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### Banihal Highway Closed For 3rd Day

**Press Trust Of India** 

Jammu: The 270-km Jammu-Srinagar National Highway remained closed for the third consecutive day on Monday with agencies making efforts to ensure early restoration of the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, officials said.

The highway was closed for vehicular traffic on Saturday following incessant rains that triggered multiple landslides and also severely damaged a portion of the road near Panthiyal Tunnel and Chamba-Seeri in Ramban district, leaving thousands of vehicles stranded.

"Barring the Chamba-Seeri stretch where a 60-metre strip of road was washed away, the highway is almost clear of all hurdles and is traffic-worthy," a traffic department official said.

He said the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) is working round-the-clock at Chamba-Seeri and is working on an alternate alignment to ensure early restoration of the road.

"The restoration work will take some time. The stranded vehicles will be cleared on priority once the road is made motorable," the official said.

However, no fresh traffic will be allowed either from Jammu or Srinagar till the clearance of the stranded vehicles, he added.

A police spokesperson advised people to avoid travelling on the highway More on P10

### No Trace Of Drowned Kupwara Girl

**Kupwara:** Searches for the missing minor girl who drowned in River Pohru in Kupwara district entered the third day on Monday with rescuers finding no trace of her despite their strenuous efforts.

On July 08, three minor girls drowned in the river and two were rescued immediately by a local individual. But the search for the third is still on.

Reports said that a Joint operation of SDRF J&K, Marine Commando Force, Police, Revenue, Police and locals was underway for the third consecutive day to retrieve the missing girl.

"Multiple teams have been searching at More on P10

# **Centre Defends Abrogation, Challenges Pleas**

'Unprecedented Era Of Peace & Progress In J&K After Article 370'

**Press Trust Of India** 

New Delhi: Defending the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, the Centre on Monday told the Supreme Court that the entire region of Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed an "unprecedented" era of peace, progress and prosperity, with street violence, orchestrated by terrorists and secessionist networks, becoming "a thing of the past."

Referring to the "characteristic security situation" in the region, the Centre said organized stone pelting incidents connected with terrorism-separatist agenda, which were as high as 1,767 in 2018 has come down to zero in 2023 till



date and casualty of security personnel has shown a 65.9 per cent decline in 2022 as compared to 2018.

The Centre's affidavit will be taken up on Tuesday by a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, which is scheduled to hear a batch of petitions challenging the decision to abrogate Article 370 that had given special status to Jammu and Kashmir. More on P10

IT IS SUBMITTED THAT SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, hospitals and other public institutions are functioning efficiently without any strikes or any kind of disturbances during the last three years. The earlier practice of daily hartals, strikes, stone pelting and bandhs are things of the past now."

# **Art-370 Petitions Back In Supreme Court Today**

**Observer News Service** 

he Supreme Court on Tuesday will take up a batch of petitions challenging the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's semiautonomous status by the BJP-led government over three years ago.

The five-Judge Constitution Bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and Surya Kant will take care of the preliminar-

ies on Tuesday and issue procedural directions about filing of documents and written submissions.

The bench will also issue a date of hearing of the petitions.

The court is expected to examine whether parliament could have scrapped Article 370 without the consent of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and whether its bifurcation into two Union territories was constitutional. On Monday, the Centre filed an More on P10

### Amarnath Yatra Remains Suspended

Jammu- The Amarnath Yatra remained suspended from Jammu for the third consecutive day on Monday due to extensive damage caused to a section of the Jammu-Srinagar Highway in Ramban, officials said.

More than 6,000 pilgrims are stranded in Jammu, particularly at the Bhagwatinagar base camp while over 5,000 are stranded at the Chanderkot base camp in Ramban district.

"The yatra remains suspended from Jammu due to bad condition of the highway. No fresh batch has been allowed to move towards Kashmir from Jammu base camp today," a senior officer told PTI.

"More pilgrims are arriving in Jammu on their onward journey to Amarnath. But most of them are being accommodated in various lodging centres," he added.

Some of the pilgrims have been accommodated at the camps in Lakhanpur and Chichi Mata in Kathua and Samba districts to avoid the rush in Jammu, they said.

More than 90,000 pilgrims paid obeisance at the cave shrine of Amarnath, while over 40,000 devotees left Jammu for Kashmir in seven batches before the suspension of the yatra on Saturday.

Authorities said incessant rains on Saturday and Sunday caused unprecedented damage to the highway, especially a stretch in More on P10

### Yatri Dies Of Heart Attack

Jammu: A 59-year-old Amarnath Yatra pilgrim from Madhya Pradesh died of suspected heart attack in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, officials said. Satish Suryavansham, a resident of Gwalior, complained of chest pain at Yatri Niwas Chanderkote and was attended by the doctors present there, the officials said.

After first aid, the pilgrim was referred to district hospital Ramban for specialized treatment but was declared brought dead, they said, adding he is believed to have suffered a massive heart attack resulting in his death.

More than 6,000 pilgrims are left stranded at Chanderkote Yatri Niwas since More on P10

### HM Lauds 'Acts Of Honour & Honesty' Of 2 J&K Cops

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- Union Home Minister Amit Shah lauded two Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel on Monday for their "acts of honour and honesty" after they returned a bag containing Rs 80,000 in cash and other valuables to an Amarnath pilgrim, saying it was an "example of integrity".

"True heroism lies in our acts of honour and honesty that leave an indelible mark on the lives we touch. ASI Darshan Kumar and HC Satpal of the J&K Police proved this saying correct. They found a bag that contained ?80000, a mobile phone, and Yatra documents. They traced out its owner, a pilgrim, and handed it over to her. I appreciate them for being an example



of integrity," Shah said on

Twitter.

On Sunday, Shah also hailed the National Defence Response Force (NDRF) for providing a safe Amarnath Vatra to every pilgrim

"The NDRF and the SDRF have always stood tall in service to the nation and humanity despite all odds. Their role has been crucial in fulfilling our goal of More on P10

# Congress Should Thank PM For Removing Art- 370: Singh

Press Trust Of India

**Srinagar:** The Congress should thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fulfilling their promise by removing Article 370, which was a temporary provision of the Constitution, Union minister Jitendra Singh said on Monday.

He also said the Modi government brought grassroots democracy to Jammu and Kashmir "for the first time". "When Syama Prasad

"When Syama Prasad Mookerjee suggested in the Constituent Assembly that



there should be a rethink on it (Article 370), the biggest advocates of the provision including Jawahar Lal Nehru responded by saying 'this will erode over time'. However, Congress could not erode it due to their own political interests. Modiji has done what Congress governments should have done much earlier," Singh told reporters here.

"I think Congress should thank Modiji for fulfilling their promise and removing what was temporary," he added.

The Union minister inaugurated a seven-day exhibition highlighting the achievements of the Modi More on P10

### Inaugurates Multimedia Exhibition Of CBC At Srinagar

nion Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh Monday inaugurated a multimedia exhibition of the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC) at Srinagar. The 5-day long exhibition will be held at S.P Model Higher More on P10

### Class 11th Result Out; Girls Outshine Boys

Observer News Service

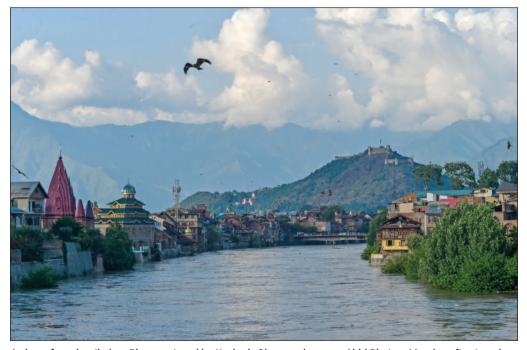
Srinagar: The girl students in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have again outperformed boys in 11th Class Annual Regular Examinations, the results of which were declared on Monday.

In total, 139431 students were enrolled for class 11th in the UTs of J&K, and Ladakh, out of which 73471 (53%) students passed the exams; 73809 were male and 65609 were female. Girls have excelled again with a pass percentage of 57 against 49% of boys. The exam was conducted at 1316 centres established across the soft and hard zone areas identified in both the UTs.

Expressing his satisfaction over the entire examination process of Class 11th,

Chairperson, JKBOSE, Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha; Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar and Principal Secretary Education, Alok Kumar for great guidance and support throughout the conduct of examination for proper implementation of Uniform Academic Calendar.

He also congratulated all the stakeholders and expressed gratitude to the entire divisional and district level administrative machinery, National Informatics Centre, India Posts, whole team of the officers and officials of JKBOSE and all other people who have directly or indirectly contributed towards the success of this vision of government More on P10



A view of roaring Jhelum River captured by Kashmir Observer lensman Abid Bhat on Monday after two day incessant rainfall.

Major Rejig in School Education Deptt

### 200 School Principals Shifted Under ATD-2023

Agencies

**Srinagar:** In an unprecedented move, the School Education Department Monday ordered mass transfers of senior secondary school principals and equivalent under the online Annual Transfer Drive 2023.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Alok Kumar ordered transfer and posting of at least 200 principals and equivalent under the online Annual Transfer Drive 2023.

Kumar said that all the transferees shall be deemed to have been relieved with the direction to immediately report to

their new place of postings.

"The DDOs concerned are directed to immediately forward the LPCs along-with service book of the transferees to their new place of postings," reads the order. Kumar said that no leave of any kind shall be granted to any officer who is under order of transfer

treated as absence from duties.
"Orders once issued must be strictly complied with and any modification request

failing to comply shall be

under compelling circumstances or in exceptional cases shall be entertained by the department only after joining of the transferees at their new place of More on P10

#### Earthquake Jolts Doda

n earthquake of magnitude
4.9 hit Jammu and
Kashmir's Doda district
early Monday, the National
Centre for Seismology said.
The quake occurred at 5.38 am.
There are no immediate reports of
any damage, officials said.
The epicentre was 10 km below
the surface of the earth in Doda
region. It occurred at latitude 33.15
degrees north and longitude 75.68
degrees east, the NCS said.
According to officials, 12 tremors
with varied intensity More on P10

#### Soldier Injured In Mine Blast

n Army personnel was injured in a landmine explosion near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Monday. The soldier suffered injuries when the landmine got activated after he accidentally stepped over it during patrolling in a forward village in Kerni sector late Sunday night, the officials said. They said the injured was shifted to a military hospital and his condition was stated to be "stable". As part of an More on P10

### Search Op Underway In Rajouri

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massive search operation was launched following a suspected activity near the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Monday, officials said.

The operation in a vast border area in Nowshera sector was launched by the Army after the alert troops picked up suspicious movement of suspected terrorists trying to infiltrate from across the LoC, they said. They said the search operation is underway and further details are awaited.

#### Man Drowns In Shopian

man from Kumdalan area of south Kashmir's Shopian district lost his life after he drowned in a Nallah in his locality. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the man drowned in the Nallah near his home and soon after he was rescued and shifted to a hospital. He said that he was declared dead on arrival at the hospital. He has been identified as Javaid Ahmad Naikoo son of Ab Gani Naikoo resident of Kumdalan Shopian. More on P10

### 4 Rescued From Flash Flood

our people who were trapped in a flash flood in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district were rescued on Monday, officials said. Acting on the information, a team of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) along with police launched a rescue operation in the Ravi river in Kathua and rescued them safely, they said. The four people were engaged in fishing in the river in the Maghar area when they got trapped in flash floods, they said. More on P10

### Man Arrested In Rape Case

man was arrested for allegedly raping a woman in Jammu and Kahmir's Samba district on Monday, police said. Sanjay Kumar alias "Sunny", a resident of Digyana area of Jammu, was recently booked for raping and blackmailing a woman, a police spokesperson said.

A case was registered against Kumar about a fortnight ago and he was arrested by a police party from Bari Brahmana area, the spokesperson said. In another case, Rahul Kumar, from More on P10



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#### 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: 55 of 2023-24

Dated: 04-07-2023

Office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara (KPDCL).

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:

		Adv. Cost (Rs in Lacs)		Cost of Tender Docu- ment	AA No. & Date	Work completion Period
S No.	Description of work:					
l Ir	nstallation of LT Network with Poles Gh Mohd	4.85	Rs 9720.00/=	Rs 203.00	43-DDCK of 2023 Dated:	90 days
	Ananwan Panchavat Halga Haiin				15-06-2023	

Time S	Schedule	
Α	Date & Time of Publishing of Standard Bidding Document	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://
		jktenders.gov.in
		06-07-2023 02:00 PM
В	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	06-07-2023 02:00 PM
С	Clarification start date & time	06-07-2023 02:00 PM
D	Clarification end date & time	08-07-2023 04:00 PM
E	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	29-07-2023 04:00 PM
F		31-07-2023 11:30 PM
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date &time (Only of the technically	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders through

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

Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids

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

The tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table.

The bidders need to upload the proof/cost of e-Bid document and Earnest Money Deposit as stated in the above table through Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR respectively pledged to Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. The scanned copy of the Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR must be enclosed along with the e-Bids but the original instrument should be submitted by the L1 bidder in the office of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. In addition, Performance security shall be Submitted by successful Bidder L1 only pledged to the office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara. The 2% EMD of successful bidders shall be released after receipt performance security.

In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.

The Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any

reason thereof. The decision of Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara will be final and binding. The bidders should upload Contact detail document (e.g., Address, Mobile No, e-mail ID etc.) and other document as per the SBD.

The contractor has to get the key material, to be provided by him inspected by the PMA and or representative of the sub division and price quoted by the bidder will be inclusive of inspection expenses. No extra claim / charges will be paid. Test certificates are to be enclosed with the work done bill.

Payments will be processed as per the availability of funds against the work done bills. The work has to be executed as per the approved GTP and Drawing available at https://kpdcl.jkpdd.net/ under "Standards and Specification" The contractor has to produce pre-execution, during execution & post-execution photographs (with GPS Coordinates i.e longitude & Latitude)

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 responsible for any un-towards or any accident at site. Besides he shall be responsible for taking all safety majors. In addition to it, he should have group insurance of his workers working at site.

The contractor has to get the work executed under the supervision of qualified Engineer/supervisor as per the SBD conditions.

The Bidder needs to upload all the following documents to avoid cancellation in technical Evaluation Process: Cost of e-Bid Document, amount specified in the table (Only Treasury Challan shall be accepted).

PAN Card along with latest ITR.

Valid Registration Card with validity up to date. c. d. GST Registration.

**Earnest Money Deposit** 

Experience / Executed work certificate issued by not less the Executive Engineer and experience has to as per the clause A5 of QRC of SBD

Annual Financial turnover certificate issued by CA of last three years

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

No.: EDH/1160-62 DIPK-NB-1812/23 Dated: 10-07-2023

s/d **Executive Engineer Electric Division Handwara** 

### Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir,

### Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara

NIT No. 23-Kupwara/3027-36 of 2023-24 e-tendering DATED: - 07-07-2023

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD , Railways and other state/Central Governments for the followings works:-

Name of Work		Est. Cost	Cost of	Earnest	Time of	Time & Date	Class of	Major Head
		(Rs. In	T/Doc.	Money	Completion	of Opening	Contractor	of Account
		Lacs)	(In rupees)	(In rupees)	In days	of Bid		
2		3	4		5	6	7	8
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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

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	07-07-2023
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 08-07-2023 to 14-07-2023 (4.00P.M)
03.	Bid submission start date	08-07-2023 from (10.00A.M)
04.	Bid submission end date	14-07-2023 upto (04.00P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	14-07-2023 at (6:00P.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer RnB Division
		Kupwara

The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape Treasury Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (Treasury Challan) must be wirten bo 8. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Kupwara
The Successful Ridder has to a

The Successful Bildder has to produce an amount equal to 3% additional performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be released after successful completion of the defect liability Period of the work. The EMD of 2% successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% Performance Security The GST-3B for last Quarter (Quarterly return) and Previous month for (Monthly return) Should be uploaded, irrespective of date of Tende

ď. No bid shall be accepted if enlistment card is not found in JKPWDOMS online of those departments which have been serving the said portal as per circular instruction issued by

development Commissioner works vide No.PW/DCW/DB/668-72 DT.10-06-2022 1st lowest bidder will submit the CDR/FDR within two days after opening of Tender failing which 2nd lowest will be approached. Besides 1st lowest will be debarred from participating in

Manual offers delivered by post/fax or in person, or offers sent by e-mail or telex shall not be accepted against electronic tenders, even if such offers are received in time. All such offers

shall be considered as invalid offers and shall be rejected summarily, without any consideration

In case the L-1 fails deposit the requisite document, the action against the L-1 as per PWD rules leading to blacklisting of contractor

On Opening of financial bid the L1 has to produce the Original CDR/FDR pladge to the opening Authority before all public above. On Opening of financial bid the L1 has to produce the Original CDR/FDR pledge to the opening Authority before allotting the work along with Cost of tender document in the shape of

.. Upload Valid Registration CARD /Renewal, PAN Card , GST Certificate and latest GST clearance ending previous Month.

It is mandatory for all bidders participating to submit all documents in terms of soft copies in etendering website and no documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained. However, lowest bidder will be called for submission of CDR/FDR as well as Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR of the other participating tenderers/ bidders will be released only after surrender of Treasury

Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with .The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-1) after pening of financial bids.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason The bidders are advised to get the genuineness of their enlistment cards from the issuing authorities. This is mandatory and bids are liable to be rejected in absence of the genuineness

The steel/Key construction material shall be alloweded only of approved brand by the government The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical Bids

No. 3027-36 **Executive Engineer** DIPK-4779/23 DT:10-07-2023

#### In The Court Of Sub Judge/Special Mobile Magistrate Srinagsar (Railway Magistrate Kashmir)

In the case of

Nazir Ahmad Ganai S/o Late Khazir Mohammad Ganai R/o Ellahi Bagh Srinagar

**VERSUS** 1. Mst Taja Bano W/o Late Khazir Mohammad Ganai

2. Khurshid Ahmad Ganai 3. Mohammad Shafi Ganai

4. Mohammad Maqbool Ganai Ss/o LATE Khazir Mohammad

5. UT through commissioner Secretary, Transport Department,

J&K Govt, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar 6. Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir Srinagar

(Defendants) Notice To General Public

Suit for declaration and Injunction

It is to be informed to the general public through the medium of this notice that a suit for declaration and injunction has been filed by the plaintiff, where in a decree of declaration is sought to be passed in favour of the plaintiff and against the defendant, declaring that the plaintiff as the owner and in possession of the Vehicle (Auto) bearing Registration No. (JK01AB-2083), Chasis No. MD2A47AZ5FWF17781, Engine No. 24ZWFF56337 Model 2015, and a decree of mandatory injunction be passed in favour of the plaintiff and against the defendant no. 6 whereby defendant no. 6 be commanded to accept and admit the plaintiff as owner and in possession of said vehicle and transfer the registration of the same in the name of the plaintiff and issue new RC in favour of the plaintiff with respect to the above mentioned vehicle.

