temperature soared to 44.3 degree Celsius and humidity level was at 88 per cent.

The IMD said that there is no large change in maximum temperature (day temperature) during the next five days at many places in the state. Rather, it is likely to be above normal by 4-7 degree Celsius at a few places during the period, it said.

The weather office also forecast thunderstorm with lightning very likely at one or two places over the districts of Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Kalahandi, Gajapati, Ganjam, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Balasore and Bhadrak.

NIA seeks help from public in identifying those involved in violent protest at Indian Mission in London

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

New Delhi: Broadening its probe into attempts to vandalise the Indian Mission premises in London, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday released five videos and sought the help of the general public in identifying individuals involved in the violent protests there in March this year.

The nearly two-hour-long footage from CCTVs was posted by the NIA on its website and the link shared on its official Twitter handle while urging people to provide any information regarding the persons seen in the videos to the agency.

The NIA said in a statement that the CCTV footage of the attack by anti-national elements on the High Commission of India in London on March 19 this year has been uploaded.

"All the members of public are requested to provide any information regarding the persons seen in the footage to the NIA in public interest," the statement said, adding the information would be kept secret.

The agency also provided a WhatsApp number +917290009373 for conveying the information.

This comes after a team of the NIA visited London to get details of the case besides interacting with officials of the Scotland Yard, officials in know of the developments said.

The agency took over the probe from the Special Cell of the Delhi Police which had registered a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act as it involves



illegal activities carried out by certain people holding Indian nationality abroad.

Pro-Khalistani protestors tried to vandalise the Indian High Commission in London and pulled down the national flag while holding protests outside the High Commission complex on March 19. It happened a day after Punjab Police launched a crackdown against radical preacher Amritpal Singh in Punjab.

The Counter-Terrorism and Counter Radicalisation unit of the Ministry of Home Affairs had handed over the case to the NIA and the decision was taken after Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla held a meeting with representatives of the British government in April this year.

In the London incident, the tricolour flying atop the Indian High Commission was grabbed at by a group of protesters waving separatist Khalistani flags and chanting pro-Khalistani slogans, leading to an arrest.

Officials from the Mission had said the "attempted but failed" attack was foiled and that the tricolour was now flying "grandeur". The

Metropolitan Police said that two members of security staff sustained minor injuries which did not require hospital treatment.

India had summoned the British deputy high commissioner based in New Delhi and demanded an explanation over the complete "absence of security".

In a strongly-worded statement, the Ministry of External Affairs had said India finds "unacceptable" the indifference of the UK government to the security of Indian diplomatic premises and personnel.

Earlier, Union Home Secretary Bhalla had flagged the issue with a UK delegation which was led by Permanent Secretary, Home Office, Sir Matthew Rycroft. He had "specifically" conveyed New Delhi's concerns on the misuse of the UK's asylum status by pro-Khalistani elements to abet terrorist activities and requested better cooperation, increased monitoring of extremists and proactive action.

India's concerns over the breach of security at the Indian High Commission were also emphasised in that meeting.

Cyclone 'Biparjoi': Western Railway short-terminates 56 trains heading to coastal Gujarat

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Mumbai: The Western Railway on Monday short-terminated more than 50 trains heading to coastal areas of Gujarat in view of powerful cyclone 'Biparjoi' and is considering cancellation of several trains over the next three days, a release said.

The WR is taking various measures including setting up disaster management rooms, help desks, and keeping relief trains ready.

The wind speed is being monitored at five locations in Bhavnagar division, at eight sites in Rajkot and at three spots in Ahmedabad division on an hourly basis and station masters have been instructed to regulate or stop trains when the wind velocity exceeds 50 kmph, as per the release.

According to IMD, 'Biparjoi' is likely to make landfall near the Jakhau port in Kutch district on Thursday afternoon as a 'very severe cyclonic storm' with maximum wind speed reaching up to 150 kilometres per hour.

"As many as 56 trains heading to Gandhidham, Veraval, Okha, Porbandar in coastal Gujarat have been short-terminated at Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Surendranagar. Around 95 trains are being proposed for cancellation between June 13 to June 15," the release said.

