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J&K Is Moderately Exposed To Extreme Floods: Report

'Estimated 72% Of Districts In India Exposed To Extreme Flood Events, Only 25% Of Them Have Level Flood Forecasting Stations'

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Just at a time when rising water levels put the people in Kashmir on their toes, a new report by independent policy research think tank The Council on Energy Environment and Water (CEEW) has revealed that Jammu and Kashmir is moderately exposed to extreme floods.

The report said that an estimated 72 per cent of districts in India are exposed to extreme flood events but only 25 per

cent of them have level flood forecasting stations, or early warning systems.

Despite high exposure to floods, Assam, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, and Sikkim are the best-performing states in terms of flood early warning systems (EWS), the report said.

The report showed that Himachal Pradesh, currently battling massive floods, is among the states with the lowest availability of EWS.

Uttarakhand, on the other hand, is moderately exposed to



extreme flood events but has a high availability of flood EWS, it said.

Delhi, in the throes of severe flooding due to a raging Yamuna, is moderately

exposed to extreme floods and has a moderate level of resilience through EWS.

Approximately 66 per cent of individuals in India are exposed to extreme flood events; however, only 33 per cent of them are covered by flood EWS. Moreover, 25 per cent of the Indian population is exposed to cyclones and their impacts, but cyclone warnings are available to 100 per cent of the exposed population, the report said.

States such as Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, and West Bengal are at the forefront of building resilience by establishing cyclone EWS.

"The district-level analysis revealed that while 72 per cent of districts in India are exposed to extreme flood events, merely 25 per cent of these exposed districts have level flood forecasting stations. This means that two-thirds of individuals in India are exposed to extreme flood events, and only one-third of them have flood EWS," the report said. More on P10

3 Migrant Labourers Injured In Shopian Terror Attack



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Terrorists on Thursday shot at and injured three migrant labourers in Shopian town of South Kashmir, officials said.

Anmol Kumar, Heralal Yadav and Pintu Kumar Thakur were passing through Gagran area of Shopian town on Thursday evening when masked militants opened fire upon them from close range, they said. The trio sustained injuries in the surprise militant attack.

They were taken to the district hospital, Shopian for treatment. However, the doctors there More on P10



Will Bring Perpetrators To Justice: LG

he Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday condemned attack on migrant labourers in South Kashmir's Shopian district and said that no efforts will be spared to bring the perpetrators to justice. More on P10

NIA Raids Five Places In South Kashmir

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) carried out raids at five locations in Pulwama and Shopian districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday in a militancy conspiracy case, officials said.

"As part of its ongoing investigations More on PIC.

CRPF Deployed In Large Numbers For Yatra Security

Press Trust Of India

Pulwama: CRPF personnel have been deployed in large numbers to secure the ongoing Amarnath Yatra as the paramilitary force is equipped with the latest gadgets to augment the security grid in Kashmir, a senior officer of the force said.

"We are deployed for your service 24/7, 365 days (a year), whether there is yatra or not. There is an increase in the (number of) forces in view of the yatra, and more focus is given," Deputy Inspector General of CRPF Alok Avasthy said.

Avasthy said the CRPF was using with modern gadgets and weapons to maintain a hawk-like vigil on its area of operation in south Kashmir.

"We are using the most modern technology which is available in the world. I will not reveal the details here, but, yes, we are using that," he added.

Asked if there was a specific threat to the ongoing pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine of Amarnath, the officer said the CRPF was focussed on ensuring round the year peace.

"There is no specific threat

"There is no specific threat, but, yatra or More on P10

Mystery Shrouds Purity Of Dressed Meat Pumped Into Valley

'Carrion Supplied In Styrofoam Containers Used In Street Fast-Food'

MAJID NABI

Srinagar: In what may be referred as a covert assault on human health, dead dressed chicken besides 'carrion' is allegedly being supplied in Kashmir, which is then used in different fast-food varieties, including that of steam filled dumplings commonly known as 'momos'.

A variety of dressed meat including that of chicken, lamb and beef is supplied in Kashmir; however mystery continues to shroud whether the dressed carcasses meet the requirements of slaughter under Islamic law or not.

"Whether the companies that pack caresses in Styrofoam fish containers follow Islamic rules of slaughter or not is a mystery. No one bothers to know whether the meat they consume is of a dead or live animal or a bird. Do even these containers carry Halal certification? Manzoor Ahmad Dar, president Urban Poultry



Dealers Association said. He said the wholesale dealers only know that the dressed meat is brought here from

Jamia Masjid Delhi and is Halal.
"However, they don't know
where it actually comes from,
as they are interested in profit

earning only," Dar said.

Not only this, Dar said, these dressed chicken injected with preservatives including sodium lactate and potassium lactate are also supplied to fastfood sellers in Kashmir, who then make a variety of dishes

out of it and sell them to the people.

He also alleged that hazardous preservatives are mixed to lengthen shelf life of packed carcasses.

Sources said that some farmers also inject antibiotics to raise chicken unnaturally, the way most of the fruits are ripened by injecting red dyes to make them taste sweet and look seasoned.

They said the antibiotics used in poultry poses a serious threat to human health

as the majority of people in Kashmir consume white meat in abundance.

An official at the Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department (CA&PD) told Kashmir Observer that 50,000 chickens on an average are supplied to Kashmir every day.

He said trucks loaded with chicken are passed only after blood samples of live poultry are taken for testing to make sure the same is free from any virus or bug. They undergo thorough testing at Lakhanpur Jammu and Lower-Munda in Oazigund check posts.

Qazigund check posts.

Mohammad Maqbool Bhat,
President Kashmir Valley
Poultry Farmers Association
claimed that a variety of dead
dressed chicken is smuggled
into the valley and later distributed among fast-food sellers on extremely cheap rates
as was rightly claimed by the
Grand Mufti of Jammu and
Kashmir recently.

"I cannot say everyone, but most of the More on P10

HC Sets Aside 13-Yr-Old Judgment In Corruption Case

Sentences Accused To Six Months In Jail

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The law finally caught up with a former government official facing corruption charges after 26 years with the Jammu and Kashmir High Court setting aside his 2010 acquittal by a trial court.

Justice MA Chowdhary convicted the accused, sentenced him to six months in jail and slapped a fine of Rs 20,000 on him, agreeing with Senior Additional Advocate General Monika Kohli.

The high court was hearing the acquittal appeal filed by the appellant — the Union Territory administration — against the January 29, 2010, impugned judgment passed by Special Judge Anti-Corruption — Jammu by virtue of which the respondent had been acquitted in a corruption case registered in 1998.

Yaar Mohammad, a resident of Surankote in Poonch district, had moved a written complaint on October 24, 1997, alleging that Abdul Aziz Mirza, the then tehsil supply officer, swindled Rs 22,000 from him by promising a job in the Food and Supplies Department.

The accused, who was charge-sheeted on August 26, 2000, was acquitted by the trial court, mainly on the ground that the complainant was a "bribe giver" and, as such, no credence could be given to his statement in the absence of any supportive corroborative evidence.

The trial court also rejected the main prosecution witnesses, saying both of them being from the "same brotherhood" as the complainant were not competent witnesses to credibly believe them.

"...the appeal of the appellant-state is allowed and the impugned judgment passed by the trial court is set aside. As a result, the respondent/accused is convicted for the commission of offences More on P10

Thakur Announces Free 'Dish' In Remote Areas At Indo-China Border

Press Trust Of India

Leh: Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Thursday announced that the Centre will ensure supply of free Doordarshan DTH connections in villages at Indo-China border.

He also said better mobile connectivity to residents of these remote villages will be ensured soon, asserting that the government is committed to ensure better all-round connectivity to these far-flung areas.

The minister said this during an interaction he had with the villagers at Karzok Village of Ladakh, some 211 kilometres from Leh.

The government has proposed to distribute 1.5 lakh free FreeDish connections in villages in border areas.

Asserting that the govern-

Asserting that the government was committed to development of border villages, Thakur assured the local villagers that their demands of better digital connectivity and road connectivity, enhancing tourism infrastructure, sports infrastructure and improved Jal Jeewan Mission will also be



implemented on priority basis.
As part of the government's vibrant village programme, Thakur embarked on a threeday tour of Leh-Ladakh, during which he stayed in Karzok village, held meeting with UT and district officials to review Central/state government schemes and distribution of sports equipment.
He also interacted with the

He also interacted with the ITBP jawans at Karzok platoon post located about 15,000 feet above sea level on the Indo-China border, according to an official statement.

Aiming to assess the reach of various projects and schemes of

the government and also gain a first-hand understanding of the challenges faced by the residents in remote villages on Indo-China border, the Union minister held close interaction with the local villagers and also administrative officials.

Accompanied by a team of officials and local representatives, Thakur interacted with local villagers in Kharnak and Samad among others and listened to their concerns and aspirations.

At Kharnak, he also inaugurated the PMGSY road connecting the highway of Dadh Kharnak. More on P10

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Omar Sets Out On Foot To Office After Police 'Deny' Escort

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah Thursday set out from his home on foot to reach the party office after police allegedly denied him escort vehicles and ITBP personnel cover.