In this respect as mentioned above, if anybody have objections may approach before this court on or before the next date of hearing which is fixed for 25/07/2023.

Given under my hand and seal of this courtm, the 4th day of July 2023

Sub-Judge/Spl Mobile Magistrate Srinagar (Special Railway Magistrate Kashmir

#### Court Of The Sub-Registrar/MJIC **AT SRINAGAR**

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC CNR: JKSG03 013641 2023 Date of Filing 13-05-2023

Fayaz Ahmad Ganaie

**Applicant** 

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applicant WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Saffan Ahmad Ganaie S/o Fayaz Ahmed Ganaie R/o Kumar Mohalla HMT Srinagar has born on 24-03-2014 and the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the birth particulars of applicant, in the concerned register of births and deaths.

Versus

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this publication.

Dated, this 06-07-2023

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( Adnan Manzoor Nagshbandi) Sub Registrar (JMIC) Srinagar

#### Court Of The Sub-Registrar/MJIC **AT SRINAGAR**

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC CNR: JKSG03 013638 2023 Date of Filing 13-05-2023

Fayaz Ahmad Ganaie

**Applicant** 

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applicant WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Sherish Jan D/o Fayaz Ahmed Ganaie R/o Kumar Mohalla HMT Srinagar has born on 12-01-2019 and the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the birth particulars of applicant, in the concerned register of births and

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this

Dated, this 06-07-2023

( Adnan Manzoor Naqshbandi) Sub Registrar (JMIC) Srinagar

از نیابت کنزر عنوان: درخواست منجانب محمدا شرف بيك ولد څرعبدالله بيك ساكنه موضع منگلوره بمراد عطائی لیگل ہیرسرٹفیکیٹ تجق خود اشتهار بمرادآ گاهء هرخاص وعام

معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سائلہ بغرض حصول لیگل ہیر سرٹفیکیٹ زیر کاروائی ہے اسبارے میں ربورٹ پٹواری حلقہ سے طلب کیا گیا جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل كاولدغلام مهمد بيك مورخ 2023-04-24 كوفوت مو چكاہے جس كى تصديق زىرنمبرD- 2023:1-90246-000025 مورن 03-05-2023 ہوئی ہے متوفی مذکورہ کے وارثان جائز بذیل ہے۔

نبرشار نام افراد رشته عمر پیشه عبدالرحمان پسرمتوفی 85سال ریٹائرملازم غلام محی الدین پسرمتوفی 57سال زمینداری محمداشرف پسرمتوفی 48سال سرکاری ملازم مساية ظريفه دختر متوفى 59سال گريلوكام (شادى شده بيرون خانه) مساته مصره دختر متوفى 49سال گريلوكام (شادى شده بيرون خانه)

اسکےعلاوہ اورکوئی وارث نہیں بتلایا گیاہے۔ سرٹفیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراءکرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوئی اعتراض ہوتو سات دن کے اندراندر دفتر ہذا کومطلع کریں۔بعداز معیاد کوئی اعتراض قابل قبول نه ہوگا۔

#### In The Court Of Chief **Judicial Magistrate Shopian**

Mst Mehmooda Banoo Wd/o Mohd Sultan Bhat R/o Nazneenpora Shopian

**Applicant** 

**VERSUS** U.T Through Registrar of Births and Deaths

(Non-applicant)

Notice To Public At Large Whereas, the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant in this court for seeking directions to the non

Nazneenpora who was born on 08-12-1987 at Home Whereas, through the medium of this proclamation, the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the registration of the date of Birth particulars of the applicant namely Mehmooda Wd/o Mohd Sultan R/o Nazneenpora by the non applicant they/she/he shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 15 days from the date of issuance of this publication. If the date fixed is declared holiday the matter will be taken upon the next working day.

applicants for registration of Date of Birth particulars of the

applicant namely Mehmooda Banoo Wd/o Mohd Sultan R/o

Given under my hand and seal if this office on 10-07-2023 Chief Judicial

Magistrate Shopian

#### Court Of The Sub-Registrar/MJIC **AT SRINAGAR**

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC CNR: JKSG03 013640 2023 Date of Filing 13-05-2023

Fayaz Ahmad Ganaie

Applicant

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Bisma Fayaz D/o Fayaz Ahmed Ganaie R/o Kumar Mohalla HMT Srinagar has born on 17-07-2011 the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the birth particulars, applicant, in the concerned register of births and deaths.

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this

Dated, this 06-07-2023

بااجلاس مهرين مشتاق الیں۔ایم۔سیسرینگر(سیول

Mukhtar Ah Joo یام

رخواست بغرج اندراج تاريخ بيدائش Mukhtar Ah Joo

( Adnan Manzoor Naqshbandi)

Sub Registrar (JMIC) Srinagar

/ پيدائش: 1963-01-01

معامله مندجة عنوان الصدريين سائل سائله نے عدالت مذامين ايک درخواست بشمول حلفی لغرض ندارج تاریخ پیرائش/ Mukhtar Ahmad Joo S/o Ghulam Hassan Joo R/o Nalalbal Nowshar Shafi-ورحته R/o Nalalbal Nowshar Shafi-yabad Srinagar بذر بعداشتهار مطلع کیاجا تاہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذر ہااعتر اض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے مذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندروس یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے معیاد کوئی عذریا عتراض قابل قبول نبین ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت ہذامیں 2023-07-12 کومقررہے۔

ازعدالت سب جج میونیل مجسٹریٹ سرینگر بااجلاس مهرين مشتاق

رجيٹرار برخفس اينڈ ڈينخفسر ایس-ایم-سیسرینگر(سیول)

Yasmeena Jan

درخواست بغرج اندراج تاریخ پیدائش '

/ پيرائش: 1989-05-19 معامله مندجيعنوان الصدر مين سائل سائله نے عدالت مذامين ايک درخواست بشمول حلفی لغرض Yasmeena Jan D/o Ghulam Ah. Dar

پیش کی ہے۔ لہذاعوام الناس کو R/o Rathpora Eidgah بذر بعداشتہارمطلع کیاجا تاہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذریااعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اینے عذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندردس یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گز ر نے معیا دکوئی عذریا عتراض قابلِ قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیدہ عدالت ہذامیں ۔ 2023-07-12 کو مقررہے۔

ازعدالت سب جج میوسپل مجسٹریٹ سرینگر بااجلاس مهرين مشتاق

رجىٹرارېرتھىس اينڈ ۋيىتھىس الیں۔ایم۔سیسرینگر(سیول)

Rahti Begam

مائل اسائله

رخواست بغرج اندراج تاریخ پیدائش اوفات Mohammad Akbar Dar :

بعامله مندجة عنوان الصدرمين سائل سائله نے عدالت مذامين ايک درخواست بشمول حلفی لغرض اندارج تاریخ او فات Mohammad Akbar Dar S/o Mohammad Ambir Dar R/o Eidgah Mohalla Humhama مورخه Sgr

بذر بعداشتہار مطلع کیاجا تاہے کہ نسبت درخواست کوئی عذریااعتراض ہونے کی صورت میں اپنے عذرات اشعاعت اشتہار کے اندردس یوم عدالت میں آ کر پیش کرے۔ بعد گزرنے معیاد کوئی عذریا اعتراض قابلِ قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تاریخ آیندہ عدالت مذامیں 2023-07-10 کومقررہے۔ نحريرالصدر

سب جج می<sup>نس</sup>پل مجسٹریٹ سرینگر

### **Ayushman Bharat Northern Region Review Meeting Begins In Srinagar**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: The two-day Ayushman Bharat regional review meeting for Northern region organized by National Health Authority started in Srinagar on Monday.

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, RR Bhatnagar, while inaugurating the session thanked authorities for conducting the meeting in Srinagar. Secretary Health Bhupinder Kumar in his speech welcomed the guests.

A top health official said Ayushman Sangam is organized to review the progress of Ayushman Bharat PMJAY and ABDM across the region and draw a further roadmap of the scheme.

They said the twoday interaction will create avenues of cohesive thought exchange facilitating assessment of progress made by both Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY & ABDM schemes in

the States/UTs of Northern region.

Additional NHA Dr Basant Garg on the occasion presented an overview of Ayushman Bharat progress in the Northern Region while assessing the areas of improvement and the vision ahead. He highlighted the importance of Information, Education and communication (IEC) activities to create awareness and reach 100% of beneficiaries.

CEO, NHA S Gopalakrishnan in his address at Ayushman Sangam emphasized that Universal Health coverage is a very big challenge in all states. The experience from this review meeting will be useful in its implementation and come out as a cross-learning platform, he said.

Other officials the occasion put forward their viewpoints to draw further road maps of the

### **Fire Services Job Aspirants Stages Protest In Srinagar**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: Scores of Fire and Emergency Services job aspirants, wearing shrouds, staged a protest on Monday at Srinagar's Press Enclave, demanding redressal of their grievances.

The protesting aspirants said they have submitted their demands in a report, but despite the passage of seven months, no action has been taken.

Nisar Ahmad, an F&ES aspirant, urged the LG administration to promptly address their pleas. "We are citizens of this country and possess Aadhar cards and other necessary documents. We have protested several times, but nothing has been done. We want to know the whereabouts of the inquiry report," he said.



### Administrative

Office Assistant

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one year experience

Contact in person from 11th to 15th July. 2 PM to 5 PM For Guidenace Contact office on 0194-4064302 (11 to 6 PM)

Peer Masjid Lane Near Taj Bakery Gojiwara Chowk Srinagar Kashmir. 9419055410

Traditional Kashmiri baker (Kaandur) bakes tchoth'e (bread) out of dough, a mixture of floor and water in an underground clay oven or tandoor in down town Srinagar on Monday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

### **HMT Zainakote Residents Protest Smart Meter Installation**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Protests against the installation of smart meters hardly seem to be dying down as scores of women in the HMT Zainakote area on Srinagar outskirts came onto streets along with their children against the power department's move.

The protesters, mostly women, raised slogans "We want justice" and "Do the justice with poor", and said, "Our men are laborers. We are not even sure whether they will return home earning anything or not," said a lady.

They said most of the men and youth of the area are either daily wagers or doing private "We are forced to come on roads as the installation of smart meters and new billing format will be an additional liability for us," they said.

A local political and social activist of the area, Ghulam Mohammad Alie, said they are being included in the Srinagar district but their area is still a village and lacks development on many fronts.

"There is no harm in the installation of smart meters, but authorities must know our economic conditions. Are we really in a position to afford the billing through these smart meters? Our area has a lot of poverty and we appeal to authorities to stop it,' he said.

The protesting women said their children are struggling in getting respectable jobs. They said despite the completion of their degrees in various academic streams, they are unemployed.

"When you have young qualified children sitting at home with no jobs in the offering, what does the government expect from us? They will issue diktats and we will accept those? It is better they take all these electric lines with them, but we won't allow them to install these smart meters," said another lady.

Since the start of the installation of the smart meters in Srinagar, people have been protesting against the move, while the authorities have been maintaining that the process has already been started and won't be stopped.

The authorities at Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) earlier said that there was no alternative to the installation of smart meters.

#### TRAFFIC POLICE: 9419993745, 01998-266686 PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883 PDD: 0194-2450213

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES: 2479488,2452222,2452155 CAPD: 18001807011

> SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081 Ambulance: Kashmer EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

### **AIRPORTS**



### **RAILWAYS**



SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259 ANANTNAG: 01932-228243 BARAMULLA: 0194-102029 BIJBHERA: 01932-228243 PAMPORE: 01933-294132 PATTAN: 01954-293507

QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

#### **HIGHWAY STATUS**



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



22 Zil-Hajj 1444

PRAYERS						
FAJR	3:45					
ZUHR	12:36					
ASR	5: 35					
Magrib	7:48					
ISHA	9:27					

### This Day In History

1991 - Total solar eclipse is seen in Hawaii

2001 - Iraq resumes oil exports, ending a 5-week halt in protest of a US and British-sponsored UN Security Council resolution

2006 - 209 people are killed in a series of bomb attacks in Mumbai, India

2007 - "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix", the 5th film based on the books by J. K. Rowling is released

2010 - FIFA World Cup Final: Andrés Iniesta scores an extra time winner as Spain beats the Netherlands 1-0 in Johannesburg, South Africa for 1st WC title)

2011 - Neptune completes its first orbit since its discovery on September 23, 1846 2012 - Police academy suicide bombing kills 20 in Sana'a,

2012 - S/2012 P 1, the fifth moon of Pluto is discovered

2013 - 30 people are killed in a wave of bomb and gun attacks across Iraq

2014 - The UN Security Council calls for a special meeting to discuss the current Israel-Palestinian conflict; Israel continue attacks on Gaza

### DC Srinagar Chairs DTF Meeting On IMI Program 5.0 Finalizes Strategy For Door To Door Survey, Data Uploading On U-WIN

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: In order to strengthen and expand immunization coverage to all children across Srinagar District, a meeting of District Task Force on Intensive Mission Indradhanush (IMI) Program 5.0 was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here today at Conference Hall of DC Office Complex to finalize the

action plan to achieve full immu-

Among others the meeting was attended by Program Officer, nagar, Assistant Commissioner Development, Deputy Director Information & PR, Chief Education Officer, District immunization officer, Health Officer SMC. All Zonal Medical Officers, WHO Consultant Directorate of Family Welfare and other concerned.

At the outset, the Deputy Com-

missioner was given a detailed brief about the preparations, plans and objectives of IMI 5.0 through a power-point presentation. The preing the right beneficiaries, areas, dropouts and missed out children under the immunization process besides different basic parameters to be considered while conducting IMI 5.0 while also discussed.

On the occasion, the DC took comprehensive feedback from Health, ICDS, SMC, RDD and other

### From KO Archives

### J&K Next To Bihar In Corruption. TII, CMS Blow Whistle

Abul Qaisar / Observer News Service

rinagar - Jammu and Kashmir is in the news for yet another wrong reason, that it is India's second most corrupt state, next only to Bihar, while Kerala has emerged as die least corrupt state. The startling revelation follows a recent survey titled "The India Corruption Study 2005," conducted jointly by the Transparency International India (TII) and die Centre for Media Studies (CMS) . The study sampled about 14,500 respondents from over 150 cities and 300 villages across 20 Indian states and covered about a dozen services, including police, judiciary, education and public distribution system. It has placed the state very low at 19th position, just a shade ahead of Bihar.

Apparently, die services surveyed may not have included various engineering disciplines, industries and allied sectors, revenue, agriculture and allied fields, education, healthcare, transport and traffic control. In case they were, Jammu and Kashmir should have had die dubious distinction of being die most corrupt state ahead of Bihar. While die alarming report may not have disturbed die sleep of those at die helm, die revelations must certainly not be music "to die state people's

ears. By any stretch of imagination, the scenario is greatly disturbing for a place otherwise groaning under the debilitating impact of numerous other misfortunes, natural as well as manmade. Given the tall promises held out by successive rulers to root

it out, the disclosure is all die more amazing.

For the only Muslim majority state mat Jammu and Kashmir continues to be in spite of die sustained, and in some degree

successful, government-inspired attempts to change its demographic complexion, die revelations are all the more shocking. One is reminded of the story that an old women refused to believe that a Muslim had lied on something "I can't believe that a Muslim can ever tell a lie", she told her informer. It must have entailed a. relentless effort by that known enemy, satan, and his countless visible and invisible followers to erase die most effective deterrent from die Muslim mind i.e. a firm belief in the Day of Judgement, even if its indicators are visible to die naked eye all over. The custodians of religion would need to ponder over die

Pertinently, it is die government which is squarely responsible for die situation taking a turn for die worse in spite of the pledges die successive rulers made while seeking people's mandate. The incumbent regime is particularly answerable because its promises were much louder not only to eradicate the canker but even to bring the earlier swindlers and scamsters to justice. The

grim situation

Sd/-

Peoples Democratic Party, which wrested power from National Conference on die main plank of eradicating corruption, took about three years to identify a presiding officer for die Accountability Commission even as making it visibly functional may take another three years for its major coalition partner, Congress, to make the high-profile body discernibly functional.

By now, the chief minister, Mufti Muhammad Sayeed, must have forgotten what he told die people on assuming die high office: that nobody should approach him in matters of recruitment as die process would be made absolutely transparent. 'Not only that he and several of his ministerial colleagues are accused of making backdoor appointments, the coalition partners certainly have a mischief Up their sleeves for the ensuing recruitment to over 20,000 vacancies in government departments. This is not the occasion to enumerate all the scandals that surfaced over the recent years in which the government's Conduct has been suspect, even to the extent of overt and covert complicity. Instances are galore to suggest the present rulers are worse than their predecessors.