Sumit Thakur, chief public relations officer (CPRO), WR, said passenger trains scheduled from June 12 onwards in the vulnerable sections are being reviewed and necessary decisions will be taken.

"Several trains have been cancelled and short-terminated as a precautionary measure in view of the safety of passengers and train operations," Thakur said.

Cyclone Biparjoi is likely to hit the Saurashtra and Kutch regions of Gujarat, covering Bhavnagar, Rajkot and

Ahmedabad divisions of the Western Railway.

As Veraval-Junagadh, Porbandar-Kanals, Rajkot-Okha and Viramgam Gandhidham-Bhuj sections are most vulnerable to this cyclone, the WR has taken various safety and security precautions, the release said.

WR general manager Ashok Kumar Misra convened a virtual meeting with senior officials to review the cyclone preparations and gave necessary directives regarding arrangements of various logistics, and train movement including speed restrictions and cancellation of trains as a safety and precautionary measure.

"Restriction has been imposed on inward and outward traffic of Double Stack Container (DSC) movement as well as on inward traffic for all terminals of Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Bhavnagar divisions till June 16, with immediate effect," the WR said.

A disaster management room has been made operational at the Western Railway headquarters in Mumbai and at divisional headquarters at Bhavnagar, Rajkot and Ahmedabad. Additionally, hotlines between them have been ensured for smooth functioning. The concerned divisions have been put on alert to tackle the situation with arrangements for tree-cutting equipment, DG sets, diesel-driven pumps, earth-moving equipment, Poclain, JCBs, utility vehicles, adequate fuel resources, etc. the release said.

Relief trains have been equipped with adequate medicines and are kept on alert. Help Desks have been opened at Bhavnagar, Porbandar, Veraval and Junagadh in Bhavnagar Division, Okha, Dwarka, Khambhaliya, Jamnagar, Hapa, Surendranagar and Morbi in Rajkot Division, while at Gandhidham and Bhuj in Ahmedabad Division, the release said.

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Evidence Has

adduced by the prosecution, come to the conclusion that the accused have not committed the crime imputed to them."

The Division Bench said that the well settled law is that the function of the Court in a criminal trial is to find out whether a person arraigned before it as accused is guilty of the offence with which he is charged.

"...as a general rule the court can and may act on the testimony of a single witness provided he is wholly reliable and there is no legal impediment in acquitting a person on the sole testimony of a single witness, but if there are doubts about the testimony, the court will insist on corroboration," the division bench said, adding, "It is not number or quantity, but quality that is material and time-honoured principle is that evidence has to be weighed and not counted."

So, the test is whether the evidence has a ring of truth, is cogent, credible and trustworthy or otherwise, the court said. "The legal system has laid emphasis on value, weight and quality of evidence, rather than on quantity, multiplicity or plurality of witnesses," the court said, adding, "Thus it is open to a competent court to fully and completely rely on a solitary witness and record acquittal and conversely it may acquit the accused in spite of testimony of several witnesses if it is not satisfied about the quality of evidence."

RBI Okays Compromise

relating to future contingent realisations or recovery by the RE, subject to such claims not being recognised in any manner on the balance sheet of REs at the time of the settlement or subsequently till actual realisation of such receivables," it said.

Any such claims recognised on the balance sheet of the RE would render the arrangement to be treated as restructured as per the extant guidelines, it added.

In respect of borrowers subject to compromise settlements, the notification said, there would be a cooling period as determined by the respective board-approved policies before the REs can assume fresh exposures to such borrowers.

The cooling period in respect of exposures other than farm credit exposures would be subject to a floor of 12 months.

However, it said, REs are free to stipulate higher cooling periods in terms of their Board approved policies. The cooling period for farm credit exposures would be determined by the REs as per their respective Board approved policies.

J&K To Receive

against 16.6°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 0.3°C for

the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 11.6°C against 14.8°C on the previous night while the famous tourist resort of Pahalgam recorded a low of 7.2°C against 10.3°C on the previous night.

In Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 13.7°C against 16.0°C on the previous night and it was 1.1°C above normal for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 12.4°C against 14.6°C on the previous night and it was 0.3°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 10.0°C against 11.0°C on previous night and it was above normal by 1.2°C for the popular skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 25.3°C against 24.1°C on the previous night and it was 0.4°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 12.1°C (0.4°C below normal), Batote 14.7°C (1.2°C below normal), Katra 20.5°C (1.6°C below normal) and Bhadrawah 10.5°C (below normal by 3.0°C). Ladakh's Leh and Kargil recorded a low of 6.0°C, he said.

Injured Policeman

hundreds of people participated in the funeral prayers of Raina at his native village. Senior police officers also attended his last rites.

A wreath laying ceremony was also held at his native village in which officers of Police led by DIG IRP Kashmir, Commandant IRP-10th Bn, Commandant IRP-13th Bn, Commandant IRP-17th Bn, Dy. Commandants of IRP-10th Bn, 13th Bn, DySSP of IRP-10th & 11th Bns, SDPO Kokernag and SHO Kokernag, other senior police officers participated.

ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar has also conveyed heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the family of the martyr for his supreme sacrifice made in the line of duty.

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close-circuited fire hydrant systems in all the buildings and setups of the basecamp besides an air-conditioned community kitchen halls for the first time.

The repair, renovation, and facelifting work is also going on here at a fast pace to ensure that the basecamp is ready before June 20.

"The work on the repair and renovation of the Yatri Niwas is going on smoothly. The facelifting is going at a fast pace. We expect that Yatri Niwas will be ready by June 20", an officer told PTI.

He said this time facilities have been further improved with the introduction of close-circuited fire hydrants and air conditions eating halls.

"We have installed six ACs each to make two eating halls fully air-conditioned so that pilgrims get better facilities. We have also installed close circuited fire hydrant systems," he said.

The first batch of pilgrims is expected to leave the Jammu base camp one day prior to the start of the yatra on July 1.

Yatra A Symbol

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a public rally organised by the BJP here to highlight the achievements of the Narendra Modi-led government over the past nine years, the minister, who is also the local MP, expressed confidence that a large number of devotees will join the pilgrimage this year. "Amarnath Yatra is not a political issue. It is a symbol of collective culture of the country and Jammu and Kashmir. The Hindu devotees join the yatra in large numbers and are welcomed by Muslims of Kashmir who also made arrangements for them," the minister said.

He said the tradition needs to be further strengthened instead of playing politics over it and dividing society. "I am fully confident that the yatra will attract pilgrims in large numbers from across the country," Singh said.

Besides the Union minister, J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina and several other senior leaders, including former legislators, addressed the rally and highlighted the achievements of the Modi-led government.

Singh along with Raina released a booklet, giving a briefing on some of the major works carried out by the government in Udhampur parliamentary constituency.

The yatra to the 3,880-meter-high holy cave in south Kashmir Himalayas is scheduled to commence on July 1 from two tracks -- the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and 14-km shorter but steep Baltal route in Ganderbal district.

Preps On For 'Swachh

Himalayas, the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry said on Monday.

The preparations include acquiring more prefabricated toilets, disinfectants, hiring extra sanitation staff, engaging more "Swachhagrahis", pre-yatra sanitation of lodging areas and the yatra route and de-sludging septic tanks, forming sanitation teams and appointing nodal officers, among other initiatives, a statement by the ministry said.

It said through the "Swachh Amarnath Yatra" initiative, the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 has not only improved the overall pilgrimage experience but also reinforced the values of cleanliness and hygiene among the devotees.

The 62-day-long annual pilgrimage to the cave shrine of Amarnath, located at a height of 3,880 metres in south Kashmir Himalayas, will begin on July 1 and continue till August 31.

Under the SBM (U) 2.0, initiatives are taken to ensure a clean and waste-free environment for the yatri, the ministry said, adding robust waste management systems are implemented along with clean sanitation facilities and awareness campaigns promoting cleanliness and responsible waste disposal.

During last year's yatra, the urban local bodies had installed and maintained a total of 127 toilet seats, 119 urinals and 40 bathing units along the route to improve sanitation, the statement said.

Additionally, the ULBs maintained over 780 toilets installed for the yatra. To achieve 100 per cent waste collection, the ULBs utilised 10 twin compartment vehicles on a daily basis, it added.