Abdullah, the vice president of the National Conference (NC), was scheduled to address a function at the party head-quarters, Nawa-i-Subah, to pay homage to 22 Kashmiri people who were killed by the army of a Dogra ruler on this day in 1931.

He alleged that the Jammu and Kashmir Police denied him his security escort vehicles and ITBP cover to visit the party headquarters.



There was no immediate response from the police.

Unfazed by the denial, Abdullah set out to the office near Zero Bridge on foot from his home in the Gupkar area of the city here, while a More on P10

Was Put Under House Arrest: Mehbooba

DP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday alleged she was put under house arrest to prevent her from paying homage to 22 Kashmiri people who were killed by the army of a Dogra ruler on this day in 1931. The former chief minister said she will not allow the BJP to "distort our history or forget our heroes".

"I'm under house arrest for wanting to visit Martyr's graveyard today. This at a time when GOI has used its tall claims of normalcy in SC (Supreme Court) to justify an act of betrayal- the illegal abrogation of Article 370," she wrote on Twitter. More on P10

10-Day Summer Break In Kashmir Colleges

he Jammu and Kashmir
Higher Education Department
Thursday announced summer
vacation for all government degree
colleges of Kashmir division and
winter zone of Jammu division
from July-15. As per an order by HED,
all the GDCs of Kashmir
division and Jammu
(summer zone),
shall observe
the summer
vacations
from July 15

to 24.

LG Releases "Bansuri Shakhoon Par"

ieutenant Governor Manoj
Sinha released a book of Urdu
poetry "Bansuri Shakhoon
Par" by noted writer Satish Vimal
at Raj Bhawan here on Thursday.
The Lt Governor also released three
translated books of Satish Vimal's
original works by Mushtaque Barq,
Ashraf Raavi and Towseef Raza.
The Lt Governor congratulated
Satish Vimal and all those
associated with the publications.
The translated publications released
by the Lt Governor included National
Award winning More on P10

Saina Nehwal Undertakes Amarnath Yatra

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ce shuttler Saina Nehwal undertook the Amarnath Yatra to pay obeisance at the holy cave shrine housing the naturally-formed ice-lingam of lord Shiva in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said on Thursday. The badminton player is currently staying at the picturesque tourist resort of Sonamarg, in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, which falls on the way to the Baltal base camp of the yatra, they said. Nehwal, along with More on P10

Baby Boy Drowns To Death

baby boy drowned to death in Karnah area of North Kashmir Kupwara district on Thursday. 3-year-old Mehran Ahmad, son of Syed Fayaz Gillani resident of Chamkote drowned in a canal at Chamkote Karnah while he was playing, a local news agency KS reported. The baby boy, the report said, died on the spot. After legal formalities, the report said, the body was handed over to legal heirs for last rites. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance and started an investigation.

Shopkeeper Held For Selling Petrol Illegally

ammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday arrested a shopkeeper on charges of selling fuel at exorbitant rates at Palhallan in north Kashmir's Baramulla. The shopkeeper was arrested at a time when the Srinagar-Jammu highway blockade for five consecutive days led to the fuel crises in the Valley. A Police official said that a shopkeeper namely Mehraj u Din Mir son of Ghulam Mohi u Din Mir of Tantraypora Palhallan was arrested for selling petrol and More on P10

Youth Found Dead In Bandipora

he residents of Bagh locality in Bandipora, North Kashmir, were shocked after the body of a 26-year-old youth was found under the Gamroo-Gundkaiser bridge near a rivulet on Thursday morning. The discovery of the body has raised suspicions of foul play as the victim's clothes showed visible signs of injury and bloodstains. An official said that the deceased has been identified as Junaid Baba, son of Tariq Ahmad Baba, a resident of Bagh locality of the district. "Local police swiftly More on P10



DIPK-NB-1952/23

dated: 13-07-2023

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e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE e-NIT No. 028/EDI, dt:12.07.2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Electric Division-1st, Srinagar invites online e-bids from registered A-Class Electrical Contractors/firms for as under:

S.No	Particulars	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)
1	Renovation and Modernization of 100 KVA Substation at Check Sangri Khunmoh-C.	2.03

The complete tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidder/ tenderers 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 below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

i)	Date and Time of downloading/ Sale (Start) of Tender Document	12.07.2023; 16:00 Hrs
ii)	Date & Time of Download/ Sale (End) of Tender Document	04.08.2023; 16:00 Hrs
iii)	Date and time of bidding queries/clarifications	12.07.2023; 16:00 Hrs to 13.07.2023; 16:00 Hrs
		12.07.2023; 16:00 Hrs to 04.08.2023; 16:00 Hrs
v)	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	05.08.2023 at 13:00 Hrs
vi)		Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
vii)		Electronically on J&K Government e-Procure- ment System website http://jktenders.gov.in
viii)		Rs.200.00 (Rupees Two Hundred Only) (Non- refundable) [Treasury Receipt Only]
ix)		Rs.4,100/= (Rupees Four Thousand One Hundred Only)

Tender Notice: E-NITNo: 30 of 2023-24 DAT ED: 12.07.2023

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, UT of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited onpercentagebasis fromapprovedandeligible hJ&KGovt.CPWD,RailwaysandotherState/CentralG

Office Of The Executive Engineer Construction

Division Kashmir, J&K Sport Scouncil, Srinagar

NOTICE INVITINGT ENDERS

S. No	Name of work	Adv cost (Rs. in lacs)	Class of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit		Administrative Approval No.& date	
1	Development of Path for Basketball, Hand- ball and Lawn Tennis Field at Govt College of Physical Education Ganderbal.	31.09	AAY/BEE Class	Rs. 62,180/-	Rs.1100 /-	Order No:- 60 DYSS of 2023 Dated:- 27.06.2023	120 days

Position of Fund = Under Capex 2023-24

TheBiddingdocumentsconsistingofqualifyinginformation.eligibilityCriteria.specification.Drawings.billofquantities(B.O .Q)Setof terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/do

Ш	2.	CriticalDatesTable	
	1.	DateofissueofTender Notice.	12.07.2023
	2.	Periodofdownloadingofbiddingdocuments	12.07.2023 from 5.00 PM to 24.07.2023 upto 4.00PM.
	3.	BidSubmissionStartDate.	17.07.2023 from 10.00 AM
	4.	BidsubmissionEndDate.	24.07.2023 upto 04.00 PM
	5.	Date&Timeofopeningof Bids(online)	25.07.2023 at 10.00 AM in the office of Ex. Engineer, Const. Division Kashmir, J&K Sports Council at Administrative Block, Bakhshi Stadium, Srinagar. (or any convenient date)

The Cost of the tender documents shall be deposited into the bank account by the bidder for which the following infor

1)NameofBank J&KBankLtd. 2)AccountTitle ExecutiveEngineer, ConstructionDiv.Kmr.JKSC CDG-0365010200000842

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24 Construction of Path/R-wall

scanned copy of bank payment acknowledgment slip

Ex. Engineer, CDK DIPK-NB-1950/23 dated: 13-07-2023 J&K Sports Council

30 Days DEE PRI 0515

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer Rural **Engineering Wing Srinagar**

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No: 23 of 2023-24 DATED: - 12-07-2023 SINGLE COVER SYSTEM

For and on behalf of the Lt.. Governor of UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on PERCENTAGE BASIS from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for the following works under Capex Grants.