(Kashmir Observer, 11 July, 2005)

### Court Of The Sub-Registrar/MJIC AT SRINAGAR

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC CNR: JKSG03 013637 2023 Date of Filing 13-05-2023

Fayaz Ahmad Ganaie Versus

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

**Applicant** 

Non-Applicant WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Aisha D/o Fayaz Ahmed Ganaie R/o Kumar Mohalla HMT Srinagar has born on 15-04-2016 the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the birth particulars of applicant, in the

concerned register of births and deaths. Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this publication Dated, this 06-07-2023

( Adnan Manzoor Naqshbandi) Sub Registrar (JMIC) Srinagar

**J&K** Bank

Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited Estates Department Zonal Office Baramulla W: www.jkbank.com

### PREMISES REQUIRED

The Jammu & Kashmir Bank invites offers from Owners of premises for outright purchase/on lease basis for housing its **Branch / ATM Khumriyal, Kupwara**, preferably on Ground Floor, as per the details given below:

S. No	Name of the Premises	Location	Carpet Area in sq. ft (approx.)	Built up Area/Land Area (approx.), in case of outright purchase basis	
01	Khumriyal, Kupwara	Locality: Khumriyal, Tehsil: Kupwara, District: Kupwara	2,000- 2,500 sq. ft	12 Marlas	

Further details, requirements, terms and conditions, Technical Bids and Financial Bids proforma relating to the same can be obtained in person from Zonal Office Baramulla during working hours and also can be downloaded from Bank's website www.jkbank.com from 07/07/2023 under the link "EOI & Tender / Notification" in the Quick Access Tab. The interested parties/persons owning the premises and having a clear title over the property should submit their offers in format prescribed by Bank by or before 27/07/2023

(05:00 PM IST) at Zonal Office Baramulla. Bank reserves the right to cancel/reject any/all offer(s) without assigning any reason

Dated: 03/07/2023

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MHCHD/TS/2889-93,

DIPK-4757/23

Dt:-10-07-2023

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 /2023-24/45/e-tendering Dated:-08.07.2023 (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	Cost of T/	Time of	AA Accorded	TS No	Earnest
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1. Repairs of 1.5 Ton split ACs	1.47	200	5		MHCHD/TS/36	3000
at District Hospital Pulwama				MS/DH/	Dated:-07/23	
2. Repairs of 2 Ton split ACs at	0.72	100	5	Pul 1782-86.	SD-III/TS/	1400
District Hospital Pulwama				Dated: 27-06-	03, Dat-	
				2023	ed:-07/2023	
3. Repairs of AHU at District	0.535	100	5		SD-III/TS/	1100
Hospital Pulwama					04, Dat-	
					ed:-07/2023	

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 08.07.2023 (17.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 08.07.2023 (18.00 hrs).

Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site 08.07.2023(18.00 hrs) to 14.07.2023(12:00hrs) in two (02) covers.

Opening of Bids:- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 14.07.2023 at 14.00 hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

> **Executive Engineer,** MHCHD, Srinagai

### **Threads Hits 100 Million Users** In Five-Day Record Surge

**Agencies** 

The Threads app launched by Instagram as a rival to Twitter has seen more than 100 million users sign up in less than five days, data tracking websites said on Monday, smashing the record of artificial intelligence tool Chat-GPT for the fastest-growing consumer app.

While ChatGPT took two months to hit the 100-millionuser mark and video-sharing app TikTok took nine months, Instagram itself took two and a half years to reach the same mark after its 2010 launch.

Threads went live on Apple and Android app stores in 100 countries late on Wednesday, though it is not available in Europe due to legal issues the parent company Meta has had with the European Union's data privacy legislation.

Twitter is thought to have around 200 million regular users but it has suffered repeated technical failures since Elon Musk bought the platform last year and sacked thousands of

Musk, who also serves as the boss of Tesla and SpaceX, has also alienated many users by introducing charges for previously free services and allowing banned right-wing accounts back on the platform.

Several rivals have emerged, but most are niche platforms

Agencies

00 migrants from Senegal

been reported to be missing.

They started from Kaf-

ountine, a coastal town in

southern Senegal that is rough-

from Tenerife in the Canary Is-

missing for the past fifteen days

and Spanish rescuers are on a

Halena Maleno, a local aide

working for Walking Borders (a

non-profit focusing on migrant

aid) told Reuters that one boat

contains 60 people while the

other one carries 65, and the

third one has more than 200

people in it. She said, "There

are about 300 people from the

same area of Senegal. They

have left because of the insta-

The Atlantic migration route

bility in Senegal."

rescue spree, reported BBC.

The three boats have been

lands archipelago.

The boats set sail on June 27.

en route Canary Islands in

three different boats have



without the capacity to grow at the necessary scale to dethrone Twitter.

Threads is finding it easier because it is linked to Instagram, which has more than one billion regular users.

Online data service Quiver Quantitative reported that the app passed 100 million users at 07:00 GMT on Monday.

Other websites using a count of the "badges" received by Instagram users who have downloaded Threads reckoned the mark had been passed earlier.

Musk has threatened to sue Meta for stealing trade secrets and intellectual property, claims denied by the company, which also owns Facebook and

WhatsApp. Musk is locked in a rivalry

with Meta chief Mark Zuckerberg, with the two men calling each other out for a cage fight

to the Canary Islands is one of

the deadliest in the world and

is typically used by migrants

from sub-Saharan Africa to

reach Spain, according to UN data. They use boats that could

easily be tossed away by fero-

The International Organisa-

tion for Migration (IOM) told

15,862 people had arrived ir-

regularly in 2022 at the island

decrease, flows along this dan-

gerous route since 2020 remain

This is the third tragedy in the

sea since the previous month

following the Greek shipwreck

that left over 80 dead and over

500 missing. Five passengers

aboard the missing OceanGate

Titan submersible died after

it imploded during an expedi-

tion to see the wreck of the Ti-

tanic in the deep North Atlantic

high compared to prior years,"

"Despite the year-to-year

cious Atlantic waves.

in order to reach Spain.

the IOM said.

3 Boats Carrying 300 Migrants **Go Missing Off Spain** 

> Sweden and Finland applied for NATO membership last year, abandoning their policies of military non-alignment due to Russia's invasion

## 'Turkey waiting at EU's front door for 50 years,' Erdogan

**Agencies** 

urkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says he would back Sweden's NATO candidacy if the European Union resumes longstalled membership talks with Ankara.

"First, open the way for Turkey's membership in the European Union, and then we will open it for Sweden, just as we had opened it for Finland," Erdogan said in a televised media appearance on Monday before departing for the NATO summit in Lithuania.

The Turkish leader said he told the same thing to US President Joe Biden when the pair spoke by phone on Sunday.

Erdogan also said Sweden's accession hinges on the implementation of a deal reached in June last year during the alliance's summit in Madrid.

Turkey wants Sweden to crack down on groups that it considers national security threats, including the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and the People's Protection Units, or YPG, which Ankara considers the Syrian branch of the PKK.

Ankara also wants Stockholm to extradite suspects whom it calls "terrorists" and lift an arms ban it has imposed on Turkey. Erdogan said no one should expect compromises from his government.



of Ukraine. New members require approval from all NATO countries, and Finland was given the green light in April.

Secretary-General Iens Stoltenberg said that while he supports Ankara's EU membership, as far as he was concerned, Sweden had already met the conditions required to join NATO.

"It is still possible to have a positive decision on Sweden in Vilnius," Stoltenberg told a news conference.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz also said Turkey's stance is a positive development. "I hope that soon Sweden will be able to become a NATO member," Scholz said in Berlin.

"This is what I'm taking as the positive message from the Turkish president's comments."

Al Jazeera's Resul Serdar, reporting from Istanbul, said Sweden argues that Turkey's requests cannot be decided by the government's executive branch but by the judiciary.

"However, Erdogan says that this is a security matter and, despite positive steps, PKK supporters still hold demonstrations [in Sweden] and this is not acceptable," he said. EU TALKS FROZEN

Turkey first applied to become a member of the European Economic Community, a predecessor to the EU, in 1987.

It became an EU candidate country in 1999 and formally launched membership negotiations with the bloc in 2005.

The talks stalled in 2016 over European concerns about human rights violations in Turkey.

"I would like to underline one reality," Erdogan said. "Turkey has been waiting at the EU's front door for 50 years."

"Almost all the NATO members are EU members. I now am addressing these countries, which are making Turkey wait for more than 50 years, and I will address them again in Vilnius.'

### **Manipur Violence: Rival Ethnic Groups Use Quadcopters To Attack Each Other**

**Press Trust of India** 

echnology has become both a boon and a bane in the restive Manipur state. While Army and Assam Rifles are deploying drones to rescue and save people, clashing ethnic groups are using quadcopters to target each other.

It has been noticed by security agencies that quadcopters have been put to use by warring factions - Meiteis, mostly concentrated in Imphal valley, and Kukis, mainly on the hillside - to know each other's positions, officials said.

There have been places like Phougakchao, Kangvai Bazar, and Torbung Bazar in the southwest part of Manipur where the quadcopters have been put to extensive use by the two communities where their villages face each other. The security forces have created buffer zones at these places to keep the agitated communities away from each other.

However, Loibol in Senapati district and Leimaram in Bishnupur district have been

hotspots during the violence despite the presence of security forces, the officials said.

Mistrust runs deep in the two communities which rely on technology to monitor each other's movement, the officials said.

Often during the day or night, there is intermittent firing where these groups are taking shots at these quadcopters, available freely in the market, the officials said.

Quadcopter, often called a quadrotor, is an uncrewed rotary wing aircraft that can take flight using four rotors, each consisting of a motor and propellers. Unlike conventional fixed-wing aircraft or helicopters, which rely on engines or tail rotors to take flight, quadcopters have neither.

Quadcopters, after being airborne, have the ability to hover in place, whereas fixed-wing aerial drones have to be on the move constantly.

Quadcopters are also capable of much more precise aerial maneuvers while fixed-wing aerial drones can only make much less precise fly-by runs.

### French Agent's Book Calls **Gaddafi Overthrow A Strategic** Error, 'Immoral' Mistake

**Agencies** 

LONDON: The overthrow of Libya's former leader Muammar Gaddafi was a major strategic error and an "immoral" mistake, according to a new book by a French former secret service agent.

Jean-Francois Lhuillier, 69, served France's Directorate General for External Security, or DGSE, for 27 years, including as Tripoli station chief. He retired in 2014, three years after

Gaddafi's fall. His book, "The Tripoli Man: Memoirs of a Secret Agent," describes the decision by France's then-President Nicolas Sarkozy to back rebel groups taking on Gaddafi's regime as "not thought through," with "disastrous" consequences.

In an interview with TV channel France 2, the former commando said: "The military operation was brilliantly run but ... there was trickery because Gaddafi was extending his hand to the West.

"Not only didn't we grasp the hand that was being extended to us, but we also cut the head off. I find that completely immoral to have done that."

Lhuillier added: "We eliminated Gaddafi and destroyed his country without worrying that it was a rampart against



Islamist terrorism.

"The consequences of this disastrous expedition were not foreseen. It was incomprehensible that Sarkozy wanted his scalp."

In the book, Lhuillier says members of the French and Libyan governments had close links to each other before Gaddafi fell.

Sarkozy was indicted for receiving money for political ampaigning from the Libyan dictator in 2007, and members of the regime said they had given him millions of dollars.

Lhuillier also says DGSE agents were working with Libvan rebel groups, and UK Special Air Service personnel were on the ground in Libya working to overthrow Gaddafi as well.

The book cites one incident in which a Scottish operative known as "Pierce" asked Lhuillier to give the SAS the whereabouts of DGSE operatives in Libya in order to coordinate operations. At the time, Lhuillier said, he was unaware that either group was working in the country.

### **Israel Will Work To Prevent Collapse Of Palestinian Authority, Says Netanyahu**

**Agencies** 

JERUSALEM: Israel's security cabinet on Sunday decided Israel would work to prevent any collapse of the Western-backed Palestinian Authority, according to a statement from Prime Minister Benjamin Netan-

Israel has been stepping up military operations in the occupied West Bank, where the Palestinian Authority (PA) has limited autonomy. Netanyahu's office said he and his defence minister would bring to the cabinet "steps to stabilise the civil situation in the Palestinian arena." It did not give any specifics.

**Judicial reform** 

Netanyahu on Sunday summoned his attorneygeneral to explain the police's handling of resurgent demonstrations against his plan to overhaul the justice



system, as the reform bill

The bill that would limit "reasonableness" as a standard of judicial review and which critics argue would open the door for abuses of power — is scheduled for the first of three ratification readings in parliament on Monday.

Compromise talks hosted by Israel's president between the government and the onposition stalled last month. Street protests that had subsided are flaring anew.

"An agreement is attainable. And yet, still no one is willing to sit down and talk,

now, without preconditions. This is a blunder of historic proportions," said President Isaac Herzog, whose post is largely ceremonial. Protesters plan to con-

verge on Israel's main airport as parliament debates the "reasonableness" bill. In televised remarks be-

fore the cabinet session Netanyahu said it was "unthinkable" that his religious-nationalist coalition would abridge the right to demonstrate or support any violence against protesters. But he argued such free-

dom should not be extended to "violations of the law that harm the basic rights of millions of citizens and are taking place on an almost daily basis," citing disruptions at Ben Gurion Airport, calls for disobedience within the military, main road closures and the heckling of elected officials.

### **NEWS MAKERS**

### Man Detained In UAE For 'Insulting' Emirati Society

ocean last month.

DUBAI: A man has been detained in the United Arab Emirates over a comedy internet video that shows him dressed as an Emirati and pretending to buy flashy cars with wads of cash, official media said.

The UAE resident was accused of posting "propaganda that stirs up the public opinion and harms the public interest", the state WAM news agency said on Sunday.

His detention, pending investigations, was ordered by the Federal Prosecution Combating Rumours and Cybercrimes. He was also charged with publishing content that "insults the

Emirati society". The man, who hails from a country in Asia according to WAM, is filmed in traditional luxury car showroom with two assistants carrying a large tray of cash.

Emirati robes as he enters a

Speaking English with a Gulf Arab accent, he asks for the highest-priced car and then rejects it, saying that at 2.2 million dirhams (nearly \$600,000), it's not expensive enough.

"I need expensive, brother," he says, tossing stacks of cash to the store assistants to buy coffee, and ordering four pricey cars including a Rolls-Royce in a matter of seconds

The video "reveals impudence and lack of appreciation of the value of money, in a manner that promotes a wrong and offensive mental image of Emirati citizens and ridicules them", the

WAM report said. The Public Prosecution office also summoned the car showroom's owner, and urged social media users to "consider societal characteristics and embedded values of the UAE society... so as to avoid falling under the force of the law".

The UAE's laws against spreading "rumours" and false information keep a tight rein on internet discourse in the oil-rich Gulf monarchy.

Last month, a woman was given a six-month suspended prison sentence after she posted video of an exchange at a UAE book fair with a Kuwaiti author who had been imprisoned in the United States over sex offences.

The woman was also fined a total of 60,000 AED (\$16,000) for invasion of privacy and insults, and had her Twitter account "permanently closed", WAM report-

### Thai Woman 'Comes Back To Life' On **Way To Her Funeral**

**Agencies** 

hataporn Sriphonla, a Thai woman aged 49, was wrongfully declared dead on June 29. In a shocking turn of events, she abruptly woke up on the ride to her funeral, severely surprising her grieving family, who had finished making all arrangements in the Udon Thani province in Thailand.

Chataporn's family had prepared a casket after the doctors treating the woman's cancer confirmed her departure. The family wanted Chataporn to spend her last moments alongside her loved ones when informed that her chances of survival were small.

Nevertheless, on the way to the body-storage facility, Chataporn stuns the passengers by regaining consciousness and respiring normally. Following this miracle, the once-dead woman was rushed back to the hospital where doctors have kept her under close observation.

The superstitious family of Chataporn strongly believes that she returned just to see her children one last time before her inevitable

### BBC Presenter Pays Teen £ 35k **For Explicit Photos**

BBC

**Agencies** 

LONDON: The BBC said Sunday it had contacted the authorities and suspended a presenter following allegations that he had paid a teenager tens of thousands of pounds for sexually explicit

UK culture minister Lucy Frazer said earlier she had spoken about the deeply concerning" allegations with BBC Director General Tim

photos.

Davie, who assured her the BBC is 'investigating swiftly and sensitively".

The Sun newspaper, which first reported the claims, cited the young person's mother as saying that an unnamed BBC presenter paid her child more than £35,000 (\$45,000) for the images over a three-vear period.

It is also claimed that the presenter in question appeared on air for a month after the family of the young person -- who was said to be 17 when the payments started -- complained to the BBC in May.

In a statement on Sunday, the BBC confirmed that it "first became aware of a complaint in May". "New allegations were put to us

on Thursday of a different nature and in addition to our own enquiries we have also been in touch with external author-

protocols," it added. The statement said that "a male member of staff has been suspended".

ities, in line with our

"This is a complex and fast moving set of circumstances and the BBC is working as quickly as possible to establish the facts in order to properly inform appropriate next steps," the

BBC added. London's Metropolitan Police released a statement later on Sunday confirming the BBC contacted it over the matter, "but no formal referral or allegation has been made".

### **Amarnath Yatris Optimistic Despite Suspension Due To Rains**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**JAMMU:** Despite the third consecutive day of suspension of the Amarnath Yatra, pilgrims remain undeterred and optimistic about visiting the holy cave shrine even if it means waiting for days.

The yatra has been suspended due to extensive damage caused to a section of the Jammu-Srinagar Highway in Ramban, with more than 7,000 stranded pilgrims in Jammu, primarily at the Bhagwati Nagar base camp, and an additional 5,000 stranded at the Chanderkot base camp in Ramban district.

Authorities said incessant rains on Saturday and Sunday caused unprecedented damage to the highway, especially a stretch in Ramban district, forcing its closure.

"Our spirits are high. We are willing to wait for ten more days if needed, but we refuse to return home without performing darshan of the ice-lingam of Lord Shiva at Amarnath," said Pramodh Gupta, a devotee from Punjab told PTI here.

Gupta added that despite facing challenges with accommodation and other facilities, their group of 29 is eagerly waiting for the administration's approval to resume their journey to Kashmir.

