

World Bank Says Rs 1500 Cr Project in J&K Largely Achieved Its Objective

"It has surpassed its agreed targets in some cases": WB report

In what could be seen as a major achievement by the Manoj Sinha-led administration on the development front, the World Bank has said that its Rs 1500 crore project in J&K has largely achieved its objective and, in some cases, surpassed the agreed targets. The Rs 1500 crore project

funded by the World Bank was a non-starter during the PDP-BJP rule. It was bogged down by multiple hiccups before Syed Abid Rashid Shah was brought in as its head.

"The project development objective is to support recovery, increase disaster resilience in project areas, and increase the capacity of the project implementing entity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. JTFRP was focused on recovery and mitigating risks linked to floods in Kashmir. The project



has largely achieved this and, in some cases, has surpassed the agreed targets," reads the latest status report of the project. The report was released by the World Bank on June 29, 2023.

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According to the report, 78.4 percent of contracts under the WB-funded project have been

completed.

"Of the 213 contracts, 167 (78.4%), are complete, and another 40 are expected to be completed by the project closing date. Currently the project has disbursed about 67%," the report further states.

The key achievements under the project include 52 school buildings, four higher education buildings, one fire station, 80 kilometers of road stretches, four bridges, 75 kilometers m drainage network and 33 storm-water drainage pumping stations. **More on P10**

SC Defers Hearing On Early Poll Plea

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday deferred hearing on a plea seeking directions to the Election Commission and the government for holding early assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha and Manoj Misra noted that petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 were listed for hearing on July 11.

"We will adjourn this. The 370 matter is listed for directions on July 11," the bench said.

The counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that this is a different case as the residents have been disenfranchised and urged the apex court to issue notice in the matter. The bench, however, refused to issue notice and adjourned the matter.

The top court was hearing a petition filed by National Panthers Party. **More on P10**

Water Dispute With Pak

India Rejects Ruling By Court Of Arbitration



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: India on Thursday said it cannot be compelled to participate in "illegal" proceedings at the Permanent Court of Arbitration over the Kishenganga and Ratle hydropower projects in Kashmir after the Hague-based tribunal ruled that it has the "competence" to consider the dispute between New Delhi and Islamabad on the matter.

India has been maintaining that it will not join the Pakistan-initiated proceedings at the Permanent Court of Arbitration as the dispute is being already examined by a neutral expert under the framework of the Indus Waters Treaty.

"India cannot be compelled to recognise or participate in illegal and parallel proceedings not envisaged by the treaty," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

In January, India issued a notice to Pakistan seeking a review and modification of the Indus Waters Treaty in view of Islamabad's "intransigence" to comply with the dispute redressal mechanism of the pact.

The pact, brokered by the World Bank, was inked in 1960 for matters relating to cross-border rivers.

India considers the start of the two concurrent processes to resolve the dispute violates the provision of the three-step graded mechanism prescribed

in the pact.

Bagchi said India's consistent and principled position has been that the constitution of the so-called Court of Arbitration is in contravention of the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty.

"A neutral expert is already seized of the differences pertaining to the Kishenganga and Ratle projects. The neutral expert proceedings are the only treaty-consistent proceedings at this juncture. The treaty does not provide for parallel proceedings on the same set of issues," Bagchi said in his weekly media briefing.

He said India has been participating in the "treaty-consistent" neutral expert proceedings.

The last meeting of the neutral expert took place at the Hague on February 27 and 28. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in September.

"The government of India has been in talks with the government of Pakistan regarding the modification of the Indus Waters Treaty under Article XII (3) of the treaty. This recent development only underlines why such modification is so necessary," Bagchi said.

A statement from the Permanent Court of Arbitration said the tribunal considered objections to the competence of the court raised by India through its **More on P10**

LG Steps In To Make Amarnath Yatra Zero-landfill Pilgrimage

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday launched various innovative initiatives of the Rural Development Department to make Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra a zero-landfill pilgrimage.

These initiatives include reusable cloth bags, Yatra Anthem for sustainable and responsible tourism, MIS Portal and Web App for waste process monitoring.

In his address on the occasion, the Lt Governor congratulated the Rural Development Department and Swaaha Resource Management for their commendable work.

"Zero-waste pilgrimage is our resolve. Sincere efforts are being made to transform Information, Education and Communication Campaign into Behavioral Change Communication and also to create an effective model for solid waste management," the Lt Governor said.



He said, with the help of volunteers, IEC campaign and seamless coordination at four different stages of Solid Waste Management, our aim is to evoke profound responsibility towards the environment, protection of natural heritage and the sustainable use of natural assets.

"Swachh Campaign for this year's Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra signifies the government's commitment to safeguard spiritual, cultural, economic and ecological values. IT tools, maximum use of

renewable energy source will ensure clean, pure and unique experience to pilgrims," the Lt Governor said.

"Your biggest competition is you," the Lt Governor told the Rural Development Department for outstanding work in solid waste management during the previous year and achieving several milestones in recycling.

Such integrated efforts and waste management model can be replicated for other pilgrimages. We will direct Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine

Board to study and implement this model, he said.

He also shared the feedback received from pilgrims and highlighted the achievements registered on various parameters pertaining to the conduct of the yatra this year.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also released Insignia, IEC material and guidelines for Sustainable and Zero Landfill Yatra campaign.

Rural Development Department is working in partnership with Swaaha Resource **More on P10**

Record 84, 768 Yatris Visit Cave Shrine In First Week: Govt

Observer News Service

Now A Separate Public Grievances Dept

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha led Union Territory administration on Thursday gave approval to the establishment of the Department of Public Grievances as a separate Administrative Department.

The decision in this regard was taken in the Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of LG Sinha, an official spokesperson said. LG's Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta and LG's Principal Secretary Mandeep Kumar Bandhary attended the meeting.

Earlier, the subject of "Redressal of Public Grievances" was assigned to the Administrative Reforms, Inspections, Trainings and Grievances Department.

This administrative reform measure is in line with the commitment of the Government that envisages **More on P10**

With 17202 yatris paying obeisance at the Shri Amarnathji Holy Cave on Thursday, the cumulative total of pilgrims reached to 84768 on the 7th day of the pilgrimage to cave shrine, officials said on Thursday. "Among the pilgrims who visited the cave shrine were 12408 males, 4095 females, 490 children, 192 Sadhus and 17 Sadvis", reads an official press release. The influx of yatris continues to surge with each passing day making it one of the most successful yatra in the country. The entire yatra is being monitored from Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC) at HMT which has been put in **More on P10**

MeT Forecasts Rain, Thunderstorms in J&K

Srinagar: Weather department here has forecast rain and thunderstorm at some places in Jammu and Kashmir

"Light to moderate rain/thunderstorm is expected at scattered places on July 7," a meteorological department official here said.

On July 8-9, he said, intermittent light to moderate rain was likely at many places of J&K. "Some places in plains of Jammu region may receive moderate to heavy rain during morning hours."

Regarding the minimum temperature today, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 17.8°C against 17.3°C on the previous night and it was 0.7°C above normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 16.0°C against 17.0°C on the previous night and it was 0.5°C above normal for the gateway town of the Kashmir Valley.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a



low of 12.8°C against 11.6°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 2.0°C for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 15.6°C against 15.4°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 0.1°C for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 15.6°C against 16.3°C on the previous night **More on P10**

'Disrespect' To National Anthem 12 People 'Bound Down' For Not Standing Up

Press Trust of India

Srinagar: Twelve people were "bound down" for not standing up during the national anthem played at a function here in June with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in attendance, police said on Thursday.

Departmental action has also been initiated against the police music band for failing to ensure everyone stood up before the anthem was played, they said.

The 12 people were "bound down" under the CrPC sections 107 and 151 -- the sections grant police the power to arrest or detain a person or ask him or her to sign a bond in anticipation of a crime.

According to officials, some people chose to not stand up during the closing ceremony of the 'Pedal for Peace' cycling event, organised by Jammu and

Kashmir Police, on June 25.

The J&K administration took a strong note of the "disrespect" to the national anthem and launched an inquiry into the alleged infraction, they said.

Sources from police had earlier said that 14 people were arrested for disrespecting the national anthem and a few policemen too suspended -- a version later challenged in a tweet by Srinagar Police, which said it had only "bound down" 12 people under sections of Criminal Procedure Code, and not arrested them.

"There is an unverified news doing round that 14 policemen/policies have been arrested/suspended for disrespecting national anthem. It is clarified that the news is completely false, rather 12 persons have been generally bound down for good behaviour **More on P10**

S H O R T T A K E S

BSF Man Shoots Himself Dead



A Border Security Force (BSF) jawan on Thursday allegedly shot himself dead at a post along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, officials said. The incident took place at the border outpost (BoP) at Chilyari, a senior police officer told PTI. **More on P10**

R&B Employee Falls Into ACB Net

The sleuths of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday caught red-handed an employee of the roads and buildings (R&B) department for accepting bribe from a man for issuing a contractor card to him. The anti-graft body received a complaint from a man alleging that against Ghulam Nabi Wani, a clerk at the office of Executive Engineer, R&B Bandipora, was demanding a bribe of Rs 29,000 from him for helping him in securing contractor card, an official **More on P10**

Govt Shifts Two JKAS Officers

The government on Thursday ordered transfer of two JKAS officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect. According to a government order, Muzamil Maqbool Beigh, JKAS, Collector Land Acquisition, Special Army (Budgam and Srinagar), holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Budgam, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Chadoora. "He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Chadoora, in addition **More on P10**

Two Youth Held For Eve-Teasing

Police on Thursday arrested two youth on charges of harassing a girl at a park in North Kashmir's Baramulla district. Aqib Salam Bhat @Ponty and Yasir Ahmad Bhat, both residents of Fatehpura Baramulla were arrested on the basis of a written complaint alleging that the duo harassed/molested a girl (name withheld) at Zanana Park Khawajabagh before fleeing, a police spokesperson said Thursday. Giving more details, he said, a police party **More on P10**

DG CRPF Takes Stock Of Yatra Security

Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaoson, DG, CRPF concluded his second visit in a fortnight on Thursday, overseeing the security review for the Shri Amarnathji Yatra. Undertaking an extensive road journey, the DG personally inspected camps along the security grid established by the Forces. He also engaged with pilgrims hailing from different parts of the country, CRPF said in a statement. "DG CRPF started with the visit of Base Camp Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu. The CRPF performs **More on P10**

Lightning Strikes Kill Six In MP

Six men, most of them farmers, were killed and two others, including a woman, injured on Thursday in multiple lightning strikes in Panna, Tikamgarh and Raisen districts here, police said. In Panna, three persons - identified as Lallu Ahirwar (40), Lalbabu Vishwakarma (35) and Abid Khan (40) - died after being struck by lightning in Durgapur village under Dharampur police station limits, some 50 kilometres from the district headquarters, Superintendent of Police Dharmraj Meena told PTI. **More on P10**



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Scientists Unveil Mystery Of Huge 'Gravity Hole' In Indian Ocean

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Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore have identified the cause of an over three million square kilometres-wide 'gravity hole' in the Indian Ocean. Located just south of Sri Lanka, it is at this location the Earth's gravitational pull is weakest & sea level is over 100 metre lower than global average.

The researchers noted that in the absence of tides and currents on the oceans, all the water would settle onto a smoothly undulating shape called a geoid, rising wherever there is high gravity, and sinking where gravity is low.

The resulting unevenness in the ocean surface, known as "geoid anomalies", are

generated by uneven mass distribution within the deep Earth. One such anomaly is found just south of Sri Lanka, spanning a vast extent.

Known as the Indian Ocean Geoid Low (IOGL), it is dominated by a significant gravity low where the ocean surface plunges down to 106 metres.

"The existence of the Indian Ocean geoid low is one of the most outstanding problems in Earth Sciences. It is the lowest geoid/gravity anomaly on Earth and so far no consensus existed regarding its source," said Atreyee Ghosh, an Assistant Professor at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

In a study published in the journal of Geophysical Research Letters, the team from IISc, in collaboration with researchers from the GFZ German Research Cen-

tre for Geosciences, analysed the reasons behind the missing mass that is causing the geoid low.

Though several studies in the past have tried to answer this, most of them attributing it to a remnant of an earlier plate that dived into the Earth's mantle beneath another plate millions of years ago, there had been no convincing explanation of the source until now.

The new study employed numerical models of mantle convection to explain the mass deficit. Mantle convection is a type of movement caused within the Earth's mantle or the middle layer, where hotter and lighter material rise to the top, and cooler and denser material sink due to gravity.

This convective movement within the mantle was driven by seismic tomography

models that use seismic waves to obtain a 3-dimensional picture of the Earth's interior.

The researchers found that 'low density anomalies' or the presence of lighter materials in the upper to mid mantle below the IOGL, were responsible for the gravity low in this region.

Mantle plumes or the rising up of abnormally hot rock within the Earth's mantle can result in low density anomalies. However, no known mantle plume exists beneath the IOGL, ruling out this theory, the researchers said.

However, they found that there was hot material rising from the African large low-shear-velocity province (LLSVP) or the African superplume, in the neighbourhood of the IOGL, that was getting deflected eastward and terminating beneath the IOGL.

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DIPK-NB-1687/23 Dated: 06-07-2023

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 10th session Annual 1991 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name: Muzaffer Ahmad Lone

S/o: Mohd Mukhtar Lone

Roll No: 337254

Year & Session 1991 Annual

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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary
Board Of School Education
Sub Office Bandipora

IN THE COURT OF JMJC,
JUDGE SMALL CAUSES, SRINAGAR

Present:- Ms Tabasum
Abdul Rashid Lone S/o Gh Mohi Ud Din Lone R/o House No 7
Lane No 3 Shadab Colony Ahmad Nagar 90 Feet Road Near
Iqbal Masjid

v/s
Registrar Births & Deaths SMC, Srinagar. (Non-Applicant)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas an application has been received from the applicant for registration of Birth of Abdul Rashid Lone in the records of SMC Srinagar. Objection, if any, be submitted in writing before the undersigned within seven days from the date of this Publication. The details of the Person are as under:-

Name:- Abdul Rashid Lone

Sex:-MALE

Father's Name:- Gh Mohi Ud Din Lone

Mother's name: Zeba

DOD: 18-05-1958

Residence: House No 7 Lane No 3 Shadab Colony Ahmad Nagar 90 Feet Road Near Iqbal Masjid
Place Of birth:-At home situated at House No 7 Lane No 3 Shadab Colony Ahmad Nagar 90 Feet Road Near Iqbal Masjid

Sd/-
nj Judge Small Causes, Srinagar

In the Court of Additional Munsiff / Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Srinagar

Present: Shafeeq Ahmad Malik
Mohd Yousuf Mir V/S Bashir Ahmad Mir
Notice Through Publication to

Bashir Ahmad Mir 2. Mushtaq Ahmad Mir Ss/O Lt. Abdul Kareem Mir
3. Manzoor Ahmad Mir 4. Tahir Ahmad Mir 5. Hafiz Ahmad Mir Ss/O Lt Iqbal Mir
6. Zahoor Ahmad Mir 7. Masood Ahmad Mir 8. Manzoor Ahmad Mir 9. Shakeel Ahmad Mir Ss/O Khazir Mohammad Mir 10. Reyaz Ahmad Mir 11. Yaqoob Ahmad Mir Ss/O Lt Gh Rasool Mir 12. Abdul Hamid Mir 13. Nazir Ahmad Mir 14. Gulam Mir Ss/O Lt. Habibullah Mir 15. Bashir Ahmad Mir S/O Gh Qadir Mir Rs/O Abi Noorpora Khnkhana Srinagar

Whereas, above titled suit has been filed against you in this court and you have been conveyed as defendant no: 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,15,&16

The next date of hearing is fixed on 22-07-2023
Whereas, Summons were issued for your appearance in this court, but you avoided to acknowledge the summons, as a result the summons got returned as untraced. This way you did not appear before the Court to answer the suit and it appears that your attendance may not be procured through the issuance of ordinary summons. You are as such summoned through this Publication and directed to appear before this Court personally or through counsel on 22-07-2023 failing to which appropriate orders will be penned against you. In case the date fixed in declared as holiday the matter shall be taken up on next following day.
Given under my Hand and Seal of this court.

Ist Additional
Munsiff Srinagar
nj

In The Court Of Chief Judicial Magistrate Shopian

In the case of Jallal Ud Din Sheikh S/o Gh Mohammad Sheikh R/o Heff Shopian

Applicant
VERSUS
U.T Through Registrar of Births and Deaths BDO Chitragam-Shopian (Non-applicant)

Notice To Public At Large

Whereas, the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant in this court for seeking directions to the nonapplicants for registration of Date of Birth particulars of the applicant namely Jallal Ud Din Sheikh S/o Gh Mohammad Sheikh R/o Heff Shopian who was born on 10-03-1973 at Home
Whereas, through the medium of this proclamation, the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the registration of the death certificate of the applicants, they/she/he shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 15 days from the date of issuance of this publication. If the date fixed is declared holiday the matter will be taken upon the next working day.
Given under my hand and seal if this office on 07-06-2023

Chief Judicial
Magistrate Shopian
fko

Department of Wildlife Protection J & K Government OFFICE OF THE NORTH WILDLIFE WARDEN KASHMIR DIVISION SOPORE

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT NO: -10 OF 2023-24 DATED: - 04-07-2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are invited from the manufacturers/ authorised dealers for the supply of following equipments (For Injection rifle JMBD Model Dan-Inject Guns 11 MM & 13 MM barrels) to department of Wildlife Protection, North Kashmir Division Sopore as per the following details.

S. No	Particulars
1.	3.0 ml Syringe
2.	5.0 ml Syringe
3.	7.0 ml Syringe
4.	10.0 ml Syringe
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6.	Injection Needle 20x40 plain
7.	Injection Needle 20x60 plain
8.	50 p sealing sleeves red
9.	Syringe Connector
10.	Safety cap for 3 Ml Syringe
11.	Safety cap for 5 Ml Syringe
12.	Safety cap for 10 Ml Syringe
13.	Co2 Cartidge 72 gm
14.	Co2 Cartidge 36 gm

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	04-07-2023
2	Downloading Start Date	06-07-2023
3	Bid submission start date	06-07-2023
4	Bid submission End date	12-07-2023 upto 05:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of bids (online)	13-07-2023 at 02:00 PM

Bid documents can be seen at and download from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in>. Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, Specifications, Bill of quantities, conditions and other details.

The following terms and conditions shall apply:

- The items supplied should meet the standards for safety, efficacy and quality.
- The successful bidder should produce the simple of equipment for approval. The sub standard shall be rejected.
- Tender documents can be downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- Bids uploaded must accompany Demand Draft or Govt. Treasury Receipt (Cost of tender documents) in shape of Treasury Challan for an amount of Rs. 500/- (Rs. Five hundred) only to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406-Forest and Earnest Money to the tune of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs Five thousand) only in shape of CDR pledged to Wildlife Warden North Division Sopore. The bids shall remain valid for a period of 60 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The technical bid uploaded should contain the cleared scan copies of the following documents.
 - Scanned copy of Tender Fee in shape of Govt. Treasury/ challan.
 - Distribution/authorization certificate for supply of Tranquilizing equipments (For Injection rifle JMBD Model -Dan-Inject)
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- Rates should be quoted including CGST/GST.
- Incomplete conditional tenders shall be out rightly rejected.
- No conditional tenders shall be accepted
- The unit rate and prize quoted by the suppliers entirely in Indian Rupee and the rate quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto end of the current financial year i.e 2023-24.
- The success full tender shall have to supply within 10 days from the supply order, if any prolonged delay without any reason shall be imposed penalty of the advertised cost @ 1% per day
- The firm should be in possession of valid Authorization/Registration Certificate.
- The department reserves the right to cancel the order without assigning any reason.
- In case of any dispute the decision of the Chief Wildlife Warden J & K Govt./Regional Wildlife Warden Kashmir shall be final & binding
- Payment shall be made subject to availability of funds.

