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# **Navigating Potential Hazards As Trekking Gets Popular Among Kashmir Youth**

**Parvaiz Bhat** 

ntil a few years back, trekking to Kashmir's alpine areas was hardly something which fascinated the locals of Kashmir. The number of adventure enthusiasts who would undertake arduous journeys to the mountains was very small. Not anymore.

In recent years, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a significant increase in the number of treks to Kashmir's

idyllic mountain areas. As more and more adventure

enthusiasts venture out in the highland pastures and glacial lakes, possible pitfalls and potential plastic pollution in forests is raising concern among environmentalists.

The sharp increase in expeditions to alpine areas being now undertaken by youth has pleasantly surprised the long-time trekkers. They see it as a positive trend and are hopeful that it will ultimately be helpful in conserving the forest resources with more and more youth getting familiarized with the health and recreational benefits



THERE IS A GROWING REALIZATION ALL OVER THE WORLD THAT THE **RELATIONSHIP OF HUMANKIND** with

nature is breaking. That is why the emphasis is on restoration of ecosystems and the decade from 2021 to 2031 has been declared as the decade for ecosystem restoration."

of mountain biodiversity. But as trekking requires more physical strength, mental endurance, and navigation skills as it often involves more difficult terrain and longer trips with heavier loads experts are

of the view that new trekkers, even if they trek once a year, need to be mindful about the possible dangers involved.

"The fact that more and more youth are now turning to nature for health and other benefits is a

Srinagar: Two minor girls were

rescued and while another was

untraceable after the three fell

in a fast flowing Nallah Pohru in Jaggerpora village in north

Kashmir's Kupwara district on

Quoting officials, news agen-

cy GNS reported that three minor girls fell in Nallah Pohru

which was in spate due to heavy

rains Saturday afternoon send-

ing shockwaves across the area.

walking on the wooden bridge

built over the stream when slip-

pers of one of them fell in the

stream. All the three tried to

retrieve it and in the process

they were taken away by the

currents."Soon after the news

spread, the locals and police

rushed to the spot. Police and lo-

cals rescued two girls however the

third one remained untraceable.

"The two girls rescued were

hailing from Mughalpora Nagri

while the missing girl is be-

lieved to be from Mugam-i-

Shahwali Drugmulla", reports

intensified to trace the missing

girl, there were no signs of her

As the rescue operation was

further said.

A report said the girls were

Saturday afternoon,

reaching here said.

Agencies

welcome development. And it is particularly important in a place like Kashmir where people have gone through rough patches for over three decades," said Muhammad Aslam, a mountaineer from north Kashmir who has been on various trekking expeditions in the past 12 years.

But, he cautioned that people need to be physically fit and aware of the challenges involved in trekking. "Besides being physically fit, a trekker aspiring to be a regular trekker, needs to know that trekking involves other More on P11

3 Minor Girls Fall In Kupwara

River; 2 Rescued, 1 Missing

**Inclement Weather Persists** 

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# Yatra Suspended for 2nd Day, 1000's Stranded

**Press Trust Of India** 

Jammu/Srinagar: Amarnath Yatra was suspended for the second consecutive day on Saturday following incessant rains and landslides, leaving thousands of pilgrims stranded in Jammu and at various places en route to the cave shrine.

Union minister Singh assured the pilgrims that senior officials monitoring situation and requested them not to panic and to follow instructions issued by authorities from

time to time. Heavy rains have lashed large parts of Jammu and Kashmir since Thursday night while several high-altitude areas, including Mahagunas Top and adjoining areas near the Amarnath cave shrine, e x perienced

snowfall. Some places witnessed record rainfall over a 24-hour period for July.

"The Yatra remains suspended from both Pahalgam and Baltal routes for the second day due to the inclement weather,' an official said.

"No fresh batch of yatris was allowed (to leave) from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp this morning in view of the suspension of the

Yatra in the Valley and the inclement weather," a po-lice official told

Divisional Commissioner of Jammu Ramesh Kumar said nearly 15,000 pilgrims were stranded in the Jammu region and directed deputy commissioners of five districts to increase accommodation capacity and activate Emergency More on P11

# **LG Announces Additional 10 Kg Ration for 57 Lakh Households**

- Says 14.32 lakh ration card holders to be covered under PM's FSS for priority households
- No alternative to smart meters; Power debt mounted to Rs 31000 Cr in last 4 years;
- Work on for alternate stretch at Panthal on NH; Yatra suspended due to bad weather; SSB exam dates to be out within 15 days

**Observer News Service** 

**Srinagar:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Saturday announced 10 kg additional ration at subsidized rates for priority households of UT under Prime Minister's Food Supplementation Scheme for Priority households. He also said that there was no



alternative to the smart meters as power debt bills for J&K mounted to Rs 31000 Crore in the past four years.

Addressing a press conference at Raj Bhavan here, the LG said that priority households in J&K are already getting 5 kg ration free per member per family. "From now onwards, 10 kg additional ration will be provided to each family More on P11

### 'Abolished **Costly Durbar Move Practice'**

t a separate function LG Manoj Sinha said that soon after he took over the reins of J&K on August 7, 2020, he decided to abolish the practice of annual **Durbar Move that was** causing a huge loss to the exchequer and that all major government services were now almost in online mode. "When the government offices shifted back to Srinagar in May 2021, the decade's long practice of Durbar move ended forever. There

by the evening, reports said. Late in the evening Tehsildar Handwara Shahbaz Ahmad said that the operation was called off as light receded. "Given the night and darkness, the rescue operation has been called off. A large number of people, including children were there and for their safety, this measure has been taken," he said, according to news agency KNO.

The river, he said, was overflowing due to the continuous rains.

"Rescue operation was called off and shall resume early in the morning. Many other measures like traps at different places nearby have also been installed. Hopefully, the girl will be rescued early," he said.

### Azad. **Bukhari Hail Govt Decision**

emocratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad Saturday hailed the announcement of the government to enhance the monthly ration quota for consumers. "Big thanks to the Home Minister Amit Shah, LG Manoj Sinha for heeding our protests and announcing 10 kg additional ration for 57 lakh households in J&K. Our united efforts More on P11

# **More Rain Likely in Next Few Days: Met dept**

he meteorological department said intermittent light to moderate rain is likely to continue at most places in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, with the possibility of neavy to very heavy showers at isolated places of the Jammu division. From July 10 to 14, the weather is likely More on P11

## **Security Forces Remain Alert**

he Army is conducting area domination patrols daily along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway with drones, surveillance equipment and sniffer dogs to ensure a secure passage for Amarnath pilgrims. officials said on Saturday. The drills on the highway are an integral part of the multi-security grid More on P11

# Rains Bring Down Temperature

bringing down the temperature, even as the weatherman on Saturday forecast more till July 9.

A meteorological department official said that in last 24 hours



THE YATRA IS REVIEWED TWICE EVERY **DAY. WE TAKE HOURLY REPORTS.** I hope the weather improves from tomorrow so that the Yatra restarts."

# Jhelum Crosses 'Flood Alert Mark' at Sangam, Pampore

- No need to panic, monitoring situation: Govt
- Record 24-hr rainfall in Pahalgam, Banihal; Qazigund

**Agencies** 

**Srinagar:** The water level has crossed the "flood alert mark" in the River Jhelum, sparking fears of floods among residents of low lying areas of the city especially those living around the river.

The water level increased due to the incessant rainfall in the Kashmir parts for the second consecutive day on Saturday while as the government reiterated on Saturday that there was no need to panic as the situation was being monitored closely.
There was record 24-hour-

rainfall at multiple places in J&K in the month of July, which include Pahalgam and Banihal while Gulmarg, Qazigund and Kokernag recorded the second highest 24 hour precipitation.



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In Pahalgam, 73.3 mm rainfall was recorded in 24 hours, which is the highestever 24 hour precipitation in the month of July so far. The previous highest was 60.4 mm, which was recorded

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on July 16, 1983, according to an Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng. Banihal also received record-breaking 24 hour pre-

cipitation with 103.0 mm,

where the previous highest

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was 83.0 mm on July 25, 1995. However, Qazigund has recorded second highest 24 hour rainfall today at 94.0 mm while Kokernag and Gulmarg also recorded second highest More on P11

# **Geared Up To Tackle Any Situation: CE I&FC**

mid rise in water level in Jhelum river and other tributaries following heavy rainfall, the government on Saturday said that it is monitoring the situation and there was no need to panic.

"Our teams have already geared up to tackle any adverse situation. The water level in Jhelum and other water bodies is increasing, but the weather as per the IMD is going to improve in the afternoon," Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Flood Control department, Naresh Kumar said, as per news agency KNO. He said that he is personally monitoring the situation and there was no need to panic. Earlier, the department also

issued a circular directing all flood zonal committees to remain alert. "In view of forecast of heavy rains predicted by the Meteorological Department from 08-07-2023 to 09-07-2023 all the More on P11

#### S H 0 R 2 soldiers feared **Scooty Rider Killed In Traffic Partially** drowned in Poonch

wo Army soldiers were feared drowned in a swollen stream in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Saturday, officials said. The soldiers were crossing the Dogra nallah at Poshana in Surankote area when they were swept away by flash floods triggered by heavy rains, the officials said. A joint rescue operation by the Army, police and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) is on but there was no trace of the soldiers who More on P11

# **Restored On Highway**

raffic on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was restored partially this morning after remaining suspended for several hours, officials said today. Traffic control unit Ramban said that the highway is open for single way via old alignment of NH-44. Quoting deputy Commissioner, Ramban Mussarat Zia said that NHAI has made the old alignment of NH-44 motorable and vehicles have been allowed moving on oneto-one basis. More on P11

# **Sumbal Mishap**

person lost his life and another was hospitalized with critical injuries in an unascertained nature of accident in Sumbal area of Bandipora, officials said. Two persons riding on a scooty were found in an injured condition near Baharabad village this evening. "The duo was immediately evacuated from the site to CHC Sumbal where one among them succumbed to his injuries", the official said adding the injured was referred to JVC Hospital Srinagar More on P11

### 1st Hajj Flight to **Arrive on July 18**

■ ith the first batch of pilgrims scheduled to return from Saudi Arabia on July 18th, after performing Hajj, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today convened a high level meeting to review the arrangements being made for providing required facilities to Hajjis. Director Airport, SSP Traffic, ADC Sgr, CEO Hajj Committee, Jt. Commissioner SMC, SE Customs, representatives of CISF and CRPF, More on P11

## **Camping at Gulmarg Needs Permission Now**

EO Gulmarg Development Authority, Ghulam Jeelani Zargar Saturday said it has been observed some local visitors and tourists are installing temporary tents on green meadows and hill stocks without proper permission, which is unlawful. "The act has resulted in the destruction of greens and accumulation of excess waste. which causes inconvenience to the tourists," he said. More on P11

# **Lineman Electrocuted** in Rajouri

need based worker of Jammu **Power Distribution Corporation** Limited (JPDCL) died on Saturday after receiving an electric shock while repairing a transformer at Manyal Gali area of Thanamandi sub division in Rajouri district. The death of the need-based worker sparked protests in the area with family members alleging the negligence of the department. The deceased has been identified as Jahangir Khan (35), son of Abdul Aziz of Azmatabad village of Thanamandi tehsil in Rajouri district. More on P11



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### **E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO THE BANK UNDER SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST

(SARFAESI) ACT 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Whereas, Mrs. Shaista Manzoor being one of the Authorized Officer of The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd (hereinafter referred to as the Bank), in exercise of powers conferred under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (the Act) and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the Rules), issued a Demand Notice dated 31-12-2022 thereby interalia calling upon Mr. Mohammad Saleem Naikoo Son of Ghulam Rasool Naikoo Resident of BulBul Nowgam, Sole Proprietor Your Choice etal for payment of its dues aggregating to Rs.32,88,933.17/-(Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Three Rupess & Seventeen Paisa Only) outstanding as on 31.10.2022 together with future interest and other cost and charges within a period of 60 days.

Whereas, Consequent upon failure interalia by the borrower to repay the Bank's dues within stipulated time, Mrs. Shaista Manzoor, being one of the Authorized Officer of the Bank in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the Rules took over the possession of the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinafter under section 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002 or 20.02.2023.

Whereas the undersigned as Authorized Officer of the Bank and in exercise of the powers conferred under the Act and the Rules hereby notifies the sale of the Secured Asset detailed herein for realization

of the dues on "as is where is, a	is is what is, whatever is there is and without recourse" condition.			
Name of the Borrowers/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guaran- tor(s)	(i) Mr. Mohammad Saleem Naikoo Son of Ghulam Rasool Naikoo Resident of BulBul Nowgam, Sole Proprietor Your Choice (Borrower); (ii). Ghulam Rasool Naikoo Son of Abdul Samad Naikoo Resident of Nayak Mohallah Brakpora, Anantnag (Mortgagor) (iii) Sajad Ahmad Dar Son of Sonaullah Dar Resident of Brakpora District Anantnag (Guarantors); (iv) Manzoor Ahmad Ahanger Son of Mohammad Rafiq Ahanger Resident of Sundoo BulBul Nowgam District Anantnag (Guarantors).			
Amount in Demand Notice (excluding interest and other expenses from 01-11-2022)	Rs.32,88,933.17/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Three Rupees & Seventeen Paisa Only)			
Amount Due on 31-05-2023 (Excluding interest from 01-06-2023 up to date.	Rs.28,28,573.22/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Three Rupees & Twenty Two Paisa only).			
Legal and other Charges Due as on 31/05/2023, excluding charges from 01/06/2023 upto date.	Rs.1140/-			
Description of the mortgaged Property/ Secured Asset (Put on sale)	Land measuring Eight (08) Kanals Five (05) Marlas falling under Khasra No.228min, Khata No.108, Khewat No.42 of Estate Mouza Karewa, Brakpora Tehsil and District Anantnag.			
Reserve Price fixed (in lacs)	Rs.88,86,240/- (Rupees Eighty Eight lacs Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Only)			
EMD (in lacs) 10%	Rs.8,88,624/- (Rupees Eight Lacs Eighty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four Only)			
Bid Increase Amount	Rs 25000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)			
Name of the Branch / Office	Branch Office BulBul Nowgam			
Authorized Officer/ Designation	Juneed Ahmad Wani Designation Chief Manager Authorised officer Contact No.01932222440/ 7006277328			
Last Date & Time of submission of EMD and Documents	16.08.2023 up to 04.00 P.M			
Date and Time of e-Auction	17-08-2023 between 02.00 P.M to 04.00 P.M			
Earnest Money Deposit & Other Remittance/s detail/s by RTGS toAccount Number	Account No.0379070700000003 Account Name: E Auction Account (Sundry Pointing) IFSC CODE: JAKAOBBNGAM			
TERMS AND CONDITIONS				

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1) The Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATSOEVER THERE IS BASIS and NO COMPLAINT BASIS". To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties, except specifically disclosed herein. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding the encum brances, title of property/les put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The bidders shall satisfy themselves as to the description, condition or accuracy of the details regarding the property/ies given hereinabove.

2) It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and

2) It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The physical inspection of supra property/ies put on auction will be permitted to interested bidders on Bank's working days between 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM up to 16.08.2023 with prior permission of the Authorized officer. Inspection of the documents relating to the properties will be permitted to the interested bidders or their authorized representatives at Branch BulBul Nowgam between 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM upto 16.08.2023. The bid price shall be absolute in terms and should not be linked to any reference. Conditional bids shall be rejected.

3) The interested bidders shall submit their offer through website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net(the user ID and password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with "https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net") through their login ID and Password. The EMD 10% of RESERVE PRICE shall be payable through NEFT/RTGS/DD (EMD remittance details given above) on or before 04:00 PM on 16.08.2023. Please note that Cheque shall not be accepted as EMD amount.

4) After Registration by the bidders in the web-site, the intending purchaser/ bidder is required to get the copies of following documents uploaded in the web-portal before last date of submission of the bid(s)

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rejected.
5) The Interested bidders who require assistance in creating login ID and password, uploading data submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may avail online training on E-Auction from M/s e-procurement Technologies Ltd. (Auction Tiger), Ahmadabad: Contact Person; Mr. Ram Sharma ,Mobile No. 9978591888/ 9265562818/9265562821/9374519754, Contact No. 079-68136837/68136880 E-Mail ID: ramprasad@auctiontiger.net , support@auctiontiger.net during office hours on working days. 6) Only buyers holding valid User ID/Password and confirmed payment of EMD through NEFT/RTGS shall be eligible for participating in the online auction process.

7) The interested bidders who may have submitted their EMD not below the 10% of reserve price

through online mode/DD before **O4:00 PM on 16.08.2023** shall be eligible for participating in the e-auction. The e-auction of above properties would be conducted exactly on the scheduled date and time as mentioned above by way of inter-se bidding amongst the bidders. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount" against the Property. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes (subject to unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each). The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the reserve price) on closure of online auction shall be declared as successful bidder and a communication to that effect will be issued through electronic mode which sha be subject to approval by the Authorized Officer and Secured Creditor.

8) The Farnest Money Denosit (FMD) of the successful hidder shall be retained towards part sale consid eration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, within next working day of the acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer and the balance **75%** of the sale price on or before 15th day of the sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the Authorized Officer which may not exceed 90 days from the date of auction. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder, the amount already deposited by the Bidder shall be liable to be forfeited and the property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of property/amount.

9) The prospective qualified bidders may avail online training on e-auction from M/S E-Procuremen

Technologies Ltd. prior to the date of e-auction. Neither the Authorized Officer/Bank nor M/s. e-procure ment technologies Ltd shall be liable for any network problem and the interested bidders to ensure that they are technically well equipped for participating in the e-Auction event.

10) The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/additional stamp duty/transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory/non statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessments, charges, fees etc. owing to anybody. The successful bidder shall have to bear taxes on account of the sale over and above the bid amount. The successful bidder shall be solely responsible for transfer of supra Secured Asset in his/her/their/its name.

11) The Authorized Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer and the Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. NOC or any requisite document from any concerned authority for registra tion of Conveyance Deed has to be obtained by the purchaser only.

12) The bidders are advised to go through the detailed terms and conditions of e-auction available on the website of M/S E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction.

13) The publication is subject to the force majeure clause.
14) The sale certificate shall be issued after receipt of entire sale consideration and confirmation of sale by secured creditor. The sale certificate shall be issued in the name of the successful bidder. No request fór change of name in the sale certificate other than the person who submitted the bid / participated i the e-Auction will be entertained.