Adv Cost Rs in Cost of ten- Earnes t Time of Class of Head of Treasury

S n o	Name of work	Adv Cost Rs in Lacs	der Docume nts	Earnes t Money	Time of complet ion	Class of contractor	Head of Account	Treasury challan ac- count head
1	2 Construction of R/wall both	3 2.17	4	5 4340	6 30 Days	7	8 BDC	9
'	sides near L/O Habibullah at Panzinara-B	2.17	200	4340	30 Days		ВОС	
2	Construction of Drain from L/O Gh. Hassan Ganie to L/O Ab. Gani	2.45	200	4900	30 Days	DEE	BDC	0515
	Yatoo at Panzinara-A.		200			DEE		0515
3	Construction of Spun pipes drain from H/O Lal Mohd. Ganie to Gh. Rasool Ganie at Panzinara-A	2.45		4900	30 Days	DEE	BDC	0515
4		2.667	200	5334	30 Days	DEE	DDC	0515
•	L/o Ab Rehman Wani to Ab Qayooum koli ph-4th and others	2.007	200	5554	30 Days	BEE	BBC	03.5
5	at Faqir Gujree-B Construction of Path/Tiles/R- wall from Liyaqat Kohli to Wahab Noori Ph-I at Dardkhover Faqir Gujree-B	2.624	200	5248	30 Days	DEE	DDC	0515
6	Construction of Lane/Drain from	2.65	200	5300	30 Days	DEE	DDC	
	L/O Gulzar Ah Rather to Qasim U Din Shango Ph-I at Dardkhover Fagir Guiree-B.							0515
7	Construction of R-Wall with Wid-	2.94	200	5880	30 Days	DEE	DDC	0515
	ening of Construction of R-Wall/ Fencing around Graveyard near Jamia Masjid Alhadis at Faqir Guiree-B							
8	Construction of Road from L/o Mohd Sadiq Najar to Mohd Ayoub Bhat at Nowgam-A	2.757	200	5514	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
9		2.74	200	5480	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
10		2.60	200	5200	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
11	Construction of Path with Tiles from Link Road to H/O Bashir Ah- mad Wani and others at Bhathar	3.33	200	6660	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
12	Nowgam-B Construction of Link road from Main Road to L/O Mohd. Ismail Ganie at Lasian-B	2.18	200	4360	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
13	Construction of Road/Drain BWO Spun Pipes from shop of Parvaiz Ahmad to H/O Bashir Ahmad Mir and Others at Mir Mohalla at Lasian B.	1.36	200	2720	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
14	Construction of Road from L/O Ab. Rahim Bhat to Sahiba Shafi and others at Nowgam A	1.96	200	3920	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
15	Improvement of Road from L/O Abdul Hamid Bhat to L/O Imtiyaz	1.10		2200	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
16	from Main Road to H/O Fayaz	0.838	200	1676	30 Days	DEE	DDC	0515
17	Ahmad and others at Nowgam A. Construction of Link Road and	2.24	200 200	4480	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
17	Spun Pipes from H/O Ajaz Ahmad Khanday ,Syed Shabir and othes at Nowgam A	l .	200	4480	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
18	Construction of Concrete Lane/ Laying of Pipes from Main Road to Bashir Ahmad Bhat and others at Charlipora Nowgam B	3.61	200	7220	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
19	Improvement of Road/ R-Wall/ Metalling/Spun pipes from main road to Mir Mohalla at Faqir	4.89	200	9780	30 Days	DEE	DDC	0515
20	Gujri-A Construction of Path/R-Wall from Yaqoob Doie to Hamid Doie	1.964	200	3928	30 Days	DEE	DDC	0515
21	at Brandikani at Faqir Gujri-A Construction of Path from H/o Hanief Khatana to Junaid Khatana and others at Brandinar Faqir Guiri-A	1.96	200	3920	30 Days	DEE	DDC	0515
22	Construction of R-Wall road side from Hanief Khatana to H/o Nazir Khatana at Brandinar Faqir	1.969	200	3938	30 Days	DEE	DDC	0515
23	Gujri-A Construction of Drain/R-wall from H/o Ghulam Nabi Bhat to L/o Abdul Khaliq Bhat at	2.55	200	5100	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515

24	construction of Fath/K-watt	2.33	200	5100	DO Days	DLL	FIXI	0313
	from Mohd Akbar Bhat to L/o Gh.							
	Ahmad Reshi at Syedpora W-II							
25	Construction/Imp of Drain from	2.46	200	4920	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
	Gh. Mohd Shah to Ab. Qayoom							
	Sheikh at Darbagh Syedpora.							
26	Construction Drain/ Path from	2.39	200	4780	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
	H/o Ghulam Qadir Gojri to L/o							
	Ghulam Mohd Bhat at Darbagh							
27	Construction of Drain From L/o	3.15	200	6300	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
	Mohammad Ismail Phamda to							
	Ghulam Nabi Phamda and others							
	at Fagir Guiri-A Phase 1st							
28	Construction Road/Metalling	3.24	200	6480	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
	from Mohammad Shafi khatana							
	to Bani Begum Phase IInd at							
	Astanmarg Fagir Guiri-B							
29	Construction of Irrigation Canal	1.965	200	3930	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
	from L/O Mohd Yousuf Kuthoo to							
	L/O Mohd Yousuf Bhat Phase II at							
	Barji Bala Gandtal.							
30	Construction of R-Wall from	1.616	200	3232	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
	Gani Phamda to water Tanky at							
	Brandikani at Faqir Gujri-A							
31	Construction of Path/R-Wall	1.62	200	3240	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
	From Bashir Ahmad Phamda to							
	late Ghulam Hussain Phamda at							
	Brandikani at Faqir Gujri-A							
32	Construction of Lane from Link	1.62	200	3240	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
	Road to H/O Mushtaq Ahmad							
	Khatana and others at Naginard							
	Fagir Guiri-A Phase-1st							
33	Construction of Drain from Ahali	1.96	200	3920	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
	Hadees Masjid to HDFC Bank at							
	Dara-A							
34	Construction of Drain from Spring	1.964	200	3928	30 Days	DEE	PRI	0515
	to Dowlat at Nagbal Phase-1st							
1	Dara-A							
1.	(I) Position of AAA: -A	Accorded (i	i) Position	of funds: De	manded			

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/down

from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

Α	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	08.07.2023
В	Period of downloading of bidding documents	08.07.2023
C	Bid submission Start Date	08.07.2023
D	Bid Submission End Date	20.07.2023 4.00PM
E	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	21.07.2023 at 11 A.M in the Office of Executive Engineer Rural Engineering wing Srinagar

3 III. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0515 REW) and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR @ 2% OF THE ADVERTISED COST in favour of Executive Engineer REW Srinagar failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly. The issuing date of Treasury Challan and CDR uploaded must be between issuing date to Bid Submission end date of NIT. CDR (earnest money/bid security) and relevant bid documents in Original shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract II. Bidders quoted rates below more than 15% needs to upload Additional Security Deposit

The date and time of opening of Bids Will be notified on Web Site www.Jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders will be opened online on same Web

Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Rural Engineering Wing Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

The bids for the work will remain valid for a period of 100 days from the date of opening of Technical bids The work will be put to fresh tenders in case of:

Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 07 days after fixation of contract. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process

1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on websit

Tollobers are authors to downtood but some instanting the www.jktenders.gov.into acquaint bid submission process.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders

can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
6.3 The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical for

6.4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. 6.5 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original / photocopies of document related to the bid be submitted physically / by registered post / through courier before the date.

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

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

Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer Rural Engineering wing Srinagar must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document) and relevant bid documents will be obtained from the lowest bidder before the

10. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the

Price escalation and Taxes:-The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes will be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on REW e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are

In case of CRF and any other specified project. The relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be fo Instructions to Bidder (ITB) ation and documents along with qualification criteria/qualification information with their

a) Copies of original documents defining constitution/Legal status, place or registration and principal place of Business with Cell and Cor-

c) Valid GST No. with latest return, and PAN Card.

d) Card verification issued by the card issuing Authority
15.2. The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.

Extension of time will be also admissible in the event of temporary suspension of work. The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

The works are approved under District Capex Budget -2022-23

All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

The participation in the tendering process of works up to an amount of Rs. 3 lacs may be restricted to the residents of concerned Panchayat

Executive Engineer (REW)

No. Xen/REW/SGR/930-46 DIPK-5025/23 Dated: -13-07-2023



Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Technology & Development, Ground Floor, Air India Building Residency Road, Srinagar 190001

Online Request for Proposal (e-RFP)

for Procurement of End to End Credit Card **Management Solution on Hosted Model**

RFP Notice along with Complete RFP document outlining the minimum requirements can be downloaded from and BIDs can be submitted on the Banks' e-Tendering Portal https://ikbank.abcprocure.com w.e.f. July 13, 2023, 16.00 Hrs. Tender Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website www.jkbank.com. Last date for submission of Bids is July 27, 2023, 17.00 Hrs.

e- RFP Ref.No.JKB/CHQ/T&D/Credit-Card/2023-706 Dated: 11-07-2023

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DIPK-NB-1932/23 dated: 13-07-2023

Subject:- Grant of Registration of the proposed Travel unit under the name & style "M/s Travelasia" Situated at Nishat Srinagar

Public Notice

Whereas, I Mr.Imran Ahmad Dar S/O/: Bashir Ahmad Dar R/O: Lam nishat Srinagar , Kashmir intends to apply in the department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style "M/s Travelasia" Situated at Nishat Srinagar , Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Register, Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card), Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size Photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organisation, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration (e-mail Id:- ddtreg123@ gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the Valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

From The Court Of Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present: Mr. Jawad Ahmad

Shabir Ahmad Lone S/o Abdul Ahad Lone R/o Barzulla Srinagar

 Farhat Bashir D/o Bashir Ahmad Bhat R/o Rawalpora Chak Sr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat R/O

In the matter of

Application for appointment of Guardina for the person and

Notice to public at Large

Where the petitioners(s) FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITON BE-FORE THIS COURT for appointment of guardian the person and property of minor(s) namely Uzair Altaf Lone S/o Mohammad Altaf Lone R/o Barzulla Sgr Sgr . The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed

the medium of this proclamation that at any anyone has any objection, he/she / they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 03-08-2023 Failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the

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

Given under my hand and seal of this court on --

Jawad Ahmad Principal District Judge, Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my J&K Bank account details as Jahangir Ahmad Bhat while my correct name as per Aadhaar is Jahangir Rashid Bhat which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the JK Bank Branch Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Jahangir Rashid Bhat S/o Abdul Rashid Bhat bmg

In The Court Of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Shopian

Presented: Brij Raj Singh In the matter Riyaz Ahmad Kutay Adopted S/o Mohammad Yousuf Shah

Applicant

VERSUS U.T Through Registrar of Births and Deaths

R/o Chakoora Herman Shopian

BDO Harman Shopian

(Non-applicant)

Notice To Public At Large

Whereas, the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant in this court for seeking directions to the nonapplicants for registration of particulars of the applicant's Father namely Mohammad Yousuf Shah S/o Mohammad Ahsan Shah R/o Chakoora HERMAN Shopian who Died on 29-04-2021

Whereas, through the medium of this proclamation, the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the registration of the death certificate of the applicant's Father , they/she/he shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 15 days from the date of issuance of this publication. If the date fixed is declared holiday the matter will be taken upon the next working day.