They also installed 145 twin bins at all camps to facilitate waste segregation.

To handle the generated waste, the ULBs deployed 14 de-sludging vehicles daily during the yatra with additional vehicles on standby for emergencies, the statement said.

"With an aim to ensure efficient waste processing, nine solid waste management facilities have been inaugurated on May 12, 2023 in 10 ULBs located in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Notably, three of these ULBs, Qazigund, Sumbal, and Ganderbal, fall along the yatra route. These facilities will process 40 tonnes of waste daily," the HUA ministry said in the statement.

Each centre has a material recovery facility for dry waste which includes segregation, bailing and shredding facilities. Compost pits are also provided for processing of wet waste, it added.

On Friday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah 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.

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

NIA Attaches atmosphere in the Kashmir valley and also to resort to violence, the NIA said.

Watali had been sending the funds raised by him from various sources to the Hurriyat leaders to promote the secessionism of J-K from the Union of India, it added.

Investigators have revealed that

Watali was a "hawala conduit", who was receiving money from "Amir" of Jammat-ud-Dawah and top commander of Lashkar-e-Taiba, Hafiz Saeed, a 'specially-designated global terrorist' of the United States and a 'listed global terrorist' of the UN, the NIA said.

Saeed had masterminded the 2001 Parliament attack and the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

Watali had received foreign remittances into his bank account running into crores between 2011 and 2013 from various sources. Besides, he had received foreign remittances in his proprietorship firm named M/s 'Trison International', Srinagar and unexplained remittances were also found in his NRE bank accounts, the NIA said.

The investigating agency said Watali had shown the sale of a plot of land measuring 20 kanals, purportedly owned by Watali's company, M/s 'Trison Farms and Constructions Pvt Ltd' to one Naval Kishore Kapoor, a co-accused in the case.

However, it said, the investigations found that neither Watali, nor his above-mentioned company was the owner of this plot of land in the revenue records.

Watali was arrested by the NIA in 2017 under various sections of the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

A trial court had in May last year framed charges against Watali and others in a case related to alleged terrorism and secessionist activities in Jammu and Kashmir in 2017.

Watali was moved out of jail in February last year and placed under house arrest on medical grounds.

He is presently facing trial before the Special NIA Court in Delhi.

Besides JKLF chief Malik, 17 others, including Saeed, top commander of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen Mohammad Yusuf Shah alias Syed Salahuddin, were charge-sheeted in the case, which had been registered suo moto by the NIA on May 30, 2017.

Malik was convicted in all the charges against him and sentenced to life imprisonment in May 2022.

Tourist Charred

her family there went missing while four employees of the hotel received injuries while dousing the flames.

He said soon after flames were doused off, the charred body of Bhupinder Gill (75) of Dehradun was found inside the hotel after hectic efforts put in by 3 Rashtriya Rifles while further proceedings in this regard have been taken up.

Injured employees of the hotel were identified as Mehraan parry (25) resident of Seer Anantnag, Yasir Ahmad (24) resident of Katsoo Bijbehara, Naveed Ahmad Lone (20) resident of

Pahalgam and Tariq Ahmad Bhat (27) resident of Laripora Pahalgam.

The official said that three employees have been already discharged from the hospital while another is undergoing treatment.

They said the cause of fire is being ascertained while further investigation has been taken up.

Meanwhile, the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, has expressed shock and grief over the loss of a life in an unfortunate fire incident at a hotel in Pahalgam.

"Deeply anguished by the loss of a life due to unfortunate fire incident at a hotel in Pahalgam. My heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family. I have instructed the Deputy Commissioner to render all necessary assistance to the family," he said. -(KNO)

Envoy, LG Discuss

with the LG, including successful G20 meeting, trade and tourism potential of J&K UT and investment opportunities in different sectors, an official spokesperson said.

Besides, he said, President Shri Kailash Jyotish & Vedic Sansthan Trust also met the LG and apprised him on various important matters related to the promotion and preservation of the Sanskrit language in the J&K UT.

Faculty Welfare Forum SKIMS headed by Dr. Muzafar M. Wani also called on the LG, the spokesperson said.