(15) The bid once submitted by the bidder, cannot be cancelled/ withdrawn and the bidder shall be bound to buy the property at the final bid price. The failure on the part of bidder to comply with any of the terms and conditions of e-Auction, mentioned therein will result in forfeiture of the amount paid by the

(16) Decision of the Authorized Officer regarding declaration of successful bidder shall be final and binding on all the bidders. The Authorized Officer shall be at liberty to cancel the e-Auction process , tender at any time, before declaring the successful bidder, without assigning any reason. The conditiona bids may be treated as invalid. Please note that after submission of the bid/s, no correspondence regard ing any change in the bid shall be entertained. The payment of all statutory / non- statutory dues, taxes rates, assessments, charges, fees etc., owing to anybody shall be the sole responsibility of successfu bidder only. In case of any dispute arises as to the validity of the bid (s), amount of bid, EMD once to the eligibility of the bidder, authority of the person representing the bidder, interpretation and the decision of the Authorized Officer shall be final in such an eventuality, the Bank shall in its sole discretion be

of the Authorized Officer shall be final in such an eventuality, the Bank shall in its sole discretion be entitled to call off the sale and put the property to sale once again on any date and at such time as may be decided by the Bank. For any kind of dispute, bidders are required to contact the concerned authorized officer of the concerned bank branch only.

(17) Special Instructions Bidding in the last moment should be avoided in the bidders own interest. Neither The Jammu & Kashmir Ltd. nor Service provider will be responsible for any lapse/failure (Internet failure/power failure etc.). In order to ward-off such contingent situations bidders are requested to make all necessary arrangements / alternatives such as power supply back-up etc, so that they are

able to circumvent such situation & are able to participate in the auction successfully.

(For detailed term & conditions please refer to website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net of M/s E-procurement Technologies Ltd.).

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (6) READ WITH RULE 9 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 The borrower/ mortgagor and guarantor(s) is/are hereby notified to pay the outstanding sum as

mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-auction and get the property redeemed, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and costs.

Date: 07.07.2023 Juneed Ahmad Wani Place: ANANTNAG **AUTHORIZED OFFICER** 

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DIPK-NB-1753/23 dated: 08-07-2023

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Government of Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

### Office Of The Executive Engineer Mechanical **Hospital And Central Heating Division Srinagar** --Telefax:- 0194-2496089, Email ID:- xenmhchdk@yahoo.in---

Gist of e-tender NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2023-24/44/e-tendering

Dated:-07.07.2023 (Short Term)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from registered/reputed/experienced firms with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (in days)	AA Accorded Vide No:		Earnest Money (in Rupees.)
Servicing of air conditioning units installed in the Administrative Block of Govt Medical College Srinagar	1.95	200			MHCHD/TS/34 Dated:-07/23	
Servicing of air conditioning units installed in the College Building of Govt Medical College Srinagar	2.46	200	5	1	MHCHD/TS/35 Dated:-07/23	5000

Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.  $jktenders.gov.in\,from\,07.07.2023\,(17.00\,hrs)\,and\,can\,be\,downloaded\,from\,07.07.2023(18.00\,hrs).$ 

Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site 08.07.2023(10.00 hrs) to 17.07.2023(12:00hrs) in two (02) covers. Opening of Bids: - The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 17.07.2023 at 14.00 hrs or any

date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar Sd/-

MHCHD/TS/2856-61 DIPK-4719/23 Dt:-08-07-2023

Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagai

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Execuive Engineer **R&B Division Sumbal** 

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FRESH NIT No.35 of 2023-24/R&B Sumbal Division (Single Cover System)

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

S. No		(Rs. In	Doc.(In	Money (In			Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
i	Providing/Fixing view cutter, Signage board flags, gardens, benches and providing of Skilled labours with carriage of furniture and fixture at Yatra Transit Campus Shadinora Sumbal.		200/-	2300/-	,-	Yatra 2023-24	DEE

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

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

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1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	08.07.2023 from 1.00 P.M
3	Bid submission Start Date	08.07.2023 from 1.00 P.M.
4	Bid Submission End Date	13.07.2023 upto 4.00 P.M.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	14.07.2023 at 11.00 A.M in the office of Executive
		Engineer R&B Division Sumbal

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender inviting authority) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender receiving authority).

The successful Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit @3% of contract value in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG within 02 days after opening of Bids which shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP. This will replace the EMD @ 2% of the Advertised cost uploaded by the Bidder. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.iktenders.gov.

The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender receiving authority). The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening

in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.

of Technical bids Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option 7.1 from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.ikt acquaint bid submission process.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' 7.2 as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

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

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. 7.4

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the techni-7.5 cal bid. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (The date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document). and other relevant hid documents shall be obtained from the lowest hidder before the fixation of

contract. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

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

Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal 12. to store such documents as are required.

In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed.

Instructions to Bidder (ITB) 14.

All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualifica-14.1 tion criteria / qualification information with their bids:-

All bidders shall upload Copies of original documents defining constitution/legal status. place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address. Scanned copy of Registration Card with latest renewal on JKPWDOMS portal.

All bidders shall upload Treasury Challan. All bidders shall upload CDR/FDR/BG@ 2% of advertised Cost pledged to opening authority. All bidders shall upload Valid Registration card front and renewal Side (Latest), Valid GS-

TIN No. & PAN No. All bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B and read circular issued by finance

deptt, Vide his No;-FD-CODE/371/2021-02, Dated:-24-02-2023 The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and

its surroundings before submission of bid.

All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language.

Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document (s) which has /have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises

No. R&B/Sbl/23/1572-78. DIPK-4712/23 Dated:-08-07-2023. Sd./

Camp Clerk Head Draftsman

Sd./ **Technical Officer R&B Division Sumbal** 

Sd./ **Executive Engineer** R&B Division Sumbal

### **Public Notice**

My particulars have been wronlgy written in my service records bearing no: G/2502225W Rank Rfn/GD of 25th Assam Rifles Jalukhie and needs to be corrected as per below given details

Wrong Name	Correct Name
Javed Ahmad Sheikh	Javed Ahmad Sheikh
Najma Nisa	Najmu Nisa
Haia Banu	Haia Bano
Madeeha Jayed	Madeeha Javed
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If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the Concerned Office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

bmg

Javed Ahmad Sheikh S/o Late Ab Hameed Sheikh R/o Kandhama Tehsil Beerwah District Budgam

### **Land On Sale** In Firdous Colony Eidgah, Srinagar.

10 marals of land is on sale in Firdous Colony Eidgah, Srinagar. The land is earth filled and cemented blocked.

For further details, interested persons can contact on following phone number, during day time. Contact No. 7006997593

### The Jammu and Kashmir **State Board Of School Education**

New Campus Bemina Srinagar Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:

Roll No. 2603257 Class 10th Year & Session Annual Regular 2018 Registration: NI7460570016

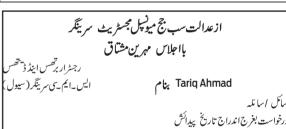
Name : Fayaq Showket Father's Name: Showket Ahmad Malla Mother's Name : Nighat Begum Date of Birth:- 16-04-2004

Residenc:- Patushay Bandipora According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication

of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 18ARKAM- 1010307 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/23 Dated 06-07-2023  $BB_r$ 

**Assistant Secretary** Certificates, KD.



/ پيدائش: 1980-20-02 معامله مندجه عنوان الصدريين سائل سائله نے عدالت مذامين ايک درخواست بشمول حلفی بغرض Tarig Ahmad S/o Abdul Ahad Dar

Tariq Ahmad

مورخه مورخه 03-07-2023 پیش کی ہے لہذاعوام الناس کو Rho Baghwanpora Barbar Shah Sgr ۔ بذر بعداشتہارمطلع کیاجا تا ہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذر یااعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے مذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندروس یوم عدالت میں آ کرپیش کرے۔ بعد گز رنے معیاد کوئی عذریا عتراض قابلِ قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت ہذامیں 2023-07-10 کومقررہے۔

بااجلاس مهرين مشأق

رجىڑار برتھس اينڈ ڈیتھس

Khursheed Ah Bhat پیام

درخواست بغرج اندراج تاریخ پیدائش ' ام: Arshid Ahmad Bhat

تاريخ / پيرائش: 1991-22-23 معامله مندجه عنوان الصدر مين سائل سائله نے عدالت منزامين ايك درخواست بشمول حلفي بغرض

Arshid Ah Bhat S/o Khursheed Ah Bhat ں چیر ں . R/o Humhama Srinagar مورخه 202-07-04 پیش کی ہے۔ کہذا موام الناس کو

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'Catch the Rain, Save the Water'

# DC Srinagar Sets Dept Wise Timeline

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR JULY 08:- To review and discuss the key action points for implementation of "Catch the Rain, Save the Water"-2023 initiative under Jal Shakti Abhiyan, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here today at Meeting Hall of the DC office Complex.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Programme Officer, ICDS, Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Deputy Education Officer, Executive Engineers from Irrigation & Flood Control, SMC, PHE, REW, besides,

ity for Drinking Water" for year 2023 with the view to improve the effectiveness of consumption of water, reducing the loss of water, recharge of ground water by rain water harvesting methods and afforestation.

The DC also took a detailed review of the plans reflecting the provisions for Direct Recharge Structures (under JJM) and other indirect interventions like creation of Artificial Storages, Spring rejuvenation etc. which are being carried out under different schemes like MGNREGS, CAPEX, IWMP etc. and these works form main component of Jal Shakti Abhiyan.

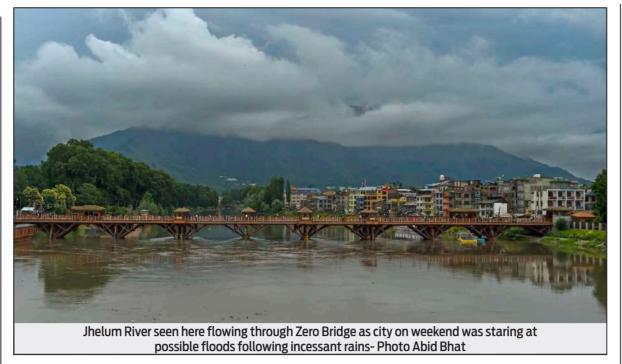
On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner set a timeline of July 11, 2023 for



representatives from Department of Ecology Environment and Remote Sensing, KVIB, and other concerned.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner held discussions regarding the implementation of "Catch the Rain, Save the Water" initiative by the line Departments under Jal Shakti Abhiyan with the central theme "Source Sustainabil-

all line Departments to frame Scientific based Conservation Plan for Source Sustainability of Drinking Water covering both rural and urban areas in the District. He stressed on making extra efforts for efficient management of water conservation and rain water harvesting besides fully tapping ground water sources and springs across the District.



# All Set For Smooth Arrival of Hajis at Srinagar Airport

- Ist flight with Hajj pilgrims to arrive on 18th July
- Div Com convenes meeting of officers, reviews all arrangements

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR, JULY 08: With the first batch of pilgrims scheduled to return from Saudi Arabia on July 18th, after performing Hajj, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today convened a high level meeting to review the arrangements being made for providing required facilities to Hajjis.

Director Airport, SSP Traffic, ADC Sgr, CEO Hajj Committee, Jt. Commissioner SMC, SE Customs, representatives of CISF and CRPF, Hajj Officer, besides representatives of Jal Shakti, KPDCL, Fire and Emergency, Security Homeguards, SRTC etc.

Security, Homeguards, SRTC etc. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioners of all districts of Kashmir, Jammu and Kargil attended the meeting through video conferencing.

At the outset, the DC directed the concerned officers to prepare facilitation of rousing welcome to the J&K bound Hajis (Hajj Pilgrims) upon their return from Saudi Arabia after the culmination of annual pilgrimage, 2023.

The meeting was informed that 12000 Pilgrims from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh performed Hajj this year. Return Hajj flights from Saudi Arabia to Srinagar will operate from July 18th to August 02, 2023.

A total of 38 flights shall fly Hajj pilgrims from Saudi Arabia to here, with two flights to operate on the first three days and afterwards three flights will operate till the return of all pilgrims.

The meeting discussed threadbare

various issues relating to arrival of Hajj Flights, reception, arrival timings, airlifting of luggage and Aab-e-Zam Zam, deployment of Home Guards volunteers, parking facilities, vehicle passes to attendants and transport arrangements for pilgrims.

The Div Com directed CEO Hajj Committee to ensure color coded passes for attendants of pilgrims entering the airport. He also directed the concerned Officers for setting up medical facilities, deployment of fire tenders with crew, regulation of traffic at airport, besides un-interrupted drinking water and power supply at Hajj House and proper sanitation in and around Hajj House etc.

# Mayor of Srinagar addresses 'U20 Mayoral Summit' at Ahmedabad

Says, Srinagar city has the distinction of being designated as part of UNESCO Creative Cities Network in Crafts & Folk Arts

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: The Mayor of Srinagar, Junaid Azim Mattu today said that Srinagar city has the distinction of being designated as a part of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in the field of Crafts and Folk Arts, the only second city in India in this category after Jaipur.

The Mayor of Srinagar said this while addressing U20 Mayoral Summit at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

During his address, Mattu said, local culture plays an important role in not only how a city functions but how a city grows and redefines itself from time to time. Srinagar being the oldest and heritage city in the country has championed in surviving of traditional economy and local culture which is a great achievement in itself, he added.

Sharing his insights at the U20 Mayoral Summit's Thematic Session on 'Championing Local Culture and Economy', Mattu said, championing of local culture and economy of a city is not only important from the perspective of identity as people of the city but is also important in the perspective of sustainable job creation and economic development of the city.

Mayor of Srinagar emphasized, there is a drastic need and the time has come to liberalise our laws to meet the growing urban challenges.

It is worth mention-

ing here that Junaid Azim Mattu has the privilege of participating in the U20 Urban Mayoral Summit held in Ahmedabad. Known for his visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to his city, Mattu actively engaged in the summit to contribute his valuable insights and expertise on pressing urban challenges.

Throughout the summit, Mattu actively participated in discussions and exchanges of ideas with



fellow mayors from around the world. He shared his extensive knowledge and experiences in urban development, governance, and sustainable practices, among other crucial topics that impact cities globally.

Mattu's presence at the U20 Urban Mayoral Summit not only showcased his exceptional leadership but also highlighted his city's commitment to addressing urban issues on an international platform. By actively participating in such esteemed gatherings, he ensured that the voice of his city was heard and its interests were well-represented among the global community of mayors.

# **PMAY (GRAMEEN): TRUTH & FACTS**

(PMAY) was launched with the aim to provide housing at an affordable price to the weaker sections of the society, lower income group people, urban poor, and rural poor. PMAY (Grameen) started on 1.4.2016 by Ministry of rural Development, Gol under "Housing for all by 2022". Per unit assistance of 1.30 lakhs is provided per house by Govt of India under the scheme.

2016: 2,57,349 Houseless cases were identified in J&K in SECC data 2011 & after due verification process - only 136152 cases were sanctioned.

2019: Based on Pan India PMAY (Grameen) survey during January, 2018 to March, 2019, to identify those beneficaries which

- claimed to have been left out under the 2011 SECC 2.65 Lakhs houseless cases were recorded in J&K and target of 63426 houses was given. These houses have been sanctioned in 2022.
- 2023: Based on good performance 199550 more PMAY (Grameen)
- houses have been sanctioned as a special dispensation-Out of which 2711 cases were identified who don't own land
- Government has taken a policy decision to allot 5 marlas of land to these **2711** cases so that they can build their own houses.

J&K Government is committed to serving poor and landless people who were deprived of basic amenities such as a roof over their head through reform measures

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Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Government of Jammu & Kashmir

# Two Men Involved In Shah **Cheragh Terrorist Attack That Killed 15 Executed**

ranian judicial authorities have executed two men who had been sentenced to death for involvement in a deadly terrorist attack last October on the revered Shah Cheragh shrine in the southern province of Fars.

Mizan news agency, affiliated with the Iranian Judiciary, reported on Saturday that the two, identified as Mohammad Ramez Rashidi and Naeim Hashem Qetali, were hanged at dawn in the provincial capital city of Shiraz, following ten court sessions attended by their lawyers and the fact that Iran's Supreme Court had upheld their death penalty in mid-March.

According to the report, the men had said during their trial that they had been in contact with the Daesh Takfiri terrorist group in neighboring Afghanistan, and helped organize the attack on the holy shrine in

rest of 26 Takfiri terrorists for involvement in the attack. The statement said the men were nationals of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan, and none of them was Iranian. During a court session in

Shiraz on March 15, Qetali, an Afghan national, confessed to making preparations for supporting the prime attacker in Tehran and pleaded guilty to directly helping the attacker and financially supporting

members of the group.

The court accused him of aiding and abetting "corruption on earth" through financial participation and support for Daesh elements in Iran.

Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, in a message on October 27, pledged that the perpetrators of the "outrageous" crime will definitely face punishment.

'The grief of these dears and desecration of the shrine of Ahl al Bayt will, however, not be compensated unless through



Mizan also said that other convicts, identified as Mohammad Rahmani, Mostafa Jaan-Amani and Hamidullah Kabuli, were respectively sentenced to 25. 15 and 5 years in prison.

On October 26, 2022, an armed terrorist barged into the Shah Cheragh shrine in Shiraz, killing 15 pilgrims, including women and children, and injuring dozens more before he was arrested by security forces.

The terrorist was later pronounced dead at a hospital, succumbing to injuries sustained during the attack that sent shockwaves across the country.

A few suspects were immediately nabbed, and, some two weeks later, the Intelligence Ministry announced the artracking these disastrous acts back to where they originate from and through adopting decisive and wise measures against it," the Leader said.

IRGC repels terrorist attack in southeast Iran Also on Saturday morn-

ing, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps foiled a terrorist attack on a police station in the southeast of the country, killing all four assailants.

In a statement, the IRGC said the terrorists raided the police station in the city of Zahedan in Sistan and Baluchestan province, but they faced stiff resistance from law enforcement forces stationed there and were all shot dead. Two law enforcement forces were martyred in

# **US to send cluster** bombs to Ukraine, drawing criticism



The United States announced Friday it will provide cluster munitions to Ukraine for the first time as Kyiv's forces face tough fighting in their counteroffensive against invading Russian troops.

The move drew sharp criticism from rights groups due to the danger unexploded bomblets pose, but Washington said it has received assurances from Kyiv that it would minimize risk to civilians, including by not using the mu-

nitions in populated areas.
President Joe Biden told CNN that the decision to provide the munitions was "very difficult," but that Ukrainian forces were "running out of ammunition.'

"They either have the weapons to stop the Russians now -- keep them from stopping the Ukrainian offensive through these areas -- or they don't. And I think they needed them," he said.

A new military aid package announced Friday includes "dual-purpose improved conventional munitions," the

Pentagon said in a statement, referring to cluster bombs.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky rapidly expressed gratitude for the "much-needed" aid, tweeting that "the expansion of Ukraine's defense capabilities will provide new tools for the de-occupation of our land and bringing peace closer."

US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan explained the decision by saying there is "a massive risk of civilian harm if Russian troops and tanks roll over Ukrainian positions and take more Ukrainian territory and subjugate more Ukrainian civilians because Ukraine does not have enough artillery."