No: WLW(N)/Accts/2023-24/379-83

DIPK-4580/23 Dated: 06-07.2023

Sd/-
Wildlife Warden
North Kashmir Division
Sopore

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SRINAGAR

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Subject: Selection List for the tenure post Senior Resident in various Departments of Government Medical College, Srinagar

Notification No. 02 - RA of 2023

Dated: 04-07-2023

Whereas; vide this office Advertisement Notice issued under No's. 07 of 2023 Dated. 25.05.2023 applications were invited for filling up of tenure posts of Senior Resident (In-service/not In-service doctors) possessing requisite qualification in the various disciplines of Government Medical College, Srinagar; and

Whereas; vide this Office Meeting Notice No. RA-GMC/Adv/1446-56 Dated. 21-06-2023, meeting of Selection Committee constituted vide Government Order No. 283-JK (HME) of 2023 Dated. 04-04-2023, was held on 26-06-2023, to evaluate the merit and finalize the selection of Senior Resident as per the Criteria laid in the Government Order No. 282-JK(HME) of 2023 Dated. 04-04-2023 in the below mentioned Departments: -

S. No.	Discipline
1.	Anesthesiology
2.	Chest Medicine
3.	Radiotherapy
4.	Forensic Medicine
5.	Radiodiagnosis & Imaging
6.	Microbiology
7.	Neurology
8.	Nephrology
9.	Cardiology
10.	Neonatology/Neonatal Div. L.D Hospital, Srinagar
11.	Endocrinology
12.	Medical Oncology

Consequent upon the above, URL, login ID & Password shall be sent on registered Mobile number of concerned doctors whose names are mentioned in the Annexure "A" to this notification for submission of online form through Employee Verification System (EVS) for Verification of Character and Antecedents, within (07) days, from the date of issuance of this notification.

Note: -

- After cutoff date login ID will be deactivated.

DIPK-4588/23
dated: 06-07-2023

Sd/-
Principal/Dean
Govt. Medical College
Srinagar

No: RA-GMCS/R/D/Selc/1257-72

Annexure - "A" to the Notification No. 02 of 2023
Dated. 04-07-2023

S. No.	Name of Candidate	Qualification	In-service/ Not In-service	Department	Status
1	Dr.Aabid Shafi Wani	MD	Not In-Service	Chest Medicine	Selected
2	Dr.Javeed Ahmad Ganie	MD	Not In-Service	Medical Oncology	Selected
3	Dr.Parvez Ahmed Lone	MD	Not In-Service	Neonatology	Selected
4	Dr.Bashir U Zaman	MD	Not In-Service	Neonatology	Selected
5	Dr.Shakeel Ahmad Bha	MD	Not In-Service	Emergency Medicine	Selected
6	Dr.Basit Rehman	MD	Not In-Service	Radiodiagnosis & Imaging	Selected
7	Dr.Akib Arfee	MD	Not In-Service	Radiodiagnosis & Imaging	Selected
8	Dr.Sheikh Viqar Javid	MD	Not In-Service	Radiodiagnosis & Imaging	Selected
9	Dr.Atiq Ul Islam	MD	Not In-Service	Radiodiagnosis & Imaging	Waiting



Middle Aged Man Held For Raping Minor In Srinagar

Majid Nahi

Srinagar: A middle aged man was arrested by the police under stringent POSCO act in Srinagar for allegedly raping his 15-years old minor relative on Thursday.

The shocking incident took place day after a 22-year old youth was arrested under the same act for allegedly raping a minor girl child in Old Barzulla area in uptown Srinagar.

Police said the accused, a 46-years old man was arrested for allegedly raping a minor girl, who is also said to be his relative. The accused has been identified as Mohammad Iqbal Sheikh son of Ghulam Qadir Sheikh of Kanthpora, Sogam area in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. Police said the accused

was putting up in a rented accommodation at Pamposh Colony Srinagar.

A formal case under FIR No 92 of 2023 under sections 352, 376, 506 of IPC and 3/4 of POSCO act has been registered in this regard at police station Safakadal. Confirming the arrest, Srinagar police in a tweet said the accused has been arrested and is presently lodged at Safakadal police station.

"One Mohd Iqbal Sheikh (46 years) S/o Ghulam Qadir Sheikh R/o Kanthpora, Sogam Kupwara presently staying in Pamposh Colony, Srinagar arrested for raping a minor 15 years old girl. The accused is the relative of the child. FIR no 92/2023 U/S 352,376, 506 IPC & 3/4 POSCO act in PS Safakadal," tweeted Srinagar police.

Fisherman Colony Habbak Plagued With Drainage Crisis

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Fisherman Colony in Habbak, Srinagar, is grappling with a severe drainage crisis, with residents alleging the issue has made their lives a virtual hell.

The residents expressed their concerns about the "dire situation" they are facing. "We did not choose to live here but were relocated to this area by the government," they said. "The current state of the drainage system has made it extremely difficult for us to live here."

The locals said, "We have been residing here for the past

twenty years, but the drainage problem remains unresolved. The persistent foul odor from this open sewage has caused us frequent illnesses. Despite numerous discussions with the authorities, no action has been taken."

They reiterated their appeal to the government to "either fix this drainage here or relocate us to somewhere else".

"My child also died due to a blood infection which was caused by the bad smell of this drainage. Now, I would like to request the government to resolve the issue on humanitarian grounds," a local lady said.

Admin Accords Warm Send Off To Senior Officers On Superannuation

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The District Administration Srinagar today organized an impressive function at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex, here to honor and bid warm send off to former Superintending Engineer R&B, Mian Abdul Naam, Former Medical Superintendent, Dr Nazir, Chowdhary and Joint Director Agriculture, Mohammad Younis Chowdhary on the superannuation from the government services.

Deputy Commissioner

Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad presided over the superannuation farewell function.

During the function, IAS Probationer, Nitesh Rajora who completed his year long probation period in Srinagar District was also given farewell.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Syed Shabir Ahmad, Chief Planning Officer, Srinagar, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, besides other senior Officers of District Administration were also present in the farewell function.



Smart meter installation triggers shutdown, protests in Gojwara and its adjoining areas in the old city on Thursday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Srinagar's Gojwara Shuts Amid Protest Against Smart Meter Installation

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Gojwara and its adjoining areas in old Srinagar city amid massive protest observed a shutdown against the installation of smart meters on Thursday.

A large number of men and women hit roads and expressed resentment against the government's move to install smart meters which according to protesters is cruelty being meted out to poor masses.

The protesters blocked the traffic and shopkeepers downed their shutters. The protesters raised slogans against the implementation of the Smart City project and slammed the power department.

"This power is generated on our rivers. The government is sending it to outside states. Then they increase tariffs here to buy power. How can we pay Rs 3,000-5,000 bill for smart meters," said an angry woman protester. Another protester said that they are poor people and can't afford to live without using electric devices in the kitchen.

The protesters said that the generation of revenue through the installation of smart meters is yet another tactic to harass people. "There is so much inflation. Youth are jobless. A cooking gas cylinder costs Rs1,250, kerosene is Rs100 per liter and

No Flat Rate For Downtown Consumers: CE

Srinagar: Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) on Thursday said that there was no alternative to the smart meters and that the meters will be installed across Kashmir including downtown in Srinagar.

The statement comes amid the protests by the consumers against the installation of smart meters in their respective areas.

Chief Engineer, KPDC, Javed Yousuf Dar, said the ongoing process of smart meters installation in Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir will continue, and the same have to be installed today, as well as in the future," he said.

"As you have witnessed,

protests have taken place in the past, but no significant results came out and ultimately, the smart meters were installed," he said.

Describing the salient features of smart meters, he mentioned that "there is no difference between smart meters and regular meters, except for one additional feature: providing consumers with automatic readings on their mobile phones or other smart devices," he added.

Regarding flat rates in the downtown area, he clarified, "there is no such thing, and just like in other places, smart meters will also be installed throughout Kashmir and downtown as well."

there is no timber and ration at depots. We can't afford to buy gas cylinders, from where we will bring money for huge power bills. They are killing poor people like us," the agitated protesters said.

The protesters slammed the J&K administration officials and bureaucrats saying they

can't use fans for their children in this scorching heat and officials live lavishly in AC offices and houses.

The protesters threatened to intensify their protests on a daily basis if the Power Development Department doesn't shelve the idea of the installation of smart meters.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Whereas, Mr. Abdul Hamid Wani, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices dated 24.02.2023 thereby calling upon 1) M/s Valley Plastics, IGC, Lassipora, Pulwama (Borrower firm), 2) Mr. Mohd Ayoub Ganaie S/O Gh. Mohi Ud Din Ganaie R/O Zassow Pulwama (Paartner 1), Mr. Aijaz Ahmad Sofi S/O Mr. Gh. Hassan Sofi R/O Hergam, Shopian (Partner 2), 4) Mohd Shafi Ganaie S/O Ab. Rashi Ganaie R/O Hergam Shopian (Guarantor 1), 5) Mr. Mohd Asgar Bhat S/O Ab. Gani Bhat R/O Narowpora, Wahibugh, Pulwama (Guarantor 2), 6) Mr. Haleema D/O Ama Bhat R/O Zassow, Pulwama (Mortgagor 1), 7) Mohd Abdullah Dar S/O Ab. Samad Dar R/O Nowpora, Bala, Shopian (Mortgagor 2) and Mst. Zaina, Adopted D/O Ab. Wahab Mallia W/O Ab. Gani Mallia R/O Bundzoo, Pulwa (Mortgagor 3) to repay an amount of Rs.4,47,89,887.81 Rupees Four Crore Forty Seven Lac Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Seven and Paise Eighty One only) being the balance outstanding as on 04.02.2023 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrowers/Guarantors/mortgagors having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 3rd day of July 2023.

The said borrower/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount aggregating to Rs.4,45,89,835.81 Crores Four Crores Sixty Five Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five and Paise Eighty One only), being balance outstanding in the borrowers loan accounts as on 31.05.2023 together with future interest thereon from 01.06.2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

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

Description of the Immovable Property
Leasehold rights of land measuring 02 Kanals leased out by SIDCO in favour of the borrower firm at IGC, Lassipora, together with civil structures constructed over the said land.

Place: Pulwama (Farooq Ahmad Dar) Authorized Officer
Dated: 03.07.2023

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TLMD-VI (6),BEMINA, SRINAGAR

Tele No: 0194-2492429 Fax: 0194-2492429.
Email: tlcdistpdd@gmail.com
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No: TLMD-VI/08of2023-24
Dated: 04/07/2023

Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, Bemina Srinagar on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT invites e-tenders (Two Cover System) valid for 180 days from reputed, experienced and financially sound Contractors and Executors fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in the standard bidding documents (SBD) for the work detailed below. E-Tenders need to be accompanied by earnest money deposit (EMD) in the shape of DD/CDR from any Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank pledged to Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, Bemina Srinagar, J&K. Tenders not accompanied with tender fee and EMD will be out rightly rejected. The complete bidding process is online. However, hardcopies are to be submitted only by the Lowest Bidder in the office of Executive Engineer, Trans. Line Maintenance Division-VI Bemina Srinagar, on the day which will be communicated to lowest bidder. Financial bids must be submitted online only as per prescribed format. The Standard Bidding Document is available at website <http://ktenders.gov.in>.

S. No	Scope of work	Qty	Adv. Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of T/D in Rs.	Cost of EMD (in Rs)	Time of Completion
01	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 01 set (03 No.) 145KV Current Transformer and 01 set (03 No.) 132 KV Capacitor Voltage Transformer required for Line-Bay-I for 100MVA, 132/33KV Grid Station Mattan.	Refer BOQ for details	Rs. 13.26lacs	Rs. 600/-	2% of Advt. Cost Rs. 26520/-	30 days

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

CRITICAL DATES:-		
1.	Issue of NIT.	04-07-2023
2.	Downloading of bidding documents (Start).	05-07-2023 (10.00am)
3.	Downloading of bidding documents (End).	18-07-2023 (12.00 noon)
4.	e-Bid submission (Start) date & time (Submission).	05-07-2023 (2.00pm)
5.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission supporting documents in PDF formats).	18-07-2023 (2.30pm)
6.	Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid opening date and time.	20-07-2023 (2.00pm)
7.	Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids.	Office of the Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, Bemina, Srinagar
8.	Cost of e-Bid document (to be submitted in the form of DD /Online Payment Account No. 036701020000183 JK bank tankipora, Pledged to Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, JKPTCL Bemina Srinagar.	Rs600/-
9.	Cost of EMD (in the form of CDR/DD)	Rs. 26520/-

- Only the bidders possessing the qualifying criteria as mentioned in the bidding process.
- Clarifications can also be sought from the office of the under signed on E-mail tlcdistpdd@gmail.com.
- Before participating in the bids, the bidder shall acquaint himself with the site of work and local conditions.
- The department reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason therefor.
- The bidders are advised to furnish and upload complete bidder address including address of place of business along with all valid Landline/Mobile Nos plus e-mailing addresses.

No: TLMD-VI/1112-15
DIPK-NB-1673/23 Dated: 06-07-2023

Sd/
Executive Engineer
TLMD-VI, Bemina Sgr.

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- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBERA: 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	3:42
ZUHR	12:36
ASR	5:35
Magrib	7:49
ISHA	9:29

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This Day In History

- 1777 - American Revolutionary War: Battle of Hubbardton
- 1798 - Quasi-War: the U.S. Congress rescinds treaties with France sparking the 'war.'
- 1807 - France, Russia & Prussia sign Peace of Tilsit
- 1898 - US President McKinley signs the Organic Act to annex Hawaii
- 1929 -Romania & Vatican sign concord
- 1941 - Nazis executed 5,000 Jews in Kovono, Lithuania
- 1941 -World War II: Beirut is occupied by Free France and British troops.
- 1943 - 8th day of battle at Kursk: Germans occupy Dubrova
- 1950 - Korean War: UN Security Council establishes the United Nations Command to combat North Korean forces
- 1953 - Che Guevara sets out on a trip through Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador.
- 1973 - 78 drown as flash flood sweeps a bus into a river (India)
- 1978 - Solomon Islands declares independence from UK
- 1980 - Institution of Sharia law in Iran
- 1980 - The Safra massacre in Lebanon.
- 1981 - The solar-powered aircraft, Solar Challenger, successfully completes a 163 mile flight across the English Channel
- 1986 - Jordan government shuts al-Fatah offices
- 1988 - Soviet Union launches Phobos 1 to probe Martian moon (unsuccessful)
- 1988 - Five prominent anti-apartheid activists are released in Cape Town, South Africa after being detained for up to two years under the Internal Security Act

From KO Archives

Bid On Minister's Life In City Centre

Militants Attack Motorcade In Crowded Budshah Chowk

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Minister of state for Public Health Engineering, Syed Basheer Ahmad Andrabi, narrowly escaped a bid on his life when militants opened fire on his bullet-proof ambassador car and escort vehicle near the Budshah Chowk in the crowded heart of the city this afternoon.

Three of his security guards were injured in the attack, and the two vehicles damaged, while the attackers fled from the scene leading behind their weapons and two pherans. The Islamic Front group has claimed responsibility for the bid on the minister's life.

Two pheran-clad militants opened fire on the minister's cars from a close range when the vehicles slowed down near the old KMDA bus stand because of traffic jam, the KNS quoted the police as having said.

The attack took place at around 4:50 p.m. when the minister was returning from the secretariat to his official residence.

Three personal security guards of the minister were injured in the firing, the initial bursts ripping the tyres of the ambassador car and the escorting Gypsies.

Windowpanes of the two vehicles were smashed by the militants' sustained firing, but the attackers fled when the minister's guards and patrolling policeman began to return the fire.

According to eyewitnesses, the militants escaped in the crowd towards Maisuma by-lanes.

Police guards surrounded the minister and whisked him off to safety.

The police said that they had recovered two AK assault rifles, two pouches and two pherans from the Maisuma area.

The firing threw the heart of the city into panic and chaos, with people running for cover, and traffic coming to a standstill. Long traffic jams were witnessed on key crossings in the city centre, as policemen diverted vehicles and cordoned off the area in order to facilitate search operations.

The director-general of the police, the IGP, SSP Srinagar, SP East and other police officials arrived on the scene soon after the attack on the minister to oversee the operations.

(Kashmir Observer, 07 July, 2005)

Imran Khan Charged For Attack On Pak Army Headquarters, Now Faces 150 Cases



Press Trust of India

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan has been named in six cases, including three under the tough Anti-Terrorism Act, for the unprecedented attack on Pak Army's General Headquarters (GHQ) of the army in Rawalpindi on May 9, local media reported.

Supporters of Imran Khan, also chief of the Pakistan-Tehreek-e-Insaf party, allegedly breached the gates of the Pakistan Army's GHQ in Rawalpindi on May 9, dubbed as a "Black Day" by the country's military.

The joint investigation teams (JITs) are investigating all the cases, including the attacks on military installations and the incident of arson at a metro station, Pakistan's Geo News quoted sources as saying.

According to Press Trust of India, sources told Geo News that three of these cases were registered against 70-year-old Imran Khan on May 9 while the other three on May 10 under the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA).

Imran Khan's party has found itself in hot waters after violence erupted across the country on May 9 following his dramatic arrest from the premises of the Islamabad High Court in a corruption case.

Imran Khan is reportedly facing 150 cases across the coun-

try since he was ousted in April last year.

Imran Khan's party supporters had also allegedly attacked and damaged the Corps' Commander's House in Lahore - known initially as Jinnah House - once served as the residence of the Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah - hours after the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) arrested Khan.

More than 20 civil and military installations were attacked in the violence that left more than 10 persons dead. Khan was in custody when the violence occurred.

Sources further said the cases were registered at Civil Lines in Faisalabad, Samanabad, RA Bazar, and New Town police stations in Rawalpindi, City Police Station in Mianwali and Police Station Cantt in Gujranwala, on behalf of their respective police officials.

The cricketer-turned-politician had not been named in any of the 28 cases in Rawalpindi.

The decision to include his name came to light from statements provided by the suspects under investigation and in consultation with legal experts, the sources added.

The cases pertaining to the attack on the GHQ and military installations were registered at RA Bazar and New Town police stations.

For The Third Day In A Row, The Earth's Average Temperature Remained At A Record High

Press Trust of India

Earth's average temperature remained at a record high on Wednesday, after two days in which the planet reached unofficial records. It's the latest marker in a series of climate-change-driven extremes.

The average global temperature was 17.18 Celsius (62.9 degrees Fahrenheit), according to the University of Maine's Climate Reanalyzer, a tool that uses satellite data and computer simulations to measure the world's condition.

That matched a record set on Tuesday of 17.18 Celsius (62.9 Fahrenheit), and came after a previous record of 17.01 Celsius (62.6 degrees Fahrenheit) was set on Monday.

Scientists have warned for months that 2023 could see record heat as human-caused climate change, driven largely by the burning of fossil fuels like coal, natural gas and oil, warmed the atmosphere.