Shobha Devi from Meerut echoed similar sentiments and expressed dissatisfaction with the facilities due to the heavy influx of pilgrims from outside the country.

'We are facing various problems with accommodation. There is water shortage here and the administration should address the issue," she said.

However, Shobha added that she and her group would only return home after completing their pilgrimage.

"We will leave only after completing the yatra to Amarnath. Barfani Baba will help us fulfill our wish," she affirmed.

"Weather conditions will not deter us from going to Amarnath. We pray to Lord Shiva to improve the weather so that we can start the yatra and have Bholey Baba's darshan," said Meenakshi Verma, a devotee from Punjab.

Sunita Saini from Punjab's Jalandhar, who has been stranded in Jammu for the past five days, said, "We are waiting for the weather to clear up and the highway to reopen. We are op-timistic about leaving for Ama-

There is a huge rush for accomodation in Jammu as most of 33 lodging places and the base camp is full to its capacity. Even the parking area of Jammu base camp is full with buses carrying pilgrims who are cooking food there.

Around 200 to 300 sadhus are also camping at the base camp's Ram temple for the past

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the Amarnath cave shrine, located at an altitude of 3,888 meters in the South Kashmir Himalayas, began on July 1. Since June 30, a total of 43,833 pilgrims have departed from the Jammu base camp in seven batches, following the flag-off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The pilgrimage is scheduled to conclude on August 31, and so far, over 93,000 pilgrims have paid their respects at the sacred Amarnath cave shrine.

JKLF-Hurriyat Revival Conspiracy Case

### 10 Ex-Militants Formally **Arrested: Police**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**SRINAGAR:** Ten former militants were formally arrested on Monday in a case related to the conspiracy of reviving banned Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) and Hurriyat conference in the valley, police said.

Some more arrests are likely as the investigation in the case is in full swing, police said in a state-

Earlier on Sunday, the Srinagar Police in a tweet said was conducted on the basis of credible info about a meeting of some ex-trts (militants) of JKLF & erstwhile separatists in a hotel in Srinagar. They were brought to Kothibagh PS for verification. Inquiry has started, prima facie it came out that they were plan-

ning to revive JKLF & Hurriyat." Police said a case under various sections of unlawful activities (Prevention) Act and Indian Penal code already stands registered in police station Kothibagh

in the heart of the city. The arrested persons and others were planning to revive these organisations (JKLF and Hurriyat) on the directions of Pakistan based handlers. This meeting was an overt attempt to start working for revival of these mor-

ibund organisations," police said. They said an initial investigation has also revealed that they were in touch with entities abroad, and few of them were even members of secessionist groups like Kashmir Global Council headed by Farooq Siddiqui and Raja Muzaffer of JKLF.

"Under the garb of manufactured pretext, this meeting which took place, the real agenda of the meeting was discussing strategy of revival.

"Initial investigation has also revealed that a similar preliminary meeting took place on June 13, which was attended by most of them," the statement said.

Police have identified the 10 arrested persons as Mohammad Yaseen Bhat of Nigeenbagh, Mohammad Rafiq Pahloo of Natipora, Shams-u-din Rehmani of Lalbazar, Khurshid Ahmad Bhat of Rawalpora, Sajad Hussain Gul of Panthachowk, Firdous Ahmad Shah of Abiguzar, and Parray Hassan Firdous of Lawaypora all from Srinagar district, and Jahangeer Ahmad Bhat and Shabir Ahmad Dar of Sopore from Baramulla district, and Sohail Ahmad Mir of Peerbagh in Budgam district.

Jahangeer Ahmad Bhat is the son of former Hurriyat Conference chairman Abdul Gani Bhat.

### Theatre Festival Will Be A Ray Of Hope For Kashmiri Folk **Artists: Artistes**

**Press Trust Of India** 

SRINAGAR: The seven-day theatre festival being held here will give a second wind to the fledgling folk art scene in the region which, being the grip of militancy for the past three decades, bled a lot of its cultural wealth, artistes say.

The festival that began on Monday and will see leading lights of Kashmiri theatre performing is being organised by Kashmiri cultural NGO, Vomedh (hope).

"Vomedh is a 15-year-old organisation. We have not only been working in Jammu and Kashmir but across India. In 2022, we took an initiative to promote our mother tongue by holding a Mother Tongue Day in February," Rohit Bhat of Vomedh told PTI.

"We got a huge response. This festival is part of that effort under which seven plays will be staged. We are focusing

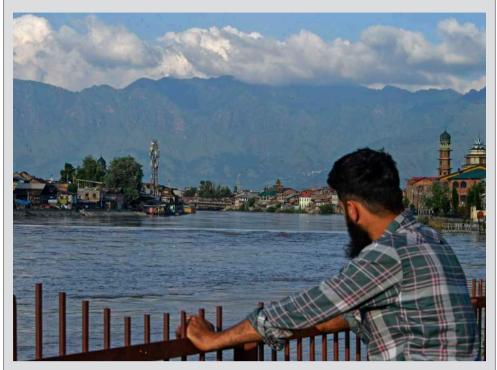
on folk arts because our youth are walking away from folk arts," he said.

"We want our youths to connect with their mother tongue through the theatre. The new generation is ignoring its mother tongue and has adopted English and other languages," Bhat added.

He said the festival was started with the performance of two plays -- Band paether and Bakerwal paether, which involve storytelling about rural life through folk dance.

Veteran theatre and television actor from Kashmir Ayash Arif said such festivals provide a platform to the artists not only to showcase their talent but also to draw in a younger crowd interested in local culture and language.

# **After Rainy Days, Dry Weather Predicted In J&K**



A YOUTH LOOKING AT the swelling waters of river Jhelum in the Old city of KO Photo, Abid Bhat Srinagar On Monday.

#### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** After a few days of rains which brought Kashmir Valley on the brink of floods and caused inundation in parts of Jammu region, weather department here on Monday forecast mainly dry in J&K.

"Mainly dry weather is expected but a brief spell of rain may occur at isolated places in Kashmir region towards late afternoon/evening," a meteorological department official siad as per news agency GNS regarding forecast for next 24 hours.

As regards the forecast from July 11-14, he said, mainly dry weather is expected. However, he said, a brief spell of rain and thunderstorm at isolated places "can't be ruled out (>70% chance)". Intermittent light to moderate rain has been predicted at many places of J&K with chances upto 70% from July 15-24.

Regarding the minimum temperature today, the MeT official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 17.2°C against 14.9°C on the previous night and it was 0.9°C below normal for the summer capital

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 14.5°C against 14.0°C on the previous night and it was 2.0°C below normal for the gateway town of the Kashmir Valley.

Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of 10.3°C against 9.6°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.7°C for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

the mercury settled at 15.2°C against 14.8°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 1.4°C for the north Kashmir area.

Kokernag recorded a low of 14.2°C against 13.1°C on the previous night and it was 1.7°C below normal for the place, the officials said. Gulmarg recorded a low of

9.0°C against 8.5°C on previous night and it was 2.8°C below normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district,

Jammu recorded a low of 23.8°C against 20.9°C on the previous night and it was 1.0°C below normal for J&K's winter capital, he said.

Banihal recorded a low of 13.3°C, Batote 14.4, Katra 21.3°C and Bhaderwah Kupwara town, he said, 14.3°C, the official said. c

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### **Ex-Army General Hasnain Reviews Disaster Management Preparedness**

**Observer News Service** 

**GANDERBAL:** Member National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Lt. Gen. (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain on Monday convened a meeting of the officers of line departments and security agencies including representatives of SDRF & NDRF to review the Disaster preparedness for ongoing Shri Amarnathji Yatra (SANJY) 2023, at Youth Hostel Sonamarg, here.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Gander-bal, Shyambir; SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar; Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah; CEO SDA, SDM Kangan, CMO Ganderbal. Executive Engineers of various wings besides senior officers from various security agencies.

The meeting was informed that adequate SDRF and NDRF personnel with qualified Disaster Management Professionals have been deployed at all stations for smooth conduct of the

While detailing about the Disaster Management preparedness, member NDMA discussed various aspects of disaster management including the incident response system, communication plan, mitigation plan, various levels of disaster management, different types of calamities and safeguard against them, role of the departments during disasters, route plan, metrological & geographical factors and other related aspects.

The DC briefed the meeting about the preparations disaster wise including medical facilities, KPDCL, Fire and Emergency Services, FCS&CA, Jal Shakti, flood related emergency, landslides and availability of infrastructure during disaster via Baltal route.

The DC said that Incident Response System has been revised and all vulnerable spots are mapped out and sufficient manpower along with machinery is deployed to meet any exigency. Regarding Communication

Plan, the DC said that the Dis-

trict Disaster Management Control Room and Joint Control Room about the disaster manned by representatives of all concerned departments are setup at Baltal under the overall supervision of the Yatra Officer and Camp Commander and are in direct communication with the State Emergency Operation Centre Srinagar, PCR, and ICCC for a prompt response during emergencies. Wireless coverage is ensured at all Yatra Camps for better communication, he informed.

Similarly, for mitigation plan the DC informed that IMD has set up base camp office at Baltal equipped with MET instruments and manpower who provide 24/7 weather information to Yatra Managers, including the Police, Administration, CRPF, Army, and Shrine Board and upon receiving information from the IMD, the Camp Directors diligently ensure the safety of the Yatris by promptly taking necessary actions.

He further informed that Common Alerting Protocol system has been adopted to issue alerts and warnings in the form of SMSs to large populations in specific regions so that pilgrims are able to adjust their visit plans based on the received alerts.

While interacting with the officers, Syed Ata Hasnain said that the purpose of holding the meeting was to take brief review of arrangements to ensure that the Disaster preparedness plan is implemented as per the guidelines and to take feedback from different stakeholders to further improve it.

He stressed upon employing the proactive and anticipating procedure for the smooth and incident free management of

He also advised all stakeholders to ensure that all necessary measures are put in place so that Yatries do not face any issues, especially in the event of adverse weather

### **Army Commander Reviews Preparedness** In Rajouri

**Press Trust Of India** 

JAMMU: General Officer Commandingin-Chief, Northern Command, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Monday visited forward battalion in Rajouri sector of Jammu and Kashmir and reviewed the security and operational preparedness with the field commanders.

Army's Northern Command shared the information on its official Twitter handle, also posting four pictures of the army commander with the troops stationed in the forward areas along the Line of Control

"He (Lt Gen Dwivedi) interacted with troops, felicitated and complimented them for their vigilance and high level of professionalism," the army said.

The visit of the army commander came at a time when army troops were engaged in a massive search operation in the Nowshera sector of Rajouri district.

The operation was launched after the alert troops picked up suspicious movement of suspected terrorists trying to infiltrate from across the LoC, officials said.

Army along with police also launched a joint search operation in Gursai top, Shahshidhar and adjoining areas in Mendhar sector in nearby Poonch district Monday

Searches were also carried out at village Noorkote and Nakerkote ahead of the border fence in the jurisdiction of Poonch police station late Sunday night. However, no one was arrested during the operation which continued for several hours, the officials said.

### FATEHA KHAWANI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the demise of Farooq Ahmed Khan, S/o Late Mohammad Akram Khan R/o Sari Bala, Srinagar, Present Address Friends colony, Zakura Crossing who passed away on 10th July, 2023. Fateha Khawani will be held on Thursday, 13th July, 2023 at 10.00 AM at Graveyard Batamaloo Near Fire Services, Srinagar.



**BEREAVED** Tariq Ahmad Khan (Son), Neyaz Ahmad Khan (Son)

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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: Adv. Cost | Earnest Money | Cost of Tender

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ter site visit, careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding 2. The tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarifi-

cation 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

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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

Payments will be processed as per the availability of funds against the work done bills.  $The work has to be executed as per the approved GTP and Drawing available at \ https://kpdcl.jkpdd.net/under "Standards and Specification". \\$ 

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The contractor must follow all SoPs during execution of work. Any deviation in this regard the fine can be imposed and he shall be solely responsible for any un-towards or any accident at site. Besides he shall be responsible for taking all safety majors. In addition to it, he should have

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### Listen To Ladakh

adakh is once again in news and this time over the outside investment in the region's tourism sector. The Ladakh Tourist Trade Alliance (LTTA), a coalition of influential trade, tourism, religious, and political bodies in Leh, has passed a resolution opposing the foray in the region by tourism operators from outside. The alliance contends this is important to safeguard the fragile ecosystem, and preserve Ladakh's distinct identity as a unique tourist destination.

The LTTA resolution seeks to maintain Ladakh as a special and exclusive tourist destination where the avenues of local entrepreneur and livelihoods are protected. Kunzang emphasized the need to oppose any form of outside investment in the tourism sector, be it through hidden or declared means, directly or indirectly through local agencies. To achieve this, the resolution states that the local community and trade bodies will impose restrictions on individuals, businesses, or tourist enterprises engaging in the exploitation of Ladakh's resources.

Over the years, Ladakh has experienced significant growth in its tourism sector, attracting an increasing number of visitors. This has played a big role in bolstering the local economy. However, the region's transition to union territory status in August 2019 has increasingly confronted Ladakhis with challenges they had not foreseen. While initially celebrating this change, they now worry about the potential influx of outsiders without adequate constitutional safeguards against the settlement of non-local residents. With a small population of around 274,000 people, Ladakhis fear being overwhelmed and losing control over their economic activities.

Earlier, the Ladakh Hill Development Council (LAHDC) has demanded statehood, the extension of the sixth schedule, separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil, and the establishment of a Public Service Commission. Notably, the Apex Body Leh (ABL) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) have displayed rare political unity, jointly protesting and organizing strikes to advocate for their demands. Now, the LTTA, representing both districts, echoes the sentiment by opposing outside investment in tourism, driven by the shared fear of being overshadowed by outsiders in every aspect of economic activity.

As Ladakh navigates the complexities of tourism development, it is imperative to strike a balance between sustainable growth and preserving its unique identity. The concerns raised by the LTTA should be heeded, and the local administration must engage in constructive dialogue to find solutions that protect the region's cultural heritage, natural environment, and economic well-being.

### OTHER OPINON

# The first blow in Twitter-Meta battle

hether or not the much publicised cage fight between Twitter owner Elon Musk and Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg takes place, the real battle is already playing out in the digital world. After weeks of teasing users and lobbying celebrities and politicians to migrate to its "rival to Twitter", Meta has this week launched the text-based social media network Threads by Instagram (named, incidentally, after a messaging app it had launched in 2019 that folded within two years). It has not shied away from admitting that the new product is explicitly inspired by Twitter and designed to replace the original, which has been roiled by chaos since Musk's takeover in October last year. And imitation or not, with five millions users signing up within four hours of its launch, Threads seems to be poised to do what other Twitter-wannabes like Mastodon and Truth Social have been unable to do.

Do internet users, 70 per cent of whom are reportedly already on at least one Meta platform, want to give over more of their online lives to the company? The sarcasm with which Musk greeted news of Threads' launch — "I'm sure Earth can't wait to be exclusively under Zuck's thumb with no other options" — echoed concerns that others have already raised. Alarm bells are also ringing about the amount of information that Threads will have access to, compared to even Instagram. Notably, the platform is not available in the European Union because of strict privacy laws.

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When the Musk vs Zuckerberg cage match was proposed, the former had said he will be deploying a move that he calls "the walrus" which involves lying on top of an opponent and "doing nothing". Outside the ring, Zuck has landed the first blow on his rival. Will Twitter's heft be enough to pull off its owner's favourite move?

The Indian Express

# **Are We Prepared for Floods?**

Have World Bank's flood mitigation funds been spent properly post 2014 floods? The Govt must carry out a detailed audit for the same



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

he rainfall on Friday and Saturday brought back terrible memories of the September 2014 floods as the water level went up in Jhelum and other rivers and streams.

It rained hardly two days and our rivers and streams flooded with water. Had the rainfall continued Srinagar would have been inundated along with other places. Our link roads and residential colonies are already waterlogged in many areas, Srinagar as well as other districts.

Earlier it would take about a week worth of rainfall for some places to get inundated with rain water. But this has changed for the worse now. Even after it rains for merely one hour, we see busy junctions like Lal Chowk, Jahangir Chowk, Batmaloo and Bemina flooded with water.

Has our Government thought why are we witnessing such changes? Is our Government prepared to counter a possible flood threat in the coming months?

#### Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project

After the devastating floods of September 2014 when Srinagar city remained flooded for almost a month, the Government of India requested assistance from the World Bank.

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An emergency project "Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project " was started in J&K which was to primarily focus on restoring critical infrastructure using international best practice on resilient infrastructure. As J&K is prone to natural disasters like floods and earthquakes, the infrastructure under this project was supposed to be designed with upgraded resilient features and included contingency planning for future disaster events.

The projects were also supposed to support the recovery and were supposed to increase disaster resilience in project areas. Additionally, they were to increase the capacity of the project implementing entities to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency.

However, after 8 years of the devastating floods and funding having been allocated by the World Bank, it seems things are not moving in the right direction. With the recurrent flooding of our roads and blocking of drainage channels with rain water, it seems things are not moving in a good direction vis a vis implementing these twin projects in Srinagar and Jammu.

### Urban Flood Management

Under the Urban Flood Management programme, the World Bank provided around 50 million US dollars (Rs 300 Crores) to the J & K Govt through the Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project. To execute the words, an amount of Rs 103 Crores were provided to Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) for the construction of 49 storm water pumping stations in Srinagar to prevent waterlogging and flooding in low lying areas.

Out of the 49 pumping stations, four pump stations were upgraded by the city drainage division of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) at Natipora, Barzulla, Bul Bul Bagh and Magray Pora. The work here has already been completed. But are these water pumping stations really

pumping out storm water? No.

These pump stations are flushing liquid waste including human excreta into the Doodh Ganga. This is an open violation of the Water (prevention & control of pollution) Act 1974 and the same was brought into the notice of National Green Tribunal (NGT) few years back by this author and the NGT penalised the J&K Govt with Rs 3 crores out of which SMC has paid Rs 1 crore penalty already last year.