Kyiv "has provided written assurances that it is going to use these in a very careful way," he said, noting that Ukraine's government "has every incentive to minimize risk to civilians, because it's their citizens."

Ukraine pledged that it would not use the rounds in civilian-populated areas, and would record where they use them to assist demining efforts after the war, added US Undersecretary of Defense

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'Keep them in the fight'

The United States would also not provide cluster munitions with a "dud rate" of more than 2.35 percent, Kahl said, contrasting this with 30-40 percent rate of such weapons used by Russia in Ukraine.

Referring to the Ukrainian counteroffensive, he said "it's been hard sledding, because the Russians had... six months to dig in. And so those defensive belts that the Russians have put in place in the east and in the south are hard -they'd be hard for any military to punch through."

We want to make sure that the Ukrainians have sufficient artillery to keep them in the fight in the context of the current counteroffensive, and because things are going a little slower than some had hoped, there are very high expendi-tures of artillery." But rights groups have come out strongly against the United States providing the munitions.

Human Rights Watch said that "transferring these weapons would inevitably cause long-term suffering for civilians and undermine the international opprobrium of their use opposes.

# **Yemen:** Saudi Arabia preparing to exit costly war?

Agencies

fractured political landscape in Yemen, long under the influence of regional powers, could soon become even more complicated. According to the Yemen Press Agency, the first Saudi-backed administrative council opened in the region of Hadramawt in June, and the second such council is planned for later this month in the port city of Aden.

Once in place, these Saudibacked bodies are set to foster the idea of a united Yemen in stark contrast to the United Arab Emirates-backed Southern Transitional Council and its quest for secession from the rest of the country.

"The timing is key, as Saudi Arabia's peace negotiations with the Iran-aligned Houthi militia seem to be failing and Saudi Arabia wants to get a foot into the country's south, although it could have done this years ago," Matthew Hedges, a London-based independent Yemen researcher and regional expert, told DW. "It could be an indication of Saudi Arabia's admittance that Yemen might split into two."

Yemen has been at war since 2014. when Houthi rebels seized

to the question of secession.

Over the past decade, Yemen has been divided into three parts: a Houthi-controlled region in the north, the UAEbacked Southern Transitional Council in the south and the government-controlled rest of the country, backed by the Saudi coalition.

Saudi Arabia's real interest: Exiting the war

Observers, however, actually doubt these new councils are going to affect the political affiliations in the south.

"It is unlikely that the new council in Aden will develop into a wider community of support or to a wider political movement that can genuinely confront the Southern Transitional Council," said Hedges. In fact, he rather sees these new administrative bodies as "setting the cat among the pigeons."

This view is echoed by Mohamed al-Iriani, a research analyst at the Yemen Policy Center, an independent think tank in Sanaa. "Saudi Arabia has made repeated attempts to form a political coalition in Aden, particularly with those political factions that share aspirations for a united Yemen," he told DW. "These efforts have proven unsuccessful."

However, the researcher



the then-capital, Sanaa, and ousted the internationally recognized government. In 2015, the situation escalated when a Saudi-led coalition of nine countries, including the United Arab Emirates, intervened in an effort to restore the government. which has meanwhile become the Presidential Leadership Council. The United Arab Emirates are firm Saudi allies in all respects – except when it comes

sees another benefit that could be provided by the Saudi-backed councils. If Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates overcame their differences in the south, these new councils "could potentially facilitate consensusbuilding in local dialogues among southern factions," said al-Iriani. This, he added, "could aid the Saudi-led coalition's exit from the war."

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ELECTRIC DIVISION HANDWARA KASHMIR POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED (KPDCL)

Telephone No./Fax: 019455-262220, e-mail: exen.edhandwara@gmail.com e-NIT No: 29 of 2023-24 Dated: 03-07-2023 **NOTICE INVITING TENDER** 

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), 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&KPDD/ 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:

١	S No.	Description of work:	in Lacs)	(In Rs)	Document	AA No. & Date	tion Period
	1 1	Installation of LT Network at Ward No 02 and 01 at Dahama B Panchayat Halqa Dahama B Block Ramhall	2.91	Rs 5830.00/=	Rs 208.00	43-DDCK of 2023 Dated: 15-06-2023	90 days
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#### <u>TIME SCHEDULE</u> The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http:// A Date & Time of Publishing of Standard Bidding Document 04-07-2023 02:00 PM B e-Bid submission (start) date & time 02:00 PM 04-07-2023 02:00 PM 04-07-2023 Clarification start date & time D Clarification end date & time 27-07-2023 04:00 PM F Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time. 28-07-2023 12:30 PM Online financial e-Bid opening date &time (Only of the technically qual- | Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders through ified bidders). email. H Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids Office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara (KPDCL).

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

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 5. 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.jkpdd.net/ under "Standards and Specification"

10. 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. 11. 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 JKPDD

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 13. 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

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: 15. Cost of e-Bid Document, amount specified in the table (Only Treasury Challan shall be accepted).

The contractor has to produce the test certificates of all the material for all kind of works.

PAN Card along with latest ITR. Valid Registration Card with validity up to date.

and contactor has to process and follow-up for same

**GST Registration** SBD.

3.

Earnest Money Deposit.

Affidavit as per SBD

(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

No.: EDH/1037-39 DIPK-NB-1758-23 Dated: 03-07-2023 **Executive Engineer** DT: 08/07/2023 **Electric Division Handwara** 

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

eNIT No STD-II /25of 2023-24 Dated 07/07/2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, (In Two Cover System) is hereby invited from A-class electrical contractors/ registered firms enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/DGS&D and Inspection Agency/Transformer Repairing Agencies to fix "Supply Installation Testing and commissioning of 33/0.433kV 100kVA Auxillary Transformer at Receiving Station IchgamBudgam"

SNO	Description of Work	Earnest Money (In Lacs)	Estimated Cost(In Lacs)	Last date of submis- sion of e-bid
01	Supply Installation Testing and commissioning of 33/0.433kV 100kVA Auxillary Transformer at Receiving Station IchgamBudgam	Rs 8700.00	Rs 4.34Lacs	21-07-2023; 2:30pm

Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications by the bidder. The tender document is available on website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view or download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid on line up to date as per the details mentioned in the table below:

The standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over A Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document http://jktenders.gov.in from 10-07-2023; 10:00am B Sale of Bid Document (Start) 10-07-2023; 10:00am C Sale of Bid Document (End) 21-07-2023; 2:30pm e-Bid submission (start) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other 10-07-2023; 10:00am supporting documents in PDF/XLS format) e-Bid submission (End) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other 21-07-2023; 2:30pm supporting documents in PDF/XLS format) Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date and time 22-07-2023: 2:30pm Online financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders) | Will be communicated to the technically qualified bidders H | Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids The office of Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar Rs 300.00 (RupeesThree Hundred Only) Cost of e-bid document J Amount of Earnest Money Deposit Rs 8700.00 (Rupees Eight Thousand seven hundred Only)

The bidders need to submit the proof/Cost of e-Bid document as stated above through e-Challan/Treasury Receipt pledged to Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar to be credited to M.H-0801-Power payable at Srinagar. The scanned copy of the e-Challan/Treasury Receipt must be enclosed along with the e-Bids. No demand Draft shall be accepted. All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR / FDR only, pledged to the Executive Engineer, STD-II,Rajbagh, Sri-

nagar. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department. Hard Copy of e-bid (complete) shall have to be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar only from the bidder who is

declared L1 after opening of financial bids.

The date and time of opening of financial bids shall be notified on web site http://jktenders.gov.in. This is conveyed to the qualified bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The financial bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same web site at the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar.

The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the identified venue on indicated date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder' representative

The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will

In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being a holiday/closed day for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the same time and place.

All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/ BOQ should be up loaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.

To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate(DSC)'class III(b) As per InformationTechnologyAct-2000,to participate in online bidding.

Hard Copy of requisite documents shall be required to be submitted only by the Lowest Tenderer along with original CDR and e-Challan/Treasury Receipt instantly after opening of e-NIT pledged to Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar.

The Name of the Work/Job along with e-NIT reference should be superscripted in bold letters on the envelope and the Name/Firm should be clearly written

The name of the bidder and e-NIT no, shall be clearly written on the cover. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. Any other information regarding

e-tendering process can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar. No: STD-II/1342-44/Ts Dated:07-07-2023

Executive Engineer, Sub Transmission Division-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar

# Mega Job Fair-2023 Opens at GDC Boys Baramulla

Around 900 enthusiastic Youth participated in the Fair

**Observer News Service** 

BARAMULLA: In order to facilitate educated youth of the district with employment opportunities in different sectors, a day-long mega job fair was today inaugurated by Director Employment Jammu and Kashmir, Nissar Ahmad Wani at Government Degree College

(GDC) Boys, here. Principal GDC for Boys, Assistant Director Employment, Career Counseling Officer and EO of DE&CC Baramulla were present at the event.

The day-long mega job fair

Later, around 42 candidates were given offer letters on the

During the event, the job Seekers with varied skills were shortlisted by the companies for different jobs, while participating candidates were also urged to get registered on the NCS employment portal for getting information about the job opportunities.

Addressing the gathering, the Director highlighted the importance of the event and underlined that the event would serve as an excellent platform for introducing skilled unem-



programme was organised by District Employment and Counseling Centre (DE&CC) Baramulla in active collaboration with GDC Boys Baramulla.

As many as 20 employers from different sectors including Hospitality, Banking, Finance, Insurance, Transport, IT, Education, construction etc participated in the event. The event also witnessed an overwhelming response from job seekers as around 900 plus youth across the district par-

ticipated in the programme. 207 candidates were shortlisted till date for 500 vacancies offered by 20 Employers/Job Providers across the district. ployed youth of Baramulla with recruiters.

He also urged the youth to get registered with online portal jakemp.nic.in and informed them that the portal has also been integrated with NCS portal which has 1.92 lakh employers onboard. He also informed that more than 50 thousand unemployed youth from J&K have already registered at the platform.

Elaborating further, the Director asserted that the platform aimed to bridge the gap between job seekers and employers, providing an opportunity for aspiring individuals to secure meaningful employment.

# 95% of 111-Km-long Katra-Banihal **Rail Line Complete: Officials**

**Press Trust of India** 

BANIHAL/JAMMU: Top Northern Railway officials here Saturday said 95 per cent of the work on the 111-km-long Katra-Banihal rail line has been completed

They said Northern Railways General Manager Shobhan Chaudhuri inspected the ongoing work on the Katra-Banihal section of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line (USBRL) project on Friday.

ensive inspection of the project and other ongoing works in Jammu and Kashmir. He was accompanied by the USBRL's Chief Administrative Officer S P Mahi, Director R K Hegde and other senior officials.

Mahi explained to the team that of the 272-kilometre stretch of the project, 161 kilometres of railway tracks have already been commissioned.

"On the remaining 111-kilometre-long Katra-Banihal section, work is completed up to 95 per cent in spite of all geological, topographical, and meteorological challenges," he said.

Chaudhuri commenced his inspection from Katra onwards by motor trolley up to tunnel Chaudhuri carried out an in- T1 and thereafter, conducted an exhaustive inspection and review of tunnel T1 at the site with officers and the agency.

He further conducted an inspection of the world's highest Chenab railway bridge.

# **Annual Kailash Yatra** scheduled from Sept 11

DDC Doda discusses arrangements with line departments, religious organizations

**Observer News Service** 

BHADERWAH: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda, Vishesh Mahajan today convened a meeting here in Dak Bunglow Bhaderwah to discuss the arrangements for forthcoming Yatras in the district, particularly the annual Kailash Yatra.

BDC chairman, Omi Chand; DDC councilor, Yudhvir Singh; Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom; ADC Bhader-wah, Chowdhary Dil Mir; Chief Medical Officer, ACD, CAHO, ASP Bhaderwah, Tehsildar Bhaderwah, BDO Bhaderwah, XEN R&B Bhaderwah, DFO Bhaderwah, XEN BDA, OC 33-CRPF, EO MC Bhaderwah, Representatives of various other departments and president Sanatan Dharam Sabha Bhaderwah, Kailash Sewa Sangh and other trustees were present in the meeting.

President Sanathan Dharam Sabha, Bhaderwah, informed the meeting about the schedule of forthcoming Kailash Yatra in the district and sought cooperation from District administration for smooth conduct of the historical Pilgrimage.

The Kailash Yatra, as informed by the president SDS, is scheduled to be held on 11th Septem-

ber to 12th September 2023. The Sanatan Dharam Sabha called upon administration to make foolproof security arrangements for the pilgrims and ensure maintenance of

roads, availability of drinking water, presence of medical staffs along the route of Yatra, accommodation of pilgrims, arrangements of buses, arrangements of firewood at yatra venues, arrangements of power through Generators besides other facilities viz toilets at different locations enroute and at venues.

Responding to the issues raised by the Sabha, the DDC issued on the spot directions with respect to different Yatras which are going to be held to

different religious places. Regarding Security, SSP Doda was asked to deploy a sufficient number of police personnel along the Yatra routes to ensure the safety of pilgrims. He further directed the ASP Bhaderwah to ensure hassle free movement of vehicles carrying pilgrims.

The DFO Bhaderwah was asked to clear the inconveniences along the traditional route and make availability of firewood at kailash kund and at Hayan where Yatra will have a night halt.

The DDC stressed on making adequate provision of drinking water on the yatra route to meet the requirement of the huge rush of pilgrims expected this year. He further insisted upon the R&B department to clear the landslides on Bhaderwah Chamba road for smooth and hassle free movement of vehicles during the days of Yatra.

# **Banaras Hindu University Holds Urology Alumni Meet at Srinagar**

LG Sinha pays tributes to Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya



Says country expects valuable contribution of alumni in critical areas of socio-economic development

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed the Banaras Hindu University-BHU Urology Alumni Meet, organized by the Department of Urology, SKIMS at Srinagar, today.

In his address on the occasion, the Lt Governor lauded the significant contribution of BHU alumni to the knowledge economy and pioneering new areas of research for all round development of the country.

The Lt Governor paid tributes to Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and remembered his lifelong campaigns that have brought social and economic transformation in Indian society.

"Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya had scripted India's industrial revolution. Now, the country expects valuable contribution of alumni in critical areas of socio-economic development and in a rapidly changing global environment, we have to focus on developing indigenous capa-

bilities," the Lt Governor said. "Alumni have onerous responsibility of mentoring youth, building strong network to harness their existing potential to realize the dreams and ambitions of new India," the Lt Governor observed.

All the Alumni need to take a pledge to contribute to reforms, speeding up of infrastructure development and building of strong educational institutions to prepare today's young generation for tomorrow's challenges, he said.

At the Alumni Meet, the Lt Governor highlighted several milestones achieved in the health and medical education sector of J&K.

guidance of Under the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, we are making sincere efforts to augment the health infrastructure and ensuring accessible, affordable and quality healthcare services to all, he added.

He also urged the BHU alumni for their active participation to strengthen the healthcare ecosystem of J&K UT.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor released souvenir of BHU Alumni meet, and publications on Medicos and NEET MCH Exam.

Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K Waqf Board; Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary Health and Medical Education; Prof. Parvaiz Ahmad Koul, Director SKIMS; Head of Departments from BHU and GMC, former HoDs, alumni of BHU and their family members were

# **CJ Inaugurates Legal Aid Clinics** at Tangdhar, Teetwal

Interacts with bar, students, civil administration

**Observer News Service** 

**KUPWARA:** On the second day of his visit to Kupwara district, Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiswar Singh on Saturday inaugurated Legal Aid Clinics at Tangdhar and Teetwal and interacted with bar members, students and civil administration here.

Principal Secretary to Chief Justice M K Sharma, District and Sessions Judge Kupwara (Chairperson, DLSA Kupwara) Shazia Tabasum; Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan; Principal Government Degree College Kupwara, Prof. Haroon Rashid, SSP Kupwara, Yougal Manhas; Civil Judge/ Munsiff, Tangdhar Court, Faizan I Nazar; DDC Member Karnah, Adv. Najma Hamid, President Bar association, Qazi Mehboob Illahi, Members of Bar association Karnah and local PRIs and officers of Tehsil administration were present at the inauguration functions

of legal aid clinics held at Government Degree College Tangdhar and Teetwal.

After inaugurating the Legal Aid clinic, the Chief Justice delivered Presidential address in which he invoked the Preamble of the Constitution which calls for securing justice for all citizens to highlight the importance of providing free legal aid to vast sections of people who are still unaware of their legal rights and privileges".

"Judiciary has to play important role apart from adjudication, that is legal awareness", Justice Kotiswar said.

The Chief Justice further said that Judiciary has to ensure that people's rights are not being trampled upon and dignity of the individuals is respected. He underscored the importance of legal aid clinics in enhancing the people's access to

"Legal aid clinics are one of the important ways to fulfill our Constitutional pledge of ensuring access to justice for one and all," he said.

The Chief Justice further remarked that PLVs are foot soldiers and can play important role in making legal aid clinics more vibrant and effective by going to grassroots for legal awareness among the people to increase their access to justice.

"Legal aid clinics are one of the important ways to fulfill our Constitutional pledge of ensuring access to justice for one and all," Justice Kotiswar said. He added that our responsibility is to help those who are in need of help.

While congratulating District administration Kupwara, Chief Justice said that I am happy to note that development has taken place in Tangdhar and Teetwal areas. Rich history and contribution of Karnah residents are immense, though there are some difficulties, but by co-operation and coordination we can over come these difficulties, he said.

# **Political Process, Statehood** Key to Normalcy in J&K: Karan Singh

**Press Trust of India** 

JAMMU: The political process has to be restored in Jammu

and Kashmir, veteran Congress leader Karan Singh said as he batted for early assembly elections in the Union Territory as well as reinstating its statehood.

He also acknowledged that the law and order situation is "better" in Jammu and Kashmir, saying there has been a cessation of shutdown calls and "Hurriyat fatwas". But it cannot be claimed that there is "100 percent complete control", Singh told PTI in an interview.

The Congress leader said that "at some point in time, the political process has to be restored". "Statehood has to be restored. Only then (when statehood and political process is restored), we can say that total normalcy has set in (Jammu and Kashmir)," Singh said.

He highlighted that panchayat elections have already taken place, and now it is imperative to hold assembly elections as soon as possible.

"It is assembly elections that are to be held now. They should be held as soon as possible. It is for the government to decide when it will do it. That is their prerogative," Singh said.

In August 2019, the government abrogated Article 370, which granted special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu us see what will happen in the and Kashmir, and bifurcated it

in Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

To a question on peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kash-

mir, he said calls for shutdowns and "Hurriyat fatwas" have ceased, resulting in a better environment.

"The calls (for shutdown) and fatwas of Hurriyat are

now shut. Law and order is better. But we cannot say that everything is 100 per cent under control. At any time something could happen. But it (situation) has improved," Singh said.