They also noted that La Nina, the natural cooling of the ocean that had acted as a counter to that warming, was giving way to El Nino, the reverse phenomenon marked by warming oceans. The North Atlantic has seen record warmth this year.

A record like this is another piece of evidence for the now massively supported proposition that global warming is pushing us into a hotter future, said Stanford University climate scientist Chris Field, who was not part of the calculations.

University of Maine climate scientist Sean Birkle, creator of the Climate Reanalyzer, said the daily figures are unofficial but a useful snapshot of what's happening in a warming world.

While the figures are not an official government record, this is showing us an indication of where we are right now, said National Oceanic



and Atmospheric Administration chief scientist Sarah Kapnick. And NOAA indicated it will take the figures into consideration for its official record calculations.

Even though the dataset used for the unofficial record goes back only to 1979, Kapnick said that given other data, the world is likely seeing the hottest day in several hundred years that we've experienced.

Scientists generally use much longer measurements months, years, decades to track the Earth's warming. But the daily highs are an indication that climate change is reaching uncharted territory.

On Wednesday, 38 million Americans were under some kind of heat alert, Kapnick said.

That included communities that aren't used to feeling such heat. In North Grenville, Ontario, the city turned ice hockey rinks into cooling centres as temperatures on Wednesday hit 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 degrees Celsius), with humidity making it feel like 100.4 degrees (38 degrees Celsius).

I feel like we live in a tropical country right now, city spokeswoman Jill Sturdy said. It just kind of hits you. The air is so thick.

With many places seeing

temperatures near 100 degrees Fahrenheit (37.8 degrees Celsius), the average temperature records might not seem very hot. But Tuesday's global high was nearly 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit (a full degree Celsius) higher than the 1979-2000 average, which already topped the 20th- and 19th-century averages.

High-temperature records were surpassed this week in Quebec and Peru. Beijing reported nine straight days last week when the temperature exceeded 35 degrees Celsius (95 degrees Fahrenheit), and ordered a stop to all outdoor work on Wednesday as more high temperatures were forecast.

Cities across the US from Medford, Oregon to Tampa, Florida have been hovering at all-time highs, said Zack Taylor, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Alan Harris, director of emergency management for Seminole County, Florida, said the county has already surpassed last year for the number of days they've activated their extreme weather plan something that happens when the heat index hits 108 Fahrenheit or greater.

It's just been kind of brutally hot for the last week, and now it looks like potentially for two weeks, Harris said.

Uniform Civil Code A Difficult Issue, Says Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen

Press Trust of India

SANTINIKETAN: Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen on Wednesday claimed that the Uniform Civil Code is a "difficult" issue and efforts are on to make it easy.

The 90-year-old economist also said the UCC surely has a link with the concept of Hindu Rashtra.

"The Uniform Civil Code is a difficult issue. Now attempts are on to make it easy. There are differences among us. There are differences in rules and customs. We need to remove those differences and be united."

"I read in the newspaper that there should not be any more delay in implementing the Uniform Civil Code. No idea from where such a nonsense concept has come," Sen told reporters at his home here.

To a question if the UCC has links with the idea of Hindu Rashtra, he said it "surely" has.



"But Hindu Rashtra is not the only way for progress... Hinduism is being misused," said the Bharat Ratna awardee.

The UCC refers to a common set of laws on marriage, divorce and inheritance that would be applicable to all Indian citizens irrespective of religion, tribe or other local customs.

The Law Commission had on June 14 initiated a fresh consultation process on UCC by seeking views from stakeholders, including public and recognised religious organisations, on the politically sensitive issue.

142 Lok Sabha Seats In Focus, Top BJP Leaders From East, Northeast Meet



Press Trust of India

GUWAHATI: Senior BJP leaders of 12 states in east and north-east India met in Guwahati today to strategise on the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The meeting is being attended by BJP's national general secretary BL Santosh, Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha, party MPs and MLAs, and state unit presidents, among others.

Strengthening the organisation and election strategy were among the key issues that will be discussed at the day-long meeting, BJP's Assam president Bhabesh Kalita told reporters.

"Our goal is to ensure the return of Narendra Modi as the prime minister for the third consecutive term and we are working towards that end," he told reporters before the meeting.

BJP's in-charge for Assam Bajajant Panda said his party does not prepare only before the elections but stays in touch with the people throughout the year.

"This particular meeting will discuss organisational issues in all state units in the east and northeast," he added.

Before the meeting, the BJP leaders paid their obeisance to Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee on the occasion of his birth anniversary at the party's state headquarters.

There are a total of 142 Lok Sabha seats in these 12 states and in 2019, BJP won 68 of them.

The eight northeastern states have a total of 25 Lok Sabha seats with Assam having the highest of 14. Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur and Tripura have two seats each, while Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim have one seat each.

Among the eastern states, West Bengal has 42 seats, Bihar has 40 seats, Odisha has 21 and Jharkhand has 14 seats.

The meeting is also likely to discuss the assembly elections in Mizoram, which would be due later this year.

JP leaders of the northern, central and western states will meet in New Delhi on July 7, and those of the southern states in Hyderabad on July 8.

Supreme Court Dismisses Plea Against Internet Shutdown In Manipur



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to entertain a plea by two Manipur residents against repeated internet shutdowns in the state rocked by ethnic violence and gave them the liberty to approach the high court on the matter.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha and Manoj Misra noted that a division bench of the Manipur High Court is already seized of the matter in which an expert committee was formed and directed to examine whether internet could be restored in the state.

Advocate Shadan Farasat, appearing for the petitioners, submitted that the matter

concerned the internet ban in Manipur.

"At this stage, faced with the fact that a petition under Article 226 is pending before the high court, Mr Farasat seeks permission to withdraw and intervene in a pending matter or file an independent petition before HC. We grant him permission to do so leaving all rights and contentions open," the bench said.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by Chongtham Victor Singh and Mayengbam James.

The plea said the shutdown was "grossly disproportionate" in its interference with the constitutional right to freedom of speech and expression, and the right to carry on any trade or business using the constitutionally protected medium of the internet.

India's Middle-Class To Expand, "Destitute" Class To Halve By 2031: Study

Agencies

India will see a five-fold increase in its 'super rich' families by the turn of the decade and a large chunk of the growth will come from rural areas - home to the nation's poorest, according to a study.

The number of super rich households, those earning more than 20 million rupees (\$243,230) a year, almost doubled to 1.8 million in five years to 2021, showed a report released Wednesday by People's Research on India's Consumer Economy and India's Citizen Environment, or PRICE. The growth of such households in villages was 14.2% compared to 10.6% in cities.

Super rich households will swell further to 9.1 million by 2031, aided by faster growth in rural areas, showed the study by the think tank which polled more than 40,000 people in



25 states.

"People are increasingly engaged in commercial agriculture businesses as well as non-agriculture activities in rural areas," said Rajesh Shukla, chief executive officer of the organization and the author of the report. "Entrepreneurs are flooding into rural areas, creating jobs and small businesses that drive the economy."

Global wealth managers and foreign banks are expanding in India as the nation becomes home to a rising number of millionaires. Oxfam International estimates India minted 70 new

millionaires each day between 2018 and 2022, putting spotlight on the nation as multinationals look to tap a growing consumer market.

Along with a burgeoning middle class which is spending on luxury cars and foreign holidays, Asia's third-largest economy is also seeing a rapid rise of billionaires such as Gautam Adani. While this underscores the growth potential of the country, it also highlights the rising inequality in the nation.

The survey also found that the country's middle class population of 432 million - earning between \$6,000 and \$36,000 annually - is the fastest-expanding category, and is predicted to reach 715 million by 2031. The "destitute" class, with income less than \$1,520, will shrink by more than half to 79 million by that time.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION & FARMER'S WELFARE KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE KASHMIR
AUCTION NOTICE.

Sealed Auction Notice is hereby called in connection with Hay/Straw of Oats/Wheat at S.M Farm Allowpora. Interested parties are informed to quote the rates for the same on terms and conditions as mentioned below. The rates should reach to the office of S.M.Farm Allowpora on 10.07.2023 upto 10.30 AM

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

- That the offered rates must be accompanied with a CDR of 2% of the minimum reserve price pledged to Accounts Officer Directorate of Agriculture Kashmir or deposit cash of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) at the time of auction before the Auction Committee.
- That the interested party can inspect the material at S.M.Farm Allowpora on any working day during the Office hours upto 4.00 PM on 09.07.2023
- That the offered rates shall be opened on same date at 11.00 AM in the office chambers of S.M. Farm Allowpora in presence of bidders.
- That the Auction Committee shall be at liberty to accept or reject the bids without assigning any reasons thereof.
- That the Successful bidders shall have to deposit 100% bid amount immediately after he/she is declared successful bidder
- In case the successful bidder fails to make the payment in full within stipulated time his earnest money shall be forfeited & award of bid will be given to second highest bidder.
- The successful bidder shall have to use the standard tools and equipments without causing damage to other plantation/infrastructure of the farm.
- That in case any dispute arise between the parties, the matter will be referred to Director Agriculture, Kashmir and his decision shall be binding on both the parties.

❖ The detail of the material to be auctioned is given as under:

S.No	Name of the item to be auctioned	Quantity in Qtls	Minimum Reserve bid per Qtl
01	Hay /Straw of Oats	370	Rs. 600.00
02	Hay /Straw of Wheat	80	Rs. 600.00

dated: 07.07.2023
No.Agr/Pur-sec/2023-24/
DIPK-4506-23
DT: 06/07/2023

Accounts Officer,
(Member Secretary (A.C.))
Directorate of Agriculture,
Kashmir.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
ELECTRIC DIVISION (KPDCL) GANDERBAL

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-NIT no: 26of 2023-24 dated 03/07/2023

For and on Behalf of Managing Director KPDCCL Kashmir, Tenders are hereby invited from resourceful/reputed Class A Electrical Contractors Registered with competent Authority / PDD/PDC /MES for following work for the following job:-

Name of the work	Est. cost (in Lacs)	CDR Amount (In Rupees)	Cost of tender document (Treasury Challan)	Completion Period	Position of funds
Installation of LT poles at halqa sehpora_Others and Baroosa, Kharbhag, Waskoor-B, Kurhama A_Yongoor A of Block Wakura under BDC Grants 2023-24	5.43	2% of Advertised Cost	Rs 500/-	Within 60Days from the date of issuance of LOA	Authorized

The tender document consisting of terms & conditions, Bill of Quantities and other details can be seen/downloaded from official web site of JKPDCL or <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per following schedule:

S#	Description	Date	Time
1.	Publish/uploading of e NIT Date	03-07-23	18.00 hrs
2	Documents Download/Sale start date	03-07-23	18.00 hrs
3	Clarification Date Start	03-07-23	18.00 hrs
4	Clarifications Date End	15-07-23	14.00 hrs
5	Bid submission Start date	04-07-23	09.00 hrs
6	Bid submission end date	15-07-23	14.00 hrs
7	Opening date for E-tender	17-07-23	14.00 hrs
8	Venue of opening e bids	Office of the Executive Engineer ED Ganderbal	

No: EDG/V/716-22/TS
Date: 03-07-2023

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DT: 06/07/2023

Executive Engineer
ED Ganderbal

Inter-State Narco-Smuggling Racket Busted, 2 Held: Police

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) J&K, Raj Kumar Thursday claimed to have busted Inter-State narco smuggling racket by arresting two Punjab residents along with 35 poppy straw packets. "Acting on information, we seized an Innova vehicle bearing number PB-08 CP 0517 at Shampora, Qazigund. Two persons Amandeep Singh and Manohar Singh, both residents of Gurdaspur, Punjab were arrested along with 35 packets of poppy straw. The vehicle has been seized as well," the SSP ANTF said as per news agency KNO.

AMARNATH YATRA

100-Bedded Hospital Built In Record 15 Days At Baltal Base Camp

Press Trust Of India

BALTAL: Healthcare workers, including doctors and paramedical staff, are working round the clock at the 100-bedded specialty hospital at the Amarnath Yatra base camp here in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district, ready to tackle any eventuality. Last year, flash floods near the holy cave shrine had killed 15 people and injured many others. The J-K administration has set up two specialty hospitals at the base camps of Baltal, in Sonamarg area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal, and Chandanwari, in Pahalgam area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district, the twins routes for the yatra. Both the hospitals -- 100-bedded each -- were built by the DRDO in a record time of 15 days. They were inaugurated by J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on June 28.

The two makeshift and state-of-the-art hospitals are equipped with the most advanced equipment, separate blocks for doctors and nursing staff, ICU wards, oxygenated wards and triage areas and other required inventories for all critical medical care. At the Baltal hospital, chief medical officer (CMO), Ganderbal, Dr Afroza Shah said the medical facility carries 100 beds, which include 30 residential beds and 70 clinical beds. "Among these, 29 are oxygen beds and nine are triage beds.

"He said that once the narco-smuggling links are established, we also seized the properties of the accused," the SSP said.

He said in the last one month, 5 kg Charas, 200 bottles of codeine, 900 tablets of Alprazolam besides other drugs were seized. "Heroin was also seized as well," the SSP said. He said ANTF is specialized in investigating narco-smuggling cases and people must come forward and provide leads about peddlers and smugglers.

As per the statement of ANTF, last month one person from West Bengal and another from Maharashtra were arrested as well along with two kgs of Charas. A resident of Gujrat was also arrested along with 3 kgs, 800 grams of charas last month. "Further investigations are on," he said.

Govt Adopts 'School Complex System' To Rationalize 10K Surplus Teachers

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The School Education Department (SED) has adopted a 'school complex system' to rationalize over 10,000 surplus teachers in Jammu and Kashmir.

The information was revealed by the Ministry of Education (MoE) in a Project Approval Board (PAB) for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir under Samagra Shiksha Scheme for the financial year 2023-24.

In the meeting, Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department has said that it has adopted and implemented School Complex System wherein 746 School Complexes have been notified as per NEP-2020 for optimum utilisation of resources in a complex. "The rationalization of staff is being done," it reads.

It states that the J&K has rationalised the teachers within the cluster by empowering



Cluster Heads to make best use of men and material available within the cluster.

"It has also helped to improve the PTR, especially at Primary and Elementary level," the government said.

Moreover, the department has also notified that most of the surplus teachers have been adjusted against vacancies through online mode.

"In order to balance the PTR in every school, the UT has made the rationalization of teachers and the extra teachers from the over-served schools have been put in the deprived

ones to ensure that there is no urban-rural imbalance in teaching posting," it reads.

According to official figures of 2022-23, MoE has stated that there were 22 percent schools at Primary level and six percent schools at Upper Primary level with adverse PTR.

In order to balance the PTR in every school, MoE had suggested the UT to go for rationalization. "All this could be done by the school level analysis using the latest UDISE data."

MoE had further said that there were more than 10,000 surplus teachers in the UT--(KNO)

Govt's 'Land For Homeless' Decision Triggers Row

NC, PDP; JKPC Seek Clarification From J&K Administration

Majid Nabi

SRINAGAR: The mainstream parties have upped ante over the Union Territory administration's recent decision of providing free land to homeless families, claiming that the scheme lacks transparency and was aimed to settle outsiders in Jammu and Kashmir.

There is "lack of transparency" in the housing to homeless scheme in Jammu and Kashmir, the PDP said on Thursday, a day after the administration termed as "factually incorrect" Mehbooba Mufti's allegation that there are attempts to settle outsiders to change the Union Territory's demography.

National Conference leader Omar Abdullah said only those who have been living in Jammu and Kashmir before 2019 -- when the Centre abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution -- should be included in the scheme.

On Wednesday, PDP chief Mehbooba had told a press conference: "The LG made an announcement about giv-

Mehbooba Inciting People By Spreading Propaganda: BJP

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina hit out at former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti for her "demographic change" remarks, saying she is inciting people by spreading "false propaganda".

"Mehbooba Mufti is inciting people. It is conspiracy to say that people from outside will be given land and homes in J-K. It is a mere propaganda. It is a false statement made by Mehbooba Mufti," Raina said.

The Lieutenant Governor's recent decision is a monumental one, particularly for the impoverished and homeless individuals. This significant step aims to provide land and housing to those who are currently lacking both, he said.

"While Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working to provide land and housing for landless and homeless poor of Jammu and Kashmir, these leaders, who have done nothing substantial during their time as chief ministers and ministers, mislead people through their propaganda," Raina said.

ing land to 1.99 lakh landless people in J-K. Doubts and concerns have come to the fore as to who these landless people in Jammu and Kashmir are."

She had claimed that "according to the figures of the central government placed before Parliament, there are only 19,000 homeless families in Jammu and Kashmir".

Hours after her press conference, the Lieutenant Governor (LG)-led administration

responded saying, her statement that the "government is allotting land to two lakh odd persons is factually incorrect".

On the J-K administration's response, the PDP on Thursday said there is a "lingering lack of transparency in the process". The main question of a "sharp jump in numbers of homeless people from 1,947 in 2021 to nearly two lakh households remains unaddressed", the party said in a statement.

Jammu's Mahakali Temple Introduces Dress Code For Visitors

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir's renowned 'Bawe Wali Mata' temple management has introduced a dress code, urging visitors to dress "decently" and cover their heads and refrain from wearing shorts, mini-skirts, ripped jeans and capri pants on the premises.

The dress code, a first-of-its-kind regulation in Jammu city, was found posted as a notice near the entrance of the famous Kali temple located in the Bahu Fort area of Jammu.

The move follows similar measures by several temples in Nagpur, the Radharani temple in Barsana and the Hanuman Dham in Shamli.

The notice at the 'Bawe Wali Mata' temple requests visitors to dress "decently" and cover their heads before entering the temple premises while also prohibiting half-pants, bermuda shorts, miniskirts, night suits, ripped jeans and capri pants within the temple grounds.

According to the notice written in Hindi, the management aims to maintain the sanctity of the shrine and seeks the co-operation of devotees in adhering to the dress code.

Speaking to PTI about the move, head priest Mahant Bitta said, "It is not an order. It is an advisory. It is requested that all devotees visiting the temple follow certain discipline. People have of late turned the

temple into a picnic spot."

The priest emphasized the importance of following a proper and traditional dress code while entering the temple premises, saying visitors should wear respectable attire and cover their heads as a sign of reverence.

The temple management has stationed several staff members at the gate to educate visitors about the dress code. "We have kept head cloth and longis at the gate for visitors. Nobody is being forced to wear it," the head priest said.

Many devotees said they were happy with the dress code and commended temple authorities for the move.

Dhananjay Patil of Uttar Pradesh said devotees should religiously comply with the dress code and cover their heads when visiting the temple. "It is good for the revival of Hindu samskaras and I welcome it," he told PTI.

Manmeet Kour, another visitor, too welcomed the decision and said it should be implemented in letter and spirit. The temple premises should not be treated as a picnic place, she added.

Several other devotees also expressed their approval of the dress code and said wearing clean and appropriate clothes and covering one's head is an integral part of the customs to be observed during temple visits and religious events.

DC Baramulla Discusses Strategies To Promote Eco-Tourism

Focus On Adventure Tourism, Other Popular Ventures: Dr Sehrish Directs Officers

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: In a bid to promote eco-tourism in the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar on Thursday convened a meeting of concerned officers at her office, here to discuss various strategies to promote tourism activities in the newly identified tourist destinations across the district.

A threadbare discussion was held on the subject wherein various strategies were discussed for identification of hidden tourist destinations in the district including Munddaji Rafiabab, Ladu Ladoora, Rajpura Rampura, Parihaspora, Kazinag National Park and Yambarzalbari for bringing them on the tourism map.