#### Section 24 (b) of the Water Act 1074 reads:

"No person shall knowingly cause or permit to enter into any stream any other matter which may tend, either directly or in combination with similar matters, to impede the proper flow of the water of the stream in a manner leading or likely to Barzulla and the same water was being lifted by PHE Jal Shakti at Kralpora and supplied to a population of 8 lakh people in Srinagar's uptown area.

The PCC, on the direction of the High Court, conducted a detailed survey of Doodh Ganga stream from Sogam village in Chadoora to Barzulla area of Srinagar two years back. According to a survey reports, a lot of water pollution was found in Doodh Ganga.

The PIL in J&K High Court was closed down as the matter was being heard by NGT now.

The 13 pump stations have now already been blacklisted by the Pollution Control Committee but they continue to be constructed and are pumping out all the waste into Doodh Ganga.



Since June 2020, the Srinagar Municipal Corporation started implementing the World Bank funded scheme for the upgradation of 49 drainage stations located in Srinagar city. Out of these,13 pump stations are located on Doodh Ganga which have been upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs 4 crores each. More than 52 crore rupees have been spent on these so called water pumping stations but they actually pump filth and waste into the Doodh Ganga in violation of Water Act 1974

to lead to a substantial aggravation of pollution due to other causes or of its consequences."

By wrongfully using the World Bank money, the authorities at helm have not only caused environmental pollution but have also cheated and misled the World Bank and flood threat around Doodh Ganga continues to remain unaddressed.

The J&K Pollution Control Committee has already identified 13 drainage stations from Chanapora to Barzulla as the main sources of water pollution in Doodh Ganga, which on paper, showed that these stations were set up to mitigate the flood water in these areas.

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### PCCs report to High Court

As per the report submitted by the J&K Pollution Control Committee (PCC) before J&K High Court in the matter of PIL on Doodh Ganga, the PCC had exposed how fecal matter and sewerage was entering into Doodh Ganga between Chadoora town

#### Immediate Concerns

The continuous landfilling of Jhelum basin around Pampore will lead to a major disaster. The construction of Qazigund Baramulla rail line and now the under construction Srinagar Semi Ring Road is choking the flood plains of Jhelum around Gallander, Kandizal, Pohro, Khanda, Suthsoo and surrounding areas. The flood waters of Jhelum have less space to move out. Same is the case with Bemina, Narbal and Hoke where wetlands have been choked due to urbanisation. The drainage system in Srinagar is also obstructed by plastic waste. The constant Clay Mining in Karewas is increasing silt accumulation in small streams and nallahs during rains which causes flood threat. The illegal riverbed mining has weakened embankments of most of our rivers and during floods these embankents can be washed away easily.

The flood threat is looming. The authorities have to be alert. In addition, a detailed audit be undertaken about the utilization of funds that were given to J&K post 2014 floods.

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### Don't Trample Over Newspapers

or Muslims, Islam is not just a religion but a complete way of life, encompassing all aspects, including spirituality, morality, social conduct, and personal well-being.

I would like to appeal to all to kindly pay attention to the way we handle newspapers, as they often contain the name of Allah. It is important that we treat them with utmost respect and refrain from using them as trash or throwing them away carelessly.

Such actions are considered major sins and a form of blasphemy. Newspapers serve as a valuable source of information, sharing news, opinions, and various other articles. They play a significant role in our society by keeping us informed and enabling us to make informed decisions. However, we must also recognize that these newspapers often include verses from the Quran, Allah's name, or other religious references.

To show our reverence for the name of Allah & Islamic Scriptures, we should take appropriate steps to handle newspapers respectfully. Here are a few suggestions on how we can do so:

Store or recycle: If you have newspapers that are no longer needed, consider keeping them in a designated place or recycling them properly. By doing this, we ensure that the name of Allah is not mishandled or thrown away carelessly.

Avoid inappropriate use: It is crucial to refrain from using newspapers for purposes that are disrespectful, such as wrapping perishable items, lining pet cages, or using them as cleaning materials. Instead, opt for alternative materials that are more suitable for these purposes.

Educate others: Spread awareness among your family, friends, and community members about the importance of handling newspapers with care. Encourage them to adopt respectful practices when dealing with printed materials that contain

religious references.

By taking these small yet significant steps, we demonstrate our respect for Allah's name and honour the religious significance attached to it. Let us strive to preserve the dignity of printed materials that contain religious content and set an example for others to follow.

Remember, it is through our actions that we manifest our faith and uphold the values that we hold dear. May Allah guide us all and bless us with understanding and wisdom.

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# Balanced Economic Ties Vital for Both U.S. and China

The recent visit of Janet Yellen to Beijing has raised hopes that it may pave the way for two rival global nations to come together for economic reasons, as it plays out to be in favour of both

**Asad Mirza** 

ast week, the U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen went on a four-day diplomatic trip to China, where she met with top Chinese economic officials, including Premier Li Qiang, former Vice Premier Liu He, and former People's Bank of China Gov. Zhou Xiaochuan.

This is Yellen's first visit to Beijing as Washington's chief financial officer, yet many economists worry the United States' and China's competing interests may make the trip fruitless at best - and downright hostile at worst. But that is not how the Chinese government and media, both, have played the visit

In contrast to the earlier visits of U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken flowing to China for bilateral talks - months after his February trip was cancelled due to evidence of a Chinese spy balloon over U.S. territory. And U.S. President Joe Biden met Chinese President Xi Jinping in Bali, Indonesia, on the sidelines of the G-20 summit last year, where they discussed international debt relief and economic priorities. Yellen's visit to China is being played-up rather kindly by the Chinese media

Yellen is considered a politician with a 'Dovish' image in China due to her pragmatic style as an economist, which has helped her to have friendly working relations with top Chinese officials. The manner in which her visit was referred to by the Chinese Premier Li Qiang also demonstrates that Chinese have high hopes from this visit and wants Yellen to take the message back with her for President Joe Biden that: There will be no winners in trade wars and an economic "decoupling" is futile.

The comments, which were made by Premier Li, however have been very uplifting as usually Chinese leadership refrains from making such comments. Li said, "Yesterday, the moment you arrived at our airport and left the plane, we saw a rainbow, I think it can apply to the US-China relationship too: after experiencing a round of winds and rains, we surely can see a rainbow."

Li further said Chinese enterprises must observe the world economy and look for-



US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen (L) shakes hands with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng during a meeting

ward and cannot just look at the water under their feet on rainy days. He said this practice could also be applied to the Sino-U.S. relations.

Earlier, in May, G-7 leaders met in Japan and agreed that their members should "derisk" from China. Beijing said there is no difference between "de-risking" and "decoupling" as both will lead to the departure of foreign firms from China. In contrast, Yellen preferred to describe the United States' strategy as "diversification." And hopes to emphasise Economic Cooperation—Not Decoupling with Beijing.

Just last week, China announced new

restrictions on the export of gallium and germanium, two key metals necessary to produce vital semiconductor chips. And last week, the Biden administration considered placing additional limits on the sale of high-end chips used to develop artificial intelligence - an emerging industry the two powerhouses have raced to control.

Still, Yellen hopes to strengthen key Biden administration policies while also reassuring Beijing that the United States' actions aren't meant to harm the Chinese. That means emphasising cooperation and supply chain diversification instead of economic decoupling, demanding greater transparency from China's new espionage law, addressing unfair market barriers against U.S. firms, and discouraging Beijing from supplying Russia with lethal aid in its war against Ukraine something China continues to deny doing.

China's concerns, however, centre more on past U.S. actions. Specifically, top Chinese officials want to counter tough trade tariffs imposed during the Trump administration as well as sanctions against Chinese companies.

Yellen faces a tough challenge, for she has to convince Beijing that the slew of "derisking" measures Washington, and some of its allies, have been taking are not intended to contain China or decouple the two economies. Her job is all the more difficult because all the wrong moves targeting China have been initiated by the United States.

Yellen's is perhaps the only voice of reason amid the belligerent anti-China din in Washington, currently. She has termed the tariffs that the US has imposed on China, as "taxes on consumers "and warned," decoupling could be "disastrous".

During the visit, Yellen also focussed on Climate Change financing. She said that previous cooperation on climate change between the U.S. and China had made possible global breakthroughs such as the 2015 Paris Agreement, adding that both governments

wanted to support emerging markets and developing countries as they strive to meet their climate goals.

China, surprisingly classified as a developing country by the United Nations, has long said it was the responsibility of developed nations to help poor countries pay to address climate change. But Beijing says it could contribute to "loss and damage" due to climate change on a voluntary basis.

Given their scale of economies, cooperation between the U.S. and China is considered vital to international efforts to avert the worst impacts of climate change. Yellen said financing for such initiatives should be coordinated efficiently and effectively, adding that Beijing's support for existing multilateral climate institutions like the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Climate Investment Funds, alongside Washington and others, could boost their impact.

China is welcome to join the United States in contributing to a round of fund pledging for the GCF in September, a U.S. Treasury official said. For that fund replenishment, President Joe Biden has said the U.S. would provide a further \$1 billion.

Chinese newspaper China Daily described the visit as coming at a critical time for U.S.-China ties, and therefore technically it is a test of whether she can take the decade-long good working relations she has built with her "old friends" in China forward and allay, if not altogether eliminate, the increasing distrust between the world's two largest economies.

In reality, both China and the US need to and have the capability to increase economic exchanges and cooperation. In today's global village, no one country can prosper and sustain its economy in isolation. Both the U.S. and China understand this, so rhetoric apart, some balancing of economic ties is vital for both and Yellen's visit might have set the course in the right direction, for economic benefit of both.

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# Turn off Your Mind

### Alexander Sweetman

artin turns off the light to fall asleep, but his mind quickly springs into action. Racing thoughts about work deadlines, his overdue car service, and his father's recent surgery occupy his mind.

As he struggles to fall asleep, the hours start to creep by. He becomes frustrated about how he will cope tomorrow. This is a pattern Martin has struggled with for many years.

But what's going on when your mind is racing at night? And how do you make it stop?

### It can happen to anyone

In bed, with no other visual or sound cues to occupy the mind, many people start to have racing thoughts that keep them awake. This can happen at the start of the night, or when they awake in the night.

The good news is there are effective ways to reduce these racing thoughts, and to help get some sleep. To do this, let's take a step back and talk about insomnia.

### What is insomnia?

If you are like Martin, you're not alone. Right now, up to six in every ten people have regular insomnia symptoms. One in ten have had these symptoms for months or years. Insomnia includes trouble falling asleep at

the start of the night, waking up during the night, and feelings of daytime fatigue, concentration difficulties, lethargy or poor mood. Just like Martin, many people with in-

Just like Martin, many people with insomnia find as soon as they get into bed, they feel alert and wide awake. So what's going on?

The more time we spend in bed doing things other than sleep, the more our brain and body start to learn that bed is a place for these non-sleep activities.

These activities don't just include work

These activities don't just include worrying. They can be using a mobile phone, watching TV, eating, working, arguing, smoking or playing with pets.

Gradually, our brains can learn that bed is a place for these other activities instead of



rest and sleep. Over time the simple act of getting into bed can become a trigger to feel more alert and awake. This is called "conditioned insomnia".

Here are six ways to spend less time awake in bed with racing thoughts.

### 1. Re-learn to associate bed with sleep

Stimulus control therapy can help re-build the relationship between bed and sleep.

Follow these simple steps every night of the week: only use your bed for sleep and intimacy. All other activities should occur out of bed, preferably in another room only go to bed if you are feeling sleepy (when your eyes are heavy and you could easily fall asleep). If you are not feeling sleepy, delay getting into bed. Use this time to do something relaxing in another room if you are still awake after about 15 minutes in bed, get out of bed and go to another room. Do something else relaxing until you are feeling sleepy again, such as reading a book, listen-

ing to the radio, catching up on some chores or doing a crossword puzzle. Avoid anything too stimulating such as work or computer gaming repeat the above two steps until you are asleep within about 15 minutes. This can take several cycles of getting in and out of bed. But during this time, you body's natural need for sleep will increase, and you will eventually fall asleep within 15 minutes of getting into bed get out of bed at the same time each morning, no matter how much you slept the night before avoid long daytime naps, which can make it harder to fall asleep that night.

Over several nights, this therapy builds the relationship between bed and sleep, and reduces the relationship between bed and feeling alert and having racing thoughts.

### 2. Distract yourself with fond thoughts

Negative thoughts in bed or worrying about the consequences of losing sleep can make us feel more alert, worried, and make

it more difficult to sleep.

So try something called "cognitive re-focusing". Try to replay a fond memory, movie, or TV show in your mind, to distract yourself from these negative thoughts.

Ideally, this will be a memory you can recall very clearly, and one that causes neutral or slightly positive feelings. Memories that are overly positive or negative might cause an increase in alertness and mental activity.

### 3. Relax into sleep

Relaxation therapy for insomnia aims to reduce alertness and improve sleep.

One way is to progressively tense and relax muscle groups throughout your body, known as guided progressive muscle relaxation therapy.

You could also try breathing exercises, soothing music, visual imagery or other relaxation exercises that feel right for you.

Part of relaxing into sleep is avoiding doing work in the late evening or screen-based

activities right before bed. Give yourself a "buffer zone", to allow yourself time to start relaxing before getting into bed.

### 4. Worry earlier in the day

Schedule some "worry time" earlier in the day, so these thoughts don't happen at night. It can also help to write down some of the things that worry you.

If you start to worry about things during the night, you can remind yourself you have already written them down, and they are waiting for you to work through during your scheduled "worry time" the next day.

### ${\bf 5. \ Know \ waking \ in \ the \ night \ is \ normal}$

Knowing that brief awakenings from sleep are completely normal, and not a sign of ill health, may help.

Sleep occurs in different "cycles" during the night. Each cycle lasts for about 90 minutes, and includes different stages of light, deep, and dreaming (REM) sleep.

Most of our deep sleep occurs in the first half of the night, and most of our light sleep in the second half.

Everyone experiences brief awakenings

Everyone experiences brief awakenings from sleep, but most people don't remember these the next morning.

### 6. What if these don't work?

If these don't work, the most effective next step is "cognitive behavioural therapy for insomnia" or CBT-i.

This non-drug therapy targets the underlying causes of insomnia, and leads to long-lasting improvements in sleep, mental health and daytime function.

You can do a self-guided online program, or access it via your GP or a psychologist. More details, including links to online programs, are available via the Sleep Health Foundation. We are providing free access to online CBT-i through a research study. To find out more, contact me.

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### **'Infectious Disease Control Should Shift Focus** From Young To Older Children And Adolescents'

Press Trust Of India

hree million children and adolescents die from infectious diseases every year, equivalent to one death every 10 seconds, with India, Nigeria and Pakistan sharing the highest disease burden, according to a new study published in The Lancet journal.

Infectious diseases were found to have caused more than half of such deaths in low to middle-income countries, compared with 6 per cent in high-income countries, the study led by Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia, and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, US, said.

Looking across 204 countries between 1990 and 2019 from birth to 24 years of age, the study found infectious disease control measures to have largely focused on children aged under five, with scarce attention given to young people between five and 24 years old.

Noting this demographic shift in disease burden, the study, thus, called for global disease control efforts to have a greater focus on older children



and adolescents.

Diarrhoea, pneumonia and malaria accounted for twothirds of infectious diseases and death in this demographic, while HIV and tuberculosis were found to be the leading causes among older adolescents.

The shift in disease burden to older children and adolescents, the study said, was largely driven by the considerable infection control efforts targeting children under five years in lowincome countries and slower progress made across the older age groups.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and recent epidemics of Zika virus, Ebola and severe acute respiratory syndrome, the research would have important implications for global policy, financing, resource allocation and health systems, said Murdoch Children's professor Peter Azzopardi.

He said it underscored the

urgent need to take stock of infectious disease control.

adolescents More younger children have been affected by these emergent diseases, challenging the almost exclusive focus on younger children within existing infectious disease control, the study said.

"The findings highlight the need for health systems, particularly in low-income countries, to continue to build capacity and scale up trusted interventions like immunisation programs.

"But there must also be investment in broader approaches that address social barriers such as adolescent males with HIV having better access to health care," said Azzopardi.

The COVID-19 pandemic rightly focussed global attention on infectious diseases, said Susan Sawyer, Murdoch Children's professor.

"This study reminds us of the importance of addressing the emerging, as well as the established, infectious diseases, especially in those aged 5-24 years who have too often been neglected by policy and programming," she said.

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# New Process That Repairs Damaged Hearing Cells Discovered

Press Trust Of India

Researchers have found how cells that allow us to hear can repair themselves after being damaged, an advance that could boost efforts to treat and prevent hearing loss.

"Hair cells" found in the inner ear are important both for the ability to hear and for a sense of balance. They are known as hair cells because they are covered in hair-like structures that serve as mechanical antennas for sound detection. The study, published in the journal eLife, shows the delicate hearing cells

can repair themselves from damage caused by loud noises or other forms of stress. For many years, research has focused on

regeneration of sensory hair cells. Although those efforts continue, it is equally important to better understand the mechanisms that govern repair and maintenance of the cells.

"By gaining a deeper understanding of these inherent repair processes, we can uncover strategies to fortify them effectively," said Jung-Bum Shin, from the University of Virginia School of Medicine, US.

Future approaches may use drugs to stimulate cell repair, he said.

"When replacement of hair cells proves challenging, the focus shifts towards repairing them instead. This dual strategy of regeneration and repair holds strong potential in advancing treatments for hearing loss and associated conditions," Shin said. Hair cells are naturally fragile. They must be delicate so they can sense sound, but they must also withstand the continuous mechanical stress inherent in their working. Prolonged exposure to loud noise harms hair cells in a variety of ways, and one of those is by damaging the cores of the cells themselves.