The Congress leader also noted that development projects are being implemented in the region and mentioned those for the Dal Lake and under the Smart Cities programme.

On the current political developments, Singh said in a democracy, both the government and the opposition should be strong. He viewed the emergence of a robust opposition as positive development.

"In a democracy, the government should be strong and the opposition should also be strong. It is a good thing that the opposition is emerging as strong," the Congress leader

On whether the June 23 opposition meet in Patna indicated a growing strength of the opposition, Singh suggested that it is too soon to draw conclusions. "Let us see. Too soon to say. Let days to come," he said.

# NEET Qualifiers, 10th/12th **Class Toppers of Kashmir Dvn Felicitated**



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Principal Secrethe NEET qualifiers as well as 10th and 12th class toppers of Kashmir Division in a function organised by Directorate of School Education Kashmir at Government Girls Higher Secondary Kothibagh here.

Special Secretary SED, Naseer Ahmed Wani; Project Director Samagra, Deep Raj Kanethia; Director School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Hussain Mir, CEOs, Principals of Higher Secondary Schools, Teachers, Parents and large number of students were present on the occasion.

Speaking during the felicitation ceremony, the Princi-

pal Secretary highlighted that these achievers should remain connected to their alma mater tary, Education department, and keep passing on this legacy Alok Kumar today felicitated to other students. He advised the achievers to give back to the society what they have achieved and give due credits to the teachers and the parents for this success.

Alok Kumar ,on the occasion, also advised the students to take full benefits of Prime Minister's Scholarship scheme.

While speaking on the occasion, Director School Education Kashmir emphasized that the students should follow these success stories and work hard as there is no short cut to success. He added that the achievers should mentor others for achieving the same feat.

# **Implementing UCC Not Easy Like Revoking** Article 370: Azad

**SRINAGAR:** Former Union minister Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday cautioned the Centre over implementing a uniform civil code, saying it will affect all religions.

Talking to reporters here, he also said that implementing UCC will not be "easy as it was to revoke Article 370".

"There is no question (of implementing it). It is not easy as it was to revoke Article 370. All religions are involved in it. Not only Muslims. but Christians and Sikhs also, tribals, Jains, Parsis, annoying all these people at once, will not be good for any government," the chairman of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party

(DPAP) said. "So, I suggest this government to not even think about taking this step," he said.

UCC refers to a common set of laws that are applicable to all citizens of India that is not based on religion and dealing with marriage, divorce, inheritance and adoption among other matters.

The DPAP chairman welcomed the announcement of the land-for-landless policy by the Jammu and Kashmir administration, but demanded that land be given only to the poor residents of the Union Territory and not outsiders.

"Land should be given, but there is a condition. We welcome the announcement, but it should (be given) only to the poor residents of Jammu and Kashmir. That is important," he

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

# OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER DEPARTMENT OF FLORICULTURE KASHMIR SRINAGAR

e-NIT No: 16 of 2023-24 Dated: 08.07.2023.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory, J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Registered Manufacturers /Suppliers/Authorized Dealer/ Distributors/Firms with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	Class of Participants	Major A/c Head
1	2	3	4	5		8
	Supplying of Electronic Devices for the Of- fice of Ex. Engineer, Floriculture Department Kashmir.	03.29	8580/-	200/-	Manufacturers/ Authorized Dealers/ Distributors.	Capex Budget 2023-24

Position of AAA/TS : Accorded Position of funds : Available

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of

1.	Period of downloading of bidding Document	08/07/2023 from 04:00 PM to 18/07/2023 up to 04:00 PM			
2.	Bid submission Start Date.	04/07/2023from 04:30 PM			
3.	Bid submission End date	18/07/2023 up to 04:00 PM			
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	19/07/2023 at 02:00 PM			

- 1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-Challan/copy of receipt from Treasury favouring of Executive Engineer, Floriculture Department Kashmir(Tender inviting authority) indicating name of work by crediting the requisite charges to the MH: 0406-02-112-Public Gardens (Floriculture Department Kashmir) in favour of Executive Engineer (Tender inviting authority)
- Intendingbidders must upload earnest money (EMD @ 2% of the Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i,e Executive Engineer Floriculture Department Kashmir.
- The lst. Lowest(Successful bidder)has to produce an amount equal to 5% of cost of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Floriculture Department Kashmir (Tender receiving authority) within three (03) days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of work. However, the earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the work/DLP.

No exemption is allowed and so all bidders must upload proof of EMD and Tender processing Fee.

(Er. Syed Hilal Ahmad) **Executive Engineer** Department of Floriculture KASHMIF

Dated: 08.07.2023 DIPK-4738-23 DT: 08/07/2023

No: EE/FDK/810-15

# Symbolic Gestures and Littered Aftermaths

**SOHAIL KHAN** 

to move beyond symbolism and embrace everyday actions that protect our environment. It is only through our collective effort that we can create a sustainable future where our parks, water bodies, roads, and streets remain clean and vibrant

In recent times, we have witnessed both moments of hope and despair in our efforts to protect the environment. On occasions such as Eid ul Azha and World Environment Day, we have seen contrasting attitudes of people towards their surroundings. While the surge in visitors to public parks during Eid was a positive sign for the local economy, the subsequent littering was rather irresponsible.

Similarly, the grand gestures and symbolic actions taken on recently observed World Environment Day raise the question of whether they truly lead to lasting change. It is crucial for us to reflect on these experiences and observations, and emphasize the need to move beyond symbolism and embrace the spirit of environmental responsibility every single day.

### THE PARADOX OF CELEBRATIONS

Eid ul Azha, a festive occasion celebrated with joy and enthusiasm, brought families and friends together in parks and gardens. A celebration of communal harmony and togetherness, transformed parks and gardens into vibrant hubs of festivity.

The surge in visitors highlighted the significant role of these public spaces in our local economy

However, the aftermath presented a disheartening sight: bottles, chip packs, and polythene scattered across the parks. This glaring lack of civic sense reminded us that the respect and care for our environment should be integral to our celebrations. It is essential to create awareness among people about the impact of their actions and encourage responsible behavior during such gatherings

## THE SYMBOLISM OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT

The World Environment Day, an occasion observed globally, aims to promote environmental awareness and encourage positive action. Schools, colleges, government officials, and various organizations come together to organize seminars and cleanliness drives. This year too saw many colleges and schools going all out in celebrating this day.

While these events may generate enthusiasm and temporarily highlight the importance of environmental protection, we must question



their long-term impact. Are they merely symbolic gestures, or can they bring about lasting change?

# TRANSCENDING SYMBOLISM, A CALL TO ACTION

As concerned individuals and communities, we need to transcend symbolism and embrace the spirit of environmental responsibility every single day. It is not supposed to be a one-off incident but needs to be ingrained in our habits. Environmental consciousness must be a part of our ethical outlook towards the world and we must religiously uphold it.

One can take minor steps in the direction and create changes at community levels. For instance, the experiences of witnessing both the festive littering and the grandeur of World Environment Day motivated our team 'Social Concern Group', a team of green volunteers to take action. In Manasbal, we organized a cleanliness drive within the park to sensitize people about the need for behavior change. By directly engaging with the visitors, we conveyed the message of responsible waste disposal and the importance of preserving our natural spaces.

It is essential to involve communities and individuals in the ongoing effort to protect the environment. Education plays a crucial role in shaping attitudes and behaviors. Collaborating with schools and col-

we can integrate environmental awareness into curricula and organize interactive sessions that encourage students to take action. Empowering local communities through workshops and skill development programs can also promote sustainable practices and help generate a sense of ownership and responsibility towards the environment.Symbolic gestures alone cannot solve the environmental challenges we face. Governments and institutions need to reinforce the significance of everyday environmental stewardship. This can be achieved through policy reforms, investment in waste management infrastructure, and strict enforcement of environmental regulations. By aligning economic incentives with sustainable practices, we can create a society where environmental responsibility becomes the norm

## ISLAM AND THE ENVIRONMENT

rather than the exception

As we seek to move beyond symbolism and embrace a culture of environmental consciousness, it is essential to look to the teachings of Islam and the Quran. Islam emphasizes the preservation and conservation of the environment as a sacred duty bestowed upon humanity. The Quran teaches us that Allah has created the Earth as a place of balance and harmony, and it is our responsibility to be its guardians and protectors. Numer-

ous verses in the Quran call for the preservation of nature, emphasizing the importance of water bodies, trees, and the overall balance of the ecosystem.By understanding the significance of incorporating Islamic teachings in our efforts to protect the environment & integrating the teachings of Islam into our cleanliness drives and awareness campaigns, we can highlight the religious duty of preserving our surroundings. This approach can help us connect with a wider audience and reinforce the message of responsible waste disposal and the protection of water bodies.

There's urgency to move beyond symbolism and embrace everyday actions that protect our environment. It is only through our collective effort that we can create a sustainable future where our parks, water bodies, roads, and streets remain clean and vibrant. Let us make every day World Environment Day and ensure that our actions, as individuals and as a community, speak louder than words.

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

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nly a couple of months ago, I wrote a column suggesting that the issue of a Uniform Civil Code would be highlighted by the BJP in the run up to the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

This is after all, the last big ideological big ticket agenda of the sangh parivar- the other two were the hollowing of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and the construction of a Ram Mandir.

Lo and behold, on the 28th of June, the Prime Minister pushed for a Uniform Civil Code, or UCC, in a speech to BJP workers in Madhya Pradesh, where he exhorted that the country" could not run with the dual system of separate laws for separate communities".

A Uniform Civil Code will essentially ensure a single law for all on marriage, divorce and inheritance irrespective of religion. But implementation on the ground is far more complicated. The personal laws of all religions are not uniform. Hindus have several laws governing them, as do Muslims and Christians.

There are hundreds of tribes in the northeast which have their own customs. Those opposed to it say a Uniform Civil Code will undermine the social and religious customs of different religions and hurt India's unity in diversity.

Many gender rights activists however support the idea of a uniform law that would end discrimination against women regarding divorce and alimony.

Wrong side of a polarised debate

# The Big Battle Over India's Uniform Civil Code

From marriage to inheritance: Unraveling complexities of implementing the UCC in India

Nidhi Razdan

The pitch from the Prime Minister himself has sent political circles into a tizzy. For one, it has rankled in the opposition camp and could see differences over the issue come out into the open.

Worried that this could see it on the wrong side of a polarised debate, the Congress has officially taken a cautious line saying it would wait to see the details of a draft bill first.

Though Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said that a UCC was neither "necessary nor desirable at this stage". The Uddhav Thackeray's faction of the Shiv Sena, which is an ally of the Congress, has however supported a uniform civil code.

The Aam Aadmi Party or the AAP meanwhile has welcomed a Uniform Civil Code in principle but suggested a proper debate and discussion with stake-

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holders first. However its Chief Minister in Punjab, Bhagwant Mann, took a different line this week comparing India to a bouquet of flowers asking "should there be only one colour in a bouquet?" while talking about every religion with its own culture and customs.

## Exceptions to the rule

For the BJP too, it won't be politically easy. Its allies in the northeast in particular are against a uniform civil code since these states have a majority tribal population that is covered by its own laws and customs.

The Chief Minister of Meghalaya and NPP leader Conrad Sangma has taken a strong stand saying that the UCC is against the idea of India.

Another BJP ally, the National

Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP), in Nagaland has opposed the law and so has Mizoram's ruling Mizo National Front (MNF). In Nagaland, more than 86% of the population belongs to Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities which have protections under the law for their own customs.

There were heated arguments on the issue at a parliamentary panel meeting chaired by BJP MP Sushil Modi last week.

Mr Modi suggested there could be exemptions for tribals in the new Uniform Civil Code law, prompting the opposition to mock the Prime Minister's call for "a dual system of separate laws".

What is the point of a uniform civil code if there are exceptions?

For the BJP, this is a win win either way, The very fact that there is now a huge political debate around a uniform civil code could polarise voters ahead of the next general election and work to their advantage. Even if they don't actually manage to bring in a uniform law before that.

For the opposition, this will test their unity efforts once again and their ability to keep the focus on bijli, sadak, paani.

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# The Sikh Neighbours at Our Haji Farewell

Haneen Farid

ast month, Jammu & Kashmir witnessed 12,000 pilgrims leave for Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj. Among these thousands of people were two of my family members who were preparing to leave from the city of Baramulla. As is the custom in our hometown, several friends, relatives, and neighbours paid us a visit during the days leading up to the pilgrimage. Whilst this tradition of loved ones visiting us as a show of emotional support was a common courtesy, what was not as common a sight- at least for mewas the active participation of Sikh individuals in this tradition.

For instance, on the eve before the date of travel, we hosted a get-together in our locality when our Sikh neighbour, wearing a Khalsa band over his turban, walked into the house and joined in on the gathering. Not long after, our local imam also entered the living room and his face lit up with happiness upon spotting our neighbour. Not only this, it was undoubtedly him, amongst all the Muslims, who got the biggest hug from imam sa'ab. It was precisely this show of love that drew my attention to the harmony which exists in certain Kashmiri communities and is surprisingly left out of mainstream discussions on the valley.

So in our locality again, there lives a single Sikh family, one of the other members of which is Geet\*. I had the opportunity to speak to her about her experience living in an all-Muslim locality; in a nutshell she says, 'pyaar bohot hai. Agar humein Kashmir na ho, hum kahin nahi reh sakte. Main toh reh nahi sakti, mujhe toh Kashmir itna



achha lagta hai' (there is lots of love here. We cannot stay anywhere else but in Kashmir. I, for one, can definitely not stay elsewhere, that is how much I like Kashmir).

And there are several examples of how we appreciate each other's identities, where even the smallest of gestures strengthen the bond between us.

On Eid, for example, our elders visit Geet and her family to give their children Eidi. Then on their festivals, they distribute sweets in the neighbourhood. We live as one big family, not once stopping to differentiate between our religious and cultural differences, which truly dissolve in the face of brotherhood that we share. And this sentiment of goodwill is unwaveringso much so that even during the peak of militancy, there was not a single moment when Geet or her family felt

It was at this time that hundreds of people would march and raise political slogans, still no one ever made them feel unsafe. As a matter of fact, not very far from the Mohalla is the Baramulla old town, known for protests in the past.
Geet shares that her in-laws lived in
the old town during this tumultuous
time, and no one ever tried to harm
them: 'Aaraam se rehte the, kabhi
kuchh kaha nahi sardaaron ko' (they
lived peacefully, no one ever said anything to the Sikhs).

A similar experience is shared by Roop\*, a Sikh who grew up in Batpora, Baramulla. Overall, she describes Kashmiri society as mostly inclusive. In fact, the people of Baramulla felt so secure around each other that a lot of

houses did not have any walls or barricades separating them from each other. When questioned about any negative episodes in context of her religious identity, she struggles to think of many but recalls that in 2008, certain protestors verbally assaulted Roop and her father in their locality by calling them 'kaafirs', saying that they should leave Kashmir. In spite of this dreadful occurrence, Roop states that she does not look at these people as representatives of the general Kashmiri society. Besides, she confidently says that her feelings towards the valley and its people are mostly pleasant, and that is what must be focused on in sensitive times- the goodness. Because it is only this goodness that can overshadow any evil that plagues our beautiful valley.

So while we seek to address some instances of the persecution of religious minorities in Kashmir, it is important for us to simultaneously study portions of the valley which remain a safe haven for people such as Roop and Geet. This would enable not only an understanding of the conditions of tolerance in this region but also ensure that a single narrative does not unjustly come to define the valley. Looking at Kashmir from this objective lens in addition to conceptualising the dynamics that allow for peaceful coexistence would pave the way for long-term harmony.

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# Unimagining Muslim Women

# The Spurious Art of Representation

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There is very little Muslim women in narticular, have gained from the spurious art of being 'represented' in the media. In film and TV it has given us the unironically crafted character arc of being abstractly, and totally inexplicably 'dehijabed' as a means of selfdiscovery and joy. There are scant few Muslim women on screen that aren't liberated by a mediocre white boy with a just-broken voice and boy-band hair whose super power appears to be depinning head cloth and inhibitions. Representations in literature remain honourably loyal to the age-old 'behind the veil' trope with its strong allusions to an 'Arabian Nights', heavily kohled, air thick with smoke, musk and mysterious flutes kind of vibe. Bless. And of course, in advertising we can't seem to divorce our longstanding friend, and humanising accessory that is the skateboard. Because Muslim women on wheels are more deserving of empathy and praise than when we come detached from our

The sometimes obsessive act of 'reimagining' the Muslim woman by those that aren't her is fraudulent in nature. In early orientalist art, with work going as far back as the early 19th century, the painterly gaze of artists from Europe and North America who depicted the Middle East and North African world as lands of 'beauty and intrigue', hit a frustrating wall when it came to Muslim women. Seeing Muslim women as an extension of the land they sought in conquest, they often depicted the women they were restricted from viewing in their work. Often their curiosity and lustful eyes would lead to fantasy depictions of the harems that so ignited their interest and which were so out of their visual reach

These earliest portrayals of Muslim women were rooted in nothing other than the Western imagination of a hidden and unfathomable world; they are mirrors to those surveying men, and not windows into the lives and beings of their subjects. In fact, they have nothing to do with Muslim women, and totally ignore their reality. In this way, they speak more of those that are trying to imagine than those they attempt to conceptualise. Since this early practice of 'imagining' the Muslim woman, we have had a barrage of equally criminal 'reimagining' of Muslim women built upon and in response to this falsehood, and ultimately, someone else's ego and vanity.

The Muslim woman as a prop for others' sense of cultural and intellectual superiority is the common thread that unites this circus of caricatures that are dotted through western vi-

sual culture and history. All in the name of representing the unrepresentable.

Amongst the most frustrating of these genres, and the one which exemplifies this ballooning trend as charlatan in nature, is the 'high-art' world of photography which claims to use a post-modern, self-referential irony to subvert this dehumanising trend. The supposedly dissenting image of the darkly veiled, often niqabed, Muslim woman juxtaposed with some wildly annoying, superficial reference to 'modernity' as a statement about Muslim women not fitting a 'stereotype' is so tired and recycled, that it has become an acceptable, and lazy, shorthand for a seditious art supporting us.

It embodies the most obvious and insulting 'Muslim woman as submissive, voiceless object' trope to make some supposedly tongue-incheek commentary about the art world. This art 'knowingly' claims to be the mirror and not the window, though the results and impact remain frustratingly the same – an entrenching of visual and symbolic tropes which objectify Muslim women and which provide a smug, self-congratulatory satisfaction to the audience who 'get it'.

If visual media plays architect to our cultural values, this constant barrage of imagery which paints the Muslim woman as subdued and subordinated does nothing to challenge the harmful assumptions regarding us, nor the material realities that underpin and reinforce it. It is effectively adding to a dumping ground of negative imagery associated with Muslim women and does nothing to move us forward culturally. In claiming to be disruptive, it reduces our worth to a symbolic opposite of a specific idea of 'modernity'. The Muslim woman is further objectified in the name of her de-objectification and the world of high art sets the visual tone and cultural precedent for representation in all art and media downstream from it. It further cements an infantilising narrative while claiming, in its purportedly visionary and groundbreaking position, to do the opposite.