The LG, he said, assured the deputations that the issues projected by them will be looked into earnestly for early redressal.

AVM, DGP

spokesperson said. The DGP and the Air Vice Marshal, he said, discussed various issues relating to the overall security scenario in the Jammu and Kashmir particularly the attempts from across the border to disturb the peace.

"The officers also discussed counter measures including those for foiling attempts of infiltration, dropping arms ammunition and drugs by Pakistan through drones," he said.

The DGP, he said, also presented a memo to the Air Vice Marshal.

Electric Shock

before he could be taken to the hospital for treatment.

Meanwhile, police have handed over the body to the family after completion of necessary formalities.

Woman Injured

She was rushed to hospital by the villagers who came to her rescue after hearing her cries.

The wildlife protection department has fanned out its teams in the nearby forest to capture the bear, the official said.



66TH NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES

J&K Wins Shooting Gold, Reaches Quarters In Football

Observer News Service

Srinagar: J&K athletes continued to shine in the ongoing 66th National School Games. In Shooting, Aneesa Sharma bagged gold with an impressive score of 400/400 (418), while Himanshu Gupta won silver with a decent score of 396 (413.7) at Chandro Tomar Shooting Range, Delhi.

Secretary to Government Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K Sarmad Hafeez, Director of the Department Subash C Chibber and other senior officers of the Department congratulated the duo for their brilliant performances.

In other news, J&K Under-19 Football Boys team have reached the quarterfinals of NSG Football Championship, which is currently underway in Bhopal. In their first match, J&K won by narrow margin of 1-0 against IBSO, scoring in the last minute of the game.

J&K played their second match against Daman & Diu and secured a resounding victory with a final score of 2-0.

Sajid Fayaz headed the first goal, while Athar Malik scored the second.

To secure a place in the group play-offs, the J&K team played their third match against Karnataka. The match ended 0-0, allowing J&K to qualify for the pre-quarterfinals.

In the pre-quarterfinal match against Football Hub Tripura, the J&K boys displayed their determination and resilience. Despite playing their earlier match at 5:30 AM, leaving them physically exhausted, they did not let their spirits waver. The match went into a tiebreaker, and the J&K team emerged victorious with a score line of 4-3.

Goalkeeper Wajid Yousuf saved two penalty shots. Sayam, Kashif, Muneeb, and Aditya were the scorers for J&K.

Having already played two matches earlier in the day, the J&K team was gearing up for their third match when this report was filed.

Mohammad Hadi, trainee of Sports Council Judo Academy, won bronze in the Judo tournament of the National School Games.

ODI WC: India To Play Pakistan On Oct 15



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India will open their ODI World Cup campaign against Australia in Chennai on October 8 while Ahmedabad will host their much-anticipated match against arch-rivals Pakistan a week later, according to BCCI's draft schedule for the tournament.

"The BCCI shared the draft schedule with the ICC, which then sent it to the participating countries for feedback before a final schedule is put out early next week," ESPNcricinfo reported on Monday.

According to PTI sources, the two semifinals will be held in Mumbai and Chennai.

As per the initial draft, the tournament will begin on October 5 with reigning champions England taking on last edition's runner-up side New Zealand in Ahmedabad, which will also host the final on November 19.

Eleven venues, namely Del-

hi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Thiruvananthapuram, Guwahati, Pune, Lucknow and Dharamsala have been shortlisted.

Hosts India, who last won the ODI World Cup in 2011 at home, will play their league phase matches across nine cities, including, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi and Bengaluru. They will take on Pakistan on October 15. Pakistan, meanwhile, will play their league matches across five cities.

"Pakistan are slotted to meet the two teams progressing from the Qualifier on October 6 and 12 in Hyderabad, and then Australia in Bengaluru (October 20), Afghanistan (October 23) and South Africa (October 27) in Chennai, Bangladesh in Kolkata (October 31), New Zealand in Bengaluru (November 5, day match) and England in Kolkata (November 12)," the report read.

Australia's match against Trans-Tasman rivals New Zea-

land in Dharamsala on October 29 and against England in Ahmedabad on November 4 are some of the other big fixtures.