Given under my hand and seal if this office on 11-07-2023 Chief Judicial

fko Magistrate Shopian

12 Couples Tie Knot In Mass Marriage Function In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Twelve couples from various districts of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday tied the knot in a mass marriage function here organized by an NGO 'Peace and Friendship Foundation JK'.

The chairman NGO, Ashiq Husain said, "today we have arranged a marriage function at our branch office located near Saidakadal Srinagar where we successfully tied the knot of twelve couples who hailed from various parts of the valley.

All the families were very much deserving and it took us an amount of approximately 7 lakh rupees to arrange the mass marriage function, he said.

Ashiq said their NGO is a non-profitable and non-funded organization and they arranged the money by issuing different fundraisers on social media. "We also got help from friends and others for it," he said.

The Nikah ceremony was carried out by Moulana Hakeem Sajad who accompanied by Moulana Nazir Ahmad, he added.



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Protests against smart meters continue in various parts of Srinagar, with people refusing to allow the power department officials to install the devices which they believe will incur "hefty" bills.

These projects are a routine now, with people taking to the streets on a daily basis, terming smart meters as unacceptable.

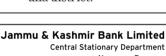
More than two dozen protests have been recorded in Srinagar alone, while the opposition continues in other parts of the valley, especially in north Kashmir areas

The people in the summer capital Srinagar said smart meters are not acceptable to them and that they won't allow authori-

ties to install these devices. A resident from Rainawari said, "We are a middle-class family and don't have that much money to pay for these meters. Those meters which have already been installed in our areas must be removed."

"I am a poor and middle-class woman. Currently, we receive an electricity bill of 920 to 950 rupees per month. We are ready for even Rs 1,100 as a flat rate but not these meters,' said a lady.

On Wednesday, people were seen shouting and dancing on roads to register their protest against the power department in the Sopore area of Baramulla district.



J&K Bank Nowgam, Byepass

On-Line Request for Quotes (e-RFQ)

Supply Wincor ATM Rolls 280 pc, Cash Recycler 378 rolls (Diebold), RP Roll for Recycler

RFQ Notice along with Complete RFQ document outlining the minimum equirements can be downloaded from and BIDs can be submitted on the e-Tendering Portal https://ikbank.abcprocure.com w.e.f. July 14 2023, 16.00 Hrs. RFP Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website www.jkbank.com. Last date for submission of Bids is

e-RFQ Ref. No JKB/CSD/ATM-Rolls/2023-708 Dated: 12-07-2023

DIPK-NB-1969/23

dated: 13-07-2023



A washerman (dhobi) washes Kashmiri embroidered shawls in a traddtional way on the banks of River Jhelum in the old city. KO Photo, Abid Bhat.

CS Conducts Late Night City Tour To Assess Progress Of Smart City Projects

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Wednesday went on a late evening visit of the Srinagar city to take stock of the double shift of works under progress under Srinagar Smart City Limited.

On the occasion he was accompanied by Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir and CEO, Smart City Srinagar.

The tour commenced from the under-construction traditional Soug market and craft center, followed by visits to civil lines area of Batamalloo, Ghanta Ghar and sports arena at MA Road here.

The Chief Secretary was informed that the Soug Market project aims at revitalizing traditional craft-making by integrating modern infrastructure and amenities while preserving its cultural and architectural heritage. He said that the ongoing works should ensure that the design aligns with the vision of creating a vibrant

and attractive marketplace.

Dr Mehta also assessed the measures taken towards incorporation of smart elements into the city infrastructure such as intelligent lighting systems, waste management facilities, and digital connectivity to enhance the overall shopping experience and promote sustainable practices in

He also visited Batamalloo, where he inspected works on various aspects of urban development. He reviewed the progress of initiatives aimed at improving urban mobility, such as the development of intelligent transportation systems and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure including smart public transportation systems, viz, GPS-enabled buses, digital ticketing services, and real-time passenger information systems.

Additionally, the Chief Secretary assessed the construction of cycling tracks and the integration of smart traffic management solutions to alleviate congestion and enhance the overall transportation network in the area.

The Chief Secretary visited the historical landmark of Ghanta Ghar. Here they inspected the ongoing restoration and preservation efforts as part of the Smart City project. He noted that the traditional architecture and heritage of the area should be incorporated with modern amenities besides smart solutions

He also assessed the progress of heritage conservation projects, including the renovation of old buildings and the beautification of public spaces surrounding this historical monument of Ghanta Ghar. The current efforts aim at preserving the historical significance of the area, attract tourism, and create a visually appealing environment for residents and visitors in and around the city centre.

It was given out that the government's commitment to transform Srinagar into a smart and sustainable city was evident, and the officers discussed strategies to overcome obstacles and ensure the successful completion of the projects on time while preserving the cultural heritage

DC Srinagar Reviews Progress On Mission Amrit Sarovar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to review the progress in the implementation of Mission Amrit Sarovar, aimed at developing and rejuvenating water bodies, a meeting of the Rural Development Department was held under the chairman- Urban Forestry, DFO Social Forship of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Chief Planning Officer, Srinagar, Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle Srinagar, DFO. estry, Assistant Commissioner Development, District Soil Conservation Officer, Executive Engineer I&FC, Executive Engineer REW, District Floriculture Officer. District Lead Manager and other concerned Officers.



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E-AUCTION/SALE NOTICE

(For sale of mortgaged immovable property under sub rule O6 of Rule O8 read with sub rule 01 of Rule 09 of the security Interest (Enforcement Rules 2002 of SARFAESI Act 2002)

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, mortgagor and guarantors in particular that the below mentioned immovable property mortgaged to The Jammu the Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Zakura, Srinagar, the possession whereof has been taken by the Authorized Officer of The Jammu the Kashmir Bank Ltd under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 and will be sold through e-auction on 17.08.2023 "As is where is", "As is What Is", "Whatever there is", and "No complaint" basis for recovery of dues to the Bank. The description of property, reserve price and earnest money deposit (EMD) is mentioned herein below:

Borrowers cum Mortgagor.	Regd. Office Address: Shaltang Srinagar Partners: 1. Mr. Syed Asrar Andrabi S/o Syed Farooq Andrabi R/o Gula Srinagar. 2. Mrs. Shafiqa W/o Syed Farooq Andrabi R/o Gulab Ba Srinagar	
Description of the mortgaged property (put on sale)	Residential cum commercial land measuring 10 marlas falling under Khasra No 451 (Old 205,205/1) Khata No 491, Khewat No 375 situated in Mouza Gulab Bagh and the location of property is: Lane No-3, Chinar Colony Gulab Bagh Srinagar standing in the name of Mr Syed Asrar Andrabi S/o Syed Farooq Ahmad Andrabi R/o Gulab Bagh, Islamia Colony Srinagar.	Reserve Price Rs.67.50 Lacs.
EMD	10% of the reserve price by way of Demand Draft/Payment Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. IARB Kashmir drawn on any nati Bank payable at Srinagar.	
	ormat containing full details of the mortgaged property	

conditions are available on the website of the Bank www.jkbank.com. Bid complete in all respects can be only submitted online on https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net (Contact Numbers: 9265562818/ 9265562821/ 6352634834) by or before 16.08.2023 upto 4.00 PM. The e-auction will be held on 17.08.2023 from 2.00 PM-4.00 PM. The contact details of the Bank officials are: Mr. Abdul Rashid Najar, Mobile No. +918826117693 or 0194-2481630-35 Extension (1070-1072).

This publication is also a 30 days' Notice in terms of sub rule 06 of Rule 08 read within sub rule 01 of Rule O9 of The security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 to the borrower, mortgagor and the guarantors to pay the total outstanding of loan along with interest and other expenses before the date of e-auction, failing which the property will be auctioned and balance if any, remaining outstanding along with interest and expense will be recovered from them.