Worryingly, we as Muslim women have come to accept it as part of our narrative. Tellingly, these images are overwhelmingly photographed and directed by men, and those that do not identify as Muslim. Their proximity to Muslim women – either as Muslim men, or hailing from a Muslim background, means they can to all intents and purposes, position themselves as allies, and their visually regressive work a clever act of solidarity. Often it is seen as a kind of benevolence, as though a mere reference to our continued dehumanisation is enough.

Its special trick is to bring the 'subtext' of how Muslim women are regressively portrayed, to the very surface. It claims by directly visually referencing our subjugation – in simply foregrounding and 'ironically' engaging in this reductive symbolism of false representation of Muslim women – it is doing all the muscle work of exposing and deconstructing these stereotypes. Due to its modern, 'edgy', often urban or faux-parochial-twee aesthetic it is accepted as a 'minority' perspective – in as far as minority perspectives are understood – and is therefore automatically given the rubber stamp of 'authenticity' and speaking on our behalf.

It commands respect both due to this supposedly subversive look and nature, and in how unabashed and obvious it is – the inverted logic that the idea of putting a niqabi woman on a bike/holding a boombox/covered in a corporate logo is so obviously insulting, it has to be supportive? It's so shockingly rude, and saying the quiet bits out loud that it must be trying to make a point. Right?

This is part of a broader trend in the art world, made up overwhelmingly of those from privileged backgrounds, in which the symbols of the 'oppressed' or 'disadvantaged' are used in crude and shocking ways to make vague and nebulous points. By employing a shallow symbolism, this trend seems to further that oppression, while claiming impunity for being 'socially conscious' or 'aware'. It is also a symptom of a more niche trend that exists amongst artists of a Muslim background. Many of whom gain popularity and currency from their secular identity and viewpoints in their homeland, while simultaneously depending on their Muslim identity to gain 'diversity' points and get their foot in the door in the West. This raises some pertinent and much needed questions about what passess as 'acceptable' identities, expressions and subjects in the global art world and why.

What do we feel comfortable viewing in sanitised frames, in our clinical galleries, and what does this say about our need for affirmation, and our generosity in extending understanding and solidarity?

These postmodern era representations of Muslim women are problematic for a number of reasons beyond just the sheer gall of using Muslim women as objects of juxtaposition. Just like advertising, broadcast and literature, this constant 'rediscovering' of the Muslim woman as human - having agency, complexity, whim and will, beauty and humour – done safely from behind the lens assumes a default audience position of seeing her as less so. It already sets the tone by which it wants to arrogantly act as a resistance to; the conceptual frame it puts Muslim women in is one of a submissive, static and one dimensional stereotype. In constantly 'rediscovering' Muslim women, it pushes us further away from the signified 'human'. It does nothing to advance a conversation which seems to be stuck on the surprise element of the Muslim woman as agent. This constant revisiting of the Muslim as anything other than an insentient, pliable being reinforces the assumption that she is so. It assumes very little of Muslim women to begin with, and works lazily from this vantage point alone.

It continues a centuries-old conversation with the viewer – this time, rather than crafting and pandering to the ignorance of the audience, it gives it a knowing wink and nudge. This trend is not some altruistic gesture working to humanise Muslim women and launder their public image – and that's even before we address the binary code it endorses. Rather, this artwork is self-indulgent, attributing humanity to the consumer of this media. It tells the audience they are generous for understanding, being in on the

Once again, in continuing a tradition dating back to the birth of orientalism, it gives the audience, the surveyor, those that are doing the 'perceiving' the upper hand – it attributes superiority to them because they may be able to conceive this as a false representation of Muslim women. It is congratulating an audience on the bare minimum of being able to potentially envision Muslim women outside of a narrow and constricted stereotype – not actually attributing anything of substance to Muslim women outside of it. It is the art world equivalent of your, otherwise respectful, elderly History teacher telling you not to worry, he knows Muslim women can be 'modern' or reassure you that he knows not all of you wear that silly thing on your head - it assumes very little of the hijab itself, reducing it to a barrier for male consumption, and using it as a symbolic 'other' to modernity. Once again Muslim women are not part of, nor do we want to have anything to do with, the rambling and incoherent conversations between one man - in this case the paternal and aging art world – and himself. What is painfully telling is that most Muslim women do not in earnest engage with this suffocatingly limited paradigm. We do not base our understanding of ourselves or our faith on such ridiculously poor

The idea of 'representing' Muslim women is erroneous because there is no homogeneity to represent.

The hijab itself as separate to us as women and as an expression of our beautiful faith remains something that will be alien to an external agent – be that men or non-Muslims – and which will resist the net of social, cultural and anthropological definitions or expressions. One of the many and Divinely set functions of hijab is to act as an equalizer – there is beauty in its

democratising nature that is hard to discern in a world of mass consumerism and the hyper individualism that it breeds and feeds off. The hijab is not anchored in a value system which privileges a superficial beauty or the charms of fashion, and its notion of exclusivity or being 'seen'. Like Islam, the hijab demands more of us, intellectually and morally. And that is no

For an edict that we are blessed to have been sent directly from Allah, it becomes impossible to discuss, analyse or dissect on any other terms than from Islam itself. The tools, language and experience of 'representing' hijab - be it visually or through other forms of media and literature - do not exist because it is Divinely ordained and therefore unfathomable to those that don't share that faith or experience. The problem isn't with the hijab, the issue lies with the very flawed nature of representation in a world that doesn't understand the beauty and sincerity of faith. The issue is the act of representation itself. Perhaps we would be better off dissecting, analysing and foregrounding this obsessive act of representing, of being able to fit neatly into a conceptual box, and what this says about our own selfflattery and ego, our own attempt to colonise knowledge and understanding in a world created by His Majesty.

In a world of Only Fans, ubiquitous cosmetic enhancement and a titanous beauty industry, the act of covering, and modesty as an endeavour, remains radical in the most unparallel of ways. When we are encouraged to share, reveal our inner and outer world, the quiet act of keeping something to yourself will always defy understanding. Islam in itself is iconoclastic, it came and rebuked traditions and continues to defv and rebuke traditions today. As half the world continues to argue that the hijab is a tool of patriarchy furthered only by men, while the other half argue condescendingly that it is modern as though this is a qualifying feature, the truth remains that the hijab, and most women who have the privilege of wearing it, is centring Allah and not men, society, nor the concept of modernity. As women are encouraged to dress, redress, shape and reshape themselves in line with a standard that revolves around the male vantage, and changing fashions, the hijab and niqab will always remain a thing of curiosity and astonishment. This idea is simple not one that the art, corporate, literary or media world has the range to cover.

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### Office Of The Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council Pulwama.

Auction of Entry Fee / Terminal Tax Collection contract for the year 2023-24.

**AUCTION NOTICE.** 

E - NIT No: MC/Pul/2023-24/1105-09 Dated: 07.07.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, term e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited from the interested persons / parties for Auction of Adda/Entry Fee / Terminal Tax of Municipal Council, Pulwama, for the year 2023-24

18.07.2023 to 17.07.2024. The Minimum reserved bid is fixed as Rs. 1,37,88,444/- (Rupees One Crore, Thirty Seven Lacs, Eighty Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty Four Only). The Tax Schedule of the vehicles is as under and the successful highest bidder is bound to recover Entry Fee as per the same schedule

S.No	Name of Vehicle	Rates per day	S.No	Name of Vehicle	Rates per day
01	Govt. Vehicles /	Exempted	10	Sumo/Scorpios/	Rs. 10/- per day
	Security Forces Vehicles			Tavera / Toyota etc(commercial)	
02	All Private Light vehicles	Exempted	11	Passenger Tempo /Auto	Rs. 10/- per day
03	Trucks 6 Tyres(Empty)	Rs. 50/- per day	12	Passenger Tempo	Rs. 50/- per day
04	Trucks 6 Tyres(Loaded)	Rs. 80/- per day	13	JCB/Crane/Roller	Rs. 50/- per day
05	Tippers (Loaded or Un-loaded)	Rs. 50/- per day	14	Mini Load Carriers /Auto Loadcar-	Rs. 10/- per day
				riers	
06	Trucks/ Trolley (10 Tyre)	Rs. 150/- per day	15	Private School Buses	Rs. 10/- per day
07	Truck/Trolley 12 Tyre	Rs. 200/- per day	16	Tata 407/207 ferrying Grass/ other-	Rs. 20/- per day
				items	
08	Truck Trolley 14 & aboveTyres	Rs. 250/- per day		Tractor (Loaded or Un-Loaded)	Rs. 20/- per day
09	Matadors / Tata MiniBuses	Rs. 10/- per day		·	

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOO) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in,as per the schedule of dates given below

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	07.07.2023
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3	Bid submission Start Date	07.07.2023 from 11.00AM
4	Bid submission End Date	13.07.2023 upto 4.00PM
5	Date& Time of opening of Bids (Online)	14.07.2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Council Pulwama.
6	SubmissionofCall Deposit Receipt (CDR)	The bidders have to deposit CDR @10%amounting to Rs. 13,78,845/- (Thirteen Lacs, Seventy Eight Thou-
		sand, Eight Hundred and FortyFive Only) at the time of uploading of thebid.
7	Mode of Payment	10% of the highest bid as token amount on spot.
		60% of the highest bid to be deposited before taking over the possession.
		30% of the highest bid within three months
		of taking possession.

Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender document in shape of Bank Challan / Receipt (Credited to A/c No. 1346 JRY Executive Officer, Municipal Council Pulwama amounting to Rs. 5000/- (Five Thousand Only) and Bid securing declaration as per format Ap pendex – 1, below on stamp paper duly attested by Notary in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Council Pulwama, failing which tender will be rejected.

The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders. gov.in. The bids of the responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Council Pulwama.

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

Bid Security Declaration: If the successful bidder fails to sign the contract or to submit the performance security before the deadline defined in the request for the bid documents, the bidder will be suspended for the participation in the tendering process for the works / tenders for a period of one year from the bid due date of this Auction. The bid security declaration shall be submitted as per the Format appendex – I (format for the bid security declaration).
b) Any bid not accompanied by the BID security declaration shall be summarily re-

jected by the Authority as non responsive. The contract of collection of Entry Fee / Terminal Tax shall be for the year 2023-24

w.e.f 18.07.2023 to 17.07.2024, and no claim for extension on any pretext will be entertained beyond the allotted period. No Such bidder shall be allowed to participate in the process, who has been a de

faulter from any of the Municipal Institution. At the finalization of the auction proceeding, the highest bidder shall have to deposit 10% of the total bid amount as token amount on spot and 60% of the total bid amount shall have to be deposited by the highest bidder before taking over the possession of the Adda Entry Fee/

Terminal tax Collection posts. Balance 30% of the bid amount has to be deposited by the allottee within three months for which an irrevocable bank guarantee from a nationalized/scheduled bank shall be obtained from the highest bidder without any fail.

9. In case the successful bidder fails to deposit the token amount (10%) of first installment (60%) of the bid amount, the CDR /10% bid amount as the case, shall be forfeited and the bidder shall be black listed for future participation/auctions and in case the allottee fails to deposit the 2nd installment of the bid amount, the Council shall take over the possession of the collection post and go for fresh auction viz-a-viz recovery of the defaulted amount.

The successful bidder shall be bound to execute an agreement duly registered in the competent court with the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Pulwama within seven

11. The successful bidder shall not deviate the rate schedule of the Municipal Council, Pulwama and in case of any such report, the contract shall be cancelled at the risk and cost of the contractor.

12. The contractor while offering the bid shall be responsible to visualize all condi-

tions/circumstances like hartal, unfavorable conductions/relief in the ceiling of contract or extension of contract period, on this context shall not be entertained at any stage.

13. In case the conditions mentioned herein are not adhered to, in letter & spirit and there is any default on the part of bidder/contractor for depositing the payment, the contract shall be cancelled ab-initio and the losses, if any suffered by the Institution shall be recovered from the

defaulter with interest under rules. That, the successful bidder shall have to bear/provide/arrange Manpower, Stationary, furniture, Sanitation, Toll posts etc without claiming any compensation thereof, from the office of the undersigned.

The Highest Bid offered shall be exclusive of all applicable taxes (Income Tax etc.) as such the successful bidder shall be bound to bear all kinds of taxes like Income Tax/Sales Tax, which shall be payable by the bidder in addition to bid amount;

After expiry of the contract i.e on 17.07.2024, the successful bidder shall hand over the possession of the Entry posts to the MC Pulwama in its original position without any damage. That, the successful contractor shall have to collect Entry Fee on the following tol

Shopian road, 06. Washbugh, 07. Dangerpora and 08. Sirnoo, as per the approved schedule of this institution and the realization of the entry fee / terminal tax shall be in a public friendly manner without causing any inconvenience to visitors, and also the display of schedule of rates shall be

18. The contractor shall be responsible to maintain entry fee collection posts with special care to sanitation / hygiene of the environment and surroundings. That, the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without

20. In case of any dispute arising between the parties with respect to any of the condi-tions as laid down herein above or any ambiguity will be referred to arbitrator and the decision of the arbitrator, Director Urban Local Bodies shall be final and binding upon the parties. Instructions to the Bidders regarding E- Tendering process:

a) Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.into acquaint bid submission process. b) To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any

g) Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Bank Receipt/challan in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Council Pulwama and bid securing declaration must be uploaded with the bid.

h) The Bidder must have to upload (soft copies) of the following documents (Photo stat/Original should be clearly seen in all respect with Ink Signed and Seal):

Valid original Bank Challan/Receipt BID Securing Declaration on stamp paper duly attested by Notary. k) Valid GSTIN/ PAN Card No.

The Bidder should upload the Tender Document form attached below (Not Mandatory).m) Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including BID Securing Declaration and tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document (s) which has

/have not been uploaded shall not be etertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need

The Highest Bidder will have to submit hard copies of all documents uploaded or e-tending portal before issuance of Allotment

No: MC/Pul/2023-24/1105-09

Chief Executive Officer

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

# Office Of The Executive Engineer Gulmarg Dev. Authority NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Dated: 07-07-2023

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For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on an item rate basis/percentage age basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost	Cost of T/	Earnest money	Time of	M.H of	Class of
No		(Rs. In	Doc. (In	(In Rupees )	Completion	Account	Contractor
		Lacs)	Rupees )				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Development of Parking Area at Ningli Tourist Resort	24.37	800	48740	65 days	Plan	BEE/CEE
2	Construction of Ornamental fencing at Weir Hygam Park	6.72	300	13440	25 days	Plan	CEE/DEE
3	Providing water connection to various Assets at Hygam Park	3.00	200	6000	25 days	Plan	DEE
4	Providing and fixing of Signage's at Hygam, Ningli and Rakhe	2.00	200	4000	15 days	Plan	DEE
	Hygam						
5	Providing water connection at Tourist Resort Ningli	5.00	200	10000	30 days	Plan	CFF/DFF

Position of AAA: Accorded Position of funds Available

NIT No: 04/HNTDA of 2023-24

The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract

terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates listed below: -					
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	07-07-2023			
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	08-07-2023			
3	Bid submission Start Date	08-07-2023			
4	Bid Submission End Date	14-07-2023 4:00 PM			
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	15-07-2023 11.00 AM			

Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 1452

TSM in the name of Executive Engineer GDA TANGMARG/HNTDA (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document

At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertiset At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer GDA TANGMARG/HNTDA . The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 3% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 3% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period. 4. The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site www.iktenders.gov.in and automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their email address. Responsive bidders' bids will be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer GDA TANGMARG/HNTDA (tender receiving authority).

Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

In order to participate in the bidding process, bidders must obtain a 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' under the Information Technology Act of 2000. Any approved Vendor can provide bidders with a digital certificate.

Bidders must submit their bids in electronic format with a digital signature online. No physical bids will be accepted

1.4 Bids will be opened online in accordance with the time schedule specified in Para-1. Bidders must upload online scanned copy of all required documents (within the document upload limits) with their technical bid

Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option. The department will not be held responsible for any delays in online submission due to unanticipated circumstances

The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other Uploaded bid documents shall have to be produced on demand by the successful bidder at the time of contract signing, and in the case of unsuccessful bidders, 2 percent EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer GDA TANGMARG/HNTDA will be released only after production of Original Treasury Challan of uploaded Scanned copy (Cost of tender document). Bidders are advised not to change the contents of the BOQ (Bill of Quantities). They should never attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake. tion to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.

Price escalation and Tayon. The hidden is not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addi-

Price escalation and Taxes: -The bidder's percentage shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to the completion of the work. Taxes shall be deducted from the contractor's bills on the gross amount of the bill at the time of recovery at the rates in effect at the time of recovery.

Ridder are addited to use the gibbs processed in the bill at the time of recovery. Bidders are advised to use the "My Documents" area in their GDA e-Tendering portal user account to store any required documents.

12 All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All

documents pertaining to the bid must be in English):

13 Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Per Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Bitumen Macadam Works executed

Bidders are expected to submit technical bids along with scanned copies of all required documents. No document (s) that have not been uploaded will be accepted in hard copy for evaluation consideration. However, if need arises, Hard copies of any specific supporting documents, on the other hand, may be required on demand in support of documents posted online for clarification during technical evaluation.

Draftsman **Technical Officer** 

**Executive Engineer** HNTDA

# **Scholarships This Week**

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir.

Scholarship Name 1: IDFC FIRST Bank MBA Scholarship 2023-25

escription: IDFC FIRST Bank MBA Scholarship is a need-based scholarship program run by IDFC FIRST Bank to financially support students with family income of less than INR 6 lakh per annum. The purpose of this scholarship is to make post-graduate studies in business management accessible to meritorious students who are unable to pursue higher studies due to financial constraints.

Eligibility: Indian students who are enrolled in the first year of a 2-year full-time MBA program for the class of 2023 at selected educational institutions may apply for this scholarship. The gross annual family income of applicants should be less than or equal to INR 6 lakh. Candidates should be no more than 35 years of age on the date of application. Applicants must have a valid mobile number linked to Aadhaar card.

Prizes & Rewards: INR 2 lakh for 2 years of MBA studies (INR 1  $\,$ lakh/year) Last Date to Apply: 31-07-

applications only

Short Url:

Application mode: Online

www.b4s.in/

observer/IFBMS4

Scholarship Name 2: Raman Kant Munjal Scholarship 2023

Description: Raman Kant Munjal Scholarships 2023, an initiative of Raman Kant Munial Foundation, supported by Hero FinCorp, aims to support students pursuing finance-related courses to get admissions to reputed colleges and pursue their dream of a promising career and a better life.