Observing that the tourism

potential of the district is vast and unique, Dr Sehrish asserted that with breathtaking natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, magnificent cuisine and warm hospitality, these tourist destinations will create a niche for themselves on the tourism map.

She said that the District Administration is committed to ensure all the necessary infrastructure and resources, besides opening up new economic avenues for fulfilling the aspirations of the people through the tourism industry.

On the occasion, Dr Sehrish asked the officers of the tourism department for developing various tourist circuits across the district, laying special focus on adventure tourism, trekking activities, pilgrimage sites, water sports and other popular ventures.

AMARNATH YATRA

Another Batch Of Over 6500 Pilgrims Leave From Jammu

JAMMU: The seventh batch of over 6,500 Amarnath Yatra pilgrims left Jammu in the early hours of Thursday for the twin base camps in Kashmir amid tight security, officials said.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,888-metre-high cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on July 1.

The officials said the pilgrim footfall at the shrine has crossed the 65,000 mark and the yatra is progressing smoothly,

with devotees from across the country thronging the base camps to have a glimpse of the naturally formed ice shivling and offer their prayers.

A total of 6,554 pilgrims -- 5,053 male, 1,375 women, 101 seers and 25 children -- left Bhagwati Nagar base camp here for the Valley in a convoy of 272 vehicles amid tight security arrangements in the early hours of Thursday, they said.

The officials said 3,864 pilgrims, headed for Pahalgam, left in a convoy of 141 vehicles for the Valley, while

another convoy of 131 vehicles carrying 2,690 pilgrims left for the Baltal base camp at 3.30 am.

With this, a total of 36,823 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley since June 30 when the first batch of pilgrims began the yatra, which was flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The yatra is scheduled to conclude on August 31.

The administration has registered over 3,000 fresh pilgrims on tatkal yatra counters in Jammu for their onward journey to Amarnath, officials said.

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, (JAL SHAKTI) PHE, MECHANICAL RURAL DIVISION, SGR.

GIST OF SHORT TERM E-TENDER.

Short Term E-N.I.T. No.: PHE/MRD/TS/ 24 of 07/2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Short term e-tenders are invited in two cover system from approved and eligible Contractors having GST registration/registered with J&K Govt., Railways and other State/Central Government Organizations for the following work:-

Sr.	Nature of Work	Location	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Tender Doc.	Time of Completion	Programme
1	Repairs to various pumping equipments at various at WSSs	Rural Sub-Division Sgr	0.878	100/=	05 days	M&R

Critical Dates/Information.

1.	Publishing Date	04-07-2023 (5:00 PM)
2.	Period of Downloading of Bids	04-07-2023 (5:00 PM) to 11-07-2023 (11:00 AM)
3.	Period of Submission of bids	04-07-2023 (5:00 PM) to 11-07-2023 (11:00 AM)
4.	Date of opening of Tender/Timing	11-07-2023 at (12:00P.M)
5.	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar	
6.	Document Cost : Non-Refundable in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt shall be deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar (The firm shall specify the e-NIT No. & name of work for which applied)	
7.	Bid Validity Period: 90 Days	
8.	The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on www.jktenders.gov.in	
09	Instead of EMD the firm has to furnish "Bid Security Declaration", format of the declaration is enclosed in the Bid Document	

Note:- The tenderer who is declared as L1 after opening of price bid will deposit 3% of the Estimated cost of the work in shape of CDR/ FDR before allotment is issued in his favour.

No: -PHE/MRD /TS/1177-81
DT: -04-07-2023

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DT: 06/07/2023

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Rural
Division Srinagar.

(Government of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir)

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

NOTICE INVITING FRESH E-TENDERS

E-NIT No. 51 of 2023-24/3760-69 dated 03/07/2023/CHADOORA

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, the Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Chadoora invites e-tenders (single cover system) on percentage basis from Reputed Registered Architectural/Structural Consultant firms for providing architectural and structural Engineering Consultancy services for FY: 2023-24 (as and when required basis) for construction of various bridges under the territorial jurisdiction of R&B Division Chadoora.

S.No	Name of Work	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Class of Contract	M.H of Account
1.	Design, Consultancy, Geotechnical Investigation and Preparation of DPR, Detailed Estimates, BOQ along with all Architectural Plans, Structural drawings for approval and Providing all working drawings i.e. architectural, structural and service drawings along with digital layout of plan, including vetting of Drawings from IIT/NIT/DIQC for FY: 2023-24 (as and when required basis) :- For construction of various bridges under the territorial jurisdiction of R&B Division Chadoora	600/-	10,000/-	Regd. Consultancy Firm	Contingencies

Project Authority: PW(R&B) Division Chadoora

Position of Funds:-Available.

Table 1: Critical Dates

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	03/07/2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	04/07/2023
3.	Bid submission Start Date	04/07/2023
4.	Bid Submission End Date	10/07/2023 4.00 PM
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	11/07/2023 10.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Chadoora

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

Note: The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopies.

Any short fall found in the soft copies will lead to the rejection of BID. As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat Finance department vide No.OMNo.A/24(2017)-651 dtd.07-06-2018 reproduced as under:-

- Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1stLowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids.
- The Cost of tender document should be collected by introducing E-challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan (Receipt).
- Bidders who have participated in bidding process for this work during previous call may re-use the EMD/CDR uploaded earlier for this work.
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- Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Credited to M.H.0059 PWD)/ DD in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Chadoora (Tender Inviting Authority) and Earnest Money/ Bid Security in the shape of CDR/ FDR in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Chadoora (Tender Receiving Authority) failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly.
- (The Date of Treasury Challan, earnest money must be between the bid submission start date and Bid Submission End date).
- Bidders registered as Micro and Small Enterprise are exempted from depositing Earnest Money/ Bid Security and Tender Document Fee. Proof of valid MSME registration certificate must be enclosed for availing these benefits. The bidders availing this benefit shall upload a copy of Bid Security Declaration Form as per Annexure A.
- The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit for an amount of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) in the shape of CDR/ FDR within 07 days after opening of Bids which shall be released after successful completion of work.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on 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, PW(R&B) Division Chadoora (Tender Receiving Authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

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Endless Wait

The Supreme Court's has deferred hearing on a plea seeking early assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir. The bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha and Manoj Misra chose to adjourn the matter, citing the upcoming hearing on petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 on July 11. The petition filed by National Panthers Party leaders, Manju Singh and Harsh Dev Singh, highlights the critical issue of "disenfranchisement" faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The apex court will start hearing a batch of 23 petitions challenging the union government's decision to revoke Jammu and Kashmir's special status to decide on the legality of this move. The decision to scrap Article 370, which granted special rights and privileges to the people of Jammu and Kashmir since 1954, has been a contentious issue since its implementation in August 2019.

With the matter last heard in March 2020 and subsequently put on hold, the Supreme Court has formed a five-judge constitution bench led by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud to "pass directions" and schedule hearings on the challenge to the Presidential Order of August 5-6, 2019, and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. Legal experts reckon that the actual hearings will likely take place in August, following the initial directions issued by the bench.

Former Chief Justice N.V. Ramana agreed to list the matter for an "early" hearing but failed to follow through. However, the Supreme Court's recent decision to prioritize the case and finally schedule hearings has been welcomed by political parties, including the Peoples Democratic Party and the National Conference.

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, who heads the People's Democratic Party, expressed her hope that justice would be upheld and delivered to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. She referred to the Supreme Court's previous ruling, which stated that the abrogation of Article 370 could only occur upon the recommendation of the J&K constituent assembly. Similarly, former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah of the National Conference expressed his desire for the hearings to begin earnestly.

Since the court has now linked the question of holding of Assembly elections with the long-pending hearings on Article 370, J&K may have to wait for some more time before the polls are held. And this may not be a good news for people of the union territory. Will elections be held in J&K until after the decision on the legality of the revocation of Article 370 is decided by the apex court. For now, things are not clear on this score. But if we go by the public opinion in Jammu and Kashmir, holding of Assembly elections in the UT has a widespread support. And it is time that both the union government and the supreme court sympathetically consider this sentiment.

OTHER OPINION

Thwarting Twitter

It is unfortunate that the petition by Twitter, Inc. challenging the validity of the spate of blocking orders passed by the Union government was rejected by the Karnataka High Court. While success in litigation involving the government's power to restrict speech and expression on grounds permitted in Article 19(2) of the Constitution was always expected to be difficult, it is disconcerting that the court refused to countenance all arguments based on the absence of notice to users and the apparent lack of proportionality involved in large-scale suspension of accounts and posts that contained political content, especially dissenting views against the government's farm laws and the farmers' protests they sparked. There was some expectation that judicial review will temper the authorities' zeal to go in for account-level blocking rather than ordering the removal of specific tweets, links or URLs that it deemed injurious to public order or national security. What is quite disappointing is that the court both ruled that Twitter cannot espouse the cause of its users who have voiced no grievance and discouraged an intervenor from among those who suffered account-level suspension. It ruled that a foreign entity such as Twitter could not invoke the constitutional guarantee of free speech and expression on behalf of users. In the ultimate rebuff to the platform, the court imposed costs of 50 lakh for indulging in much-delayed "speculative litigation" despite not complying with the blocking orders for a long period and then doing so only under protest.

There is little doubt that social media content can degenerate into incitement, hate speech and hostile propaganda against the state or its instrumentalities. Laws exist in most countries to order intermediaries such as social media platforms and Internet service providers to remove any offending content, but it is a common principle that established democracies should frame policies and regulations rooted in fairness and natural justice, and not impose undue curbs on freedom of speech and expression. Section 69A of the IT Act, which sets out the power to issue blocking orders, was upheld by the Supreme Court in Shreya Singhal (2015) mainly on the ground that it came with adequate procedural safeguards. Twitter argued that lack of notice to the originators of content and the account users was in breach of that verdict. The court has ruled that issuing notice to users was not mandatory, especially when they may not be identifiable. Conclusions such as this, and the wide berth given to authorities to opt for account-level blocking may require reconsideration. A definitive verdict from the Supreme Court may be needed to clarify both the rights and obligations of large media companies in relation to user-generated content.

The Hindu

Degrees To Dismay

Addressing Educated Unemployment and Nurturing Kashmir's Talent Pool

Dr. Firdous Ahmad Malik

The largest problem that the people of Kashmir are facing at the moment is unemployment. Even as the young are getting advanced degrees, the issue seems to only be worsening. This is why the issue of educated unemployment is a cause for alarm.

Unemployment among the educated is the outcome of a mismatch between the supply of young people with high qualifications and the demand for highly skilled labour.

The causes of educated unemployment in Kashmir are many. To begin with, the lack of government investment in numerous industries is one of the key reasons behind educated unemployment in Kashmir. Due to a lack of infrastructure and investment, there are not enough jobs in the area, and industries have not expanded to their full potential. A lack of emphasis on skill development and vocational education in the area is another factor contributing to the lack of competent labourers. A dearth of entrepreneurship is another major factor contributing to the issue of educated unemployment. Young people frequently do not want to start their own businesses; instead, they simply want to work for the government. This lack of entrepreneurial drive makes unemployment a bigger issue.

Additionally, Kashmir's issue with educated unemployment is brought on by a dearth of appropriate guidance and job counselling. Most young people lack knowledge or have inaccurate information about the local labour market and career opportunities. They choose programmes of study and degrees that are useless for finding employment. Additionally, the government's reservation policies based on gender, caste, and religion have slowed productivity and innovation, which has led to a paucity of job prospects. Similarly, the political turmoil and security concerns have exacerbated this situation. As a result, businesses are reluctant to invest, and the locals are unable to make a decent living.

Consequently, there is social discontent, poverty, and slower economic growth in the region. People without jobs live by lesser stan-



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dards and struggle to pay for essentials. Their mental health is impacted, and they start to adopt pessimistic outlooks on life. Additionally, educated youth end up burdening society and their families. Their degrees and education are wasted, and their unemployment makes them feel frustrated and powerless. Their mental health is impacted, and social unrest results. More concerning is the possibility that educated youth could succumb to the temptation and take to violence and other criminal activities.

Even as the situation seems beyond repair, several steps might be implemented to alleviate the problem of educated unemployment in Kashmir.

The government should prioritise supporting and fostering entrepreneurship. The youth should be given access to simple loans, better training facilities, and mentoring so they can launch their businesses and work for themselves. This can be accomplished by using start-up incubators, which offer an atmosphere that is beneficial to the growth of start-ups. There are many such schemes by the government, however, more awareness needs to be raised about these.

The government should also offer youth skill-based training. This would assist them in developing the skills required by various businesses, enhancing their employability. The government might work with private businesses to offer youth programmes like internships and apprenticeships.

To direct children towards a successful future, schools should also implement a well-planned career counselling and advice programme. The students will be able to

plan their careers early and avoid choosing programmes that won't be valued by employers.

Through tax breaks, incentives, and subsidies, the government should also support the growth of local industries. This will boost economic growth, generate more jobs, and attract more investment to the area. The government should also concentrate on enhancing the educational system by promoting experiential learning as opposed to just theoretical instruction. The students' practical skill development will benefit from this as they prepare to compete on the job market.

On the other hand, private universities can help Jammu & Kashmir by providing a wide variety of courses and programmes, which could lead to more employment prospects. Academic staff members as well as support staff members like administrative staff, technical staff, and research experts have employment opportunities at these universities. Additionally, the creation of private universities has the potential to boost the local economy by luring students from around India and the globe, resulting in more money for the local economy and the government. Additionally, access to a top-notch education can increase the employability of the local populace, luring additional firms and investment to the area. As a result, funding for private institutions in Jammu and Kashmir may result in a booming economy that benefits both the local populace and the wider community.

The administration should also concentrate on finding solutions to the problems of political turmoil and security concerns in the area. This would promote investment and provide Kashmir's citizens with a secure environment.

In Kashmir, educated unemployment is growing and needs rapid intervention. The government's current efforts to address the issue are insufficient, and it is crucial that it adopt more assertive actions to solve the situation. The government should prioritise supporting entrepreneurship, delivering skill-based education, and launching youth-friendly career counselling initiatives. Fostering an atmosphere that will support industry.

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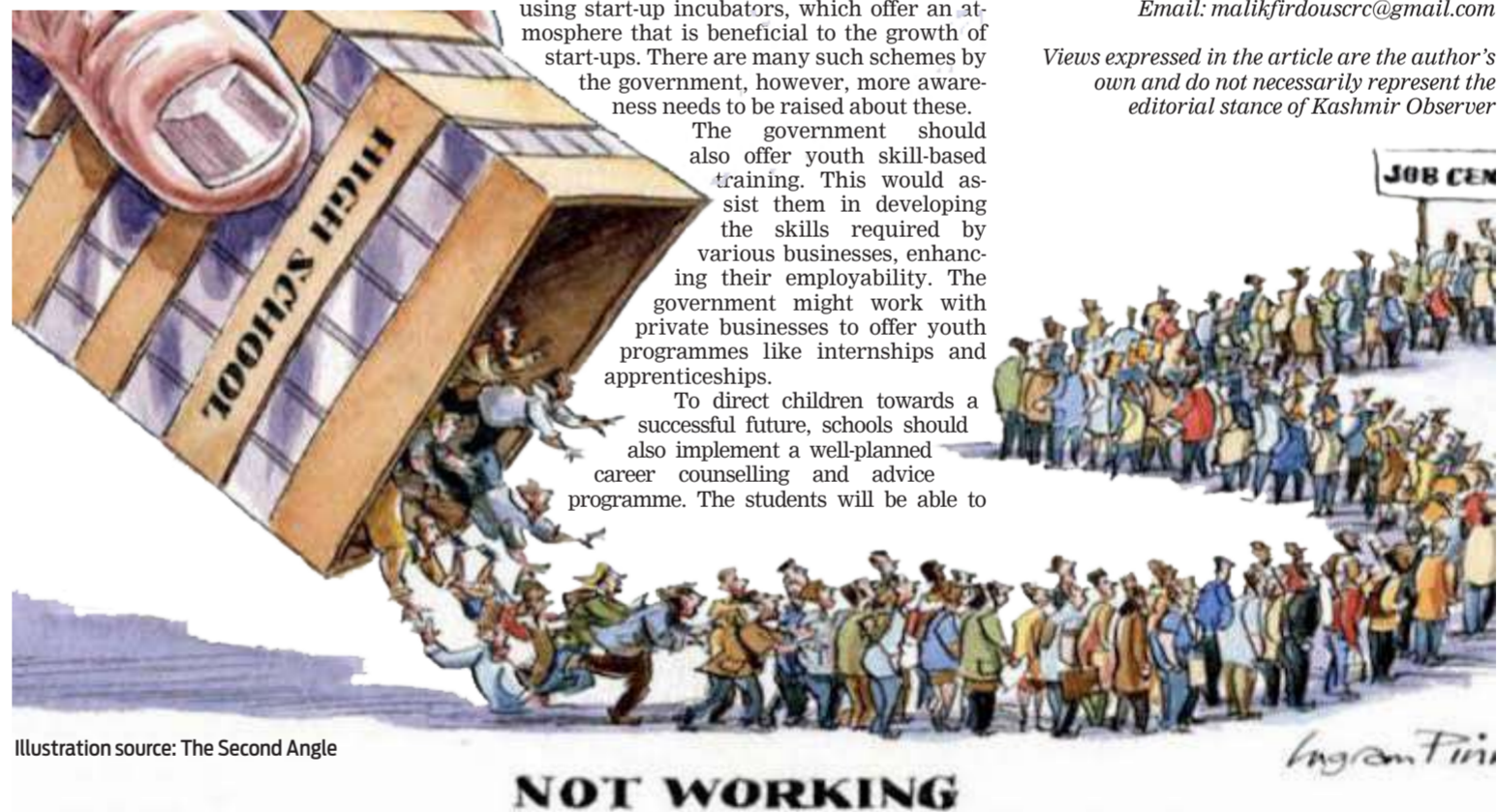


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India's Hottest Day Ever: A Wake-Up Call to Secure a Sustainable Future

The recent recording of 3rd July as the hottest day in the history of the Earth should serve as a wake-up call for India to prepare for the impending challenges of climate change. India has to take serious steps to address this problem head-on as it is a country that is most at risk from the effects of global warming.

India must put its development and use of renewable energy sources as its top priority. As a result of the country's dependence on fossil fuels for energy, a large amount of greenhouse gas emissions are produced. In addition to lowering carbon emissions, switching to renew-

able energy sources like solar and wind power aids in the development of a robust and self-sufficient energy infrastructure.

India also has to spend money on infrastructure that is climate resilient. The frequency and severity of extreme weather events like heatwaves, cyclones, and floods are increasing as global temperatures rise. India can safeguard its inhabitants and better survive these climate-related calamities by developing durable structures, enhancing drainage systems, and establishing green areas.

Furthermore, Water management techniques should be given top priority in India. Water shortage be-

comes an urgent worry as temperatures rise. To guarantee that clean water is available for both agricultural and home uses, the nation must invest in effective irrigation systems, rainwater gathering, and water conservation measures.

India must focus on raising public awareness and educating the people about climate change. The nation may promote an environmentally aware culture by teaching its people about the dangers of global warming and the value of sustainable practises. Promoting eco-friendly behaviours like waste management, lowering plastic consumption, and boosting public transportation are a

few examples of how to do this.