Ref. No.: JKB/IARB/SARFAESI/2023-Date: 12.07.2023 Place: Srinagar

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mortgaged property (put on sale) Khushalpora, Baramulla falling under Khasra No. 400, Khewat No. 130 and Khata No 259, Mouza Khushalpora, Baramulla. EMD 10% of the reserve price by way of Demand Draft/Payment Order favoring The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. IARB Kashmir drawn on any nationalized/scheduled Bank payable at Srinagar

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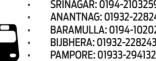
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- 982-King Otto II and his Frankish army defeated in pitched battle with Muslim army of al-Qasim at Cape Colonna, Southern Italy
- 1223- Louis VIII becomes King of France upon the death of his father, Philip II
- 1420-Battle at Vitkov Zizka's hill (Prague): Taboriets beat
- 1714- Battle of Aland, Russian fleet overpowers larger Swedish naval force
- 1789-Bastille Day the French Revolution begins with the storming of the Bastille Prison in Paris (now celebrated as France's national day)
- 1853- New Zealand holds its first general election
- 1863-Battle of Falling Waters, Maryland (Beaver Creek)
- 1864 Gold is discovered in Helena, Montana
- 1865 English mountaineer Edward Whymper leads first expedition to climb the Matterhorn (four die on the descent)
- 1891 John T Smith patents corkboard 1914 - Robert Goddard is granted the first patent for liquid-
- fueled rocket design 1933 - All non-Nazi parties are banned in Germany

1938 - Benito Mussolini publishes anti-Jewish/African

- 1945 Battleship USS South Dakota is 1st US ship to
- bombard Japan 1957 - Soviet steamer "Eshghbad" sinks in Caspian Sea,
- drowning 270 1958 - General Abdul K Kassem forms a military government in Iraq overthrowing the monarchy.
- 1959 USS Long Beach, first nuclear powered cruiser launched at Quincy, Mass
 - 1965 Israeli/Jordanian border fights
- 1965 US Mariner IV, 1st Mars probe, passes at 6,100 miles (9.800 km)
- 1967 Surveyor 4 launched to Moon; explodes just before
- 1969 The United States \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 bills are officially withdrawn from circulation.

From KO Archives

Omar Throws Down The Gauntlet To Azad

'Prosecute 10 Ministers And I Will Quit Politics

Observer News Service

RINAGAR- The president of the National Conference, Omar Abdullah, today challenged chief minister, Ghulam Nabi Azad, to take action against 10 corrupt ministers in his cabinet, saying that he (Omar) would quit politics in response. The NC chief offered to furnish Azad a list of ministers who, according to him, qualified to be axed. "The coalition government has failed on all fronts. If I

want, I can spend the entire day cataloging the failures and the weaknesses of this government," Omar said addressing a public meeting in the Naghama area of Handwara.

In a blistering attack, Omar said that the coalition government had deceived the public at every turn and every one of its slogans had proved to be hollow.

"The government's slogans of healing touch, providing jobs, accountability, progress, prosperity, peace and action against the corrupt were nothing but a means to fool people." he said. Admitting that his party had committed mistakes, Omar

however said that NC had not deceived the public. "The supposed drive against corruption, too, has proved illusory, as corruption is rampant, and no work is being accomplished without bribes,"

"If Azad sahib has the guts, let him take action against 10cabinet ministers whose list I am prepared to provide," Omar said. "If he takes action against these ministers, I will quit poli-

ministers of this government are handpicked by Delhi and they

"But the chief minister will not take any action, because the

function according to New Delhi's bidding." lie said. (Kashmir Observer, 14 July, 2007)



PM Modi Lands In Paris, Rafale Jets, Bastille Day **Celebrations In Focus**

Drime Minister Narendra Modi was on Thursday accorded a red-carpet welcome as he arrived in Paris on a twoday visit during which he will hold wide-ranging talks with President Emmanuel Macron and join him for the French National Day celebrations as the Guest of Honour.

"Landed in Paris. Looking forward to boosting India-France cooperation during this visit. My various programmes today include an interaction with the Indian community later in the evening," Modi tweeted soon after his arrival here.

In a special gesture, French Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne received Modi at the airport. He was accorded a ceremonial welcome upon his arrival.

'PM @narendramodi alights at the Paris airport. Accorded a ceremonial welcome. In a special gesture, PM @Elisabeth_Borne received him at the airport. PM's intensive programme in Paris includes participation in the Bastille Day celebrations & a slew of engagements with the French leadership, Indian diaspora, CEOs and prominent personalities," Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted.

Modi interacted with children and members of the Indian diaspora on his arrival at

the hotel in Paris. Enthusiastic Indian community members who were waiting outside his hotel chanted 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' as they met the prime minister. "A warm welcome by the Indian diaspora in Paris! Across the world, our diaspora has made a mark for themselves and are admired for their diligence and hardworking nature," Modi tweeted.

Ahead of his departure, Modi expressed confidence that his visit will provide a new impetus to the bilateral strategic partnership. Expansion of bilateral defence ties is expected to be a key focus of Prime Minister Modi's talks with Macron.

"I look forward to meeting President Macron and holding wide-ranging discussions on taking forward this longstanding and time-tested partnership over the next 25 years," Modi said in his departure statement. "We also work to-gether on regional and global issues," he added.

Modi said his visit to France was particularly special as he will join President Macron for the French National Day, or Bastille Day celebrations in Paris as the Guest of Honour.

A 269-member Indian triservices contingent will participate in the parade. Three Rafale fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will also join the flypast on the occasion along

12 Soldiers Killed, 5 Injured In Separate Attacks In Pakistan's **Restive Balochistan Province**

Agencies

ISLAMABAD: At least 12 Pakistani soldiers were killed and five injured in separate encounters with militants in the country's Balochistan province, the Army has said, the heaviest single-day loss suffered by the military in the restive region.

Wednesday in the Sui and Zhob areas of the province, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) - the Army's media wing- said in a statement.

At least seven militants were also killed in the two encounters. Unidentified gunmen attacked security forces conducting an operation in Sui, killing at least three soldiers and injuring five.

The Army said that two terrorists were also killed in the shootout, for which no group

has claimed responsibility. The Sui attack followed a raid by terrorists on a military installation in Zhob Garrison early on Wednesday, wherein nine soldiers and five militants were killed.

Soldiers countered an initial attempt of terrorists to sneak into the facility, and in the ensuing heavy exchange of fire, terrorists were contained into a small area at the boundary.

The intense shootout in Zhob also resulted in the death of a female passerby and left five other civilians injured, the ISPR added.

"A clearance operation by Security Forces is underway to apprehend remaining two

Mst. Tabasum Hamid

Riyaz Ahmad Shah

Ms Mahina

R/O Eidgah Sgr

S/O Gh Ahmad Shah

W/O Riyaz Ahmad Shah

S/A Kralpora Hawal Sgr

W/O Ab Hamid Magdoomi

R/O Maqdoom Sahab Sgr

Ms. Subaya D/O Shujatha Parvaiz

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

terrorists as well." the statement said, adding that the security forces were determined to thwart all such "ghastly attempts at destroying peace" in Balochistan.

little-known militant group - Tehreek-e-Jihad Pakistan - claimed responsibility for the Zhob attack in a statement without providing any details

This is the heaviest singleday loss suffered by the military in Balochistan, as before this, in February 2022, ten personnel were killed in a fire raid in the Kech district.

Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Qudoos Bizenjo condemned the attack on the Zhob garrison and paid tribute to the Pakistan Army for thwarting it by taking swift action.

He offered his condolences to the families of the dead and said, "Pakistan Army is the guarantor of peace and security in the region." Pakistan has been facing an uptick in attacks by the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and Baloch separatists in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces.

Balochistan province has experienced a surge in violent incidents in recent months, including bombings and targeted attacks, leading to heightened security measures and public safety concerns.

Earlier this month, four security personnel lost their lives while a terrorist was killed after attacks by the rebels in the Dhana Sar area of Balochistan.

Rain Fury In North India: **Over 400 Passenger Trains Cancelled From July 7-15**



Press Trust of India

More than 300 mail and express trains and 406 passenger trains have been cancelled between July 7 and July 15 due to waterlogging on tracks following heavy rainfall over the past few days, officials said on Thursday.

Overall, about 600 mail/ express trains and over 500 passenger trains have been affected by waterlogging, they said. Northwest India

saw incessant rainfall over three days from Saturday, with many areas in Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan recording "heavy to extremely heavy" rains.

This resulted in overflowing rivers, creeks and drains that massively damaged infrastructure and disrupted essential services in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and

Northern Railways, which caters to this region has cancelled around 300 mail/express trains, short-terminated 100 trains and diverted 191 more. It has also short-originated around 67 trains, the officials said.

Due to heavy waterlogging, Northern Railways also cancelled 406 passenger trains, diverted 28 trains, short-originated 56 and short-terminated 54 trains, they said.

60,000 Tourists Evacuated, 10,000 Still Stuck: Himachal Chief Minister

Agencies

KULLU, HIMACHAL **PRADESH:** Pradesh Chief Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday said that a total of 60,000 stranded tourists have been evacuated from the flood-affected areas.

"Until 9 am today, a total of 60,000 stranded tourists have been successfully evacuated from Himachal Pradesh. I am currently stationed in Kullu for the past three days, overseeing the ongoing rescue operations", Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu shared in a tweet

He further informed that approximately 10,000 tourists are stranded in Kasol and Tirthan Valley due to road damage.

"Approximately 10,000 tourists are stranded in Kasol and Tirthan Valley due to road damage. We are facilitating the transportation of these tourists by trans-shipment, utilising jeeps and HRTC buses, from the point where the road is



The chief minister also thanked the Indian Air Force for their efforts in the ongoing rescue operations.