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### Office Of The Executive Engineer (R&B) Special Sub Division Uri

### **NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

eNIT No.23 of 2023-24/1612-21/R&B SSD Uri e-tendering

DATED: 10-07-2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on anpercentage basisfrom approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government CPWD. Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

1	S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost	Earnest	Cost of	Time of	M.H of	Class of
1			(Rs. In Lacs)	Money	T/Do <b>c.</b>	completion	Acco <b>unt</b>	Contractor
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١	1	2	3	4	5	7	6	7
١	1.	Construction of road from Bela to Tushnag	17.98	Rs	Rs	25 Days	PRI Grants	BEE
ı				36000/-	800/-	_		CEE
ı	2.	Construction of culvert on Mir Mohalla road near	4.00	Rs	Rs 200/-	15 Days	PRI Grants	
١		health & wellness centre on Main road W No. 3 &		8000/-				DEE
П		4(Block Noorkhah, Panchayat zehanpora)						

Project Authority: District Development Commissioner Baramulla

Position of AAA: Accorded

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10.07.2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	10.07.2023 to (11:00 AM) to 15.07.2023 (3:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	10.07.2023 (11:00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	15.07.2023 (3:00PM)
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	15.07.2023 (04:00 PM) in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Special Sub Division Uri
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2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date with NIT No. & sr. No) deposited in M.H. 0059in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Special Sub Division Uri(tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3. 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 received. ing authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Special Sub Division Uri. Besides that, 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.jktenders.gov.inand automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders' bidswill be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Special Sub Division Uri (tender receiving 5. Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids. 6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. 6.1 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. govto familiarize themselves with the bid submission process. 6.2 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. 6.3 Bidders must submit their bids in electronic format with a digital signature online. No physical bids will be accepted. 6.4 Bids will be opened online in accordance with the time schedule specified in Para-1. 6.5 Bidders must upload online scanned copy of all required documents (within the document upload limits) with their technical bid. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option. 7The department will not be held responsible for any delays in online submission due to unanticipated circumstances. 8 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 R&B Special Sub Division Uri, will be released only after production of Original Treasury Challan of uploaded Scanned copy (Cost of tender document). 9 Bidders are advised not to change the contents of the BOQ (Bill of Quantities). They should never attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

10 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/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 addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited

11 Price escalation and Taxes: -11.1The allotted cost shall be calculated after adding 18% GST on the quoted amount by the lowest bidder. 11.2The allotted cost shall be deemed to include price escalation and all other taxes up to the completion of the work. Other Taxes and levies shall be deducted from the contractor's bills on the gross amount of the bill at the rates in effect at the time of recovery.

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

13 All bidders must UPLOADthe 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):

· All bidders must upload copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number and e-mail address. • A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor Registration Act. · Treasury Challan/Earnest money Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card

· A Civil Contractor who does not own HMP and is bidding for Bitumen Macadam Works is required to upload an MoU with HMPO, from whom the material/machinery for the subject work will be procured. The Memorandum of Understanding must be registered and duly executed in the Hon'ble Court of 1st Class Magistrate, specifying clearly that failure on the part of the HMPO shall be deemed failure on the part of the bidder, and vice versa · Scanned copy of GSTIN registration and most recent clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B from the previous quarter or month, whichever is applicable, ending 03/2022. 14 Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Bitumen Macadam Works executed by the agency

15 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.

16 The bidder should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submitting a bid, and no claim based on constrained site conditions will be entertained

• The location of the Hot mix plant of adequate capacity capable of yielding a mix of proper and uniform quality, from which bituminous macadam is to be transported to the site in clean, tarpaulin covered vehicles/Tippers, and shall be placed in such a way that the manufacturing laying/spreading and rolling temperatures are kept within the

specified limits. No.:-SSDU/2023-24/1612-21 DIPK-4799/23 Dated: 10-07-2023

Executive Engineer R&B Special Sub-Division, Uri.

### 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:87of 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.

Adv. Cost (Rs | Earnest Money (In | Cost of Tender | AA No. & Date

		in Lacs)	Rs)	Document		Period	
1	Installation of 63KVA Transformer at Ward	3.88	Rs7760.00/=	Rs 208.00	43-DDCK of 2023	90 days	
	No 03 04 Supernaghama Panchayat Halga				Dated: 15-06-2023		
Time Scheo	dule						
Α [	Date & Time of Publishing of Standard Bidding Document		The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://				
			iktenders.gov.in				
			07-07-202	3 03:00	PM		
В	e-Bid submission (start) date & time		07-07-202	3 03:00	PM		
C	Clarification start date & time		07-07-202	23 03:00	PM		

Clarification end date & time 10-07-2023 04:00 PM e-Bid submission (end) date & time 04:00 PM Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time. 01-08-202301:00 PM Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Online financial e-Bid opening date &time (Only of the technically qualified bidders) 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 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

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 deci-

sion 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.ikpdd.net/under "Standards and Specification".

The contractor has to produce pre-execution, during execution & post-execution photographs (with GPS Coordinates i.e longitude & Latitude) along-with SLD of the account of the contractor has to produce pre-execution, during execution when the contractor has to produce pre-execution, during execution when the contractor has to produce pre-execution, during execution when the contractor has to produce pre-execution, during execution when the contractor has to produce pre-execution when the contractor has to produce the contractor has to produce the contractor has to pre-execution when the contractor has to produce the contractor has the contractor has to produce the contr10.

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

The contractor must follow all SoPs during execution of work. Any deviation in this regard the fine can be imposed and he shall be solely responsible for any un-13. 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

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).

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

GST Registration. SBD.

Earnest Money Deposit. Experience / Executed work certificate issued by not less the Executive Engineer and experience has to as per the clause A5 of QRC of SBD

Affidavit as per SBD

Annual Financial turnover certificate issued by CA of last three years (Note: - The Bidders shall mention the e-NIT No. and name of the Firm on Treasury Challan and EMD in order to avoid using the same multiple times for different works.)

No.: EDH/1255-57 DIPK-NB-1833/23 Dated: 10-07-2023

**Electric Division Handwara** 

**Executive Engineer** 

### **J&K Bank Wins Award For Best Performance In CASA**

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** J&K Bank has been felicitated for The Best Performance in CASA-India (1st Runner up in Small Bank Category) at ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards 2022. The event saw participation of scores of Banks from India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka & Myanmar.

Bank's Branch Manager Goa received the award at a grand function organized by Indian Chamber of Commerce in Goa on 8th July 2023.

Speaking on the development, Bank's MD&CEO Baldev Prakash described the award as acknowledgement of Bank's efforts to consolidate the fundamentals of the Bank through a prestigious international platform.

Notably, PwC India (PricewaterhouseCoopers), Indian chapter of one of the biggest multinational professional services network, was the Process



Reviewer for these Awards. Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), a non-governmental trade association and advocacy group headquartered in Calcutta, is proactive in BFSI segment across BIMSTEC (The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation). There are seven member countries in the BIMSTEC organization- five being from South Asia i.e., Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka and two from Southeast Asia i.e., Myanmar

### **J&K Bank Customer's MLLS Claim Settled, Family Feels Relieved**



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** In a major sigh of relief to the family members of Late Joginder Paul, a J&K Bank customer of TP Baramulla branch, deceased claim of Rs.22.63 Lacs pertaining to his Met Loan & Life Suraksha was settled, thereby absolving the family of any financial burden that would have otherwise been an obligation for them on account of unpaid loan

The nominee Ms. Veerta was handed over the Symbolic / Dummy claim Cheque by Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat, Bank's Zonal Head Baramulla in presence of Cluster Head Baramulla Sheikh Mohammad Muzaffar and Zonal Head Credit Life PNB MetLife

Irfan Ali Zargar.

Expressing gratitude to the Bank and its Insurance partner MetLife, Ms Veerta described settlement of claim as a big relief for the family amid tough Speaking on the occasion,

Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat, Bank's Zonal Head highlighted the need and significance of getting loans insured. "A small but wise and timely decision to get the loans covered through various risk mitigating insurance options that the Bank's insurance partners offer, proves of immense relief in unfortunate circumstances of untimely death of the insured person", he said, adding, "for the sake of your family's future, it is better to act wisely today.'

#### Setback For India's Chip Plan

### **Foxconn Dumps ₹1.5** Lakh Cr Vedanta Deal

**Press Trust Of India** 

NEW DELHI- Foxconn on Monday said it has decided to pull out of semiconductor ioint venture with Indian conglomerate Vedanta, according to a statement.

Foxconn said it is "working to remove the Foxconn name from what now is a fullyowned entity of Vedanta".

"Foxconn has no connection to the entity and efforts to keep its original name will cause confusion for future stakeholders," Hon Hai Technology group (Foxconn) said.

Foxconn, the global contract electronics maker, and Vedanta had inked an agreement last year to build semiconductor and display production plants in Gujarat entailing an investment of abour Rs 1.5 lakh crore.

In a statement on Monday

Foxconn said: "In order to explore more diverse development opportunities, according to mutual agreement, Foxconn has determined it will not move forward on the joint venture with Vedanta."



The statement said that for over a year Hon Hai Technology Group (Foxconn) and Vedanta have worked hard to bring a great semiconductor idea to reality. It has been a fruitful experience that can both companies strongly going forward.

"Foxconn is confident about the direction of India's semiconductor development. We will continue to strongly support the government's 'Make In India' ambitions and establish a diversity of local partnerships that meet the needs of stakeholders," it said.

Meanwhile, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Raieev Chandrasekhar saidthat Foxconn's decision to pull out of Vedanta joint venture has no impact on India's semiconductor fabrication plant goal.

"This decision of Foxconn to withdraw from its JV with Vedanta has no impact on India's Semiconductor Fab goals. None," Chandrasekhar tweeted.

"It's not for govt to get into why or how two private companies choose to partner or choose not to, but in simple terms it means both companies can & will now pursue their strategies in India independently, and with appropriate technology partners in Semicon n Electronics," Chandrasekhar tweeted.

### **Heavy Rains Further Push Up Tomato Prices Up** To Rs 200 Per Kg; Other Veggies Also Get Costlier

**Press Trust Of India** 

NEW DELHI- Retail price of tomato has touched up to Rs 200 per kilogramme in some parts of the country, including Delhi, as incessant rains disrupted supplies, traders said and added that the rates of other vegetables have also firmed up.

Heavy rainfall in producing areas has led to waterlogging leading to the damage of tomato crop and other perishable vegetables grown below the soil especially onion, and ginger, they said.

As per the data maintained by the consumer affairs ministry, the all-India average retail price of tomato was ruling at 104.38 per kg on Monday, with maximum price quoted was Rs 200 per kg in Swai Madhopur and minimum was Rs 31 per kg in Churu in Raiasthan.

Among metros, retail price of tomato was quoted highest at Rs 149 per kg in Kolkata, followed by Rs 135 per kg



in Mumbai, Rs 123 per kg in Chennai and Rs 100 per kg in Delhi, the data showed.

The retail price of tomato and other vegetables varies depending on the quality and the ocation where they are sold.

There has been further disruption in the supply of tomato in Delhi because of the heavy

rains in the last two days. If heavy rains continue, it looks unlikely the prices will ease soon," Azadpur tomato association president and member of Azadpur Mandi Ashok Kaushik told PTI.

The wholesale price of tomato was ruling at Rs 100-160 per kg at Azadpur mandi on Monday. The current demand is being met from Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka, he added. Kaushik also mentioned

that every year prices of most vegetables firm up during the monsoon season because some crops get damaged due to waterlogging.

"I purchased at Rs 160 per kg at Azadpur wholesale market and retailing at Rs 170 per kg. Some other vendors are selling at even up to Rs 200 per kg in Delhi," said Jyotish Jha, local retail vendor in Pashchim Vihar.

### **Anantnag Based** Mushkbudji FPO Gets **Import Export Licence**

**Observer News Service** 

ANANTNAG: Sagam Mushkbudji Farmers Producers Company Limited, an FPO promoted in Sagam Area of Anantnag under NABARDs PODF Scheme has got an import Export License.

The FPO, which was incorporated as Farmers Producers Company in July 2019 with the aim to promote the scented variety of rice and help its marketing and sale across the country has become the first FPO in J&K to get the export licence. "With this Mushkbudji farm-

ers will now have access to global markets and this will fetch them a very good price", said Rouf Zargar, District Development Manager NABARD. The corporates and bulk buyers are looking for do business with FPOs instead of individual farmers. Only the FPOs have the ability to trade the commodities in bulk as there are hundreds of farmers linked to an FPO with minimum interference from the middlemen. The Mushkbudji rice has also been listed among the 09 products of JK and Leh to get GI tag-



ging, Zargar added.

The FPO has received focused attention from the Agriculture department since its formation by way of benefits under the various FPO specific schemes of the Agriculture department. Besides, the district administration is in the process of allotting land to FPO for establishment of rice mill in Sagam area.

The FPO currently has the membership of more than 200 Mushkbudji farmers, who sell the major portion of their produce directly through the FPO. The FPO also participated in the recent Gulf Investment summit in Srinagar and evinced interest of various investors from UAE and other countries.

### **India Overtakes China As Most Attractive Emerging Market For Investing**

**Press Trust Of India** 

NEW DELHI: India has overtaken China as the most attractive emerging market for investing, according to 85 sovereign wealth funds and 57 central banks representing USD 21 trillion in assets.

India is increasingly viewed positively for its improved business and political stability, favourable demographics, regulatory initiatives, and a friendly environment for sovereign investors, according to a report by global investment management firm Invesco. The report titled 'Invesco Global

Sovereign Asset Management Study' included views from 142 chief investment officers, heads of asset classes along with senior portfolio strategists from 85 sovereign wealth funds and 57 central banks. Amid persistent high inflation

and real interest rates, investors are recalibrating portfolios.

Sovereign wealth funds, it said,

favour fixed income and private debt, while Emerging Markets (EMs) with solid demographics, political stability, and proactive regulation, particularly India, have emerged as prime investment destinations.

"Among the Emerging Markets, India has piqued sovereign investors' interest, overtaking China," it said. India, it said, exemplifies the attributes sought by sovereign investors. "India has now overtaken China as the most attractive Emerging Market for investing in Emerging Market debt.'

A development sovereign fund based in the Middle East noted, 'We don't have enough exposure to India or China. However, India is a better story now in terms of business and political stability. Demographics are growing fast, and they also have interesting companies, good regulation initiatives, and a very friendly environment for sov-

### Hyundai Launches Entry-Level SUV Exter At 6 Lakhs. It's A Tata Punch Rival

**NEW DELHI:** Hyundai Motor Co on Monday launched a small sport-utility vehicle (SUV) in India aimed at young car buyers, a move analysts said is an attempt to reclaim share from rivals that have gained ground with new car models.

The Exter SUV will be priced from 5.99 lakh (\$7,300) for the entry-level 9.99 lakh for model to the top-end variant, going head-on against domestic rival Tata Motors' Punch The vehicle will plug

a gap for Hyundai in the entry-level SUV segment and widen its portfolio in India - a market which is of "strategic significance" for the South Korean carmaker, its country CEO Unsoo Kim said during the

"With the launch of Ex-



ter. Hvundai Motor India has become a full range SUV manufacturer," Kim said, adding it had spent 9.5 billion rupees on developing the car.

India's importance for Hyundai, the world's thirdlargest automaker by sales with its affiliate Kia Corp, is increasing as it scales back its presence in China and was forced to exit Rus-

Car buyers in India are flocking to SUVs, driving

up sales to record levels in the post-COVID buying boom. Hyundai's rival

with features such as a voice-enabled electric sunroof, dashboard camera to take selfies, and wireless smartphone charger, often seen in bigger car models.

Maruti Suzuki last week launched a premium seven-seater to woo upmarket buyers The Exter is equipped

Hyundai has in recent years launched large and

mid-size SUVs like the Alcazar and Creta, sending its sales in India to a record high of more than 567,000 units last fiscal year.

Still, its market share fell below 15% from a 2019-2020 peak of 17.5%, industry data showed, with rivals Tata and Mahindra & Mahindra speeding ahead with new launches.

The Exter could help it reclaim some lost share, said Ravi Bhatia, president for India at automotive consultancy JATO Dynamics.

"Any new launch will bring buyers to the showroom," Bhatia said, adding that Hyundai will need to ensure the Exter does not cannibalise sales of its other small, entry-level cars.

"To really boost its share, Hyundai needs a product strategy that includes cars in higher segments as well, which is where the market is growing," said Bhatia.

### OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT JAIL BARAMULLA

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e-TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF MEDICINES FOR DISTRICT JAIL BARAMULLA FOR THE YEAR 2023-24.

E-NIT No:- 01 of 2023 Dated:- 08-07-2023

Note:- All the Bidding process will be done on www.iktenders.gov.in

The online e-tenders are invited, for and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir U/T, from authorized distributors /dealers having Medical licenses issued by competent authority and registered with the Sales Tax Department for supply of Medicines for District Jail Baramulla for the year 2023-24. The intending tenderer/s shall have to attach earnest money to the tune of Rs,100000/= in the shape of CDR/FDR from any Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank to be pledged to the Superintendent District Jail Baramulla, the same will be released after rate contract in respect of successful bidder expires.

The detailed documents, criteria and other terms and conditions can be seen I downloaded from the

-		Government website www.iktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:					
	1	Date of issue of tender notice	10.07.2023				
	2	Period of downloading of bidding documents.	10.07.2023				
	3	Bid submission start date.	12.07.2023				
	4	Bid submission end date.	21.07.2023				
	5	Deadline for receiving the hard copy (Original DD & EMD) including all the soft copy documents.	21.07.2023				
	6	Date and time of opening of Bids (online).	22.07.2023				
1	7	Cost of tender documents (Non-refundable)	Rs.500/=				

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender documents of Rs, 500/= in the shape of demand draft in 2. favour Superintendent District Jail Baramulla.

The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on web site www.iktenders.gov.in, 3.

4. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be 5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid duly seal and

signature. Besides original/photo copies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically by hand/registered/courier before the date specified in para-1. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including earnest money and tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid and submit the hard copies of all the uploaded documents duly attested under the hand and seal of the tenderer. No documents which has/

have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises, The earnest money-in favour of unsuccessful/No-responsive bidders shall be released only after ensuring submission of tender document fee in original, irrespective of hard copies, failure of submission

of tender documents fee by the bidder using the site shall entitle him for blacklisting, The intending bidder must have experience of supplies at least five years the medicine to any Government and Semi Government department. The certificate of which should also be uploaded while

submitting the bid. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason. Note:- All terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the detailed e-NIT issued for the supplies.

NO:-Acctts/393-98 Superintendent DIPK-4785-23 Dated:- 08/07/2023 District Jail Baramulla

### **Go First Resolution Professional Invites EoIs**

**Press Trust Of India** 

NEW DELHI: The Resolution Professional (RP) of Go First on Monday invited expressions of interest (EoI) for the grounded airline.

The deadline to submit the EoIs is August 9, 2023, while the final list of eligible prospective resolution applicants (RPAs) will be declared on August 19, Go First RP, Shailendra Aimera, said in a public

The last date for submission of objections to the provisional list is August 24, according to the notice.



On May 2, the city-based airline filed for initiating voluntary insolvency proceedings at the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), citing huge revenue losses, owing to the non-supply of aircraft engines by US engines maker

Pratt & Whitney. The court admitted the plea on May 10.

Go First stopped flight operations from May 3 amid a financial crunch caused by grounding of more than half of its fleet due to non-availability of Pratt & Whitney engines.

The airline has about 4,200 employees, according to the notice. It clocked a revenue of Rs 4,183 crore from operations in the financial year ended March 2022, according to the

public notice. Go First has liabilities worth Rs 11,463 crore in its balance sheet, according to

In early June, the Go First Committee of Credi-

tors (CoC) comprising Central Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, IDBI Bank, and Deutsche Bank, was put in place to expedite the sale process. The airline late last

month submitted a CoCapproved revival plan to the aviation safety watchdog Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), seeking its go-ahead.

The DGCA ordered a special safety audit by a team of its experts, which was carried out across its facilities in Mumbai and Delhi from July 4-6, prior to taking a call on allowing resumption of flight operations.

### **Centre's Article 370** affidavit in SC not based on facts, claim Left, PDP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Srinagar: PDP and CPI-Marxist on Monday said the affidavit filed by the Centre in response to Article 370 petitions in the Supreme Court had no legal basis and was far from the truth.

"I don't think there is any constitutional provision on terrorism. Centre has no constitutional or legal defence available for its unconstitutional actions in Jammu and Kashmir. So they have taken this terrorism ground," senior PDP leader Naeem Akhtar told PTI.

He said there were many states where the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, or AFSPA, was in force but only Jammu and Kashmir was singled out as particularly vulnerable.

"They have not degraded those states to the level of Union Territories. They have not punished the people of that state. They have only singled out Jammu and Kashmir," Akhtar said.

The PDP leader said the party had full faith in the judiciary.

"We have full faith in the judiciary and this august forum has already twice upheld the Article 370 as a permanent feature of Indian Constitution in the absence of a constituent assembly in I&K which has ended its role in 1954,"

CPI-M leader M Y Tarigami said even a cursory look at the Centre's Supreme Court affidavit will reveal

"Truth is being obfuscated. Don't we know how peaceful Jammu and Kashmir was before 1990?' Tarigami said.

"Why did violence erupt? The reason was that special status given to JK was eroded and the inimical elements got a chance to disrupt.

jailed all the leadership and revoked the special provisions of the constitution with a stroke of a pen,' he said.

We want a democracy where people's rights are protected. That's why

Only restoration of special provisions of the constitution can bring peace and prosperity to the people

"Was there no tourism before 2019? Was there no peace before? Why has there been no election since 2014? How did BIP come to become part of the government in Jammu and Kashmir for the first time in 2014? Because there was peace," the leftist leader added.

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by the administration.

"Incessant rains, over the last few

He said drivers of heavy motor vehicles are advised to take Mughal Road for the journey from Jammu to Srinagar and vice-versa.

best possible efforts to ensure the restoration of traffic on the national highway at the earliest," the spokesperson

landslides on Saturday and Sunday following heavy rains but the road was cleared by the concerned agencies, providing relief to the commuters.

The traffic was moving smoothly on Mughal road when the last reports were received, officials said.

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and Kashmir Reorganisation Act. and Ladakh-were referred to a

lenged has brought unprecedented development, progress, security and stability to the region, which was often missing during the old Article 370 regime. It is submitted that the same has been possible due to the policy of prosperity and progress in the region, the affidavit said.

"It is submitted that the hosting of G-20 Tourism Working Group meeting at Srinagar in the month of May 2023. was a watershed event in the history of valley tourism and the country proudly displayed its resolute commitment to the world that secessionist terrorist region can be converted into a region where even international dignitaries can be invited and global events can be held." The Centre said after the historic changes, the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have witnessed profound "ameliorative, affirmative and progressive changes in last four years encompassing its entire governance - including the developmental activities, public administration and security matters which has positively impacted every resident irrespective of caste, creed or religion".

It said bandhs and stone pelting (together), engineered, financed and forced by the separatist-terrorist networks, had tremendous negative ripple effects on economy and the society as a whole.

characteristic of the security situation in the region, which has a direct bearing on the day-to-day life of common citizens is 'street violence' which was

it is contrary to the facts.

"What happened in 2019? They

"We don't want enforced peace.

we have approached the SC for restoration of the rights," Tarigami said.

of Jammu and Kashmir, he stressed.

### **Banihal Highway**

till the time confirmation is issued

days, in various parts of Jammu and Kashmir, have caused unprecedented damage to NH-44, especially the stretch in Ramban district, forcing its closure for traffic," the spokesperson

"The administration is making its

According to traffic officials, the Mughal Road -- an alternate link connecting the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu with the south Kashmir Shopian district -- was through for both-way traffic.

Mughal Road was also hit by several

### **Centre Defends**

On August 5, 2019, the Centre had

Several petitions challenging the Centre's decision to abrogate the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu 2019, which split J&K into two Union Territories-Jammu and Kashmir, Constitution bench in 2019.

The Centre contended that the "historic constitutional step" being chalthe Union of India of ensuring peace,

"It is submitted that the defining

a methodical and regular phenomenon. The street violence, engineered and orchestrated by terrorists and secessionist networks has now become thing of the past. The organized stone pelting incidents connected with terrorism-separatist agenda, which were as high as 1,767 in the year 2018 has come down to zero in the year 2023 till date," the Centre said in its 20-page

It added that 'bandhs' and stone pelting had resulted in closure of schools, colleges and universities, trade, industries and businesses on a regular basis intermittently, leading to severe loss of income especially of the poor and those who worked in unorganized sectors.

"In the year 2018, there were 52 incidents of organized 'Bandh/Hartal', which have come down to zero in the year 2023 till date. In addition, resolute anti-terror actions have resulted in dismantling of the terror eco-system which is reflected in a significant drop in terrorist recruitment from 199 in the year 2018 to 12 in the year 2023 till date." The Centre said work on transit accommodation for Kashmiri Pandits for their safe return to the val ley is in the advanced stage and is expected to be majorly completed in the

Highlighting numerous schemes launched by the Centre for the development of the entire region, the government said life has returned to normalcy in the region after over three decades of turmoil.

"It is submitted that schools, colleges, universities, hospitals and other public institutions are functioning efficiently without any strikes or any kind of disturbances during the last three years. The earlier practice of daily hartals, strikes, stone pelting and bandhs are things of the past now," it added.

Emphasising that certain sections of the society, including displaced persons from Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and children of women married outside J&K, were earlier deprived of their basic rights prior to the August 5, 2019 decision, the government said all the residents of the region are enjoying all rights which are available to citizens in other parts of

the country. It said with the constitutional changes and enactments of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, seats have been reserved for the persons belonging to Scheduled Tribe, which has resulted in grant of reservation in Legislature to them similar to the reservation available to such community in Legislative Assemblies of other States/ Union territories in the country.

"It is submitted that with the improved security scenario, the Union territory has also witnessed the highest ever footfall of tourists viz. 1.88 crore tourists visited Jammu & Kashmir only during January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 which is significantly contributing to the growth of the economy and has a direct impact on the income of the common man", the Centre highlighted.

### Art-370 Petitions

additional affidavit where it said the move to scrap Article 370 in August 2019 has led to an "unprecedented era of peace" in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

"Jammu and Kashmir was facing the brunt of terrorism for the last three decades. To curb it, the only way was

to remove Article 370," the Union Home Ministry said in the affidavit.

"Today, all necessary institutions including schools, colleges, industries are running normally in the Valley. Industrial development is happening and people who lived in fear are living peacefully," the affidavit read.

The case was last heard by a different five-judge bench in March 2020. In that hearing, the bench had refused to refer the matter to a larger, sevenjudge bench.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre decided to strip the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir of special status and bifurcate it into two Union Territories.

Several petitions challenging the Centre's decision to abrogate the provisions of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which split J&K into two Union Territories Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh were referred to a constitution

bench in 2019. By abrogating Article 370, the Central government had revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

People's Union of Civil Liberties (PUCL), a prominent NGO, the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, and an intervenor had earlier sought that the matter be referred to a larger bench on grounds that two judgements of the apex court -- Prem Nath Kaul versus Jammu and Kashmir in 1959 and Sampat Prakash versus Jammu and Kashmir in 1970 -which dealt with the issue of Article 370 conflicted with each other and therefore, the current bench of five judges could not hear the issue.

Disagreeing with the petitioners, the top court had ruled in 2020 it was of the opinion that "there is no conflict between the judgements" and the issue will be heard by the five-judge bench.

Faesal, who had floated his political party, the Jammu and Kashmir People's Movement (JKPM), had filed the petition in the top court in 2019.

In April 2022, the government had accepted Faesal's application for withdrawing his resignation from service and reinstated him.

Faesal had in April last year filed an application seeking deletion of his name from the list of seven petitioners who have challenged the scrapping of Article 370 of the Constitution.

Other petitioners in the matter are Javid Ahmad Bhat, Shehla Rashid Shora, Ilyas Laway, Saif Ali Khan and Rohit Sharma and Mohammad Hussain Padder.

Advocate-on-Record Kamra, who has filed the plea on behalf of Faesal and others, said besides the IAS officer. Rashid has also filed an application seeking deletion of her name from the list of petitioners. (With agency inputs)

### **Amarnath Yatra**

Ramban district, forcing its closure. In view of the ongoing restoration works, especially at Panthyal and Seri. no vehicular movement shall be allowed on the highway on Monday, a traffic police official said.

Efforts are being made to movement of traffic at the earliest. An update will be shared in the evening,

The yatris will only be asked to resume their pilgrimage once vehicular traffic between Jammu and Kashmir divisions is restored, they added.

ed on Monday. People are advised to avoid travelling on the highway till the time confirmation is issued by the administration," a traffic official said.

"The traffic shall remain suspend-

Heavy motor vehicles are advised to take the Mughal Road for the journey from Jammu to Srinagar and vice-versa, he said.

Meanwhile, Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar along with the deputy commissioners are monitoring the situation, officials said, adding all possible steps are being taken to ensure that those stranded do not face any hassles.

On Sunday, the Amarnath yatra resumed from Panjtarni and Sheshnag base camps after remaining suspended for three days due to inclement weather in Kashmir, officials said.

### No Trace Of

different spots of river Pohru. Local sand dwellers who are well experienced are also providing their helping hand. Every possible attempt is being made to locate the missing girl," the official said.

The incident occurred on a day when incessant rains lashed the Valley, causing rivers to swell. Many believe receding water level can help teams to retrieve the body.

Locals from Jagerpora said that people from adjacent areas are also taking part in the searches.

Relatives of the missing girl, a class 5 student, said she had gone to her maternal uncle's home on the eve of Eid. According to reports the girls were

walking on the wooden bridge built over Nallah Pohru when one of them dropped her slipper 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 locals pulled out the two girls however the third one remained untraceable.

The two girls rescued were hailing

from Mughalpora Nagri while the missing girl is said to be from Muqami-Shahwali village, reports further

Besides this, locals informed that this is not the first such incident in the aforesaid river. "Drowning incidents took place in the past as well. In some cases, the body wasn't even retrieved for months."

Meanwhile, both areas including her birthplace are completely shellshocked. A pall of gloom has descended over both areas with a large number of people visiting the family to console them. Her family members are yet to come to terms as they continue to be in a state of shock. According to the locals the family had lost one daughter only last year.

Meanwhile, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Handwara Nazir Ahmad said that the search operation to retrieve the missing girl was underway.

"Navy forces were also part of the operation today. They were brought from Bandipora to help and assist in the search operation. So far there has been no trace of the girl," he said.

He also said that the operation to retrieve her will continue till there is a desired outcome.

However, he also said that drowning incidents like in the Pohru river have happened in the past as well. "In some drowning incidents, the body wasn't retrieved for months. Body of a victim was fished out in far away Uri in the past. The flow of this river is very high," he said. With inputs from KNO

#### **HM Lauds 'Acts**

providing a safer Amarnath Yatra to every pilgrim. Sharing a photograph of an SDRF Jawan carrying a lady vatri on his back for 3 km through the unforgiving terrain of the Himalayas on her way back from the holy shrine. I applaud them for being the beacon of safety for the citizens," Shah tweeted.

The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the Amarnath cave shrine located at a height of 3,888 metres in the south Kashmir Himalayas started on July 1 and is scheduled to conclude on

The pilgrims travel through two routes - Baltal and Pahalgam - in Jammu and Kashmir. Last year, 3.45 lakh people visited the cave shrine and the figure could go up to five lakh this time, sources said.

#### **Congress Should**

government in the past nine years. Responding to a question on Article 370 petitions coming up for hearing in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, he said, "Whether the hearing takes places or not. Article 370 was written in the Constitution and in the same Constitution, it was written that it is a temporary provision."

Asked about opposition parties here claiming lack of democracy in the Union Territory, Singh said Modi had brought grassroots democracy to Jammu and Kashmir for the first time.

"The democratic set up is already there, panch, sarpanches are there. We have BDCs and DDCs also. This credit also goes to Modiji that for the first time, district councils have been set up here. The issue is that there was no democracy earlier. The grassroots democracy has come due to Modiji," he

About the poll violence in West Bengal. Singh said it was condemnable and cannot be tolerated in a

democracy. "The unfortunate incidents in Bengal are condemnable on three counts. It exposes the political hypocrisy. Those who said democracy has been murdered in Maharashtrsa, see how they are murdering it in Bengal. Law and order and governance has failed, and unleashing of state terrorism. The government is itself involved in this bloodshed. Such situation cannot be tolerated in a democratic country. The concerned departments and authorities will take appropriate action," he added.

On the exhibition, he said it has been organised on the completion of nine years of Narendra Modi as the

prime minister. "The way the standing of India has increased in the global community and the way Modi has emerged as the most towering leader in the world. The world leaders are eager to know what India's stand will be on some key issues. This exhibition is about the progress made in every field and every sector," the minister said.

"Chandrayaan is being launched on 14th of this month and when it will land successfully, India will become fourth country in the world to land on the moon. The success of the effort can be gauged from the fact that other countries had started their space programmes much before India did, but Modi government has given a new atmosphere which has boosted the morale of the scientists. The way publicprivate partnership in space sector has been encouraged has meant that India is able to stand shoulder to shoulder with agencies like NASA," he added.

### **Inaugurates Multimedia**

Secondary School till 14th July, 2023 highlighting nine years of Seva, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan'.

Addressing on the occasion, Singh said that before 2014, India had a reputation for corruption, which had

a deleterious effect on its people, especially the youth. However, Prime Minister Modi has emerged as a transformational figure, successfully turning this pessimism into optimism and positioning India as a shining example among the comity of nations, he

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the international community had apprehensions about India's ability to effectively manage the crisis. But, India not only stood out for its commendable handling of the pandemic but also emerged as a leader by developing its own vaccine, Singh underlined.

While congratulating Central Bureau of Communication for organizing the exhibition at the educational institution, Singh said that Previously, I held the belief that we had failed our youth, but with the emergence of StartUps supported by the initiatives led by our Prime Minister, the youth can now anticipate a brighter future."

Highlighting the benchmark set for good governance, Singh said that the benefits provided to citizens have been devoid of any considerations related to race, religion, caste, colour, or political affiliation. The ASHA workers here can attest to the fact that we have successfully overcome such discrimination. This shift in culture, particularly political culture, has been evident during the previous nine years of governance.

While enumerating the achievements at the grassroots, Singh highlighted the examples of distribution of LPG and construction of toilets under various government schemes that brought about a significant social transformation in rural areas. The unwavering efforts of our government have aimed at directly impacting the lives of the people. We have diligently fostered relationships with the common people, built on trust and companionship. This bond will endure and remain strong in the future, Singh

He stressed upon availing the benefits of the schemes and initiatives and said that all citizens must take advantage of the schemes that have been designed by the Government of India for the overall development of the masses. By actively participating and utilizing these initiatives, we contribute to the collective progress and prosperity of our nation.

5-days Integrated Communication and Outreach Program by CBC will serve as a platform to showcase the remarkable achievements of the past 9 years in the areas of public service, good governance,

#### and welfare of the underprivileged. **Yatri Dies Of**

Friday due to inclement weather and closure of the Jammu-Srinagar national highway due to multiple landslides and washing away of road near

Panthiyal tunnel and Seeri. Suryavansham was the third Amarnath pilgrim who died in Jammu region since the commencement of the yatra in south Kashmir Himalayas

Nine deaths, mostly of pilgrims, were also reported from Kashmir during the ongoing yatra which is likely to record one lakh footfall at the 3,880 metre holy cave by Monday evening.