A total of 10 teams will participate in the tournament. Out of these, eight teams have already been decided and while two other teams will qualify for the main tournament via the qualifiers. With a little over four months left for the marquee event to begin, there has been an unprecedented delay in releasing the schedule.

The schedule of the last two editions of the tournament -- 2015 and 2019 -- was finalised over a year in advance.

India's tentative schedule:

India vs Australia, Oct 8, Chennai India vs Afghanistan, Oct 11, Delhi India vs Pakistan, Oct 15, Ahmedabad India vs Bangladesh, Oct 19, Pune India vs New Zealand, Oct 22, Dharamsala India vs England, Oct 29, Lucknow India vs Qualifier, Nov 2, Mumbai India

Lionel Messi Will Increase MLS Popularity: Neymar



Agencies

PARIS: Paris St Germain striker Neymar Jr said he already knew Lionel Messi was going to join MLS side Inter Miami and predicted the U.S. top flight is set to change because of the popularity the Argentine will attract.

Messi, 35, announced on Wednesday that he plans to take his talents to South Beach after his contract with French champions expires at the end of this month.

"I already knew... Messi is one of my best friends, it's a gift that football has given me to have the opportunity to meet him, play with him and then establish such a beautiful friendship," Neymar said in an interview with ESPN Brazil on Sunday.

"I told him he's going to be very happy for the city, for the lifestyle and for the opportunity

to live and play here in Miami. "I'm sure Leo is going to change the league in the United States. I think the league is going to be much more popular, so everybody has to take advantage and enjoy watching him play, because unfortunately nothing lasts forever," he added.

The Brazil international and Messi's former Barcelona and PSG team mate visited basketball player Jimmy Butler in Florida ahead of Friday's Game 4 in the NBA Finals.

Butler, a six-time NBA All-Star, also said he is excited about Messi's move to Inter Miami and that the Argentine World Cup champion will do a lot of good for U.S. soccer.

"Now that he's here, I think all the football fans around the world are going to come and get a chance to see him compete. I'm glad he's here," he told reporters last week.

McGregor Knocks Out Heat Mascot At NBA Finals



Agencies

MIAMI: Former UFC champion Conor McGregor knocked out the Miami Heat mascot in a midgame bit that went wrong.

Burnie -- more specifically, the man who occupies Burnie's costume -- briefly sought medical attention Friday night after taking two punches from McGregor during a third-quarter stoppage of Game 4 of the NBA Finals between the Heat and the Denver Nuggets.

The Heat said Saturday that the employee, who was not identified, received pain medication and was resting at home.

McGregor was there as a promotional gimmick for a pain-relief

spray -- and was booed by many in the Miami crowd even before the bit started. The flame mascot was wearing oversized boxing gloves and a robe akin to what a fighter would wear entering the ring for a bout. McGregor hit Burnie with a left hook, knocking him down, then punched the mascot again after he hit the floor.

McGregor then tried to "spray" the mascot with the pain-relief product, while several members of the Heat's in-game promotional team dragged Burnie off the court.

McGregor hasn't fought since injuring his left leg in a loss to Dustin Poirier at UFC 264 in July 2021. His last win came in January 2020.

DYSS Holds Inter School Sports Events In Dooru



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports on Monday organised competitions in sports disciplines of Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Tug of War and Volleyball for U-17 Boys & Girls at HS Shankarpora in Zone Dooru on Monday. Semi-final and final matches for U-14 boys

and girls were also held at the same venue.

The competitions were inaugurated by the ZEO Dooru Bashir Ahmed Dar in presence of field officials of the department. A "Pledge Ceremony" against drug addiction was held at the inauguration. Government as well as private schools participated in these competitions.

KIC Wushu Open Selection Trials Today

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council is set to hold open selection trials in the discipline of Wushu today, Tuesday, June 13, at Indoor Sport Hall, Budgam. The trials begin at 3:00 PM.

The selection trials will be held for Under-14 (Sub Junior), Under-18 (Junior) and Above-18 (Senior) categories. The selected candidates will receive training



at Khelo India Wushu Centre. For further details, call 9622595953.