In a tweet, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said, "I would like to express my gratitude for the efforts of the @IAF_MCC in this ongoing rescue and relief operation. Despite the extreme and challenging conditions, they demonskill by strated exceptional rescuing seven individuals who were ill from Chandra Taal Lake. Large-scale air evacuation was not possible at Chandra Taal due

to slushy conditions and the unavailability of the helipad. Furthermore, the Indian Air Force had offered to deploy a CH-47 Chinook Helicopter to assist in the transportation of excavators and heavy machinery."

Chief Minister Sukh-vinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday said that mobile network connectivity has been restored in Manali. After BSNL Mobile, Land-

ine and FTTH services were restored in Manali on Wednesday, CM Sukhu said that efforts are underway to restore the network in Kasol.



200+Palestinians Killed By **Israel Since Beginning Of** 2023: Data Center

Press Trust of India

As many as 206 Palestinians have been killed by Israel since the beginning of this year, figures gleaned by a Palestinian data center have shown.

The Palestinian Information Center news agency cited the "Mu'ti" data center as offering the data on Wednesday.

Ienin in the northern part of the occupied West Bank took the brunt of the Israeli brutality, according to figures provided by the center, which showed that Israeli forces had slain as many as 64 Palestinians in the city during the period.

At least 13 of the fatalities were caused last week, when Israel launched a military campaign against the city, mobilizing upwards of 1,000 troops as means of supposedly damaging the resistance "infrastructure" there.

Offering more information, the data center revealed that 46 of the Palestinians had died during the seven months that have passed since the start of the year in Nablus, which is likewise located in the northern West Bank, while 37 others died in the nearby Israeliblockaded Palestinian territory of the Gaza Strip.

Mu'ti underlined that 11 Palestinian citizens had been killed in the West Bank city of Ramallah and 10 others in al-Khalil (Hebron) in the southern part of the Palestinian territory, while eight had died in the holy occupied city of al-Quds as a result of Israeli aggression.

The report concluded that six Palestinians had been killed in Tulkarem, four in Oalgilya and Bethlehem, and two in Tubas and Salfit -- cities that are scattered throughout the West Bank -- adding that deadly Israeli violence had also claimed three lives in the 1948-present occupied territories.

The regime has significantly escalated its aggression against Palestinians under its new farright cabinet that is led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Chopped-Off Fingertip Found In Letter Sent To France's Macron

Agencies

PARIS: French prosecutors said Thursday they had opened an investigation after the discovery of a severed fingertip in a letter addressed to the presidential palace.

The gruesome find was reported by staff working for President Emmanuel Macron at the beginning of the week, with police called in to investigate, according to the Valeurs Actuelles magazine which first reported the story.

The fingertip is believed to belong to the sender of the letter who suffers from psychiatthe investigation told AFP on condition of anonymity.

Between 1,000-1,500 emails and letters are addressed to President Macron each day



and they are monitored and scanned by a 70-strong team working from offices away from the main Elysee Palace in central Paris. Macron is known to monitor

them as an insight into pub ric problems, a source close to lic opinion and occasionally responds with hand-written messages.

His office declined to comment when contacted by AFP about the finger.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PW (R&B) DIVISION SHOPIAN

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CIVIL WORKS SINGLE COVER SYSTEM (up to Rs. 2.50 Crores) NIT No: 30/3776-85/SPN/RnB/e-Tendering/2023-24

details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below-

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

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Cement Concrete Drain, Providing and fixing of Solar Glow Studs, Cat eyes and road marking. Position of funds:- Approved

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	5	Bid Submission End Date.	20-07-2023	upto 2:00 P.M
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from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the Bid cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period. The date and time of opening of Financial Bids of a responsive bidder shall be notified on Web Site www.jk tenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Techni-

The earnest money shall be forfeited If:-Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any moda) ifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

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Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.into acquaint bid submission process To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per

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

documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original documents related to the bid shall be submitted by L1 before issuance of Allotment in his favour. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents EMD, tender documents fee in terms of soft copies and all other documents required as per NIT with technical bid. No document (s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained for technical evaluation in the form of hard copy. However in case of any clarification the bidders all have to produce original

Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option. Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found forged/fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/bidder shall be recommended for blacklisting and debarred from taking part in tendering in PWD/Other Departments for a period of one year in the first instance, besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.

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The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition,

Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of

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From the office of Advocate Mehak Sayed

Sd/Advocate

Singapore Trekking Team Explores Panikhar To Warwan Trek



Observer News Service

KISHTWAR: A team of fifteen trekkers from Singapore, who embarked on a challenging odyssey on July 6, 2023 to explore Panikhar to Warwan Trek in District Kishtwar, has accomplished the expedition.

The trek, spanning a distance of 90 (ninety) kilometers, showcased the team's determination and resilience in the face of unforeseen circumstances.

The first three days of the trek witnessed exceptional progress, with the team covering a commendable distance of 65 kilometers. However, inclement weather on July 8th and 9th forced the suspension of the trek. Heavy snowfall prompted the team to return to Srinagar, where they regrouped and prepared for an alternative route.

Undeterred by the setbacks, the team resumed their trek from Warwan, Jammu side, venturing an additional 25 kilometers.

Their unwavering spirits and perseverance led them to successfully complete the ninety kilometers trek on July 12, 2023, at the picturesque Sukhni Last Village of the Jammu region.

During their journey, the Singapore team had the opportunity to interact with local adventurers, specifically the Srinagar-based Adventure Tour Operator, MS Peaks and Hikes Adventurous. This expedition, organized in collabora-

tion with the local support team from "Warwan Valley Eco Resorts," aimed to promote tourism in the Drass, Kargil, and Warwan regions, establishing a thriving hub for international trekkers.

The team expressed their satisfaction with the warm reception and hospitality they experienced in Drass and Warwan.

The locals' welcoming nature and gracious greetings left a lasting impression on the foreign trekkers, fostering a sense of camaraderie and cultural exchange.

"We firmly believe that the Panikhar to Warwan trek has the potential to become a sought-after international trekking route," remarked a representative from the Singapore team.

"With its breathtaking landscapes and the unwavering support of local communities and tour operators, this region holds immense promise for adventure enthusiasts from around the

The successful completion of the Panikhar to Warwan trek by the Singapore team signifies the beginning of an exciting journey towards establishing the region as a premier destination for adventure tourism.

The efforts of the team and the collaborative initiatives between foreign trekkers, local tour operators, and support teams lay the foundation for a vibrant future in the realm of trekking and exploration.

Chief Justice Visits Central Jail Srinagar, Assesses Quality Of **Legal Aid Services For Prisoners**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Patron-in-chief, J&K Legal Services Authority, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh on Thursday visited the Central Tail here to assess the conditions of the prisoners and the quality of legal aid services being provided to them.

The Chief Justice was accompanied by his Principal Secretary, M K Sharma and Member Secretary J & K Legal Services Authority, Amit Gupta.

On arrival to Central Jail, the Chief Justice was received by the Director General Prisons, J & K, Deepak Kumar and Chairman DLSA Srinagar Jawad Ahmed. Superintendent of Central Jail Srinagar, Daljit Singh; SP North Zone Srinagar, Raja Zuhaib and other officers of Central Jail Srinagar were also present on the occasion.

The Chief Justice, upon his arrival, was also accorded ceremonial guard of honour by contingent of CRPF deployed at the Central Jail.

During the visit, the Chief Justice had round of all the baraks and interacted extensively with the inmates and patiently listened to their griev-

ances and concerns. The Chief Justice assured the inmates that their genuine grievances shall be redressed and also issued on spot instructions to the concerned to ensure that the grievances projected by the jail inmates are addressed at the

During the visit, the Chief Justice engaged in constructive discussions with prison officials, legal aid volunteers, and inmates of Central Jail Sri-During interaction all nagar. the jail inmates admitted that they are being represented in the respective courts either by the counsel engaged by them or by counsel provided by the respective District Legal Services Authorities, where ever their cases are pending.

To gauge the effectiveness of VC facility available in the Central Jail, the Chief Justice directed the jail authorities to connect the District Court Srinagar and interacted with the System Assistant and expressed satisfaction about the quality of Video Conference Facility.

Chief Justice also emphasized the significance of safeguarding the fundamental rights of prisoners, ensuring their access to justice, and offering them adequate legal support.

40% Teaching Positions Vacant In CUJ, Reveals RTI

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In a startling revelation, around 40 percent of teaching positions in the Central University of Jammu (CUJ) are currently vacant, leaving the institution on crutches.

The Public Information Officer (PIO) of the university has provided this data to Raman Sharma in response to his Right to Information (RTI) application filed in the University.

The PIO in a reply issued on July 12-2023 has stated that the sanctioned strength of teaching positions in the unient strength of the teaching

As per the reply to the RTI, it has been confirmed that there are currently 71 vacant teaching positions in the university.

Regarding the non-teaching staff, the PIO has mentioned that the sanctioned strength of non-teaching positions in the university is 119, with 32 positions currently vacant.

However, the query regarding temporary non-teaching staff was not addressed, with the response stating that "no such information is available."

about the student enrollment, the PIO informed Raman Sharma that the university currentlv has a total of 2,354 enrolled students. This includes 308 SC, 115 ST, 458 OBC, 1 PWD, and 120 EWS students.