The fact that July 3rd was officially recorded as the hottest day in history shows how vital it is for India to get ready for the effects of climate change. India may reduce the effects of global warming and ensure its population have a sustainable future by switching to renewable energy, developing infrastructure that is climate resilient, putting water management plans into place, and increasing public awareness.

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“Is It Love?”, with a Twist

The Crucial Difference Between “Love” And Psychopathological Relationships – A Psychoanalytical Breakdown

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We need to teach our youth the very basic but crucially important difference between “love” which one maturely absorbs as a mode of being and (toxic) “relationships” which are mostly psychological conditions/fixations bordering on pathological.

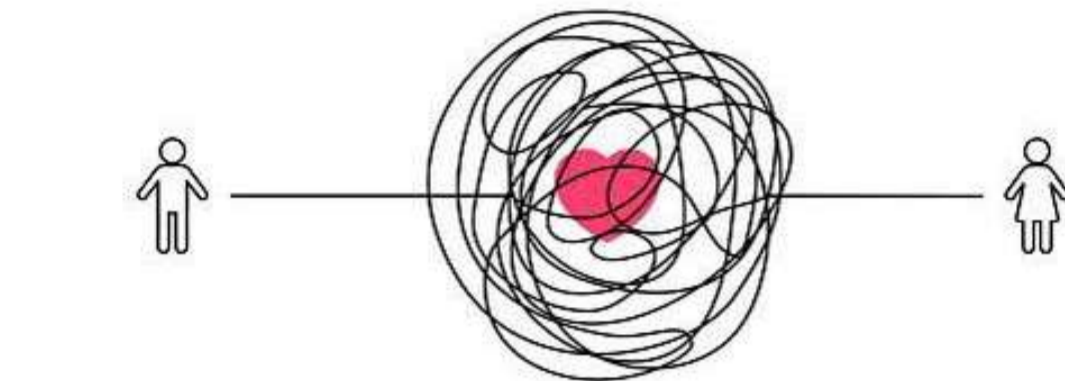
Based on the testimonies one receives from friends and people around, one can confidently say that a large percentage of our youth has been debilitated by the so-called love relationships with the consequent breakups. It creates lifelessness within people. Why does it give rise to such psychological pain? Why do people get fixated with a person to the point of madness?

The simple point to note is that in almost all these cases, the primary root cause is the failure to distinguish between one’s mother/father & the world with whatever it contains. Let us properly flesh this out.

Every human has been an infant once; the primary mode of being, therefore, that one starts this life with is what we may refer to as “maternal mode of relationship” i.e. we (when we were children) were at the centre of our relation with people around to love us unconditionally; in fact one felt at the centre of the whole cosmos. This becomes our “unconscious” psychological expectation even when we grow up.

Now, the reason behind the psychological pain of breakups or for that matter any “failure” or upset in life is nothing but the fact that the person hasn’t consciously realized (as of yet) that the world or the woman/man or career is not one’s “mother”. The woman (one has “fallen” in love with, for example) or the person or the world that one faces is not one’s mother. Even though, consciously, no one would call some girl or world as their mother, the unconscious expectation of maternal mode of relation is always hidden. And thus the natural shock: how dare so & so leave me? How is it possible that I didn’t get this & I failed at that?

This is referred to as “mother complex” which is one of the main causes of escapism and death drive within people particularly in modern times when psychological rites of initiation are extinct.



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The psychological wish of leaving this world in order to hide in some cave in mountains, after someone hurts you or one has failed in some exam, is the unconscious desire to recede back into the age old warmth of the mother’s womb.

All great fairy tales and myths of the past that deal with confronting the “unknown” (for example adapted in movies like: Frodo in Lord of the rings, Harry in Harry Potter, Neo in Matrix) – fundamentally aim at triumphing one’s “mother complex” within in order to actually face the world on the outside, in kind. Please see our article “Ancient Myths in Contemporary Cinema”. Why would people in love call each other “baby”? The whole relation naturally erupts from a childish mode of being.

Therefore, coming back to our main subject matter, we may say that the primary feature of these love relations is inherently a childish mode of being; a mode of being where mother (who represents whole world for child) is perfect, loyal, predictable, exclusively in love with child, the child has to just brood for a while and there the wish is made true (a simulation of jannah/heaven); most young people even after

coming out of their childhood (biologically) haven’t come out of it (psychologically) as of yet. One may like someone to the point of developing deep attachment with them but it is perfectly plausible that things might not turn out well because this is neither childhood nor heaven but rather “world” which is inherently flawed & imperfect. Thus, one may be sad over this thing or that thing but will never be diseased with fixations, possessions and unconscious childish psychological “complexes”, only if one understands the basic fact that we have been discussing above. This is the psychoanalytic principle of “truth sets you free”. Now let us see few evidences for the problematic childish mode of being in most of the so-called love relations.

Why do these so-called “love” relations fail so often, so miserably and more often than not, bitterly, as Erich Fromm asks in his Art of Loving, even though it receives disproportionately huge amounts of time, attention and investment from our youth? The answer is, as we have mentioned in the beginning that love is actually, as Fromm explains, a mature mode of be-

ing where one actually loves another person i.e. one loves someone out of one’s own nature of “being”, what one may call “virtue”, developed over a long period of time through self-work & not because one actually wants to be “loved” which is the main feature of “childish” mode of being where one is not in “love” but in love with the feeling of being loved.

What people take for granted, Fromm notes, is that they assume that the feeling of “falling” in love necessarily entails a successful relation when in fact the primary prerequisite of any loving relation is that the two partners involved themselves should be “good”, loving, mature, understanding & giving individuals. These are one’s permanent “traits” (virtues) that one develops over time through strenuous self-work. If the individuals comprising the relationship are (psychologically) still children then one may only expect inevitable mess. This prerequisite of one’s own inner goodness is bypassed in these relationships by positing a magical feeling of “falling” in love which then becomes parasitic upon psychological “complex”. Whether it be philosophers

or poets, we need to note, with due respect, that more often than not, most of them have completely ignored or missed this distinction between “love” (as virtue) and psychopathological fixations. A great deal of literature is spent in tribute to “love” without separating psychological complexes out of it.

These are childish (sometimes pathological) relationships simply because the two people are still “infants” (still living in their childish mode of being) & thus end up loving/worshipping their own selves (in garb) because an infant cannot but put itself in the centre of relation. Now, let us ponder over the kind of infighting that happens in these relationships. How can two people be in “love” when in fact both of them want the other to revolve around them? This is pathology not love. Let us become cognizant of all these poetry clips saturating social media. Everything isn’t love. We aren’t mere spiritual beings. We are ignoring our psychological situatedness. All the theatrics that we see in these fixations is shocking when one sees & hears different reports. One person does things for the reason that the other person “in relation” cries for them or feels ashamed or hovers around them. Is this love? This is the highest proof of one’s childish mode of being. An infant/child cannot actually maturely love the “other” understood as the “other”.

A child just moves in the direction where food or toys are kept. This is what Erich Fromm calls “immature” relationships. Investing in gym or guitar skills or Instagram profiles or twitter theatrics, if done with the intention to self-objectify oneself i.e. putting oneself out there as a shiny object “to be loved” (i.e. typical childish mode of being) by increasing one’s “functionalities” then one hasn’t come out of childish state of being as of yet. All these skills/profiles/theatrics done to increase one’s “market value”, as Fromm would say, exposes the fact that this mode of being can be anything but love.

This is a psychoanalytical reading/writing

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Instagram Threads: The New Social Media Platform Everyone is Talking About

KO Web Desk

In our fast-paced world, social media platforms have become indispensable for staying connected with friends, family, and colleagues. Instagram, a leading platform, continues to evolve and introduce new features to enhance user experiences. Among its recent releases, Instagram Threads has emerged as a compelling communication tool. This dedicated messaging app aims to foster private and intimate conversations among close friends, providing a focused and personal space within the Instagram ecosystem.

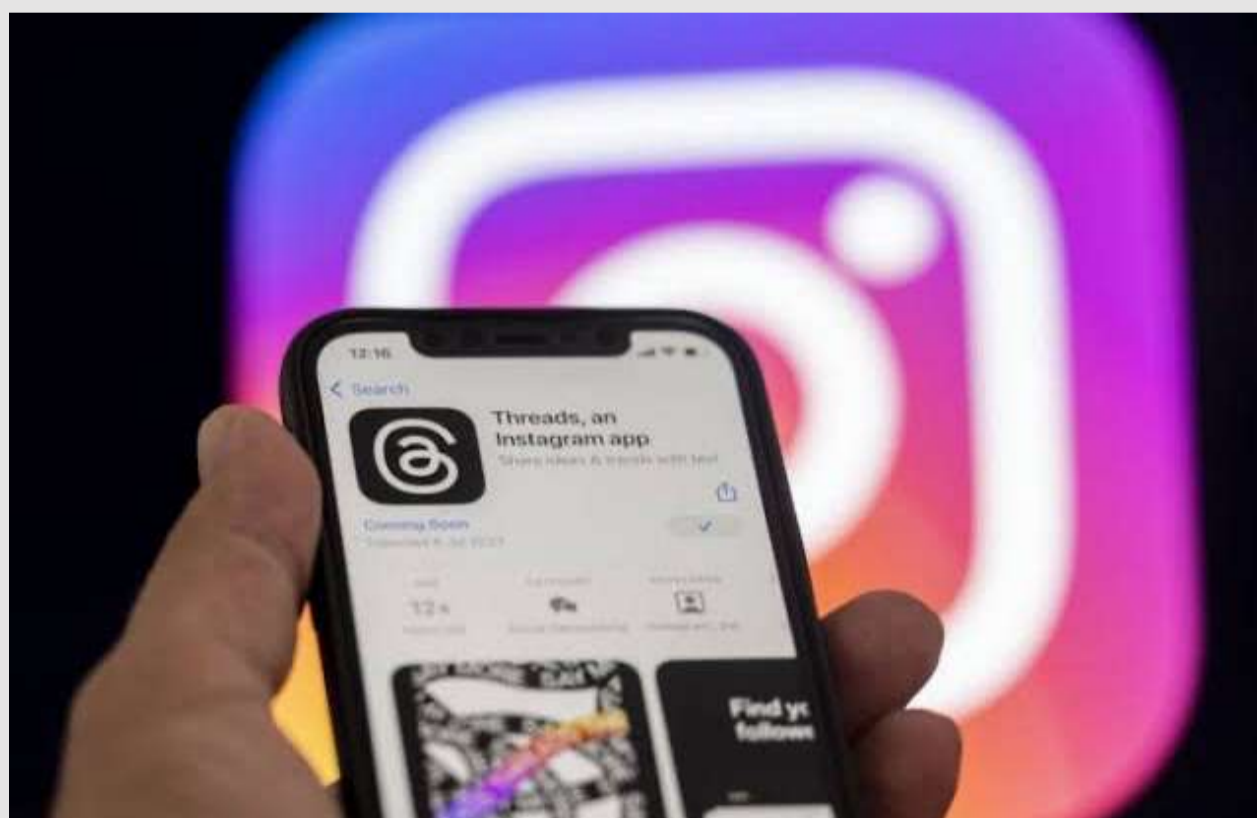
In Kashmir, much like the rest of the world, news organisations, journalists, bloggers and many avid social media users have already jumped on the bandwagon. Here’s some information so you don’t miss the what’s-what.

A Seamless Messaging Experience

Instagram Threads offers users a seamless and streamlined messaging experience. Upon opening the app, you will immediately notice its clean and minimalist interface, designed to prioritize the content shared between you and your close friends. Threads primarily focuses on the people you interact with most on Instagram, creating a convenient tool for keeping in touch with your inner circle.

Close Friends List Integration

One of the standout features of Instagram Threads is its seamless integration with the Close Friends list on Instagram. The Close Friends list allows users to curate a specific group of people with whom they can share personal moments and stories.



Threads takes this concept a step further by automatically importing contacts from your Close Friends list, creating a ready-made group for private messaging. This integration ensures a smooth transition from sharing updates on Instagram to having more private conversations on Threads.

Real-Time Status Updates

In addition to private messaging, Instagram Threads introduces a feature called Status. With Status, you can instantly share your real-time updates, activities, and thoughts with your close friends. It provides an effortless way to keep others informed about your current activities without the need for a full-blown story or post. Whether you’re studying, traveling, or enjoying a delicious meal, you can quickly

capture and share your experiences with your inner circle through photos, videos, or text updates. This feature strengthens the feeling of connectedness and facilitates meaningful conversations among close friends.

Automatic Suggestions and Smart Notifications

Instagram Threads utilizes artificial intelligence to make communication even more effortless. The app intelligently suggests people you might want to send a message to based on your recent interactions and the individuals you frequently communicate with. This intelligent suggestion feature saves time and simplifies the process of initiating conversations. Furthermore, Threads offers customizable notifications, allowing you to prioritize messages from specific friends or mute less urgent conversations. These smart notifications ensure that you never miss important updates from your closest contacts.

Privacy and Security

Given the increasing concern for privacy on social media, Instagram Threads places a strong emphasis on user control and transparency. The app offers a range of privacy settings, allowing you to determine who can reach out to you and who can see your updates. You have the flexibility to customize your privacy preferences and ensure that your conversations and content are shared only with those you trust.

Instagram Threads introduces a fresh approach to private messaging within the Instagram platform. By providing a dedicated space for close friends, Threads enhances intimacy and facilitates meaningful conversations. With its seamless integration, real-time status updates, intelligent suggestions, and customizable privacy settings, Threads offers a unique messaging experience tailored to nurturing strong connections with your inner circle. If you value privacy, simplicity, and authentic conversations, Instagram Threads may be the perfect tool to stay in touch with those who matter most in your life.

Water Fast Could Help With Weight Loss, But Benefits May Not Last Long

ANI
Water fast, in which participants consume only water for a period of time, may help with weight loss, but it's unclear how long it will remain, according to a study from the University of Illinois at Chicago. The researchers also found that the other metabolic benefits of water fasts, such as lower blood pressure and cholesterol, seemed to disappear shortly after the fast.

you could try it, but it just seems like a lot of work, and all those metabolic benefits disappear," Varady said. She stressed, however, that no one should undertake one of these fasts for more than five days without medical supervision.

Varady, an expert on intermittent fasting, said she wanted to study water-fasting because she suddenly started getting contacted by journalists last fall who wanted to hear what she thought about it. She figured if she was going to comment, she should investigate the existing research.

The new paper is a literature review of eight studies on water fasting or Buchinger fasting, a medically supervised fast that is popular in Europe where people consume only a tiny amount of juice and soup a day. Varady's team looked at the results from each of those papers to see what story they cumulatively tell about the fasts' impact on



weight loss, as well as a number of other metabolic factors. Only a few of the studies in the review tracked whether participants gained back the weight they had lost once the fast ended. In one of those, people gained back all they had lost in a five-day water fast within three

months. In two other studies, only a small amount of the lost weight returned, but those studies encouraged participants to restrict their calorie intake after the fasts ended.

In contrast, it was clear that the metabolic benefits of the fasts disappeared soon after the fasts ended. Improvements to blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels were short-lived, returning to baseline levels quickly after participants started eating again.

Some of the studies included participants with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, who suffered no ill effects from the fasting, though they were monitored closely and had their insulin doses adjusted while fasting.

The most common side effects of these prolonged fasts were similar to those from intermittent fasting, Varady said, such as headaches, insomnia and hunger. There were no serious negative effects in the stud-

ies, such as metabolic acidosis or death.

She did note that the participants in these prolonged fasts lost about two-thirds of their weight in lean mass and one-third in fat mass. This is the opposite of what happens most of the time during weight loss, where more fat is lost than muscle. It makes sense that these extreme fasts would have this result, she said, because "your body needs a constant intake of protein. If it doesn't have that, then it draws from muscles." Varady's research into intermittent fasting has looked at how well the regime works for weight loss, as well as at specific questions, such as whether intermittent fasting affects fertility -- she found it does not.

Varady said she would encourage someone hoping to lose weight to try intermittent fasting instead of water fast, "because there's a lot more data to show it can help with weight management."

Government OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REW DIVISION BANDIPORA
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Dated: 01/07/2023

E- NIT No. 32/2023-24

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Of Union Territory Of J&K, e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with UT of J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (In Rs.)	Tender Fee (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	EMD (In Rs.)	Major Head	Panchayat/Gram Sabha	TYPE OF TENDER
1	Development of 04-No Paths at Different spots Gratabal, H/O M Subhan, Altaf Ahmad Malik and Towards L/O M Ramzan Gamroo	5.00	300	30 Days	DEE/CEE	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	OPEN
2	Fencing Of Graveyard Rayher Mohalla Lowdara	4.00	300	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	OPEN
3	Fencing Of Panchayat Ghar Lowdara	3.00	300	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
4	C/O drain from H/O Ab Majeed Dar towards main road and Drain from Garden of Bashir Ahmad Shah towards Gh Hassan Sheikh Gamroo	3.50	300	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	OPEN
5	C/O lining Wall for Public Park Lowdara	3.00	300	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
6	C/O drain from H/O Habib Ullah Najar to Ab Khaliq Wani Nadihal-A	3.00	300	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
7	C/O drain from H/O Ab. Khaliq Bhat to Gh. Rasool Ahanger; Nadihal-A	2.80	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
8	C/O drain from L/O Mehraj ud din Lone to Onwards Nadihal- C	4.00	300	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	OPEN
9	Fencing Of Graveyard at Buhroo Mohalla Nadihal-C	2.50	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
10	Improvement Of Grat Kul BWO flooring from Bus stop to Wani Mohalla, Baba Mohalla, Khanday Mohalla Nadihal-C	4.00	300	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	OPEN
11	C/O Path BWO Tiles from main road to H/O Mushtaq Ahmad dar and Chainlink Fencing Of Markazi Graveyard Gamroo	3.50	300	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	OPEN
12	Laying of Steel Cover on Sofi Kul Lowdara	3.00	300	30 Days	DEE/ OTH-ERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
13	C/O 03-No tile paths at Different Spots Vihara Ward No. 4, 5 & 7 Lowdara	3.00	300	30 Days	DEE/ OTH-ERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
14	C/O Tile path at Different Spots Chanpora Nadihal-A	3.00	300	30 Days	DEE/ OTH-ERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
15	C/O Tile path at Different Spots Ward No. 5, 6 & 7 Nadihal-A	5.00	300	30 Days	DEE/ CEE	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	OPEN
16	C/O tile path at Hamdaniya Colony at Different Spots Ward 02 Nadihal-A	3.00	300	30 Days	DEE/ OTH-ERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
17	Improvement Of Inner paths at Different Spots W.No. 01& 02 kulhama Nadihal-B	3.00	300	30 Days	DEE/ OTH-ERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
18	Improvement Of Inner paths at Different Spots W.No. 06 & 07 kulhama Nadihal-B	3.00	300	30 Days	DEE/ OTH-ERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
19	Improvement Of Inner paths at Different Spots W.No. 03, 04 & 05 kulhama Nadihal-B	3.00	300	30 Days	DEE/ OTH-ERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	Halqa Level
20	C/O Tile path in Baba Mohalla, Khanday Mohalla and Buhroo Mohalla Nadihal-C	4.00	300	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	OPEN
21	C/O Tile path from H/O Mehraj ud din Lone towards H/O Nazir Ahmad Lone and Ziyarat Malik Sahib to M Amin Shah Nadihal-C	4.00	300	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	OPEN
22	C/O 02-No ghats at Ward No. 4 & 7 at kulhama Nadihal-B	3.30	300	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	OPEN
23	C/O drain from Jamia Masjid Sharief to Onwards Via H/O Hajigh Mohd Pinchoo at Kulhama Nadihal-B	9.00	500	30 Days	DEE/CEE	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block- Bandipora	OPEN

Position of A/A: Accorded Position of T/S: Accorded

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

S. No.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	03-07-2023
1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	03-07-2023
2.	Online Bid Submission Start Date	03-07-2023 from 09:00 AM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	12-07-2023 up to 04:00 PM
4.	Date & time of opening of Online Bids	13-07-2023 at 11:00 AM or any convenient day in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Bandipora

5. Note: Hard copy of original Tender Document, Fee Receipt and EMD shall be deposited after the financial bid is opened. In case the original Tender Document Fee Receipt and EMD is not Deposited within 5 days after the Financial Bid is Opened for all responsive bidders Who have participated online, the Department shall serve the Notice as per Rules.