WTC Final: Team India Lose 100% Match Fees; Gill Penalised Additional 15%



Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Indian players have been fined their entire match fees for maintaining a slow over rate while opener Shubman Gill was docked an additional 15 per cent for criticising the umpire's decision to rule him out in a debatable call during the World Test Championship final.

The Australian players were also fined 80 per cent of their fees for maintaining a slow over rate during the marquee-clash, which they won by 209 run in London on Sunday.

"It was confirmed shortly after the conclusion of the match on Sunday's final day that India will lose all of their

match fees for their slow over rate, with Australia also docked 80 per cent of their match fees.

"In accordance with Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, players are fined 20 per cent of their match fee for every over their side fails to bowl in the allotted time," the ICC said in a statement on Monday.

The fines were imposed after India were ruled to be five overs short of the target after time allowances were taken into consideration, while Australia were found to be four overs short.

Indian players, who are part of the playing XI earn Rs 15 lakh per Test, while the reserve

players get Rs 7.5 lakhs each.

Gill was found guilty of "breaching article 2.7 which relates to public criticism or inappropriate comment in relation to an incident occurring in an international match." During India's second innings, television umpire Richard Kettleborough had adjudged a catch by Cameron Green to remove Gill had been taken cleanly.

However after the day's play, the youngster had posted a TV screen grab of the replay in which the ball seemed to be touching the ground.

Chasing a mammoth 444 in the second innings, a lacklustre India lost seven wickets before lunch on the fifth and final day on Sunday to suffer the crushing defeat.

U-20 World Cup Prospects Could Be Bargains For The Next Transfer Window

Agencies

SAO PAULO: Many young players caught the eye of scouts from major clubs during the Under-20 World Cup, which ended with Uruguay's first title in the tournament's history. They could be bargains of the next transfer window before they start playing for their senior national teams in the path to the next World Cup in 2026.

Here are five among the best performers of the competition in Argentina, all of them hoping to receive better opportunities or transfers to top leagues next season.

SEBASTIAN BOSELLI

The 19-year-old Uruguay defender is one of the reasons why the South American team conceded only three goals in

its title winning campaign. Boselli's best asset is his positioning, which makes him look like a veteran on the pitch. He plays for Defensor, a club of Uruguay's first division. At home, he has been compared to Atletico Madrid's Jose Maria Gimenez, who also has average height for a defender. Website Transfermarkt estimates his value at 900,000 euros.

CESARE CASADEI

Chelsea's 20-year-old Italian midfielder was arguably the best player of the tournament. Casadei is a box-to-box player who likes to operate on the right flank, which has earned him comparisons with both Frank Lampard and Kaká. He scored seven goals that carried his team to the final, and will hope to be used at Chelsea.



This season, he was loaned to Reading in the Championship division. He has a contract with

the Blues until 2028. Transfermarkt raised his market value from 6 million to 12 million eu-

ros during the tournament.

MARCOS LEONARDO

The 20-year-old Brazil centre forward was one of the top goal scorers of the tournament with five goals despite his team's elimination in the quarterfinals. Leonardo likes to play on the left and is effective in holding the ball up front. At home, he has been compared to Argentina's Sergio Agüero. He is currently one of the main sources of goals for Santos, and the club expects to sell him for a high price. Earlier this year, Santos reportedly rejected an 11-million euro offer from West Ham for the striker.

the U-20 World Cup, Israelov can also break lines and work as a team leader. Israelov is also a strong passer with either foot, which surely makes him an interesting asset for modern coaches. He plays for Hapoel Tel Aviv and Transfermarkt believes he is worth 300,000 euros.

KIM JOON-HONG

The 20-year-old South Korea goalkeeper was a star in his team's 1-0 victory against Nigeria in the quarterfinals and kept his team in contention with a series of stunning saves in the semifinal against Italy. The 1.90-meter tall (6'2 feet) Kim plays for Gimcheon Sangmu, a second-division team of his home country. Transfermarkt estimates he is worth 150,000 euros. (AP)

OR ISRAELOV

The 18-year-old Israel defender is one of the reasons why his team reached the third place in the tournament in its debut participation. Nearly perfect in the air throughout



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