However, as per the document, the PIO has not directly answered the query about the total intake capacity for students in different courses and departments, instead has referred the applicant to the university website and the prospectus for the year 2023-24-(KNO)

Amarnath Devotees Throng Booking Counters As Tatkal Registration Resumes

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A day after Tatkal registration for the Amarnath Yatra resumed here after suspension for three days, hundreds of people thronged the on-the-spot booking counters.

The Tatkal registration was resumed on Wednesday after the pilgrimage was suspended from Saturday to Monday due to inclement weather and the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway for repairs in the Ramban section.

Braving the hot and humid weather conditions, devotees including women are patiently waiting in long queues to get a registration token.

'We have been waiting in long queues since morning for the registration. We will first get a token and then have to get a health checkup done, only after which we can proceed with the registration process," Kapil Dev Pandey, a Maharashtra resident who came here for the pilgrimage,

Pandey, however, pointed out that there should be more counters to attend to the huge number of people.

Over 1,500 unregistered pilgrims, including women, who have arrived in Jammu city, have been registered so far for the Yatra to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas.

Five counters have been set up for Tatkal registration of the



Over 9000 Pilgrims Leaves For Amarnath Shrine

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A fresh batch of over 9,200 pilgrims, the largest so far, left the base camp here in the early hours of Thursday for the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas.

While 6,035 pilgrims left in a convoy of 194 vehicles for Pahalgam, another convoy of 112 vehicles carrying 3,206 pilgrims left for the Baltal base camp at 3.30 am. With this, a total of 65,544 pil-

grims have left the Jammu base

camp for the valley since June 30. A total to 1,46,508 pilgrims have offered prayers at the shrine since July 1. The 62-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,888-metre-high cave shrine commenced from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag district and Baltal in Ganderbal district on July 1.

The yatra is scheduled to conclude on August 31.

devotees. While three counters have been put up at Vaishnavi Dham, Mahajan Sabha, and Panchayat Ghar for registration of the general public. two have been set up at Geeta Bhawan and Ram Mandir for the registration of 'sadhus', the officials said.

Dharminder Bhargava, a pilgrim from Madhya Pradesh, standing in the queue for three hours, said he arrived here a week ago and has been waiting for the Amarnath Yatra registration to resume.

'We visited the Mata Vaishnodevi cave shrine during the suspension of Yatra last week. There should have been more counters so that registrations could have been conducted faster," Bhargava said.

Pilgrims waiting in the queues said the shelter and drinking water facilities at the registration spots were inadequate. While 1.40 lakh pilgrims

have paid obeisance at the Icelingam of Lord Shiva at Amarnath so far this year, over 53,000 devotees in 11 batches have left for the shrine from the Jammu base camp.

BJP's Social Media Wing Sets Up Srinagar Office

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The social media wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (JK BJP) unit on Thursday inaugurated their new Social Media Office in Srinagar.

The momentous event was graced by the presence of the BJP General Secretary, who commended the dedicated efforts of the BJP's social media handlers in promoting honest and authentic information. Addressing

Thakur Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia, who is social media prabari in party emphasized the growing influence of social media in disseminating the truth. He highlighted its pivotal role in revealing the reality during the turbulent period when the "Paradise on Earth" bore witness to the sinister agenda of anti-national elements. Since the transformative events of August 5, 2019, the new era of Naya Kashmir has emerged, and media, particularly social media, has played a crucial role in unearthing the truths.

Jasrotia emphasized that. once again, it is the responsibility of the media, especially social media, to circulate accurate and authentic portrayals of Naya Kashmir.

inauguration event The witnessed the presence of esteemed party leaders, including former MLC Sunil Ambardar, Bilal Ah Parray, M Iqbal Wani, Sajid Yosuf, Sheikh Salman, Raja Manzoor, and many others. Their collective participation underlined the commitment of the JK BJP unit to foster a robust and transparent communication network that showcases the true essence of Nava Kashmir.

The establishment of the new Social Media Office marks a significant milestone in the JK BIP's efforts to empower social media platforms to shape narratives based on truth and dispel misinformation. This initiative is expected to strengthen the bond between the party and the people of Jammu and Kashmir, while also fostering an inclusive digital space for constructive discussions and progress.

Div Com Reviews Progress On Land Acquisition Cases Of BSF



Observer News Service

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar Thursday chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners to assess the status of different land acquisition cases of BSF in Jammu Division.

During the meeting, progress on acquisition of land for 135 ft. wide strip border fencing, acquisition of land for BOPs, submission of proposal for notification of Small farm fields firing ranges, acquisition/ transfer of land for BSF 161Bn. key location Plan (KPL)

The Divisional Commissioner keenly examined each land acquisition case and sought updates from the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) present at the meeting. The DCs apprised him of the progress made in each case.

To expedite the process and ensure efficient management, the Divisional Commissioner issued instructions to the DCs. He asked them to personally monitor and follow up the pending cases, while emphasizing the need for swift resolutions. The DCs were directed to provide an updated list of cases along with their current status.

The Divisional Commissioner instructed the BSF officers to appoint nodal officers to foster coordination between the district administrations and the BSF. "Nodal officers would serve as points of contact, facilitating prompt communication and expediting progress on each case" he added.

Member NSD Society Calls On LG

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Vani Tripathi Tikoo, Member, National School of Drama (NSD) Society, Thursday called on Lieutenant Governor

Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan today. Tikoo accompanied by Pradeep Kumar Mohanty, Registrar, NSD and Ganie Gulzar, Local Coordinator, TIE Wing, NSD, Srinagar apprised the Lt Governor about the theatre activities conducted by NSD in last two years in Jammu and Kashmir.

She also briefed the Lt Governor about future plan of NSD, including short-term courses for the school teachers in Theatre in Education (TIE). The major focus of TIE is to perform creative, curriculum based and participatory plays in schools specially designed and prepared for children of different age groups. The delegation expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for allotting the land and dedicated space to National School of Drama at Lal Mandi.

The Lt Governor appreciated the efforts of NSD and assured its representatives of full support and cooperation in their endeavors of promoting theatre activities

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GULMARG DEV. AUTHORITY

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Dated: 12-07-2023

NIT No: 06/HNTDA of 2023-24 For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on an item rate basis/percentage age basis (as applicable) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S. N	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest money (In Rupees)	Time of Completion	M.H of Account	Class of Contrac- tor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Construction of shelter sheds at Tourist Resort Ningli	24.00	800	48000	60 days	Plan	BEE/CEE
2	Construction of Pathway /viewing Deck at Tourist Resort Ningli	32.00	1100	64000	60 days	Plan	AEE/BEE
3	Balance work of ziyarat Sharief of Syed Tahir Shah and Syed Mohammad Kirmani in Mohalla Syed Tahir Shah (Peer Mohalla Hygam		300	13000	45 days	Plan	CEE/DEE

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Dated: 12 /07/2023

Position of funds Available

The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.Q), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www. jktenders.gov.in on the dates listed below:

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-07-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	14-07-2023
3	Bid submission Start Date	14-07- 2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	24-07-2023 4:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	25-07-2023 11.00 AM

Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 1452 TSM in the name of Executive Engineer GDA TANGMARG/HNTDA (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the 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 receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer GDA TANGMARG/HNTDA . The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 3% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 3% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders' bids will be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer GDA TANGMARG/HNTDA (tender receiving authority).

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

Bidders are advised to download the bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as the "Bidders Manual Kit" option 6.1 on the website www.jktenders.gov to familiarize themselves with the bid submission process.

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

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. The department will not be held responsible for any delays in online submission due to unanticipated circumstances. The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other Uploaded bid documents shall have to be produced on demand by

the successful bidder at the time of contract signing, and in the case of unsuccessful bidders, 2 percent EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/

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BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer GDA TANGMARG/HNTDA will be released only after production of Original Treasury Challan of uploaded Scanned copy (Cost of tender document). Bidders are advised not to change the contents of the BOQ (Bill of Quantities). They should never attempt to create similar BOQ manually. 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. **Technical Officer** No: HNTDA/Divn/129-35 DIPK-NB-1954-23

Bhatnagar Reviews Functioning, Healthcare Facilities At SDH Pahalgam,

Also Inspects Ongoing Works At New 50 Bedded Hospital

Observer News Service

PAHALGAM: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Thursday visited Sub-District hospital (SDH) Pahalgam and reviewed functioning as well as facilities being provided to the public there.

Accompanied by a team of officials from the Health Department and officers of other line departments, Advisor Bhatnagar assessed the existing facilities at the hospital and took firsthand appraisal of all the healthcare facilities being provided to the public.

During the visit, Advisor Bhatnagar took a detailed tour of the hospital and inspected all its sections. He meticulously examined the infrastructure, medical equipment, and

patient care services in the hospital and engaged in constructive deliberations with doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals for improving the healthcare system in the hospital.

The Advisor also interacted with patients and attendants during the visit, and took onspot review of all the facilities being provided to them.