**Class 11th Result** by which all the students of two UTs were brought together in the same academic session and their result has

been declared successfully. The Chairman said, "It takes a lot of effort to implement a new policy and Uniform Academic Calendar 2022-23 is no exception. The vastness, climatic and topographical challenges posed for the conduct of examination in both the UTs was an uphill task but with the active cooperation of every stakeholder, the academic session 2022-23 has

successfully concluded". The JKBOSE spokesman further said that re-appear/fail students are informed that in terms of Govt. Order no 119-Edu of 2017 dated 15-03-2017 (restructuring of examination system) read with BOSE Notification No F(Acad-C) Adms/XI-XII/18 dated 24-09-2018 along with another notification No. F(JSE/RR/Prov/12th)22 dated 03-08-2022, they can continue their studies in Class XII on provisional basis till the result of their Biannual exami-

nation 2023 is declared. In order to facilitate the access of students to the result gazette, the JKBOSE has made adequate arrangements through various media. The result is available online on the official website of JKBOSE www.jkbose.nic. in. The candidates can also avail SMS facility by sending the text message to 5676750 by typing jkbose10 followed by a space and Roll No. E.g., "jkbose11 Roll No.". Those who don't have access to Mobile Phones or internet can get their results from their nearest JKBOSE office where the soft copies of result gazettes have been provided.

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

The aggrieved students, if any, can

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

#### 200 School

postings," it reads.

The Deputy Secretary to government had said that it has received various representations from the school principals.

"Representations from principals who were posted in Zone I, II and III and were willing to serve voluntarily in Zone IV and V were invited irrespective of

stay," the deputy secretary said earlier. He said, "At least 273 representations have been received by the Department in this regard.'

Pertinently, the School Education Department had notified the 'conditional' process for Annual Transfer Drive 2023. Stating the conditions to apply for

the transfers, the department had said that the employees having a mature stay of three years and above in Zone-I, II and III as per transfer policy-2023 shall compulsorily apply online in prescribed application format.

It had also said that the Teachers-Grade-II, III, RReTs and 3rd grade teachers shall not apply and their applications shall not be entertained on the portal.

The department had informed that the preferences for posting shall be that an employee who is working in Zone-I shall opt for Zone- II, III, IV and V. An employee who is working in Zone-II shall opt for Zone- I, III, IV and V. An employee who is working in Zone-III shall opt for Zone-I, II, IV and V. An employee who is working in Zone-IV shall opt for Zone- I, II, III and V. An employee who is working in Zone-V shall opt for Zone- I, II, III and

"Female Employees working in Zone-III, IV and V can also apply with-

in the same zone," it reads. According to the School Education Department, Zone-I falls within municipal limit of district headquarter, Zone-II outside municipal limit upto 20km from district headquarter, Zone-III beyond 20km to 40Kms from district headquarter, Zone-IV beyond 40kms and above from district headquarter and also where change of residence is required. In addition, those schools where there is no motorable road and walking distance from the nearest motorable road is 7 KMs or

#### more one way—(KNO) **Earthquake Jolts**

have jolted Doda since June this

A 5.4 magnitude earthquake hit the district on June 13, causing cracks in

#### dozens of buildings, including houses. **Soldier Injured**

anti-infiltration obstacle system, the forward areas are dotted with landmines which sometimes get washed away by rains resulting in such types

of accidents, the officials said. Poonch along with other parts of Jammu and Kashmir were lashed by heavy rains between Friday and Sunday, also claiming the lives of two Army personnel who were swept away while crossing a stream in Poshana area of Surankote on Saturday.

In view of the inclement weather. the vigil along the Line of Control and International Border was intensified to thwart any attempt of infiltration by terrorists from across the border.

Meanwhile, the Army along with police launched a joint search operation in Gursai top, Shahshidhar and adjoining areas in Mendhar sector Monday morning. Searches were also carried out at

of Poonch police station late Sunday night. However, no one was arrested during the operation which continued for several hours, the officials said.

village Noorkote and Nakerkote ahead

of border fence in the jurisdiction

#### Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident.

**Man Drowns** 

**4 Rescued From** As many as 58 people were rescued from various flash flood-hit water

#### bodies across the district on Sunday. **Man Arrested**

Chak Bagalan village of Ramgarh tehsil, was arrested for allegedly physically assaulting a girl student, the spokesperson said, adding the case in this regard is registered at Vijaypur police station.

Samba Senior Superintendent of Police Benam Tosh said police are taking appropriate action under the law to control crime against women.

"Police are committed to eradicating crime against women in Samba. Perpetrators of crime against women facing serious allegations of rape, molestation, domestic violence and assault are being arrested under the law," the officer said. Meanwhile, police nabbed an ab-

case registered in 2008 at Mendhar police station. Abdul Ghani, a resident of Gohlad

sconder who was wanted in a criminal

village, was on the run and police finally arrested him from Medhar, the spokesperson said.



### **LG Interacts With Indian Wushu Team Bound For Asian Games**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacted with Indian Wushu team athletes and their coaches bound for 19th Asian Games, at Raj Bhavan, on Monday.

The LG conveyed his best wishes and blessings of entire I&K to the players, attending

training camp at Srinagar. "I am confident that our contingent will win laurels and make

the country proud," the LG said. The Wushu players are attending the National Coaching camp in Srinagar organised by Sports Authority of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports after which they will leave for China on August 5, 2023.

### **Trekking Expeditions** Flagged Off To Promote **Adventure Tourism**



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob Farooq, on Monday flagged off a series of trekking expeditions, marking a significant step in promoting adventure tourism in Kashmir.

The expeditions were flagged off from the Tourist Reception Center (TRC), commencing journeys along the breathtaking alpine trails of Kashmir.

The selected alpine trails for these expeditions include the renowned Kashmir Great Lakes Trek, Tarsar Marsar Trek, as well as Gurez and Boadpathri. These expeditions aim to provide tourists with an unparalleled adventure experience amidst the breathtaking landscapes of

Director Yaqoob Farooq emphasized the significance of adventure tourism in enriching the overall tourist experience in Kashmir.

He stated that the adventure tourism is our main focus, and we are dedicated to ensure that tourists explore and indulge in thrilling activities while enjoying the natural beauty of Kashmir.

The expeditions comprise a diverse group of professionals and tourists from across India.

Highlighting the ongoing initiatives, Director Tourism mentioned that J&K Tourism is actively promoting 75 new trekking routes. Efforts are also underway to popularize aero adventures, providing visitors with a variety of exhilarating options to explore the region.

### **Inter Block Open T20 Cricket Tourney Begins In Pulwama**



**Observer News Service** 

Deputy **PULWAMA:** Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom inaugurated the District Level Inter Block Open T20 Cricket Tournament on Monday at Sports Stadium here.

The tournament has been organised by District Administration Pulwama in collaboration with the Department of Youth Service & Sports (DYS&S) Pulwama.

Teams from all 11 Blocks of the district are participating in the tournament and the inaugural match was played between team Shadimarg and team Pampore.

On the occasion, Dr. Basharat interacted with the players and appreciated them for taking part in sports activities. He also hailed the services of DYS&S in providing opportunities to the local youth to spend their energies in productive works.

playgrounds have been developed in at least every Panchayat besides constructing an indoor stadium at Rajpora and renovating and improving infra at Pulwama Stadium.

### WI v IND: Pace Attack **Faces Transition Test**



**Press Trust of India** 

**DOMINICA:** The unparalleled success of India's Test team on away tours over the past decade was largely because of its all weather pace attack but the same can't be said about the fast bowling resources available for the two-Test series against the West Indies.

Transition is inevitable in any team, but considering the uncertain future of injured star Jaspirt Bumrah and the absence of Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav from the Tests in the Caribbean, it has been hastened in India's case.

Virat Kohli made a conscious effort to field five bowlers in his tenure as captain and the results that followed made his unit arguably the best Indian team of all time. India's pace attack became the envy of the world.

However, after back-toback defeats in the World Test

**Press Trust of India** 

KARACHI: Pakistan Cricket

Board (PCB) acting chairman

Zaka Ashraf will push for

the country's ODI World Cup

matches at neutral venues at

the ICC meetings in Durban

this week, the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination

(Sports), Ahsan Mazari, has

the issue of why can't Paki-

stan's matches in the World

Asia Cup," he said.

Cup be played at neutral venwhen the Indian team can't travel to Pakistan for the

India has refused to play its

Asia Cup matches in Pakistan

owing to geopolitical tensions,

and after months of specula-

tion around the continental

tournament, the Asian Cricket

Council (ACC) announced that

the event will be staged in a

hybrid model with four games

in Pakistan and nine in Sri

"Zaka Ashraf will bring up

Championship final, it is a good time to plan for the future.

The skilful Shami might last another WTC cycle but the recent form of 35-year-old Umesh Yadav doesn't inspire a lot of confidence. The team would love to have the services of Bumrah but his body might not be able to take the rigours of multiple formats when he returns to action.

Veteran Ishant Sharma, who was part of the feared pace attack that brought glory to India, has already been phased out and the lack of India A tours over the past couple of years has left the team management with few options.

Mohammed Siraj, who has been India's most potent pacer of late, will lead the pace attack in the West Indies after playing 19 Tests. Should the team look at 31-year-old Jaydev Unadkat, who made a comeback after 12 years in Bangladesh last year, as a long-

**Matches At Neutral Venues In ICC Meeting** 

**PCB Chief To Push For Pakistan's WC** 

term option?

The other fast bowling options include injury-prone pacer Navdeep Saini, who is making a comeback after featuring in the iconic series in Australia in early 2021, and uncapped Mukesh Kumar, who will be fighting out with the former for a place in the playing XI.

Another pacer who could have been tried in the Caribbean was Prasidh Krishna but he is undergoing a long rehab like Bumrah following a surgery after a stress fracture.

The 24-year-old Shivam Mavi, who has done well in Duleep Trophy, is the only one who has age on his side but he is not part of the squad.

India, who have not lost a Test series to the West Indies since 2002, are expected to steamroll their opponents this time as well but a much tougher examination awaits them in South Africa later this year.

### Sen Wins Canada Open Title, **Beats All England Champion**

**Press Trust of India** 

CALGARY: Star Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen dished out a badminton masterpiece to notch up his second BWF Super 500 title with a straight-game win over Li Shi Feng of China in the final of the Canada Open.

The 21-year-old Indian, who had claimed his maiden Super 500 title at the 2022 India Open, mixed incredible speed and power to outshine reigning All England champion Feng 21-18 22-20 in a thrilling summit clash here on Sunday.

"Coming into the Olympic qualification year, it was tough as things didn't go my way. So this win will be a big boost to my confidence." Sen told PTI after the win. "I had to dig deep in some matches, the conditions were different and getting used to it was important," the ace shuttler said.

This was Sen's first title since claiming his maiden gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in August last year. He is also the second singles player from the country to win a title this year, following HS Prannoy's victory at Malaysia Masters in May.

Sen gave ample display of his temperament as he saved four game points in the second game to grab a championship point and sealed it on the very first opportunity with a smash. He then collapsed on the ground in relief and happiness after an intense match.

"It has been an amazing week for me. I got better as the event progressed, I got used to the conditions and played a good tactical game yesterday and today, so I am happy with my performance," Sen said.

"In the second game, it was quite difficult for me to predict anything as I was trailing all the way, so I just wanted to cover the lead. The key thing was to be stay patient and in the end, everything worked well." The two players played some extraordinary rallies, filled with fastpaced exchanges at the net, and it was Sen who kept things tight to notch up his fifth win in seven meetings against the Chinese.

This win will be a muchneeded boost for Sen, who had slipped to world No. 19 after struggling to find his form early in the season.

### We Will Continue The Way We Play, Asserts Stokes

**Press Trust of India** 

LEEDS: England will "play cricket that gets a result, our way", said their inspirational captain Ben Stokes, strengthening the team's commitment to stick to the hotly-debated 'Bazball' approach. England beat Australia by three wickets to win the third Test at Headingley on Sunday and cut the deficit to 1-2 in the five-match Ashes series, having lost the first two games. 'We've kept the series alive

and we just have to park everything from this week, but continue the way we play," Stokes said.

"I said last week we find ourselves in the perfect position

one has the perfect answer to everything. Everything will be assessed on the outcome. That will always be the case. No-one ever has the perfect answer for how it should be played.

The thing about cricket is no-

"We can be better in certain areas, and that's all we can do, keep trying to be better and better and as clear as we possibly can as a team. People always seem to have an answer after the fact. I don't think anyone will ever crack it; that's why it's such a great game."

The famous rivalry will resume with the fourth Test at Old Trafford on July 19.

After suffering heartbreaks



with the way we play cricket. 'It doesn't change. After the Lord's game and before this game, before the game in Manchester, we just have to do exactly the same thing: play crick-

et that gets a result, our way." Stokes was happy with England's approach here, but insist-

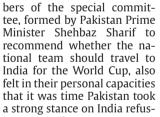
ed his teams needs to improve. "I still think we can be better. at Edgbaston and Lord's, Stokes said his team was "over the moon" following the win in another "down-to-the wire game".

"If you look at the first two games in terms of how tight they were, getting over the line in another tight game can mentally help... knowing that it's another close game but we've got over the line in this one.

#### Lanka from August 31 to Sep-He said the government has tember 17. a strong stance on India refusshould be allowed to host 4-5 taken keen interest to provide However, the PCB recently ing to tour the country. Asia Cup matches at home conveyed to the ICC and the Sharif had formed a highwhile rest could be held in Sri best sports facilities to the youth of Kashmir and several BCCI that the national team's level committee, headed by Lanka under the hybrid model.

participation in the World Cup is subject to government clearance due to the tense relations between the two countries.

Ashraf and the PCB chief operating officer, Salman Taseer



expected to discuss India's re-

fusal to send its team to Paki-

like him, some other mem-

Mazari also claimed that,

stan citing security reasons.

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto, to decide on the national cricket team's participation in the World Cup in India.

"I want our World Cup matches at neutral venues if If they have security problems in Pakistan according to the Indian board, then we can also question the security situation in India," said Mazari. Before Ashraf was named

are in Durban to attend the India doesn't want to send its

chairman of a new cricket management committee by the government to run the PCB affairs, his predecessor Najam Sethi had negotiated the deal with the ACC members, including BCCI, that Pakistan

A PCB source also said that Sethi had prepared a strong case for the ICC to increase Pakistan's revenue share in the new financial model for member countries.

### De Gea's Man United Exit Paves The Way For Ten Hag's Tactical Transformation

**Agencies** 

MANCHESTER: Replacing David de Gea won't be easy.

No Premier League goalkeeper kept more clean sheets last season than De Gea, who announced his departure on Saturday, and in 12 years at Manchester United he was named the club's player of the year on four occasions.

He leaves United as a legend, having been part of its last league title-winning team and lifting four major trophies with the club. But his exit also paves the way for a transition that many fans feel is long overdue.

At his best, De Gea was a match-winning shot-stopper with the agility and speed of reaction to pull off astounding saves.

In recent years, however, he has looked like a player out of his time as soccer has demanded more from keepers, with Manchester City and Liverpool two standout examples of how the position has been transformed

England's two most dominant teams of the past five years have exploited the ball-playing qualities of their keepers.

Ederson, at City, and Alisson, at Liverpool, look as comfortable with the ball at their feet as they do with their hands. Their composure in possession and the precision of their passing adds another dimension to their teams.

They are effectively an 11th outfield player at times and it can feel like their teams have an extra man in defense with their ability to step out of goal and double up as a sweeper when required.

Their long-range passing can be a valuable weapon in attack, but it is more their prowess in building out from the back that is fundamental to the style of soccer played by City's Pep Guardiola and Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp.



United has not had that option with De Gea in goal and increasingly there has been a sense that it has held the team back in attempts to modernize its play.

Can it be a coincidence that

the two best teams in English soccer have built their success on ball-playing keepers? Of course it is not the only way

to achieve success. But it helps.

Guardiola shocked City fans when displacing the club's two-time league title-winning keeper and then-England No.1, Joe Hart, almost as soon as he took over at Etihad Stadium.

Hart was an icon. But Guardiola had different ideas of what he wanted from a keeper and the ball-playing Claudio Bravo was signed from Barcelona before Ederson was eventually brought in from Benfica.

It was seen as controversial at the time and Guardiola was even derided when Bravo made some high-profile blunders in his first season. But to a coach who has repeatedly looked to innovate soccer, getting the right keeper was pivotal to his plans at City.

Likewise Klopp at Liverpool. He made Alisson the most expensive keeper in the world when signing him from Roma for \$84.5 million in 2018.

He has gone on to win the Premier League, Champions League, Club World Cup, FA Cup and League Cup as Liverpool has gone head-to-head with City.

While United has had its success with De Gea, its style of soccer has not come close to reaching the heights of City or Liverpool.

Under former managers Jose Mourinho and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer the demands on De Gea's footwork were not so intense. But Erik ten Hag has made it clear that he wants his keeper to be involved in the play and United's evolution under the Dutch manager has felt stifled as a result of De Gea's

The 4-0 rout by Brentford in only Ten Hag's second game in charge showcased the problems he would encounter by trying to impose his brand of soccer on players unused to his methods

limitations.

De Gea's distribution put his teammates under pressure, with even the usually composed Christian Eriksen guilty of losing his head as United was overrun.

While a compromise was found and De Gea played his part in a largely encouraging campaign that saw United qualify for the Champions League and win the League Cup, his departure gives Ten

Hag the chance to bring in a keeper that could prove transformational to his team.

Inter Milan's Andre Onana is the favorite to come in. Ten Hag knows him well,

having coached Onana when in charge of Ajax. Notably, Onana's footwork was repeatedly cited by Guar-

diola as one of Inter's key strengths ahead of the Champions League final, which City won 1-0. The 27-year-old Onana's distribution and ability to step out

his area to receive the ball were on show in that final as he justified Guardiola's praise. They are qualities Ten Hag

knows well and may soon get to benefit from again.

United went into this offseason with a top class striker as its priority in the transfer market. But just like City and Liverpool found in the recent past, a goalkeeper could be every bit as important.





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