Eligibility: pursuing 1st year of BBA, BFIA, B.Com. (H, E), BMS, IPM, B.A. (Economics), BBS, BBI, BAF, and B.Sc. (Statistics) or any other finance-related degree courses are eligible.

Applicants must have secured a minimum of 80% marks in Classes 10 & 12 examinations. The annual family income of the applicants should be less

than INR 4 lakh. Open for Indian nationals

only. Prizes & Rewards: Scholarship up to INR 5,00,000 per year

for 3 years Last Date to Apply: 15-09-

Application mode: Online applications only Short Url: www.b4s.in/ observer/RMKSP1

Scholarship Name 3: Kotak Junior

Scholarship 2023 Description: Under the CSR initiative on Education & Livelihood by the Kotak Mahindra Group Companies, Kotak Education Foundation invites

applications for Kotak Junior

Scholarship 2023-24 from Class 10

passed students who are studying in Class 11 at junior colleges/ schools, specifically within the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. Eligibility: Applicants must have secured above 85%

tion (SSC/CBSE/ICSE) in 2023. Applicant's annual family income must be Rs. 3,20,000/- or

marks in Class 10 board examina-

Applicants must have

secured admission in Class 11 at junior colleges/schools in Mumbai for Arts, Commerce and Science Streams, in Mumbai Metropolitan Region\* for academic year 2023-24.

Prizes & Rewards: Scholarship of INR 3,000 per month Last Date to Apply: 31-07-

Application mode: Online applications only Short Url: www.b4s.in/

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT.

# Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No:- 29/3425-34/2023-24/RnB/Bla Dated 08.07.2023

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

S. No		Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	money.	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)			Major Head of Account	Project Authority	Position of AAA	Position of funds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	9	10
1.	Construction of P/Wall on Takiya Wagoora Road	5.00	10000/-	200/-	30days	DEE	MH-4059- D/S		Accorded (81/DDC of 2023 Dated 03.07.2023)	Available
2.	Upgradation of Checkpora road at Shumlaran	5.00	10000/-	200/-	30days	DEE	MH-4059- D/S		Accorded (81/DDC of 2023 Dated 03.07.2023)	Available
3.	Upgradation of Frestdub Dar Mohalla road	10.02	20100/-	600/-	30days	B, C & D	MH-4059- D/S		Accorded (81/DDC of 2023 Dated 03.07.2023)	Available
4.	Up-gradation of Vermul Heights Colony Baramulla by way of P/L WBM Grade Ist and 2nd	3.49	7000/-	200/-	30days	DEE	MH-4059- D/S	District Development Commissioner		Available
5.		4.00	8000/-	200/-	30days	DEE	MH-4059- D/S		Accorded (81/DDC of 2023 Dated 03.07.2023)	Available

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.O), Set of terms and conditions

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	08.07.2023		
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 08.07.2023 to 14.07.2023 4:00PM		
3	Bid submission Start date	08.07.2023		
4	Bid Submission End Date	14.07.2023 upto 4:00PM		
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	15.07.2023 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division		
	, ,	Baramulla		

Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 mention there in the name of work/ NIT No. in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender docume At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the

tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail

message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Baramulla. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids. The bidder shall be debarred for tendering process If:-Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

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

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

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

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

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. 7.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.

Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Works executed/ under execution by the agency during the year 2022-23

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copes if need arises. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt in favour of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The tender receiving authority reserves the right of opening of the tenders on due date or any other convenient available date or rejecting any

or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof 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 rates inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains

Price escalation & 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 upto completion of the work unless otherwise, specified deductions on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

In case of CRF & any other specified project the relevant guidelines/ standard bidding documents shall be followed Instructions to Bidder (ITB) All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria/ qualification information with their bids

Copies of original documents defining constitution/legal status, place of registration and principal place of business. b. Valid GST No. & Pan No. along with the latest GST Return form GST-3/GSTR-3B of the preceding month i.e. May/ Quarter (December-March) 2023.

Earnest money/bid security & tender document fee indicating name of work/NIT No. therein. Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of works executed/ allotted/ under allotment by the agency during the year 2022-23.

The bidders at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid. 14.3. Nonattendance of pre-bid meeting will not be cause of disqualification of the bidder.

14.4. All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English language The contractor shall have to purchase the required material of approve brand {i.e, cement 43grade OPC, steel Fe-415} & specifications prescribed to be certified by Assistant Executive Engineer incharge after getting non-availability certificate from Executive Engineer & shall not be entitled for any type of excessive rates on this

The tender/bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill requirements as laid down in NIT. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form

account and also shall have no bearing on stipulated date of completion & other terms and conditions of the contract.

No. 3425-34 DIPK-4728/23 Dated 08.07.2023

**Executive Engineer** R&B Division Baramulla

No: HNTDA/Divn/113-117 DIPK-NB-1724/23 Dated:- 08/07/2023



# **Lavender Emerges As Preferred Crop For Farmers** In Pulwama

**Press Trust Of India** 

PULWAMA: Farm fields of Pulwama district in south Kashmir have added a purple hue with a number of farmers taking up lavender cultivation to increase their income.

With rising demand due to its medicinal values and the prospect of better returns, growing lavender has become a preferred choice for many farmers in the area, around 25 kilometres from Srinagar, which is considered as the most fertile belt in Kashmir.

"We first extract oil and then do the value addition of the oil. There is a huge scope in lavender cultivation," said Madiha Talat, a Srinagar-based agri entrepreneur. Talat said lavender farming has also opened up opportunities of overseas trade.

"We can export the oil as it is. Its export market is huge in comparison to traditional crops which we grow. So, it is more profitable than the conventional crops. Its shelf life is long, its benefits are more," she said.

Besides, lavender leaves can be used as tea and they can be processed as oil for use in medicines and aromatherapy.

"People in the foreign countries value that tea. Its oil is also used in aromatherapy which is liked world over. We use it in perfumery, cosmetics, said Talat, who has started her own brand Roohposh and uses the oil in her various skin care products.

Lavender cultivation has also created job opportunities for lo-

cal youth including women. Seerat Jan, a resident of Pulwama, who has been working in lavender fields for the past three years, said, "We pick up about one quintal (100 kilogramme) of the raw material daily. We earn

about Rs 370 per day. There are about 30 to 35 women working here, and some men as well. We sustain our livelihood through

Farmers also get help from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR IIM), which has set up a facility spread over 200 acres for conducting research on different types of aromatic crops.

"We conduct R&D and extension of different types of aromatic crops, and predominantly the focus is on lavender and rose," said Shahid Rasool, senior scientist and incharge, CSIR IIIM at Bonoora station.

'Lavender is a signature crop which is a buzz word today because of its varied uses in the industry, which includes cosmetics, toiletries, fragrances, therapeutics, etc, Rasool said, adding that the weather of Jammu and Kashmir is conducive for the crop.

Also, the lavender plant is antimicrobial, anti-fungal and antibacterial and even anxiolytic, and these inherent characteristics help farmers save cost.

"We do not need to use or spray agro-chemicals on it for maintaining the good crop, health and yields. It is an ecologically viable crop for J&K... its essential oil sells at Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000 per kilogram," Rasool said.

The crop requires mild summer and cold winter to thrive.

"We look up to this as a future crop because landholdings are shrinking for the farmers and natural resources are also getting limited, so considering all those aspects, the requirement of agri inputs are less in these crops, irrigation requirement is also very less, and these crops thrive in stress

# Railways To Cut Fares Of **AC Chair Car, Executive** Classes By Up To 25%



**Press Trust Of India** 

**NEW DELHI-:** Fares of AC chair cars and executive classes of all trains, including Vande Bharat, which have less than 50 per cent occupancy, will be reduced by up to 25 per cent, a Railway Board order has stated.

The discount shall be implemented with immediate

The trains will also include those with Anubhuti and Vistadome coaches.

The fares will depend on those of competitive modes of transport.

With a view to optimising utilisation of accommodation, the rail ministry has decided to delegate powers to principal chief commercial managers of railway zones to introduce discounted fare schemes in trains with AC seating, the order said.

"This scheme shall be applicable in AC chair car and executive classes of all trains having AC seating accommodation, including Anubhuti and Vistadome coaches," it

"The element of discount

shall be up to a maximum 25 per cent on the basic fare. Other charges like reservation charge, super fast surcharge, GST, etc, as applicable, shall be levied separately. The discount may be provided in any or all the classes on the basis of occupancy," it said.

The order further said that trains having "classes with occupancy less than 50 per cent (either end-to-end or in some specified legs/sections depending upon the sections where discount is to be provided) during the last 30 days shall be taken into consideration".

Senior officials said the scheme will be applicable to Vande Bharat trains as well. Currently, barring a handful of such low occupancy trains, most of the services of this semi-high speed train are running with full occupancy, according to official data.

End of June data sourced by PTI showed that the Bhopal-Indore Vande Bharat service recorded just 29 per cent occupancy whereas the return journey of Indore-Bhopal Vande Bharat Express had only 21 per cent occupancy.

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Similarly, the Nagpur-Bilaspur Vande Bharat Express which has an average occupancy of around 55 per cent and the Bhopal-Jabalpur Vande Bharat Express which has clocked 32 per cent occupancy while the return journey on Jabalpur-Bhopal Vande Bharat service has shown 36 per cent occupancy is also likely to see a fare reduction.

The discount can be given for the first and/or last leg of the journey and/or intermediate sections and/or endto-end journey provided the occupancy is less than 50 per cent in that leg/section/endto-end.

"The discount shall be implemented with immediate effect. However, no refund of fare shall be admissible for already booked passengers," the order said.

In case of trains where flexi fare is applicable in a particular class and the occupancy is poor, the scheme can be withdrawn initially as a measure to increase the occupancy.

This scheme will not be applicable on special trains introduced as holiday or festival

Description of work

Providing and fixing of LT poles for Dilawar Abad Hurdoo

na Ward no. 08 Halqa Kenil Block Tarathpora

H Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids

# **Obtain Proper Permission For Installing Tents In Gulmarg: CEO GDA To Stakeholders**

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Executive Officer Gulmarg Development Authority has asked all the stakeholders to obtain proper permission for installing tents at the famous ski-resort in order maintain eco-fragile environment in the area.

"It has been observed the some tourists and visitors are installing temporary tents on green meadow, hill stock for night stay at Gulmarg without any proper permission from the competent Authority," a circular said.

The circular reads that this unlawful act has resulted in destruction of greens and accumulation of excess waste and puts tremendous pressure on the manpower causing inconvenience to the tourists, which has been viewed seriously by the authorities, and is against the provisions of Development Act 1970.

"Permission for installation of temporary tents in the jurisdiction of Gulmarg is subject to the various dos and don't which shall be conveyed in the permission



letter only. It has been observed that sometimes installation of tents in Gulmarg have created law and order problems and burning of fire and stoves inside the tents may sometime prove fatal and is life threatening."

It added that in order to redress the above mentioned problems and to save the life of the tourists, and to maintain eco-fragile environment in the area, all the stake holders of Gulmarg Development Authority, visitors and tourists are advised to follow the rules and regulation and obtain proper permission before installation of tents, so that any untoward incident is averted, otherwise action as warranted under rules shall be tritiated against violators.

# **Trout Farmers Given Fish Farming Inputs**

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** The Director Fisheries, J&K Mohammad Farooq Dar on Saturday distributed first year inputs to the beneficiaries who have constructed Trout Rearing Units under PMMSY during the year 2022-23 at Trout Farm Laribal, Srinagar.

It was given out that presently 87 raceways have been constructed under different schemes in district Srinagar besides the land and water efficient technology for fish farming viz. RAS has also been introduced and one Re circulatory Aquaculture System has also been established in the District.

About 16 beneficiaries including women were provided inputs in the form of Trout seed, feed and equipments viz. handle nets, covering nets etc during the occasion.

It was informed that 2.5 lac Trout fingerlings have been produced in the Trout Farm Laribal and 1.5 lac seed has been distributed to the private fish farmers from the farm. The Brown Trout Seed produced in the farm is stocked in the natural water bodies of Kashmir for conservation of this species and for attraction of Tourist for angling purpose.

It was also given out that out of the total 1144 trout rearing units and 1222 Carp units established under private sector in UT, the department has established a total of 545 trout rearing units besides 41 number of Carp units for providing gainful employment to the rural youth under PMMSY.

AA No. & Date

32-DDCK of 2023

Dated: 15-06-2023

90 days

# **3rd Intl Meet on Contemporary Business Trends Begins at NIT Srinagar**

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** The 3rd International Conference on contemporary business trends in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)'s began on Saturday at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The conference is being organized by the Department of Humanities, Social Science and Management. The inaugural session was presided over by Prof Furgan Qamar (Centre for Management Studies. Jamia Millia Islamia New Delhi), who was Chief Guest on the occasion.

The podium was also shared by Dean R&C, Prof. (Dr.) M.F. Wani, Registrar NIT Srinagar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari, HOD HSS&M, Prof. Tanvir Jalal, Dr. Rahul Mirchandani, Head Aries Agro Limited and Head CII Srinagar, Mr. Khurshid Dar.

While Dean Faculty Welfare, Prof. G.A Harmain, Dean Alumni and International Affairs Prof. Nazir Ahmad Sheikh, Dr.Sheikh Shahid Saleem, Dr. Ta-



hir Ahmad Wani, faculty members of HSS&M department and other personalities were present on the occasion.

In his key address, Prof. Furqan Qamar said change is inevitable and in order to keep match the expectations of change, we need to keep learning.

He said today's rapidly changing business landscape, it is indeed crucial for individuals and organizations to continually innovate and adapt to stay relevant.

"Keep a track on industry trends, technological advancements, and customer Encourage preferences. reward creativity and

within your organization. We have to invent and reinvent things to keep ourselves updated in the business," Prof. Qamar said.

> He further said there are always challenges in business. Every time there is change and we have to provide an appropriate response to it. He also cited many examples in the world how top brands have survived despite challenges and many also collapsed. Dean R&C, Prof. (Dr.)

> M.F. Wani said there are a number of challenges to business in any part of the world including Kashmir. The market rates are always fluctuating and there is no business plan applied

on the ground, he said.

"So, it is crucial to conduct a thorough assessment of the local context and seek guidance from local experts or business associations when implementing these solutions,'

Prof. Wani cited examples of losses of apple industry, handicraft business and local markets in Kashmir. He said there is a need to address those issues and provide solutions, so that they can stay relevant in the present scenario.

In his inaugural address, Registrar NIT Srinagar, Prof. Bukhari said during the last few years, the economic landscape has transformed drastically all over the world, primarily due to the imprints of Covid pandemic.

He said the same has been the case with India. Market demand investments and our government has been encouraging public-private participation to rake up domestic investments in order to foster domestic production and reduce the economic disparity.

mented especially in the

vegetable sector there will

be a huge change. He fur-

ther reiterated that organic

Vegetable cultivation shall

be encouraged and 115

organic vegetable clusters

shall be established un-

der PKVY scheme and the

# **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ELECTRIC DIVISION HANDWARA** KASHMIR POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED (KPDCL)

Telephone No./Fax: 019455-262220, e-mail: exen.edhandwara@gmail.com

e-NIT No:90of 2023-24 Dated: 06-07-2023 **NOTICE INVITING TENDER** 

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), the Tender Floating Authority, as specified in

Rs 202.00

Office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara (KPDCL).

Rs5850.00/=

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&KPDD/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: Earnest Money Cost of Tend Work comple

(Rs in Lacs)

TIME SCHEDULE						
Α	Date & Time of Publishing of Standard Bidding Document	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jk-				
		tenders.gov.in				
		07-07-2023 03:00 PM				
В	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	07-07-2023 03:00 PM				
С	Clarification start date & time	07-07-2023 03:00 PM				
D	Clarification end date & time	10-07-2023 04:00 PM				
Ε	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	31-07-2023 04:00 PM				
F	Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time.	01-08-202301:00 PM				
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date &time (Only of the technically qual-					
	ified bidders).	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders through email.				

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

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 securityshall 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 Handwarawill 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

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.jkpdd.net/under "Standards and Specification".

10. 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. 11. 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 JKPDD and contactor 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 responsi

ble 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.

15. 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** Affidavit as per SBD

Annual Financial turnover certificate (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/1264-66 DIPK-NB-1772-23 Dated: 06-07-2023 **Executive Engineer** DT: 08/07/2023 **Electric Division Handwara** 

# **Agri Deptt To Promote Organic Vegetable Cultivation In Kashmir**

115 organic clusters shall be established during the current year: Director

good quality and quantity

of tomato in the area. The

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhury Mohammed Iqbal Saturday visited Narkara Budgam and took stock of the Agriculture scenario.

Speaking to the farmers, the Director said that the polyhouses provided to the farmers by the department have changed into success stories. He said the scenario has changed and the results of different initiatives by the department are indeed encouraging

and satisfactory. He said more and more



taking Vegetable Cultivation returns to the concerned on a commercial basis and farmers, he added. Chaudhry said that in this trend is quite encouraging. He expressed satisfaccoming days as the projtion over the production of ects under holistic Ag-

riculture

department is expecting a revolution in the organic vegetable sector of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir. Director Agriculture also

development

programme will be imple-

visited the farms of some progressive farmers of the area and held interaction with them and took feedback from them regarding various interventions by the department.





# J&K Wushu Team For **Junior National Finalised**

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** The three-day selection trial for finalizing the Junior J&K Wushu team for the 22nd National Wushu Championship concluded on Saturday at Sher-i-Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex here.

The team shall participate in the national championship being held in Patna from 6th to 11th August, next month. More than 300 players drawn from sixteen districts participated in the trials.

selection committee headed by national coach and Dronacharya awardee Kuldeep Handoo also included Maqsood Rather, Kamal Kishore, and Ajaz Hassan. The final team was shortlisted based on the performances during the sparring. Mohammad Igbal, Manager Sheri Kashmir Indoor Sports Complex Srinagar

was the observer on the occasion. The J&K team is hopeful of put-

ting on an exceptional show in the championship. Pertinently in the last outing, the J&K Wushu team emerged as 2nd runner-up, and Ayera Chisti, one of the team members was selected to represent the national team in the 7th Junior World Wushu championship in Indonesia. Ayera had done justice to her selection by bagging a bronze medal in the championship.

As per the handout of the Wushu Association of India, the medalist of the championship will be shortlisted for the NCOE centers for the preparation of the Indian Junior Wushu team for the forthcoming Youth Olympic, World, Asian, and Youth Asian Games.

Secretary Youth Services and department, Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary Sports Council, Nuzhat Gull, President and General Secretary Wushu Association of J&K all wished the team their best.

# **Lord's Museum Documents Empire Of Cricket With New Exhibition**



**Press Trust of India** 

**LONDON:** The bat used by K S Ranjitsinhji, well-known as Ranji, to score his unbeaten 154 in his Test debut over a century ago in July 1896 and the ball from the infamous Bodyline England versus Australia series of 1932-33 are among the iconic items on display at a new exhibition at Lord's Cricket Ground Museum.