Conditions for Bidders:

- Contractors who failed to execute the allotted work/works during the previous financial year (2022-23) are not eligible for e-tendering for the current financial year (2023-24).
- Any Bidder who will go down more than 15% of Advertised Cost shall upload the Additional Security online in shape of CDR/FDR during tendering process as per Unbalance Bid Table mentioned in NIT at S.No 10, (Non uploading of Additional Security will let to the rejection of the tender).
- The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer REW Division Bandipora (tender receiving authority).
- All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@3% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer REW Division Bandipora. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.
- The EMD in shape of CDR/FDR/BG @3% of Advertised Cost of 1st lowest responsive (Successful) shall be treated as Performance Security and shall be released after expiry of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.
- The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) shall submit all the hard copies of uploaded documents within 05 Days before fixation of Contract Failure to produce the documents shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarment of the Contractor be forwarded to Higher Authorities for a period of 01 Year.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@3% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the unsuccessful Bidder shall be released within 07 days after opening the Tender on production of Treasury Challan.
- The Tender Opening Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or any part of any tender without assigning reason thereof.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids

S.No.	Percentage of Unbalanced Bid viz ;Advertised cost on account of Additional Security Advertisd value of work aspercentage of ad-low rates	Advertised cost on account of Additional Security	Advertised value of work aspercentage of ad-low rates
1	Up to and including 15% below	Nil	
2	Greater than 15% up to 20 % below	5 %	
3	Greater than 20% up to 25 % below	10%	
4	Greater than 25% up to 30 % below	15%	
5	Greater than 30 %	20%	

- 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. 6.4. BidswillbeopenedonlineaspertimeschedulementionedinPara-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically/ by registered post/throughcourierbeforethedatespecifiedinPara-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents in soft copies with the technical bid and documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained.
- Note: Scan all the documents on 100dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- Price escalation and Taxes-The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on REW e-Tendering portal to store such documents are required.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project. The relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
REW Bandipora

NO:-XEN/REW/BPR/2396-2402
DIPK-4513/23 DATED:-06-07-2023

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the Superintending Engineer PMGSY Circle Baramulla
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

E-NIT NO: 07/SE/PMGSY/Bla/e-tendering of 2023-24 Dated 04-07-2023

Superintending Engineer PMGSY Circle Baramulla on behalf of President of India invites Item rate bids in electronic tendering system for up-gradation of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

S. No	Name of Work with Package No. and Name of Division	Tendered Cost including GST (Rs in Lacs.)	Construction Part	Maintenance Part	Total cost of work	Cost of document (Rs.in Lacs)	Earnest Money (Bid Security) (Rs.in Lacs)	Time of completion	Tender Call	Time and date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid)	Class of contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
1	Construction & Maintenance of road from Gohalan to Choti Gohalan, (Balance Work) Stage 1* & 2nd, Package No. JK03-116,139, Length 5.00 Kms, PMGSY Division Uri	545.94	54.59	600.53	0.10	12.010	210	6 th	12-07-2023 At 04:30:PM	"A" Class in PWD or Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways and other state Governments.	

- The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://pmgsytenders.gov.in> from 05-07-2023 (11:00 AM) to 12-07-2023 upto (4:00 PM).
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://pmgsytenders.gov.in> from 06-07-2023 (05:00 PM) to 12-07-2023 upto (4:00 PM). The bids uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened online on 12-07-2023 at 04:30 PM in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- Cost of Bid Form:- Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) per package (non-refundable) to be submitted online/offline during bid submission. The procedure for the same is available online on website <http://pmgsytenders.gov.in> Other Documents uploaded along with SBD and BOQ.
- The bidders are requested to quote their rates excluding GST. GST @18% shall be added to the contract value by the allotting authority at the time of issue of allotment.
- A Pre-bid meeting will be held on 06-07-2023 at 11:00 AM in the Office of Superintending Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Circle Baramulla to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in Clause 9 of instruction to bidders of the Bidding documents. The intending Bidders, before attending the Pre-bid meeting, are advised to visit the site of work and acquaint themselves with the site conditions. It has been made mandatory for all the intending bidders to participate in the pre-bid meeting on the scheduled date and time.
- Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www.pmgsytenders.gov.in.
- EMD (Bid Security) is to be submitted online/offline.
- The Hard Copy of Acknowledgement in respect of cost of bidding document/bid security (EMD), Original copy of Credit Facility by scheduled commercial bank and original copy of affidavits must be delivered in the office of Superintending Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Circle Baramulla on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid either by Registered Post or by hand failing which the bidders shall be declared non-responsive.
- The bidders are advised to upload the required documents/information strictly as per the formats given in Section 3-Qualification Information. The bidder who fails to comply with the said instructions shall be declared as non-responsive.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site <http://pmgsytenders.gov.in>. This is conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids shall be opened accordingly on line on same Web Site at the Office of Superintending Engineer PMGSY Circle Baramulla.
- The other details can be seen in the bidding documents.
- Note:-The intending bidders are advised to study the entire bidding document before preparation and submission of their bids. This includes clause 3 (Eligible Bidders), 4 (Qualification of Bidders) of ITB (Instruction to Bidders), Appendix to ITB, Section 3 (Qualification Information), Contract Data to G.C.C. & Section 7 of Bidding Document.

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Superintending Engineer
PMGSY Circle Baramulla

NO:-SE/PMGSY/Bla/e-Tendering/715-37
DIPK-4545/23 Dated: 06-07-2023

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e-NIT No:10 of 2023-24 Dated: 28-06-2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDC), the Tender Floating Authority, as specified in clause 1 of BDS, invites e-bids from reputed Contractors having Valid Class-A Electrical Contractor License or equivalent license issued by Chief Electrical Inspectorate of J&K/PDD/Relevant issuing authority/ registered Firms/Bidders enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/GEM as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules forming part of this document. The detail of work is as under:

S.No.	Description of work:	Adv. Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Cost of Tender Document	AA No. & Date	Work completion Period
1	Installation of Poles with wire at MaidanChogal 1st Panchayat Halqa M Chogal 1st Block Handwara.	4.85	Rs9730.00/=	Rs204.00	43-DDCK of 2023 Dated: 15-06-2023	90 days

Time Schedule

A	Date & Time of Publishing of Standard Bidding Document	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in
B	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	28-06-2023 02:30 PM
C	Clarification start date & time	28-06-2023 02:30 PM
D	Clarification end date & time	01-07-2023 02:30 PM
E	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	21-07-2023 04:00 PM
F	Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time.	22-07-2023 12:30 PM
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & Time (Only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders through email.
H	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids	Office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara (KPDC).

The interested bidders are requested to submit their offer along with terms, conditions, technical specifications and annexures forming part of this tender document.

- The Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after site visit, careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.
- The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table.
- The bidders need to upload the proof/cost of e-Bid document and Earnest Money Deposit as stated in the above table through Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR respectively pledged to Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. The scanned copy of the Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR must be enclosed along with the e-Bids but the original instrument should be submitted by the L1 bidder in the office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. In addition, Performance security shall be Submitted by successful Bidder L1 only pledged to the office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. The 2% EMD of successful bidders shall be released after receipt performance security.
- In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.
- The Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara will be final and binding.
- The bidders should upload Contact detail document (e.g., Address, Mobile No, e-mail ID etc.) and other document as per the SBD.
- The contractor has to get the key material, to be provided by him inspected by the PMA and or representative of the sub division and price quoted by the bidder will be inclusive of inspection expenses. No extra claim / charges will be paid. Test certificates are to be enclosed with the work done bill.
- Payments will be processed as per the availability of funds against the work done bills.
- The work has to be executed as per the approved GTP and Drawing available at [https://kpdcl.kpdcl.net/under "Standards and Specification"](https://kpdcl.kpdcl.net/under%20Standards%20and%20Specification%20).
- The contractor has to produce pre-execution, during execution & post-execution photographs (with GPS Coordinates i.e longitude & Latitude) along with SLD of the site.
- As per the Govt. Circular No: 03-JK(PDD) of 2022, dated: 23-08-2022, all new electrical installations are to be cleared by the inspection Agency of JKPD and contractor has to process and follow-up for same.
- The contractor has to produce the test certificates of all the material for all kind of works.
- The contractor must follow all SoPs during execution of work. Any deviation in this regard the fine can be imposed and he shall be solely responsible for any un-towards or any accident at site. Besides he shall be responsible for taking all safety majors. In addition to it, he should have group insurance of his workers working at site.
- The contractor has to get the work executed under the supervision of qualified Engineer/supervisor as per the SBD conditions.
- The Bidder needs to upload all the following documents to avoid cancellation in technical Evaluation Process:
Cost of e-Bid Document, amount specified in the table (Only Treasury Challan shall be accepted).
PAN Card along with latest ITR.
Valid Registration Card with validity up to date.
GST Registration.
- SBD.
- Earnest Money Deposit.
- Experience / Executed work certificate issued by not less than Executive Engineer and experience has to as per the clause A5 of QRC of SBD
- Affidavit as per SBD
- Annual Financial turnover certificate issued by CA of last three years

(Note: - The Bidders shall mention the e-NIT No. and name of the Firm on Treasury Challan and EMD in order to avoid using the same multiple times for different works.)

NO:-EDH/971-73
DIPK-NB-1655/23 Dated: 06-07-2023

Sd/
Executive Engineer
Electric Division Handwara

Jammu Gets 9 J&K Bank CRMs In A Day

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Going ahead with its ease-of-banking mission, J&K Bank Thursday dedicated nine Cash Recycler Machines in Jammu amid good gatherings of valuable customers, local traders and residents.

The Bank's General Manager & Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar, e-inaugurated the CRMs in presence of Zonal Head (Jammu) Rajesh Dubey, DGM Vinod Kumar Sharma and other senior officers of the Bank at Zonal Office Jammu. The CRMs were commissioned in Jammu at Residency Road, JDA Complex Janipur, Shalimar Road, Gandhi Nagar, Prem Nagar Sarwal, Fruit Complex, Moti Bazar, Dansal and Jourian.

Speaking on the occasion, GM Sunit Kumar said, "Commissioning of these nine CRMs in Jammu during a single day is the Bank's statement of commitment



towards customer convenience and growing emphasis on secure, swift digital and alternate channels of banking."

"While the bank leads in offering digital services to its customers, it's our constant endeavour to upgrade our digital offerings and infrastructure to meet the ever growing expectations of the customers. The newly installed CRMs with serve the dual purpose of deposits and withdrawals simultaneously", he added.

On the occasion he also informed that the J&K bank is coming up with an upgraded

version of mobile banking service. "Besides being more feature-rich and user friendly, the service will be able to handle peak volumes of transactions smoothly. Similarly, the Bank is upgrading its other services also like UPI, e-banking to bring more comfort to its customers", he said.

Besides urging the customers to on-board themselves on the various digital services of the bank, he advised them to use cards more for the cashless transactions like payments through POS for offline spends and ecommerce

platforms for online expenditure.

Locals present at the CRM sites hailed the Bank's management for commissioning of these self-serving terminals which not only dispense cash but allow the deposition of cash as well. "We had to wait in queues at the branch for depositing cash and that too during the business hours. Now we can deposit or withdraw cash as and when required. J&K Bank has really added convenience to our business and banking", said a local trader at one of e-inaugurated CRM sites.

Iran, Saudi Ministers Discuss Joint Investment In Oil, Gas Industry



Agencies

VIENNA: Iranian Oil Minister Javad Owji and Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud have exchanged views about the possibility of joint investment in the oil and gas industry.

The two sides met on Wednesday on the sidelines of the 8th International Seminar of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC) in the Austrian capital Vienna, where they discussed the current conditions of the global crude market, the future of the oil market, and the outlook for crude prices, IRNA reported.

Owji and Prince Abdulaziz also discussed bilateral issues, including investment in the oil and gas industry and exploring the possibility of joint investment, the report added.

It further noted that hy-

drocarbon trade and the development of joint fields were among the issues raised during the meeting.

Iran and Saudi Arabia are founding members of OPEC, an organization enabling the cooperation of leading oil-producing countries in order to collectively influence the global oil market and maximize profit.

Back in March, Tehran and Riyadh agreed to resume their relations and reopen their diplomatic missions following a seven-year rupture, under a deal brokered by China.

Iran, UAE ministers stress cooperation in oil sector

Also on Wednesday, Owji held talks with UAE Energy Minister Suhail al-Mazrouei in Vienna.

According to a report by SHANA news agency, the two sides underscored the need to expand cooperation in the oil sector and the development of joint fields.

'Very Close To Achieving Full Self-Driving Cars': Elon Musk

AFP

SHANGHAI, CHINA: Electric car giant Tesla is set to realise fully autonomous vehicles "later this year", CEO Elon Musk said Thursday, in the billionaire's latest forecast for the long-anticipated milestone.

"In terms of where Tesla is at this stage, I think we are very close to achieving full self-driving without human supervision," Musk said via video link at the opening ceremony of an artificial intelligence conference in Shanghai.

"This is only speculation, but I think we'll achieve full self-driving, maybe what you would call four or five, I think later this year," the billionaire added, referring to two of the most advanced levels of autonomous driving technology.

The mercurial entrepreneur and Twitter owner admitted that he had been wrong in previous predictions on this timeline, but added: "I feel like we're closer to it than we ever have been."

Musk has missed his own deadlines for a fully autonomous vehicle - and Tesla's driver-assistance technology has provoked regulatory probes in the United States.



China is the world's biggest electric vehicle market and Tesla announced in April it would build a second massive factory in Shanghai.

His appearance at the World Artificial Intelligence Conference in Shanghai marks his latest effort to maintain close links to China, following a visit to the country in May.

Electric vehicles make up a quarter of car sales in China, the world's largest car market, and dozens of new models from domestic and Western brands were unveiled in April at the country's first auto show since Covid restrictions were lifted.

Tesla reported a drop in first-quarter earnings this year, with the company undertaking a series of price cuts in the face of competition from other automakers.

Maruti Suzuki Enters Premium Segment With Invicto. Price, Features And More Here

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Maruti Suzuki India (MSI), on Wednesday, launched the new Invicto at introductory prices ranging from Rs 24.8-Rs 28.4 lakh as it looks to gain foothold in the premium three-row multi purpose vehicle segment.

The company has launched Invicto in three variants and expects the model to further strengthen its presence in the overall MPV segment where it commands around 50 per cent market share already.

The country's largest carmaker will source the strong hybrid model from Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) as part of a global collaboration between Toyota and Suzuki.

TKM already sells Innova HyCross in the domestic market and the same would be supplied to MSI with certain changes in design and other elements.

Speaking at the launch event, MSI MD and CEO Hisashi Takeuchi said the model has been carefully crafted to match the modern taste of NEXA customers, who want a premium three-row vehicle with dy-

namism of an SUV.

He noted that Grand Vitara, Fronx and Jimny have substantially enhanced the automaker's market share in the SUV segment.

The company's share in the SUV segment, which stood at 8.5 per cent in Q1 FY23 has risen to close to 20 per cent in Q1 FY24, Takeu-



chi stated.

"While we are at the second position in the industry now, it is only a matter of time before we take the number one position in the SUV segment," he noted.

He said, looking at the immense potential of the Indian automobile market, its parent Suzuki Motor Corporation has outlined a robust growth plan.

As per Suzuki's growth strategy towards 2030, it targets to achieve a global turnover of Rs 4.32 lakh crore in FY31, Takeuchi said.

This is exactly double the turnover of Rs 2.16 lakh crore achieved in FY22 and for this, Suzuki has planned an investment of around Rs 2.8 lakh crore by FY 31 to

ing capacities.

"... construction at our new manufacturing facility in Kharkhoda is in full swing and we plan to commission the first plant with an annual manufacturing capacity of 2.5 lakh units by 2025," Takeuchi said.

Once fully operational, the facility will have an annual capacity to manufacture 10 lakh vehicles and will be one of the world's largest single location manufacturing sites, he added.

Suzuki also has a well-defined road map on carbon neutrality for India, Takeuchi said.

"We are committed to bringing six EVs by FY 31 across different segments. Besides, in our journey of vehicle decarbonization, we will continue to deploy multiple powertrain technologies like CNG and Hybrid in our products and introduce biofuels like Ethanol Flex Fuel and Biogas," he added.

Elaborating further, MSI senior executive officer (marketing and sales) Shankar Srivastava said the company attained leadership in the Rs 15-20 lakh vehicle segment last fiscal.



Government of Jammu and Kashmir

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU/SRINAGAR

Email-Id: departmentculture123@gmail.com

Subject:- Appointment of Multi-Tasking Staff (Orderlies) in the Department of Culture.

Reference Nos:

1. Letter No. SSB/Secy/Sel/Class-IV/5095-5102 dated 01.07.2022 issued by J&K Services Selection Board.
2. Letter No. SSB/Secy/Sel/Class-IV/2021/6273-78 dated 18.10.2022 issued by J&K Services Selection Board.
3. O.M No. GAD/MTGORBIV/267/2022-09-GAD dated 27.10.2022 issued by the General Administration Department.
4. OM No. GAD/MTG/267/2022-09-GAD dated 29.10.2022, received from the General Administration Department.
5. Letter No. DMS/Veri/23/766 dated 27.03.2023, received from District Magistrate Shopian.
6. O.M. No. GAD/MTGORBIV/01/2023(7098912) Dated:09.06.2023 issued by General Administration Department.

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO: 18-JK(CUL) OF 2023

DATED: 26-06-2023

Whereas, the General Administration Department vide communication No. GAD/MTGORBIV/267/2022-09-GAD dated 27.10.2022 forwarded the recommendations/selection list issued by the J&K Services Selection Board vide communication No. SSB/Secy/Sel/Class-IV/2021/6273-78 dated 18.10.2022 which also includes selections for 11 Class-IV posts (now Multi Tasking Staff) of the Department of Libraries & Research, J&K (Divisional Cadre Kashmir) for appointment under the provisions of the J&K Appointment to Class-IV (Special Recruitment) Rules, 2020 notified vide S.O 184 of 2020 dated 04.06.2020.

Whereas, the General Administration Department vide Government Order No. 528-1K(GAD) of 2021 dated 21.06.2021 has made it mandatory for selected candidates to submit their Personal Verification Rolls (PVRs) for conduct of Verification of their Character and Antecedents and had thus forwarded the selection list of the candidates to the respective Deputy Commissioners with the request to ensure the filling of their character verification rolls and forward the same to the Director General, CID, J&K, for verification of Character and Antecedents of the candidates.