'No Foreign Field: MCC and the Empire of Cricket' is a documentation of the vast expansive spread of cricket, its association with the British Empire and the winds of change for the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) over the decades. Divided across segments of First Contact, Building Connections, Tours and the Imperial Bond, Conflict and Transition, the new exhibition which opened recently is now part of any tour of the Lord's ground until early next year.

"The story of this exhibition is essentially the global spread of cricket around the world and that tracked the spread of the British empire," said Neil Robinson, Head of Heritage and Collections at MCC.

"The same way that the empire was governed from London, cricket was governed from Lord's by MCC. We look at how that sometimes caused conflict and how the power structures that were developing overseas began to draw that power balance away from Lord's towards a new home in Asia (Dubai) where it stands today," he explained.

The new curation at the museum uses objects and artefacts from the MCC's archives as a self-reflective exercise that throws up some fascinating insights, complete with a multimedia feel.

"The aim is to showcase a new way of thinking about the relationship between the MCC, cricket and empire," said Dr Prashant Kidambi, a historian at Leicester University and author of 'Cricket Country: An Indian Odyssey in the Age of Empire', who collaborated on the project.

"It tries to tell the story of how the MCC was implicated in cricket as an imperial game, how it plaved a role in the global spread of cricket and also how the club's actions and activities generated imperial bonds but also produced conflicts,"

# **Ashes: England Seek Wickets After Rain Delay**



**Agencies** 

LEEDS: England's quest for Australia wickets in the third Ashes Test at Headingley resumed Saturday after rain had kept the players off the field for most of the third day.

Following an umpires' inspection, the game eventually restarted at 1545 GMT only for a fresh shower to halt play again after just one over from Chris Woakes yielded two

But minutes later the match got going again, with the Test on a knife edge.

Australia were 118-4 in their second innings, a lead of 144 runs, as they looked to go 3-0 up in the five-match series and secure a first Ashes campaign triumph in England

The gloomy overhead skies in Leeds were set to make life

difficult for Australia's bats-

Mitchell Marsh, who has already marked his first Test in nearly four years with a brilliant run-a-ball 118 in Australia's first innings, was 18 not out and Travis Head 19 not out.

Their fifth-wicket partnership of 155 was the cornerstone of Australia's first-innings 263.

England had slumped to 142-7 at lunch on Friday before captain Ben Stokes's dashing 80 took his side to 237 all

That left England just 26 runs behind on first innings, despite Australia skipper Pat Cummins's impressive haul of

155 in the second Test at Lord's last week as England suffered a 43-run defeat.

Friday's innings revived

Stokes also hit a blistering

memories of Stokes's Ashes heroics at Headingley four years ago, when his astounding unbeaten century guided England to a remarkable onewicket win over Australia.

England's 362-9 in that chase is the second-highest fourth-innings total to win a Test at Headingley.

The lengthy break in the action could help England's injury concerns, with seamer Ollie Robinson yet to bowl since suffering back spasms on the first day and all-rounder Stokes batting a longstanding left knee problem, as well as several other niggles.

England are bidding to become only the second team in Test history to come from 2-0 down to win a series after Australia, inspired by batting great Don Bradman, overturned that deficit to take the

# **Pakistan PM Forms High-Level Committee To Decide On Participation In ODI WC**

**Press Trust of India** 

Karachi: Pakistan Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has formed a high-level committee, headed by Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto, to decide on the national cricket team's participation in the 2023 ODI World Cup in India.

The committee will explore and discuss all aspects of Pakistan and India relations, the government's policy of keeping sports and policy apart, and the situation in India for the players, officials, fans, and media before submitting its recommendations to Sharif.

The Prime Minister is also the patron-in-chief of the Pakistan Cricket Board.

Both the International Cricket Council and host BCCI have already announced the World Cup schedule and expect Pakistan to travel to India for the 50-over showpiece beginning October 5.

The PCB, however, has conveyed to them that the national team's participation in the premier event is subject to government clearance due to the tense relations between



include Sports Minister Ahsan Mazari, Maryam Aurangzeb, Asad Mahmood, Amin ul Haq, Qamar Zaman Kaira, and former diplomat Tariq Fatmi.

The concerned ministers have already indicated to the PCB that a high-level security delegation would be sent to India to inspect the venues where Pakistan's matches are scheduled.

The acting chairman of the board, Zaka Ashraf, and chief operating officer, Salman Taseer are also due to leave for Durban on Saturday night to attend the ICC meetings where

Other committee members be discussing India's repeated refusal to send its team to Paki stan citing security reasons.

The much-awaited World Cup game between India and Pakistan will be staged at the world's largest cricket stadium

in Ahmedabad on October 15. Pakistan will play their two warm-up games in Hyderabad before taking on Netherlands and Sri Lanka in their opening two World Cup matches at the same venue. The team is also scheduled to play in Chennai,

Bengaluru and Kolkata. Both India and Pakistan only play each other in Asia Cup or



# Netherlands Play Sri Lanka in 2023 WC Qualifier Final

HARARE: Sri Lanka can count on some of the leading batters and bowlers at the Cricket World Cup Oualifier, while the Netherlands will turn to their proven match-winners when the India-bound teams meet in the tournament final.

The undefeated Sri Lanka have surged into the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in India with a barnstorming run through the Qualifier tournament as their spin twins and opening pair drive their domination.

The 1996 World Cup champions have been able to turn to spin wizards Wanindu Hasaranga and Maheesh Theekshana to tear through their opponents as the top two wicket-takers at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Qualifier.

The closest the tournament pacesetters have been pushed was when the Netherlands were 127/4 while chasing a modest target of 214, but then lost 6/65 to fall 21 runs short. While Sri Lanka boast

several of the standout batters and bowlers at the Cricket World Cup Qualifier, the Netherlands have had a more even spread of contributors that will be hoping for a first-ever ODI victory over their final opponents.

Scott Edwards, Vikramjit Singh, Max O'Dowd, Wesley Barresi and Teja Nidamanuru each have multiple scores beyond 50 at the tournament, but it is the Netherlands' Xfactor performers that have stood taller whenever the stakes rise.

Netherlands can also call on van Beek when the game is on the line, especially after the all-rounder set a new benchmark with 30 runs in a Super Over to secure what ultimately proved to be crucial Super Six points from West Indies.

With Sri Lanka and the Netherlands already sure of their spots at the Cricket World Cup, the CWC23 Qualifier final looms as a test of the steady against the sensational as both teams start to cast an eye toward the showpiece event in India later this year. (ANI)

# Mbappe Calls PSG 'Divisive' As **Contract Standoff Drags On**

Agencies

PARIS: Kylian Mbappe has described his club Paris St Germain as a "divisive team", amid a contract standoff between the player and the French Ligue 1 champions. Relations between PSG and Mbappe soured last month after the French forward said he would not renew his contract which expires at the end of next season, meaning he can leave for free in June 2024.

If he runs down his contract PSG would be unable to recoup any of the 180 million euros (\$197 million) they spent to sign him. PSG President Nasser Al-Khelaifi has said they will not let him go for free. Mbappe, Ligue 1's top scorer in the last five seasons, has been linked with a move to Real Madrid.

"I think that playing for PSG doesn't help much because it's a divisive team, a divisive club," he said in an interview witl France Football magazine. He were "helpless" in the second.



did not elaborate. PSG representatives did not immediately reply when contacted by Reuters for comment on Saturday.

PSG have won nine of the last 11 Ligue 1 titles but Mbappe's frustration lies with their performances in the Champions League -- a trophy the Parisian club have never won despite all their investment in the squad. PSG went out in the last 16 this year when they were beaten by Bayern Munich, failing to score in both legs. Mbappe was injured for the first leg and said they

# **De Gea Leaves Manchester United After Contract Expires**

**Agencies** 

MANCHESTER: David De Gea has left Manchester United following the end of his contract, with the Spanish goalkeeper penning a farewell message to the Premier League club's fans on Saturday.

"It's been an unforgettable

and successful period since I came here. I didn't think from leaving Madrid as a young boy we would achieve what we did together," he wrote on Instagram.

"Now, it's the right time to undertake a new challenge, to push myself again in new surroundings.

# Homeless World Cup Brings Its Message Of Hope To California

**Agencies** 

CALIFORNIA: Hundreds of soccer players from around the world will step on to the pitch on Saturday to compete in the Homeless World Cup, an international competition held this year in California for people living without permanent shelter or in rehab centers. The 40-team tournament, which runs from July 8-15 at California State University, Sacramento, is the brainchild of Homeless World Cup Foundation.

The foundation says it has more than 100,000 players in partner leagues across the globe. About 500 of those players will participate in Sacramento. "Soccer is a unifying force, it's incredibly powerful and in my view, more generally, it really has a lot of power to tackle some of the most serious problems in the world," said Mel Young, co-founder of the Homeless World Cup Foundation, which says it offers homeless athletes a community for support and seeks to erase the stigma of homelessness.

Homelessness affects nearly



150 million people worldwide, according to a 2021 report by the World Economic Forum. To be eligible for the event, now in its 20th year, players need to have been homeless or in rehabilitation centers within the last two

The foundation said the players come from a range of situations: refugees, asylum seekers or people forced into shelters or on to the street because of a lack of affordable housing. Fahrudin Muminovic represented Bosnia and Herzegovina at the 2019 Homeless World Cup in Wales. His father and 150 other people from his village were killed in the Srebrenica massacre in 1995, and he had since spent most of his life in refugee

Sienna Jackson will play for Team USA. She grew up playing soccer, but family conflict forced her to rely on the goodwill of friends, she said, according to a press release from Sacramento State. When necessary, she slept in parks before Sacramento's Wind Youth Center led her back

to soccer and helped her put her life back together. All participants have been paired with partner organizations in their home countries that provide mental and physical health support, Young said. When ready, players receive help finding work or a home.

"Ît's all about helping them move on and change their lives," Young said. This is the first time the Homeless World Cup will take place in the U.S. Previous tournaments were in South Africa, France, and Denmark.

There are two different fields of play, the World Cup, which consists of both men's and co-ed teams, and the Women's World featuring women-only matches. Games are played with four players per side, on a field closer in size to a tennis court than a regular soccer pitch. This leads to faster-paced and higher scoring games, with each lasting for 15 minutes each.

The final match will be held July 15, five days before 32 teams take the field for the 9th annual FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

### Navigating Potential

compromises as well. For example, spending a lot of time away from your family."

And, he said, sometimes trekking to top peaks can be dangerous as well. Quoting the example of two trekkers who died after falling into a crevice of Kolhai glacier in September 2018, he emphasized that trekkers also need to make themselves aware about extreme dangers involved in alpine adventures.

Mukhtar Ahmad, deputy director meteorological department in Srinagar, said that upper reaches are always vulnerable to natural hazards especially in inclement weather which makes it extremely important for people to be informed about weather, windstorm and lightning forecast forecasts. "I understand that people who go trekking check weather forecasts before they begin their journey. But, they should gather this information meticulously and carefully," Ahmad told Kashmir Observer.

While sharing his views, Tanveer Khan, an ardent trekker and president of an active trekking group, Pathfinders, cautioned that people need to be careful while going for difficult treks. "Physical fitness and a lot of awareness about trekking and trekking routes is a must." Khan said.

"For example, we once noticed that a group had trekked to Tosamaidan, a meadow which used to be a training ground for artillery shelling until recently, in winter. This is not recommended because if there is an unexploded shell, it will not be visible in snow," he said.

Besides being physically fit, said the trekker from north Kashmir, someone aspiring to be a regular trekker needs to know that trekking involves other compromises as well. "For example, spending a lot of time away from your family."

It has also been observed that some trekking routes in Budgam and Ganderbal districts have got polluted with waste. In recent months, some videos were circulating on social media wherein environmental enthusiasts were seen clearing some mess created by polluters along trekking routes.

Ashraf Bajana, a Bakerwal said that he often comes across plastic waste in forest areas, "something which has started happening in recent years." According to Bajana, groups of youth camping in highland pastures is now a common sight, "Earlier, we would not see such a large number of people coming and staying in areas where we live with our herds in summers," he said.

Interestingly, growing popularity of trekking has encouraged Jammu & Kashmir's forest and tourism departments, to include trekking as one of the options for tourists from outside and within Kashmir. The Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment has opened up its existing infrastructure and resources of the department including rest houses, inspection huts to adventure tourists and wildlife enthusiasts.

Around a dozen trekking routes leading to different wildlife conservation reserves have been created by the forest department "using forest resources only (for example making a bench for resting somewhere using a fallen tree); not any material from outside forests.'

The department has opened over 70 forest rest houses and inspection huts in Kashmir and Jammu regions for hosting trekkers. "These guest houses are located in idyllic settings and were, so far, only being used by forest officers during official tours, but now they are open for nature lovers and trekkers," said a forest official. The trekking avenues range from short day-long treks up and down mountain slopes, to long-trans-mountain traverses involving a week of trekking and camping in the wilderness. These trekking routes pass through scenic splendors, with wild fauna and

"There is a lot of potential for adventure tourism in alpine areas. So, we are trying to use our existing infrastructure and involve local communities near the end-points so that their infrastructure and services can also be used by eco-tourists or trekkers," the official said

"There is a growing realization all over the world that the relationship of humankind with nature is breaking. That is why the emphasis is on restoration of ecosystems and the decade from 2021 to 2031 has been declared as the decade for ecosystem restoration," he observed and added that his department will make sure that forest areas don't get polluted in the process.

## Yatra Suspended

Operation Centres (EOCs).

Around 6000 people each have been lodged at 'vatri niwas' in Jammu and Ramban districts, 1200 in Samba, 1100 in Kathua and 600 in Udhampur

A spokesman said registration and distribution of tokens for Yatra will also remain suspended for the second day on Sunday.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said the safety of the yatris was of utmost importance and all arrangements were in "The Yatra is reviewed twice every day. We

take hourly reports. I hope the weather improves from tomorrow so that the Yatra restarts," he told The meteorological department has predicted

widespread light to moderate rains, accompanied by thundershowers, under the influence of monsoon winds and western disturbances across Jammu and Kashmir till Sunday.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the shrine, situated at an altitude of 3,888 metres in the south Kashmir Himalayas, commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on July 1. The Yatra is scheduled to conclude on August 31.

Over 80,000 pilgrims have paid obeisance at the holy cave shrine so far.

## Pilgrims unfazed

The pilgrims were stranded in Jammu and at various places including Chanderkote along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, which was closed for traffic following multiple landslides and the washing away of a portion of the road near Panthival tunnel.

But the inclement weather has not dampened the spirits of devotees

"I had to leave for the Valley to join the Yatra today (Saturday) but the closure of the highway and the weather did not allow further journey," Deepu, a resident of Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh, told PTI at Bhagwati Nagar base camp.

friends, said they will wait for the weather to clear and will complete their Yatra. "We are here on the call of 'Baba Barfani' and are not going back unless we perform darshan," he said.

Manisha, a resident of Madhya Pradesh, said she had come with a lot of hopes and prayers and will wait till the next week before thinking of returning home.

The devotees were also stopped at the Baltal and the Nunwan base camps. A landslide occurred on the Baltal route of the Yatra track following heavy rain in the area. However, there were no reports of any loss of life.

The Yatra will resume once the weather improves, the officials said.

Suraj Sharma, a resident of Ghaziabad (UP), said he is satisfied with the arrangements made by the local administration for the pilgrims at the base camp. "We have left for the Yatra and we are going to complete it even if it means waiting for a month," he said.

On Friday, a batch of 4,600 pilgrims was stopped at Chanderkote along the national highway in Ramban district to avoid crowding at the Pahalgam base camp after the Yatra's temporary suspension.

Shyam Sahu, a resident of Maharashtra who is among over 6000 devotees at Chanderkote, said he had been planning for the Yatra for the past couple of years.

"We have been stopped here since Friday afternoon and will wait for the clearance to proceed ahead. We are not facing any problem as the government has made all arrangements for our boarding, loading and security," Sahu said.

Union Minister speaks to officials

Union Minister Jitendra Singh said that senior officials are monitoring the situation and adequate arrangements have been made on the

"...Efforts are being made to evacuate the stranded Yatris as soon as the weather shows even the slightest improvement. We are constantly in touch with the authorities.

"I have personally spoken to Army Commander, Northern Command, Lt Gen (Upendra) Dwivedi, and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) Amarnath Shrine Board, Dr Mandip Bhandari, Both the senior officers personally monitor the situation," the minister of state in the Prime Minister's Office

He said the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and SDRF are already on the job. "The vatris are requested not to panic and follow instructions issued by the authorities from time to time," the minister added.

The Yatra was suspended on Friday following widespread rain, particularly along the twin tracks - the traditional 48-km Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district.

"The yatra has been stopped and it cannot take place in such weather," the LG said.

On a guery over the condition of the Srinagar-Jammu national highway and the frequent disruptions caused due to bad weather. Sinha said the highway will see smooth traffic when the final tunnel is complete and operational.

"A portion of the road near the tunnel has caved in due to heavy rain. An alternative road (which was there earlier) has been readied and yatris will move via that.

"I have taken an assessment in the afternoon, once the weather situation improves, we will build a Bailey bridge in the coming three days and LMVs will be allowed on that. A permanent solution will come only when the tunnels are ready," he said.

Divisional Commissioner of Jammu Ramesh Kumar directed the deputy commissioners to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply to guest houses where pilgrims were staying, the spokesman said adding, he also instructed the DCs to ensure that the EOCs function round the clock in all the districts.

The DCs were told to visit lodgement centres to oversee the provision of facilities to avoid any inconvenience to the pilgrims, the spokesman

He said the Divisional Commissioner also reviewed the status of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and instructed Deputy Commissioner Ramban and Project Director National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) to mobilise adequate men and machinery for early restoration of the

Kumar also asked the DCs to allow the pilgrims who want to visit local shrines, temples and tourist destinations in the districts of their stay.

## More Rain

to remain generally cloudy, with intermittent thundershowers at a few places towards the evening or early morning, the Met department said.

"Some places in Jammu Division very likely to receive heavy to very heavy rain whereas heavy rain is also likely at some places of Kashmir Division during the period and decrease thereafter gradually," he said.

The weather system can lead to temporary disruption of surface transportation over the Srinagar-Jammu national highway, Mughal Road, the Srinagar-Leh highway, and other major hilly roads, the officials said.

The administration in several districts has issued advisories to people, asking them to remain cautious and set up control rooms for any

## Security Forces

responsible for facilitating a smooth and incident-free pilgrimage spanning 62 days from July

"The Army undertakes intense area domination patrolling along the entire route of the yatra, from Jammu to Banihal and beyond, providing security to pilgrims," a senior security official told

The Northern Army commander and the corps commanders oversee the security arrangements and regularly assess the ground situation, they added.

The Amarnath vatra attracts devotees from across the globe and contributes significantly to the local economy, benefiting small villages along the route, as well as larger towns and cities in Jammu and Kashmir, the officials said.

# Kupwara 17.3mm, Kokernag 76.3mm, Gulmarg

42.4mm. Jammu 12.0mm, Banihal 103.8mm, Batote 16.4mm, Katra 16.6mm and Bhaderwah 6.0mm.

he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 14.9°C against 16.8°C on the previous night and it was 2.9°C below normal for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 14.6°C against 15.6°C on the previous night and it was 1.5°C below normal for the gateway town of the Kashmir Valley.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 10.8°C against 10.1°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.0°C for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

Kupwara town, he said, the mercury settled at 13.2°C against 15.3°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 2.8°C for the north Kashmir

Kokernag recorded a low of 13.2°C against 14.7°C on the previous night and it was 2.5°C be-

low normal for the place, the officials said. Gulmarg recorded a low of 7.8°C against 10.2°C on previous night and it was 3.0°C below normal for the popular skiing resort in north Kashmir's

Baramulla district, he said. Jammu recorded a low of 24.6°C against 24.3°C on the previous night and it was 1.7°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 14.4°C. Batote 16.7°C. Katra 20.2°C and Bhaderwah 17.1°C, the official

### LG Announces

covered under priority households. In J&K, 14.32 lakh ration card holders and 57,24000 families will be covered under Prime Minister's FSS for priority households in the UT," he said, adding that welfare of the poor was the top priority of J&K

He said the additional 10 kg ration will be provided at the rate of Rs 25 per kg. "This will cost Rs 1.80 Cr to the UT government annually." the LG said, adding that against the Rs 34 per kg rate of rice, people coming under the PM's FSS for priority households will have to pay only Rs 25 per kg. "There is a subsidy of Rs 9," he said. "People falling in the category of priority households were already getting a 4 kg ration per person free of cost. So if there are four family members, they will get 16 kg free ration plus 10 kg additional rice at the subsidized rates," the LG said.

To a guery about delay in SSB recruitment, he said that in early exams there were complaints of irregularities after which a CBI probe was initiated. "The matter is before the High Court and once the decision comes, exams will be held. For fresh posts, exams dates will be announced within 15 days," the LG said.

About steps taken by the administration in view of caving in of a road stretch at Panthal, the LG said that efforts are on to make alternate road ready within three days to facilitate Amarnath pilgrims."The permanent solution is once the tunnel is completed," he said.

Asked whether the government would announce any sort of relaxation for poor in power tariff, the LG said that people will have to pay power bills as per their usage. "In the past four years, power tariff bills mounted to Rs 31000 Crore," he said. The LG said that due to the rains, Amarnath Yatra has been suspended and he was hopeful that the weather improves by tomorrow so that pilgrims proceed towards the cave shrine. 'Abolished Costly

to be a practice of ferrying files in 270 trucks from Srinagar to Jammu and vice-versa," he said while addressing BHU Urology Update and Alumni meet, organised by SKIMS, Srinagar, at SKICC here. He said under the costly practice of Darbar Move, 1000 rooms were hired in Srinagar and 800 in Jammu every year to accommodate officers

The LG said that today almost 400 government services are in online mode under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA). "All services are in auto-escalation mode. If an official fails to provide a birth certificate within 15 days, the matter will automatically reach to his higher ups and action may be initiated which includes fine also," he

LG Sinha said that Srinagar is jam-packed with tourists and he is getting calls about availability of rooms almost every day, "Last year, 1.88 Crore tourists visited J&K and this year the number is expected to increase further," he said, "The hotel infrastructure will come up at district level too besides at the tourist resorts of the UT."

He said before 2020, 9000 developmental projects were completed in a year, and this year the administration is about to complete 93000 developmental projects. "The funding cost is almost the same and there is not a major difference," the LG

About the G-20 Tourism Working group meeting in Srinagar held on May 22 to May 25, the LG said the event is much talked about across the globe even though similar meetings were held in various parts of the country. "The successful G-20 meet wasn't possible in Srinagar without the sup-

### port of locals," he said. Azad, Bukhari

have paid off, bringing relief to countless families across several districts. Together, we can make a positive impact," Azad said.

Meanwhile Apni Party led by Syed Altaf Bukhari also expressed its gratitude to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for announcing the provision of an additional 10 kg of ration at subsidised rates to over 57 lakh priority households in Jammu and Kashmir.

According to a press statement issued here, Apni Party commended the decision as a significant step towards alleviating food insecurity and ensuring the well-being of vulnerable sections of

and contribute to their overall welfare," the party Party appreciated LG's prompt response to

ly alleviate the burden on struggling households

"The provision of extra rations will undoubted-

their demand and acknowledged his commitment to addressing the concerns of the people. "Apni party emphasises that this development showcases the effectiveness of peaceful advoca-

cy and constructive engagement in bringing about positive change," the statement reads. Jhelum Crosses 24 hour precipitation at 76.3 mm and 42.4 mm a. b.

c. d.

The rainfall that started on Friday evening has increased the water in the river Jhelum and other tributaries. The water was flowing above the flood

alert mark at 10:00 PM. At Sangam, the water till 10:00 PM has risen to 21.55 ft, which is nearly one ft above the flood alert mark and 4 ft below the flood declaration mark. In Pampore also, the water has increased to 4.86 ft. which is above the flood alert mark. The flood

and 5 ft respectively. At Ram Munshi Bagh, the water was flowing below the alert mark as it has risen to 17.49 ft while the alert mark is 18 ft. At Asham, it was flowing near 11 ft, which is 3 ft below the flood alert mark.

declaration mark in Sangam and Pampore is 25 ft

The water level has however; receded in nallah Vishow at Khudwani as it was flowing below the flood declaration mark when the report was last filed. The water level in Rambiyara, Doodhganga and Sindh was flowing below the flood declara-

However, the Irrigation and Flood Control Department (I&FC) department has stated that the situation is being monitored and there was no need to panic.

Chief Engineer, I&FC, Naresh Kumar said that so far no report of any untoward incident has been received amid the rise in water level in river Jhelum and other tributaries.

He added that the advisories have been issued in every district almost and the staff has been asked to remain on night patrolling.

Kumar further stated that the water is still flowing below the alarm level and there was no need to panic. "The position at present is much better than in the morning. The water level is receding at present as the rains have stopped now," he said. "With full confidence I am telling the people

that they should not panic as the department is here to tackle the situation and monitor it very closely," Kumar said. Earlier, in a day, Kumar issued a circular, in

which the Flood Zonal Committees were directed to remain alert in their respective jurisdictions and monitor the situation closely. "In view of forecast of heavy rains predicted by

the Meteorological Department from 08-07-2023 to 09-07-2023 all the Flood Zonal Committees are directed to remain alert in their respective jurisdictions and monitor the situation closely," the circular reads. It added that the committees will keep the

mediate mobilization in the event of any flood like situation. Moreover, the intermittent rainfall lashed Srinagar and adjacent areas also, submerging the roads as well as bringing the mercury down

flood fighting machinery in readiness for their im-

across J&K. Director Meteorological department, Sonum Lotus told Kashmir News Observer that the intermittent light to moderate rain and shower would likely occur at most places of Jammu & Kashmir with possibility of heavy to very heavy showers at isolated places of the Union Territory.

He added that snowfall is also expected over higher reaches.

On July 09, he said there is a possibility of intermittent light to moderate rain and showers at many places of J&K with possibility of heavy showers at isolated places of Jammu region as

From July 10-14, Lotus said that as per the fore-

July 10 but light rain or thunderstorms at isolated places can't be ruled out. He added that with the possibility of more rains, there is a risk of flash floods, landslides, mudslides at vulnerable spots and lower catch-

cast, the weather conditions would improve from

Asking people to stay alert, Lotus said that the temporary disruption of surface transportation over Srinagar-Jammu NH, Mughal Road, Srinagar-Leh NH and other major hilly roads can also be witnessed during the period

Lotus advised people to stay indoors while thunder, lightning and avoid venturing near fast flowing water bodies. Meanwhile, the State Disaster Rapid Force

(SDRF) is on high alert and has prepared Quick Response Team (QRT) teams and boats for immediate emergency action. We are fully prepared for any potential flood situation as the water level in the River Jhelum

is expected to exceed the flood mark. We have boats, ORT teams, and other necessary equipment ready for action, said officials. "Our QRT teams, supported by various ma-

chines and boats, are fully prepared to handle any kind of emergency. There is no need to worry as we are proactive and vigilant," they said.

### --With Inputs From KNO Geared Up To

Flood Zonal Committees are directed to remain alert in their respective jurisdictions and monitor the situation closely," the circular reads.

It added that the commitees will keep the flood fighting machinery in readiness for their immediate mobilization in the event of any flood like situation.

Furthermore, water level has increased in the Jhelum river and other water bodies.

### 2 soldiers feared

were swept away by the strong current, they

Meanwhile, police vehicles fitted with public address systems went around various parts of the district to advise people to stay away from the water bodies which are in spate following incessant rains since Thursday night.

### **Traffic Partially**

Farlier, traffic movement was temporarily suspended on the national highway, while Mughal Road was also closed following landslides triggered by heavy overnight rainfall.

Meanwhile, train service between Banihal and Oazigund stations was also been suspended for the day. Several landslides struck the national highway

near Mehar, Cafeteria Morh, Keela Morh, Sita Ram Passi and Panthiyal in Ramban district today. Officials said that a portion of the road leading

to the Panthiyal tunnel was washed away. They said that work was underway to clear the road and repair the affected sections despite incessant rains. "People are advised not to travel on the highway till the restoration work is completed," he added.

Notably, the weatherman has predicted widespread moderate to heavy rains with thundershowers under the influence of monsoon winds and western disturbances across Jammu and Kashmir till Sunday.

## Scooty Rider

for advanced treatment.

The official identified the deceased as Danish Hussain Wani, son of Ghulam Hassan Wani, a resident of Singhpora Baramulla and the injured as Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, son of Ghulam Ahmad Bhat. Confirming the death of one person and injuries to another, a police official said that they are investigating the nature of the accident. (GNS)

## Camping at

"We had to face challenges in managing the environmental impact caused by unchecked camping. The delicate ecosystem of the valley is at risk due to the haphazard placement of tents and inadequate waste management", he said.

"Sometimes installation of tents in Gulmara have created law and order problems and burning of fire and stoves inside the tents may sometimes prove fatal and is life-threatening," he said.

Zargar said that Gulmarg Development Authority has decided to implement a new regulation. Henceforth, tourists and visitors who desire to stay in tents overnight would be required to seek permission from the GDA. "The move would regulate camping activities, ensure environmental conservation, and provide a better experience for tourists besides, would have a check on any untoward incidents," he said.

The CEO GDA said action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against the violators, who fail to seek permission from the competent authority. "Permission for installation of temporary tents in the jurisdiction of Gulmarg is subject to the various Dos and Don'ts which shall be conveyed in the permission letter only," he added.

### 1st Hajj Flight to

Hajj Officer, besides representatives of Jal Shakti, KPDCL, Fire and Emergency, Security, Homeguards, SRTC etc.

Deputy Commissioners of all districts of Kashmir, Jammu and Karqil attended the meeting through video conferencing.

At the outset, the Div Com directed the concerned officers to prepare facilitation of rousing welcome to the J&K bound Haiis (Haii Pilgrims) upon their return from Saudi Arabia after the cul-

mination of annual pilgrimage, 2023. The meeting was informed that 12000 Pilgrims from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh performed Hajj this year. Return Hajj flights from Saudi Arabia to Srinagar will operate from July 18th to August 02, 2023.

A total of 38 flights shall fly Hajj pilgrims from Saudi Arabia to here, with two flights to operate on the first three days and afterwards three flights will operate till the return of all pilgrims.

The meeting discussed threadbare various issues relating to arrival of Haji Flights, reception, arrival timings, airlifting of luggage and Aab-e-Zam Zam, deployment of Home Guards volunteers, parking facilities, vehicle passes to attendants and transport arrangements for pilgrims.

### Lineman Electrocuted

Family members said that their son was working as a need based worker in the department and was asked to repair a power transformer, power transmission lines at Manyal.

They alleged that while the transformer, the electricity supply was restored due to which he suffered an electric shock, leading to his on spot death.

"Our son died only due to negligence of the Junior Engineer, other staff members, who took no concern towards a working official and restored power supply," they said. The protesters blocked Thanamandi road raising slogans against the department, demanding justice.

Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Thanamandi Mohammad Shafig Mir. Sub Divisional Police Officer Thanamandi Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed, Tehsildar Thanamandi Sayeed Sahil Ali and other officials reached the spot and met with protesters. Later, the Managing Director (Rajouri) of JPDCL and other officials of the power department also reached the spot. Police officers assured protesters that cognizance of the matter has already been taken and action will be initiated against the staff involved in restoration of electricity during the repairing work-(KNO)

# Office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL)

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e-NIT No:95of 2023-24Dated: 06-07-2023 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), 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&KPDD/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.		Adv. Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Cost of Tender Document	AA No. & Date	Work completion Period
1	Purchase of Electric Conductor for Block Mawer	1.94	Rs3900.00/=	Rs 202.00	43-DDCK of 2023 Dated: 15-06-2023	90 days
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Α	Date & Time of Publishing of Standa	jk	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over <a href="http://jiktenders.gov.in">http://jiktenders.gov.in</a> 07-07-2023 03:00 PM			
B C	e-Bid submission (start) date & time Clarification start date & time			7-07-2023	03:00 PM 03:00 PM	
D E F	Clarification end date & time e-Bid submission (end) date & time Online Commercial and Technical e-I	31 te & Time. 01	-07-2023 ( -08-202301:00 P			
G H	Online financial e-Bid opening date a technically qualified bidders). Venue of opening of technical & fina	th	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders through email.  Office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara (KPDCL).			

Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids 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 securityshall 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

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 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 Handwarawill 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.jkpdd.net/under "Standards and Specification".

PAN Card along with latest ITR.

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. 11. 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 JKPDD and contactor 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.

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).

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

Valid Registration Card with validity up to date. GST Registration. SBD. Earnest Money Deposit.

Affidavit as per SBD Annual Financial turnover certificate (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/1279-81

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**Executive Engineer** Electric Division Handwara

# Indo-Pak Couple, Who Fell In Love On PUBG, Get Bail After Arrest In Noida



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Noida: The Pakistani woman and her Indian partner, both of whom were arrested by the police in connection with her illegal stay in India, were on Friday granted bail by a court in Uttar Pradesh's Greater Noida, officials said.

Ghulam Haider, around 30, and Sachin Meena, around 25, were arrested on July 4. While Seema was charged with illegally entering India, Sachin was booked for sheltering the illegal immigrant.

On July 4, both Sachin and Seema had confessed their love for each other in front of the media and police, urging the government to allow them to get mar-

ried and stay together in India. The duo had got in touch in 2019 while playing online game PUBG and eventually got closer to the extent that she decided to come to India to stay with him in Greater Noida. The officials said

the bail was granted to the two by Justice Nazim Akbar of the Jewar Civil Court junior division.

"Both Seema and Sachin have been granted bail by the court. However, they are yet to be released from the jail. They would be released after paper work and verification are completed," said Sudhir Kumar, in-charge of local Rabupura police station, where the case was lodged.

"Seema's four children are also with her in the jail. They would stay with the mother once she walks out of the jail," Kumar told PTI.

Earlier, the court had ordered that the woman's four children, all aged below 7, would stay with the mother in the jail. The children had accompanied Seema when she illegally came to India in May this year. Sachin's father Netrapal Singh (50) was also arrested in connection with the case and charged with sheltering an illegal immigrant.

# **US Makes New** Alzheimer's Drug More Widely Accessible

The US drug regulator gave full approval to a new Alzheimer's medicine on Thursday, a move that makes it more widely available to the public through government-run health insurance for the elderly.

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Leqembi, developed jointly by Japan's Eisai and Biogen of the United States, was shown in a clinical trial to modestly reduce cognitive decline among patients

in the early stages of the disease. But the study also raised concerns about side effects including brain bleeds and swelling.

Leqembi was initially granted "accelerated approval" by the Food and Drug Administration in January, which meant it was not broadly covered by the government-run Medicare program for people aged 65 and older.

Thursday's decision, which follows further study of the drug, means Medicare will now defray a large portion of treatment, initially listed by the makers at \$26,500 per year.

This confirmatory study verified that it is a safe and effective treatment for patients with Alzheimer's disease," senior FDA



official Teresa Buracchio said in

a statement. Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, ad-

ministrator of the agency that runs Medicare, added: "This is welcome news for the millions of people in this country and their families who are affected by this debilitating disease." But people covered by Medi-

care will still need to meet 20 percent of the cost, or thousands of dollars, themselves. Approximately 6.5 million

Americans suffer from Alzheimer's, which is characterized by memory loss and declining mental acuity.

Leqembi, also known as lecanemab, is an antibody treatment that is injected into the brain every two weeks and works by reducing amyloid

beta, a protein that builds into plaques and causes brain cells to die, as well as brain shrinkage. The FDA's decision was wel-

comed by patient groups. "This treatment, while not a cure, can give people in the early stages of Alzheimer's more time to maintain their independence and do the things they love,"

Association president and CEO. "This gives people more months of recognizing their spouse, chil-

said Joanne Pike, Alzheimer's

dren and grandchildren." Leqembi was the second Alzheimer's drug developed by Eisai and Biogen to receive approval. The first, Aduhelm, was approved in 2021 but the decision was highly controversial as the data about its efficacy was

# 4 Arrested In Mumbai For Stealing 90-Foot Long, 6,000-Kg Iron Bridge

Mumbai: Sharad Pawar has alluded to his nephew Ajit Pawar while speaking about whom not to trust at a public event in Maharashtra's Nashik. Ajit Pawar's decision to ally with the ruling BIP and become Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister has led to internal turmoil in the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).

The escalation has parallels with how Shiv Sena's Eknath Shinde revolted with a large group of MLAs and allied with the BJP to become the Chief Minister.

"I erred in trusting some people. I won't repeat the mistake," Sharad Pawar said at Nashik to-

day, alluding to his nephew. He also scoffed at Ajit Pawar's suggestion that he should retire

"Do you know at what age

PM or a minister, but only want to serve the people," Sharad Pawar said, referring to his nephew's comment that he should retire

now that he is 83 years old. Sharad Pawar, referring to "Na tired hu, na retired hu (am neither tired nor retired)" comment by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, told the news channel Mumbai Tak, "Who are they to tell me to retire? I can still work.

On the succession battle in the family after Ajit Pawar's comments that he was sidelined as he wasn't somebody's son, Sharad Pawar said, "I don't want to say much on this topic. I don't like discussing family issues outside the family."

Sharad Pawar said Ajit Pawar was made minister and also deputy chief minister, but no ministerial position was given Morarii Desai became Prime Min- to daughter Supriya Sule even