Whereas, the General Administration Department, also requested nil the Deputy Commissioners to forward the vocation report in respect of Character and Antecedents of all the selected candidates as received from the Criminal Investigating Department (CID) J&K, directly to the appointing authorities so that the appointment orders of these candidates are issued; and

Whereas, the Department has received clearance from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) with regard to Character and Antecedents of one (01) candidate selected for the post of Class-IV (now MTS), Divisional Cadre Kashmir through District Magistrate Shopian vide communication No.DMS/Verl/23/766 dated 27.03.2023 received from District Magistrate Shopian.

Whereas, the General Administration department, has issued the O.M No.GAD/MTGORBIV/0j./2023(7098912) Dated:09.06.2023 with regard to release of withheld recommendation of 127 selected candidates as received from the Jammu & Kashmir Service Selection Board Vide Letter No. JKSSB-SD/38/2022-06-E7094885 dated: 13.03.2023, which includes the candidate of Department of Libraries & Research, J&K.

Consequent upon the above, sanction is hereby accorded to the temporary appointment of following one (01) candidate, figuring in the selection list, as Class-IV (now MTS), in the Department of Libraries & Research, 3&K, in the Pay Level (SL-1) (Rs.14800-47100) in Divisional Cadre Kashmir with immediate effect:-

S.No. as per selection list	Roll No.	Candidate's Name	Father's Name	DOB	Domicile District	Category
1168	261440220774	MATEEN AHMAD ITOO	AB RASHID ITOO	09/03/1988	SHOPIAN	OM

The appointment of the candidate is subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- A) The appointee shall report to the Director, Department of Libraries & Research, J&K, within a period of 21 days from the date of issuance of this order.
- B) The appointee shall be allowed to join only on the production of the following certificates (in original) to be verified subsequently:-
 1. Academic/Qualification Certificates.
 2. Matriculation/Date of Birth Certificate.
 3. Health Certificate from the concerned Chief Medical Officer of the District.
 4. Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
 5. That if the candidate has taken loan for the self employment from DIC/Employment Department, to be ascertained from the District Industries Centre (DIC) and District Employment & Counseling Centre of the Domicile District, he shall relinquish the proprietorship of the unit/enterprise and also stakes, if any, in such self employment unit/enterprise before joining the Government Service. He shall be required to repay the entire loan liability in suitable EMIs to be worked out by the DDO concerned from his salary. DDO concerned shall obtain an affidavit from the concerned appointee regarding both the relinquishment of the proprietorship and stakes, if any, in such a self employment unit/enterprises and recovery to be made and also personally monitor its recovery.
 6. Valid relevant Category Certificate, if any applicable.
- C. The appointment of the above candidate is further subject to the following conditions:-
 - a. The clearance received from the Criminal Investigation Department, J&K is provisional and it shall be mandatory for the appointee to fill in the Verification Rolls (V-Rolls) as available through the online mode under the Electronic Employment Verification System (EVS). Any false information provided by the appointee or an adverse finding subsequent to the V-Roll submitted electronically shall result in cancellation of appointment without any further notice.
 - b. Appointee shall furnish an Undertaking in the shape of an Affidavit as per Annexure-I to this Order;
 - c. The salary of the appointee shall not be drawn and disbursed to him unless the satisfactory reports in respect of genuineness of Qualification/Date of Birth/Relevant Category Certificate and Final Character & Antecedents Report is received from the concerned Authorities/Agency.
 - d. The appointee shall be on probation for a period of two years.
 - e. The appointment of the candidate shall be governed by the "New Pension Scheme" as notified vide SRO-400 of 2009 dated 24.12.2009.
 - f. The inter-se-seniority of the appointee in th^ Department of Libraries Research, J&K, shall'- be determined as per the J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956,
 - g. The appointment of the above appointee shall be cancelled ab-initio, if it is found that he possesses higher qualification than the prescribed one at any stage and he shall also be liable for criminal prosecution under law.
 - h. The appointment of the above appointee shall be subject to outcome of writ petition(s), if any, pending before Competent Court of law.
 - i. If upon verification, any certificate(s) produced by the appointee is proved to be fake or forged, the appointment shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio,
 - j. If the candidate falls to join within a period of 21(twenty one) days from the date of issuance of this appointment or Jer, he shall forego his right to appointment, which shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio without any further notice In terms of the Circular No. 00-3K(GAD) of 2019 dated 04.12.2019 issued by General Administration Department,
 - k. The Cadres allocated by the appointing authority/JKSSB shall not be changed under any circumstances by any Authority/Department.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

No: Cul-AdmOGen/131/2022-01

Dated:-26-06-2023

DIPK-4612-23

DT: 06/07/2023

Sd/-

(Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah), IAS

Secretary to the Government

Department of Culture



Government of Jammu and Kashmir

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU/SRINAGAR.

Annexure-I to the Government Order No. -JK (Cul) of 2023 Dated; .06.2023

Affidavit

I, _____ S/o, D/o, Shri _____
R/o _____ Aadhaar No. _____ do hereby

undertake as under:

1. That, If on verification, my qualification/Date of Birth/Resen/ed Category Certificates from the concerned issuing authorities is found fake/forged, my appointment as Class-IV (now Multi Tasking Staff) in the Department of Libraries and Research, J&K, shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio.
2. That, I have no criminal records and do not face any criminal proceedings in any Court of Law. If this is found to be incorrect, I shall be liable for removal from the provisional appointment as Class-IV (now Multi Tasking Staff) in the Department of Libraries and Research, J&K.
3. That, if at any later stage, it is found that I am in possession of lower/higher than the prescribed qualification, my appointment as Class-IV (now Multi Tasking Staff) shall be liable for cancellation;
4. That, in case any statement as at (1) to (3) above is proved to be false, I shall be liable for disciplinary proceedings under law.

Deponent

Verification:

The averments mentioned herein above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein.

Deponent

Langars become lifeline for Amarnath pilgrims

Jammu: The Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu has become a hub of activity as the 62-day Amarnath Yatra gathers momentum. The camp is bustling with thousands of pilgrims embarking on their journey to the cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas. To ensure that no devotee goes hungry, numerous langars are serving as the lifeline for the pilgrims.

With 30 langars (community kitchens) spread across Jammu, the needs of over 4,000 to 5,000 pilgrims arriving daily from various parts of the country are being met. The langars embody the spirit of generosity, offering free vegetarian meals that showcase culinary diversity from different regions.

"Various social and religious organisations have set up a number of langars in Jammu city, the highest number of them located at Bhagwati Nagar base camp. This is the service of God. We express our gratitude to them all," Corporator Sanjay Baru told PTI.

Pilgrims from different parts

of the country, including locals, have come forward to establish langars for the yatra.

"From morning till late at night, we provide simple yet satisfying dishes like dal, chawal and ambal, and other popular delicacies from Jammu to all pilgrims," said Raj Kumar Gupta, the head of one 'Bajrang langar' set up at the base camp.

MP Jugal Kishore Sharma said, "Thousands of people contribute to this greatest act of humanity, providing free langars to pilgrims during the two-month-long yatra."

Hundreds of volunteers also work tirelessly round the clock for the community kitchens to ensure that every pilgrim's needs are satisfied.

Rahul Kumar, a volunteer who hails from Madhya Pradesh, expressed his enthusiasm for the work at the langar. "Our dedicated team has eagerly awaited the start of the Amarnath Yatra. Now, we are serving pilgrims day and night, pouring our hearts into this selfless service," he said.

Pilgrims have also expressed

their satisfaction with the food management at the langars, appreciating the wide variety of options available at the base camp.

Narinder Kumar from Pune said, "The langars here have exceeded our expectations. The diverse range of dishes from various langars truly represents the unity of our nation and we are grateful for it."

Apart from providing nourishing meals, the base camp also offers daily musical shows and cultural performances, providing entertainment and respite for the pilgrims.

"The musical shows and mandalis held here are a wonderful way to unwind after the arduous journey. They bring joy and create a sense of community among the pilgrims," Sushma Rathore from Jaipur said.

The Baba Amarnath Bavalpuri Seva Mandal from Punjab has been setting up langars in Jammu and Kashmir for the past 23 years. They provide morning tea, lunch, evening tea, and dinner to pilgrims at the

Chandanwari base camp.

Vinod Kumar, the head of the community kitchen, said he was honoured to serve the devotees of Lord Shiva and that providing meals and beverages is the langar's contribution to the sacred pilgrimage.

The langars also strictly adhere to the government's ban on over 40 food items during the yatra, which was issued following directives of the shrine board.

"We diligently follow the orders of the shrine board, ensuring that no banned items are sold or prepared here," said Rahul Kumar, the langar's food in charge.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,888-metre-high cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on July 1. Over 65,000 pilgrims have paid obeisance at Amarnath, while over 36,000 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the Kashmir Valley in seven batches.

Israeli forces shell southern Lebanon border village after rocket lands near disputed territory

Beirut: Israeli forces shelled a southern Lebanese border village on Thursday after several explosions were heard in a disputed area where the borders of Syria, Lebanon and Israel meet.

Tensions continue to flare in the border area over two tents erected by the militant group Hezbollah and Israel's building of a wall around the Lebanese part of a village that Israeli troops captured during the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah war.

A Lebanese military official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of not being cleared to provide information to journalists said one rocket was fired toward Israel from the border town of Kfar Chouba and that Israeli forces responded with two rocket attacks.

The Israeli military confirmed that it had shelled Kfar Chouba. It said later Thursday that it had identified the

incoming projectile as an anti-tank missile fired near the town of Ghajar with some fragments landing in Lebanon and others inside Israeli territory.

It was unclear who fired the rocket from Lebanon. The Lebanese army did not immediately comment on the explosions.

The UN peacekeeping mission in southern Lebanon, known as UNIFIL, said it could not verify that rocket fire caused the explosion but that the sounds were "consistent with a possible launch." UNIFIL sent peacekeepers to investigate what happened while the head of the mission speaks to both Lebanese and Israeli authorities to ease the situation.

"This incident comes at a sensitive time and in an area that has already experienced tensions earlier this week," UNIFIL said in a statement. "We urge everyone to exercise restraint and avoid any

action that could cause further escalation."

Minutes after the explosions, Iran-backed Hezbollah issued a statement about Israel's wall in the village of Ghajar. The village is split into Lebanese and Israeli sides along a border known as the blue line that was demarcated after Israel's withdrawal from southern Lebanon in 2000.

"It is not just a routine breach of what the occupation forces are accustomed to from time to time," the statement said. It did comment on the explosions.

As part of the UN Security Council resolution that ended the 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah, Israel is to withdraw from the northern part of Ghajar, which has not happened. UN peacekeeping forces in Lebanon have called on Israel for years to end its building work in northern Ghajar and to withdraw its troops.

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World Bank Says

critical medical equipment and supplies to 36 hospitals, augmenting 108-Helpline with 68 critical care ambulances, commissioning of 30 oxygen generation plants covering all districts of the state apart from strengthening handicraft, handloom, silk and wool sector.

Before Abid was appointed as chief executive officer of the project in 2020, it saw 13 bosses, which includes 10 IAS officers, in less than five years. Abid played a key role in accelerating the pace of works approved under the project.

In the past, the WB frequently snubbed the J&K Government over slow pace in implementation of the project and even there were fears of losing funds under it. KNO

SC Defers

leaders (JKNPP) leaders, Manju Singh and Harsh Dev Singh seeking directions to the Election Commission of India to conduct elections in the union territory without any further delay.

India Slams

made by one delegation against my country. I will not dignify their venomous comments on India by responding to those, since those who are soaked in bigotry will find it hard to understand a pluralistic society," Sharma said.

Sharma said India dismisses and condemns "these frivolous remarks" with the contempt that they deserve.

"It is nothing but an attempt to divert the attention of the Council from grave violations against children that continues to be committed in Pakistan, as highlighted in the Secretary General's report," Sharma said.

He asserted that the entire Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh "were, are and always will be an integral and inalienable part of India, irrespective of what the representative of Pakistan believes or wishes."

In his statement, Sharma also voiced concern over the "dangerous and worrying trend" in global terrorism of an increase in the number of children being recruited and involved in terrorism-related activities.

"There is a need for a coordinated approach to the child protection agenda and counter terrorism. Member States need to demonstrate greater political will to hold the perpetrators of terrorism and their sponsors to account, to fulfil Council's child protection obligations," he said.

He called for ending impunity for all actors responsible for inciting and perpetrating grave violations against children. "There must be greater accountability and sincere efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice by governments from whose territory such entities operate."

Guterres removed India from his 2023 report on Children and Armed Conflict, citing measures taken by the Indian government to "better protect children."

"In view of the measures taken by the Government to better protect children, India has been removed from the report in 2023," Guterres writes in the report.

Guterres said that in his report last year, he had welcomed the engagement of the Government of India with his Special Representative and noted that that engagement may lead to the removal of India as a situation of concern.

India Rejects

communications with the World Bank. The World Bank is also a signatory to the Indus Water Treaty.

"In a unanimous decision, which is binding on the Parties and without appeal, the Court rejected each of the objections raised by India and determined that the Court is competent to consider and determine the disputes set forth in Pakistan's Request for Arbitration," the Hague-based court said.

"In the next phase, the Court will address certain questions concerning the overall interpretation and application of the [Indus Waters] Treaty's provisions on hydro-electric project design and operation, as well as the legal effect of past decisions of dispute resolution bodies under the Treaty," it said in a statement.

LG Steps In To

Management. The Yatra anthem is sung by the renowned Bollywood singer Shaan Mukherji to spread awareness about sanitation and sustainability.

Movable inflatable Mascots, Touch screen kiosks, Audio jingles, guidelines for pilgrims and langars, IEC Posters and Banners have been designed to educate and sensitize pilgrims and other stakeholders for Cleanliness, Zero Landfill and to Avoid Plastic. Free reusable cloth bags are also being distributed to make the yatra experience polythene free for pilgrims.

Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, CEO, Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board; Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner/Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj; senior Rural Development Department and SASB officers and representatives of Swaaha Resource Management attended the ceremony at Raj Bhawan.

Record 84, 768

use for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra since 2022. ICC, HMT is being integrated with RFID to monitor Yatra remotely on real time basis. All departments monitor and send communication to their staff in the field from here to cater to the requirements of yatries.

ICCC helps in effective management of operations in exceptional scenarios such as disaster mitigation using information and communication technologies.

An official at ICCC said that ICCC has been integrated with RFID which is a pure data science and helps in effective crowd control management, traceability, avoidance of traffic

and management besides ensuring coordination among all stakeholders on a real time basis.

The data analysis and simulation models are effective in disaster mitigation and preemptive actions, he added.

Now A Separate

promotion of citizen-centric governance with emphasis on grievance redressal innovations through e-Governance," the spokesperson said.

"This will ensure better administration and quality public grievance with better outcomes for the aggrieved thereby guaranteeing efficient disposal of official business," he added.

MeT Forecasts

and it is 0.7°C above normal for the place, and the officials said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of 10.8°C against 9.4°C on previous night and it was 1.0°C below normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 24.5°C against 22.8°C on the previous night and it was 1.2°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 16.1°C (1.0°C below normal), Batote 17.2°C (0.5°C below normal), Katra 22.6°C (above normal by 0.5°C) and Baderwah 17.0° (0.8°C below normal), the official added.

12 People 'Bound

under sections 107/151 of CrPC," Srinagar Police said on Twitter.

BSF Man Shoots

The soldier has been identified as Naresh Kumar, he said, adding the body has been sent for postmortem.

R&B Employee

spokesperson said. The complainant, a post graduate, had stated that he comes from a very poor family and being presently unemployed, he had decided to get a contractor card for himself in order to earn livelihood for his family.

"He further stated that since he was already working as partner with a contractor friend and was very much aware of working as contractor," the spokesperson said.

The complainant had further stated that he went to the office of the executive engineer R&B Bandipora, where he met clerk Gh Nabi Wani and requested him about the contractor card.

"He asked him for help in securing same and also wanted to know about formalities to be completed. The concerned clerk assured him in getting the experience certificate also from AEE duly attested by the Executive Engineer Bandipora as required under rules," the spokesperson said.

The accused employee, he said, asked the complainant to handover the relevant

documents like marks cards of 10th/12th, graduation, Pan Card, Aadhar card, 4 photographs, bank statement and unemployment certificate to him which he did.

Wani, he said, also asked complainant to prepare an affidavit along with e-stamp fee and handover same to him, which also he did.

"After handing over these documents and affidavit, the clerk demanded an amount of Rs 30,000 from him as bribe for doing so. Under these circumstances the complainant approached ACB with complaint and requested for legal action against accused clerk. The complainant requested accused clerk for some concession on the pleas that he is very poor and cannot pay huge amount and finally he agreed for Rs 29,000/- as bribe to be paid," the spokesperson said.

As the contents of complaint prima facie disclose the commission of offence punishable U/S 7 of the PC Act 1988 by accused public servant, accordingly a Case FIR No. 04/2023 was registered at Police Station Anti Corruption Bureau Baramulla U/S 7 of the PC Act 1988 & the investigation were initiated.

During the course of investigation, the spokesperson said, a trap team was constituted which laid a successful trap and caught the accused clerk red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs 29000 from the complainant.

"He was arrested on the spot after completing all legal formalities. Further investigation in the case are going on," he added.

Govt Shifts

to his own duties, till further orders," reads the order.

Afroza Bano, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Budgam, has been asked to hold the charge of the posts of Collector Land Acquisition, Special Army (Budgam and Srinagar) and Sub-Registrar, Budgam, in addition to her own duties, till further orders.

Prince Noorul Hamid, JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Chadoora, holding additional charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Chadoora, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department.

Two Youth Held

led by SHO Police Station Baramulla raided various suspected spots after a case under relevant sections of law was registered following a written complaint.

"After the strenuous efforts, both the involved persons were arrested and have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody," the spokesperson said.

He added that further investigation of the case is going on.

DG CRPF Takes

the onerous task of escorting the Yatra convoys from Jammu to Baltal and Pahalgam each year. He moved with the convoy to review the

safety and security of Yatri convoy along the designated routes."

The CRPF personnel also perform the task of guarding the Highway along various stretches, the statement said.

"During his visit to the Baltal Base camp, DG, CRPF extensively reviewed the security measures being implemented to ensure foolproof security of pilgrims. He visited the tent city and engaged in constructive dialogues with the camp commanders, local officials, yatrias as well as the Bhandara owners. He expressed his admiration for the dedicated efforts of CRPF troopers, while also extending his compliments to all other agencies involved for their exceptional coordination."

It was tenacious of DG CRPF to undertake the arduous trek of the Yatra from Baltal up to the Holy Cave, on foot, to review the security arrangements along the route and have firsthand experience of the journey being performed by the yatrias, it said. "During his climb, he interacted with the Mountain Rescue Team of CRPF and looked into their preparedness in case of natural disaster and on assistance or evacuation of the injured or needy yatri."

This notable visit of the DG CRPF has significantly uplifted the morale of the troops on the ground, the statement said.

"His hands-on approach and personal interactions have not only motivated the CRPF troopers but have also reinforced the sense of duty and responsibility within the entire team. Dr. Thaosen's unwavering commitment to ensuring a safe and well-organised pilgrimage event has set an exceptional standard for all the personnel and officers on ground."

CRPF remains resolute in its dedication to maintaining the highest standards of security and administrative arrangements throughout the Yatra, it said. "By closely collaborating with all stakeholders, CRPF aims to create a safe environment that fosters spiritual harmony and tranquility."

Lightning Strikes

Another person, Navneet Patel, was injured, he said.

In the second incident in Tikamgarh district, lightning struck farmers Pyarelal (50) and Deshraj (45) while they were standing under a tree in the Ram Nagar area, killing them instantly, Palara police inspector Naseer Farooqi said.

A woman, Kunwar Bai (46), who, too, was standing under the tree, was injured and has been hospitalised, Farooqi said.

A 65-year-old farmer, Jugal Kishore Yadav, died when a bolt of lightning struck him while he was working in his field at Modakpur village under Sultanganj police station limits, around 105 km from the Raisen district headquarters, Area Sub-Divisional Officer of Police Rajesh Tiwari said.

Meanwhile, showers accompanied with thunderstorms and lightning lashed parts of MP on Thursday.

Despite being geographically distant from Kashmir how Kashmiris in West maintain cultural, social, and emotional linkages with their homeland. Tune-in to latest KO podcast

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Two Matches Played In Srinagar Premier League



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srinagar Premier League continued on Thursday with two Round 4 matches taking place at Synthetic Turf TRC.

In the first match, an early morning kick off, Real Kashmir FC took on Downtown Heroes FC in a clash between two of the more renowned clubs of the Valley. The game was tightly contested and the scores read 0-0 at half time. The second half also proved to be a cagey affair, with

both teams struggling to break down opposition defences.

However, Basit Ahmed gave Downtown Heroes a crucial 1-0 lead in the 82nd minute, which the Heroes maintained till full time. Basit Ahmed was awarded man of the match award for his match-winning goal.

The second match of the day was played between Kashmir Maharaja FC and Jhelum FC. Jhelum FC took the lead in first half and denied Kashmir Maharaja a clear sight on goal for the rest of the game. Jhelum FC won 1-0.

Secretary Sports Council Convenes Meeting In Kashmir Division



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull convened a meeting of all managers and incharges in her office chamber at Bakshi Stadium to review the plan and preparations for various sports activities for the remaining part of the current year.

In her inaugural remarks, the Secretary sought feedback from all present in the meeting to further the scope of activities in the Kashmir division. Nuzhat Gull also expressed her gratitude to the govern-

ment for lending all possible help to the Sports Council for providing the facilities to the cricketers.

She also said that the government has taken many initiatives for the progress and prosperity of the athletes of J&K.

Nuzhat Gull applauded the staff for giving their best shot against all the odds and hoped for them to do well in this phase of the My Youth My Pride as well. Furthermore, Nuzhat Gull said that monitoring teams for the activities in all districts shall be formed and reports submitted on a daily basis.

JD YSS Inaugurates Hockey Tournament In Pulwama

Observer News Service

PULWAMA: Joint Director Kashmir, Youth Services and Sports (YSS) Waseem Raja on Thursday declared open the first edition of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Hockey Tourney on his birth anniversary at Synthetic Hockey Turf. Director Youth Services and Sports

Department J&K Subash C Chhibber expressed happiness about the organisation of maiden Hockey Tournament on the recently commissioned Synthetic Hockey Turf of Pulwama. The Department of Youth Services and Sports is developing another high class synthetic Hockey Turf in Srinagar which is in the final phase of its completion.

Ashes 3rd Test: Australia Make 263 On Day 1

Agencies

LEEDS: Mitchell Marsh's run-a-ball 118 was the cornerstone of Australia's 263 all out on the first day of the third Ashes Test at Headingley on Thursday after the tourists collapsed either side of his blistering century.

England fast bowler Mark Wood took 5-34 as the hosts backed up captain Ben Stokes' decision to send the Aussies into bat after winning the toss.

But it was also another day of missed opportunity for Stokes' men as Joe Root dropped a regulation first slip catch off Chris Woakes when Marsh had made just 12.

Australia would have been 98-5 but for Root's error and was one that they could ill afford as they look to turn around a 2-0 deficit in the five-match series.

Marsh made England pay as he marked his first Test in nearly four years with a superb hundred while sharing a stand of 155 with Travis Head (39).

But from 240-4, Australia lost their last six wickets for 23



runs as Durham quick Wood, playing his first Test since the last match of a clean sweep away to Pakistan in December, ripped through the tail.

His wickets were badly needed by England, who were a bowler down after Ollie Robinson limped off shortly before tea with a back spasm.

Marsh, only playing after fellow all-rounder Cameron Green was ruled out with a hamstring strain following Australia's 43-run win at Lord's last week, took full advantage of Root's drop in his

first Test since he faced England at The Oval in 2019.

He drove and cut England's quicks with authority before lofting Moeen Ali for six to go to 99.

It was his third hundred in 33 Tests, all his centuries coming against England.

The 31-year-old was eventually out to what became the last ball of the second session when he inside edged Woakes off his thigh to Zak Crawley at second slip.

England were 62/2 after 12 overs. (Julian Guyer/Yahoo)

Netherlands Secure Passage To 2023 ODI World Cup

Agencies

HARARE: Bas de Leede struck a superb 123 as Netherlands sealed qualification for the 50-over Cricket World Cup in India with a four-wicket victory over Scotland on Thursday in their final fixture at the preliminary tournament played in Zimbabwe.

Netherlands needed to chase down their victory target of 278 in 44 overs to not only win the game but also leap-frog Scotland into second place in the table on net run rate.

It was a feat they achieved in 42.5 overs to join Sri Lanka as the second qualifiers from the preliminary tournament.

Netherlands will appear at a fifth World Cup and their first since 2011. This year's global finals will be staged from Oct. 5-Nov. 19.

"We had a look at the targets, where we wanted to be at the halfway point," De



Leede said at the post-match presentation.

"The rate was 10 to 11 runs per over, so we had to go into T20 mode and try and score as many runs as we could and see where it would take us.

"It's amazing, I can't describe the feeling, it's going to be one big party tonight!"

Netherlands elected to field and restricted Scotland to 277 for nine in their 50 overs on a good batting wicket. In-form Brandon McMullen smashed

106 for the Scots, his second century of the qualifiers, while De Leede took 5-52.

The Dutch were up with the rate for most of their innings, knowing they had only 44 overs to achieve their target, and a burst from De Leede sealed the win to cap a fine individual performance.

It was his first One-Day International century as he finished with 123 from 92 balls, run out with his team two runs short of their target.



PSG Sign Skriniar, Asensio On Free Transfers

Agencies

PARIS: Paris St Germain have signed defender Milan Skriniar and forward Marco Asensio on free transfers, the Ligue 1 champions announced on Thursday.

Slovakian Skriniar was signed on a five-year deal, with his Inter Milan contract having expired in June. Skriniar joined Inter from Sampdoria in 2017 and made nearly 250 appearances in Serie A, the Coppa Italia and the Italian Super Cup during his time at the club. He also has 60 caps for Slovakia.

The 28-year-old was linked with a move to PSG in January but the two clubs did not work out a deal before the transfer window closed. Inter had reportedly rejected bids of more than 50 million euros (\$54.32 million) for Skriniar last year. The centre back's final season in Italy was interrupted by injuries as he missed more than 20 games in all competitions, including the Champions League final when

Inter lost to Manchester City.

"There is always pressure when you join a club like Paris St Germain. I feel it a little bit," Skriniar told PSG's website. "But I feel that I am ready, ready to be part of this very big club. I like pressure. I'm a defender so we know what it's like, you always have to be ready."

Former Real Madrid attacker Asensio was signed on a three-year deal until 2026, PSG said. The Spaniard, who broke out under Zinedine Zidane in the 2016-17 season and scored in Real's 4-1 win against Juventus in that season's Champions League final, had gradually fallen out of favour at the LaLiga club over the last few years.

The 27-year-old made 51 appearances for Real across all competitions last season, scoring 12 goals, but was used mainly as a substitute. Skriniar and Asensio are PSG's first signings of the transfer window, announced a day after the club appointed Luis Enrique as manager to replace Christophe Galtier.

Real Madrid Sign 18-Year Old Turkish Midfielder Arda Guler

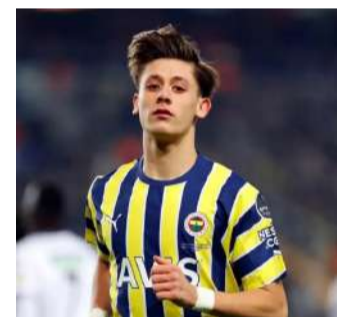
Agencies

MADRID: Real Madrid reached a deal to sign Arda Guler on Thursday, adding another young player to its midfield.

The 18-year-old Turkey international arrives from Fenerbahce on a six-year contract. He will be officially introduced by Madrid on Friday.

Spanish media said the talented youngster arrives on a transfer fee of 20 million euros (\$21.7 million), with add-ons that could reach 30 million euros (\$31.6 million). Madrid recently signed 20-year-old England midfielder Jude Bellingham and renewed the contracts of veterans Toni Kroos and Luka Modric.

The Spanish club also has Eduardo Camavinga, Federico Valverde, Aurélien Tchouaméni and



Dani Ceballos in the midfield. Ceballos also had his contract extended recently.

Madrid also recently extended the contract of defender Nacho Fernández, and boosted its attack with the loan of Spain striker Joselu from Espanyol. Not returning next season are forwards Karim Benzema, Marco Asensio, Eden Hazard and Mariano Díaz.

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GAMMA UNIT K-04 PULWAMA FOREST PROTECTION FORCE.

e-NIT NO: - 01 OF 2023-24 DATED: - 03-07-2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited on Percentage Basis from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following work:-

S.No	Name of Work	Location	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) Rs	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document (Rs)	Time of Completion
1	Development of Boundary Wall, Main Gate, Garage- Cum- Chowkidar Hut & Water Supply Etc. at Unit-K-04 Shimal / Shopian Pulwama Scheme: CAPEX (2023-24).	FPF K-04 Shimal Shopian	5.61 Lacs	2% of Estimated Cost of Work	"C" & "D"	RS 300/=	30 DAYS

The position of codal formalities in respect of above work(s) is as under:

Position of Funds	Budgeted
Position of A A	Accorded 13/JDK-FPF of 2023 Dated:- 17-06-2023
Position of TS	Accorded 13/JDK-FPF of 2023 Dated:- 17-06-2023

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

Publishing Date:	06-07-2023
Download Start Date:	06-07-2023 from 06:00 PM
Bid submission Start Date:	06-07-2023 from 06:00 PM
Bid submission End Date:	27-07-2023 Up to 04:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	28-07-2023 at 11:30 AM at Delta Headquarter Forest Protection Force Srinagar.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened (Online) after technical evaluation is completed. Date will be notified separately.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
The date for opening of Technical & Financial bids online shall be opened as per time schedule mentioned above.
Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged in favour of Dy. Director, Forest Protection Force Gamma Unit K-04 Pulwama.
To participate in bidding process bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.
The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e., Bid Security amount (EMD) Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD duly renewed for the current year, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document)
Note: Scan all the Documents on 100dpi with black & white option
The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award 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. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all Taxes and it should be saved within same name as it contains.
As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three Percent may also be demanded.
Penalty for delay in completion: In case of delay in completion of work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty up-to maximum of 10% of the contract shall be requisite as deemed suitable by the Competent Authority.
The Performance Security shall be released after completion of DLP.
If the bid is found to be unbalanced/Abnormally Low Bid (ABL less than 30%) then the Additional Security @10% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR shall have to be submitted to the concerned Dy. Director before issuing formal allotment letter.
The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

NO:- DDP/FPF/K04/e-Tender/187-91
Dated:- 03-07-2023

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HEADQUARTERS JKAP-9TH BATTALION ZEWAN, SRINAGAR

Notice No. 2 No.Estt/Notice/AP-9th/2023/ Dated:- .07.2023

W/Sgct. Asmat Jabeen, No. 332/AP-9th Bn. PID.No.ARP-096910 W/o Shabir Ahmad Dar. R/O Umar colony, Lal Bazar, Srinagar. P/S Lal Bazar, Srinagar.

Subject:- Show Cause Notice/Attendance Notice.

- Whereas, you proceeded on (30) days earned leave on 02.09.2022 and was due to report back for duties on 02.10.2022 but you failed to resume duties well in time and accordingly was marked absent in daily diary w.e.f 02.10.2022.
- Whereas, you were informed through your concerned police station vide this office signal No. CS/Misc-File/23/AP-9th/1298 dated 18.01.2023, No. Estt/AP-9th/Absent/2023/2970 dated 14.02.2023 & No. Estt/Abs/AP-9th/2023/6950 dated 27.04.2023 to resume your duties but you failed and remained at large without any intimation to the department. SHO concerned has intimated this office regarding execution of quoted signal No. vide his communication dated 04.05.2023
- Whereas, due to your continued absence from duties, you were placed under suspension vide this office order issued under endst. No. Estt/Suspension/AP-9th/2023/5719-26 dated 01.04.2023 and was informed regarding same vide this office signal No. Estt/Absent/AP-9th/2023/6262 dated 08.04.2023.
- Whereas, remaining absent from duties deliberately is gross negligence and carelessness on your part and indicates that you are not interested to serve the department more.
- Whereas, vide this office communication No. Estt/Notice/AP-9th/2023/9340-44 dated 05.06.2023 a show cause notice/attendance notice was served and executed to you with the directions to appear before undersigned for personal hearing to which you failed and submitted reply of show cause notice/attendance notice through post office which is not acceptable and shall be deemed to have been cancelled.

Now, I, Tahir Saleem Khan-JKPS-SSP, Commandant JKAP-9th Battalion, Zewan Srinagar, in exercise of powers conferred to me by virtue of J&K Police Rule 359 sub section 11(2) and rule 128 of J&K CSR again call upon you through the medium of this notice which should be treated last and final call to show cause as to why you should not be discharged from the service on account of your continued absence from legitimate duties.

You are at liberty to appear before undersigned within 07 days from the receipt of this notice for personal hearing. Failing which it shall be presumed that you have nothing to say in your defence and departmental proceedings under rule 339 of J&K Police Manual shall follow.

DIPK-4605-23
DT: 06/07/2023

(Tahir Saleem Khan)JKPS
Commandant
JKAP-9th Bn. Zewan Sgr.

Saudi Designer At Paris Fashion Week Underlines Dramatic Shifts



Paris, France: Saudi Arabia is continuing its multi-billion-dollar entry into all aspects of global culture, hitting a new milestone on Thursday with the first Saudi designer presenting at Paris Fashion Week.

Mohammed Ashi's haute couture show -- his first as part of the official roster after years of dressing top celebrities -- is "the peak of my career," he told AFP at a cocktail soiree at the Ritz Hotel in Paris this week, part of a lavish Saudi PR campaign throughout this fashion season.

Mr Ashi forged his own path, having left the kingdom three decades ago, but his promotion to the top league is neatly timed as Riyadh announces its own fashion week in October and says new freedoms will create retail opportunities worth \$32 billion a year.

Fashion is just one strand of a strategy that has seen de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman divert its oil wealth into

movies, sports, video games and tourism, while overseeing dramatic social changes within the kingdom.

Many worried it was all just a smokescreen to defuse criticism of his human rights record, especially after the gruesome murder of dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in 2018. But the changes ran further and deeper than almost anyone expected.

"For the first two years, I almost didn't believe it was real, but then I realised, wow, it IS real," said Yousef Akbar, 37, who began his eponymous fashion label in Australia in 2017 and has dressed the likes of Nicole Kidman and Rita Ora.

"I really never thought when I was growing up that this would happen. When I started my brand in Australia, I thought my whole life would be there since I'm a fashion designer," added Mr Akbar, who now also runs his business from Jeddah.

UK Woman Pilot Recreates Flight Of British Indian Spy Noor Inayat Khan

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London: A female pilot from the UK has used her scholarship towards a special flying mission to recreate the deadly mission behind enemy lines undertaken by British Indian spy Noor Inayat Khan during the Second World War.

Fiona Smith, who won the British Women Pilots' Association (BWPA) scholarship in 2021 by inviting an aviation enthusiast to carry out a "special mission", decided to link this to the Special Operations Executive (SOE).

Noor Inayat Khan, a descendant of the 18th-century Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan, was an SOE agent who had been airdropped to a field in Nazi-occupied France to carry out covert intelligence.

"Located somewhere near the town of Angers, I was encouraged to discover there is a decently serviced airfield nearby, and a quick calculation suggested it was within reach of London within the day," shares Smith.

"My mission was clear: to fly from the south of England to Angers, lay a wreath for Noor, and fly back. As it happened, our actual flight coincided with the 80th year of her leaving England," she said of her recent flying mission.



Noor Inayat Khan was born in 1914 in Moscow to an American poet mother and an Indian Sufi teacher father.

When the Second World War began, Noor's family returned to England, and despite her Sufi and pacifist views, she went on to join the Women's Auxiliary Air Force in 1940 in her determination to fight fascism.

She was flown to France in a Lysander aircraft from a Royal Air Force (RAF) base to a field near Angers in June 1943, and 80 years later, she has inspired a female pilot to recreate that journey.

"It is wonderful to learn of Fio-

na's tribute flight for Noor Inayat Khan. It is even more special as it took place on the 80th anniversary of Noor's departure on her dangerous mission. Noor's story and sacrifice continue to inspire in so many ways," said Shrabani Basu, the author of 'Spy Princess: The Life of Noor Inayat Khan, the biography of the British Indian spy who was awarded the UK's George Cross and France's Croix de Guerre bravery medals posthumously.

Noor Inayat Khan never returned from that mission and was executed in the Dachau concentration camp in Germany in September 1944.

Twitter Rival Threads Crosses 10 Million Users Within Hours Of Launch

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WASHINGTON: More than 10 million people have signed up to Threads, Meta's rival to Twitter, within the first few hours of its launch, the Facebook parent's CEO Mark Zuckerberg said Thursday.

Threads is the biggest challenger yet to Elon Musk-owned Twitter, which has seen a series of potential competitors emerge but not yet replace one of social media's most iconic companies, despite its epic struggles.

The app went live on Apple and Android app stores in 100 countries at 2300 GMT on Wednesday, and will run with no ads for now.

"10 million sign ups in seven hours," Zuckerberg wrote on his official Threads account Thursday.

Accounts were already active for celebrities such as Jennifer Lopez, Shakira and Hugh Jackman, as well as media outlets including The Washington Post and The Economist.

Zuckerberg spent the first few hours of the platform's launch replying to new users.

"One thing that's up is the number of world champion MMA fighters on Threads, especially now that you're here!" he wrote in a reply to American MMA fighter Jon Jones.

"Round one of this thing is getting off to a good start," he said in another.

Zuckerberg also offered a shot across the bow at Musk -- the pair

are known to be bitter rivals, and have even offered to meet each other in a fighting cage to wrestle it out. In his first tweet in over a decade, Zuckerberg posted a Spiderman meme in an apparent reference to the similarity of the two platforms.

Back on Threads, he wrote: "It'll take some time, but I think there should be a public conversations app with 1 billion+ people on it. Twitter has had the opportunity to do this but hasn't nailed it. Hopefully we will."

Twitter has said it has more than 200 million daily users.

'Be kind'

Threads was introduced as a clear spin-off of Instagram, which offers a built-in audience of more than two billion users, thereby sparing the new platform the challenge of starting from scratch.

Zuckerberg is widely understood to be taking advantage of Musk's chaotic ownership of Twitter to push out the new product, which Meta hopes will become the go-to communication channel for celebrities, companies and politicians.

"It's as simple as that: if an Instagram user with a large number of followers such as Kardashians or a Bieber or a Messi begins posting on Threads regularly, a new platform could quickly thrive," strategic financial analyst Brian Wieser said on Substack.

Quick eats for busy people

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