While interacting with the doctors and para Medical staff, the Advisor emphasized on providing comprehensive healthcare services to the people as well as the visitors owing the importance of Pahalgam as a favourable tourist destination. He also stressed on availability of quality medicines and other health care equipments in view of the ongoing Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

The Advisor on the occasion commended that doctors and staff for their relentless efforts to provide quality healthcare services to the people here. He also noted the suggestions and requirements of the doctors and para medical staff there and gave on spot directions for the same.

Meanwhile, Advisor Bhatnagar also inspected ongoing construction works at new 50 bedded hospital.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the progress of the construction works and ensure adherence to the stipulated timelines and quality standards. The Advisor closely inspected the ongoing construction activities and directed the executing agency to leave no stone unturned in completing the project within the stipulated timeframe.

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Valley's Flood Vulnerability

he heavy rain and subsequent flash floods in northern India have brought tragic consequences, with at least 41 people losing their lives. The states of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab have been particularly affected, as incessant rains triggered landslides and flooding, causing widespread destruction and displacement. The situation remains critical as authorities strive to provide relief and mitigate further risks in the affected areas.

Delhi, the capital city of India, recently encountered its wettest July day in over four decades, as confirmed by local authorities. The heavy downpours prompted the closure of schools in the region, with many remaining shut even days later.

India is no stranger to the devastating impact of monsoon rains, which often lead to floods and landslides across the country. With climate change exacerbating weather patterns, extreme rainfall events are becoming more frequent and intense.

In Jammu and Kashmir also, four persons, including two soldiers, died in J&K due to rains, which triggered landslips and flash floods in the past 24 hours. In Kashmir, rainfall forced the administration to temporarily suspend Amarnath yatra for three days. The rains also suspended traffic on Jammu and Srinagar highway. Floods in Himachal Pradesh also hit several hydro projects affecting the power supply to the valley.

That said, it is certainly troubling that just two days of rain bring us to the brink of flooding. This has created a deeply disturbing situation in the Valley. We are, time and again, reminded of our hapless vulnerability to flooding whenever there are two or more days of uninterrupted rain in a warmer season. More so, in Srinagar whose new-found susceptibility to flood threatens to put a question mark on its viability as a summer capital. That is, unless we conceive and execute a course of action that drastically reduces this vulnerability

If anything, it highlights how little has been done by way of infrastructure building to protect the Valley from flooding. Less than two days of rain creates flood-like conditions. What it means is that in the past seven years, we have not been able to increase the capacity to brave one more day of rain. The legitimate question to ask is what were the previous governments doing in these years. Or what has the dredging of Jhelum and the repairing of its embankments done in terms of enhancing our capability to resist the flood.

Now, what if the Valley once again experiences the uninterrupted rainfall for a few days? Considering the Valley's erratic weather, such a prospect isn't unlikely. What is doubtful is the administration's ability to face up to this. And largely because the previous governments have built little defense against an extended incessant rainfall. Could Jhelum carry now more water than it did a few years earlier? Not at all. Similarly, could the spill channel carry the excess discharge than it did in 2014? The answer is again no. This is a dangerous state of affairs to be in. One can only hope that the current administration understands the enormity of the challenge and sets about in right earnest building our defences against a repeat of the 2014 scenario, which could be sooner than we are prepared for.

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or at least 10 years, rainfall patterns during the monsoon season have shown a distinct change. Most parts of the country witness intense bursts of rain, interspersed with relatively dry spells. In the past three days, for instance, the interaction of two climatic factors — good monsoon circulation and a western disturbance — has led to record-breaking rainfall that has, unfortunately, claimed the lives of at least 19 people, caused destruction and thrown life off gear in large parts of north India. Like in past instances of flooding, the authorities have focused on providing relief to those hit by the elements. Such efforts need to be stepped up. But it's high time attention is also given to addressing another imperative: A proactive policy against climate vagaries. After the Uttarakhand disaster of 2013, not a single year has passed without India experiencing at least one intense rainfall event that has resulted in large-scale flooding, and in many cases, loss of lives. These floods have sent out several warnings — in Chennai in 2015, Kerala in 2018, Bihar in 2019, Bengaluru last year, Assam almost every year. Disturbingly, few lessons have been learnt.

As most Indian cities expanded, they wrested areas that were natural rainwater sinks — wetlands, marshes, and lakes. At the same time, storm water drains in most parts of the country remain locked in networks that were planned several decades ago. Inept municipal administration compounds the problem and these drains are almost always clogged. This means excessive rainfall gets trapped within the city's boundaries. Delhi's storm water drains, for instance, are not equipped to deal with the 153 mm of rainfall the city received over the last weekend. In 2011, the state government signed a contract with IIT Delhi to prepare a drainage master plan, and the institute submitted a report in 2018. But the project was shelved in 2021 and drainage revamp seems to be one of the many casualties of the incessant wrangling between Delhi's lieutenant governor and its elected government.

India has developed early warning systems that have helped the country minimise damage by cyclones in recent years. Floods present a more complex challenge, especially because they are accompanied by landslides that take a large toll. The fragile geology of the Himalayan states make them more vulnerable to landslips. In the past decade, there has been some progress in developing a landslide warning system, but experts believe that it will be some years before landslides can be predicted with pinpoint accuracy. The trouble also is that the vulnerability of these areas increases because state and national highway authorities rarely take expert opinion into consideration while undertaking large-scale excavation of hills. Several directives of the judiciary to this effect, including that of the Himachal Pradesh High Court in 2021, have gone unheeded. Extreme weather events might become par for the course.

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Some Reflections on Student Absenteeism in Kashmir Colleges

Ashaq Hussain Parray

Most of us, the tenured faculty in colleges, come from privileged spaces, and there is a gap between the teacher-taught that ensures the inculcation of class norms in the student community. The gap between the teacher and the student creates a sense of mistrust in students besides making them believe that they are floating lonely islands who must struggle on their own to make sense of their identities

raditionally, education has been conceptualised in sacred terms—it brings us closer to light and helps us reach our highest potential. However, in our techno-driven secular societies, education is purely thought of in consumerist terms. We invest in education in the hope of finding some returns at the end of the day. There is no scope for education that can only feed our minds while leaving us deprived of the select 'privileges' of capitalist economies. Our vision today conceptualises education in sync with the demands of a politico-economic system. The fact that the focus is now on skill-oriented courses may signal hope for many unskilled students to help them earn a living, even though at a very high intellectual cost. We view education through a purely consumerist logic of investment and returns policy. We expect students to learn a skill than encourage them to ask critical questions. In other words, we don't question the governing structure that creates asymmetries in the place. Instead, our judgement relies on the sense of supplying the demands of the market without questioning its logic of operationality. A skilled student in the new scheme of things is the new cultured, educated labourer with a set of skills to earn a livelihood. In this context, how does one encourage students to learn and ask questions when the nature of college as a space of liberty and growth has transformed?

One of the primary problems that we currently face in our colleges is the student absenteeism. One wonders why, despite the government's efforts to better the system, students are demotivated to attend college? As someone who has been observing the situation for some time, it breaks my heart to see students not appearing for their classes. Every day, I wait for students to show up for class, only to get disappointed. I call friends and colleagues in various colleges who narrate the same ordeal. What could be the reasons for this sudden lack of motivation and absenteeism in colleges?

The issue of student absenteeism is not as simple as it seems. Many people tell me that students are not interested in education anymore. But there must be underlying factors that produce this condition of demotivation and indifference to traditional college courses. For me, the answers have to be sought somewhere in the socio-economic and consequent individual psychologies dovetailed with the political anxieties surrounding the student community. Most college-going students today have seen through the tumultuous epochs of our history that witnessed extended periods of closure of educational institutions. For instance, students who have lived through the ruptures of 2008, 2010, 2016, and 2019 have seen formative years of their lives being deprived of education. Calamities like the 2014 floods and three long years of pandemic made sure to seal their creative energies. However, this is not all there is to the issue.

A significant portion of Kashmir's college-going student community comes from outside Srinagar and from unprivileged sections. The individual and family demands of these students leave them with no option but to ples or encouraging students to experiment with their ideas. We are more worried about photo ops describing and reporting not-so-important events at the cost of academics. Someone must ask why we are doing activities that contribute to nothing. We don't have strict measures to ensure whether a class was delivered or whether the syllabus was completed on time or why a certain professor failed to show up for class. However, we are not entirely to blame.

Over the years, the nature of academic space in colleges has undergone radical transformation. Colleges are understaffed, leaving faculty with burdensome administrative work at the expense of class work. It is not a

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struggle within an already fragile economic ecosystem to meet inflation. I have spoken to hundreds of students and inquired about the reasons for their absence. Not surprisingly, many of our students enrolled in degree colleges work as unskilled labourers, masons, carpenters, apprentices to painters, tailors and other lowpaying jobs to help their families stay afloat. The formative years in the public school system have damaged them beyond repair. Battling dispirited teachers and underdeveloped school systems, what does a college degree like BA/BCom/BSC has to offer these students in terms of an immediate hope of employment in a system that already battles a skyrocketed rate of unemployment?

We have not bothered to deliberate on the issue, and it is not surprising at all. Most of us, the tenured faculty in colleges, come from privileged spaces, and there is a gap between the teachertaught that ensures the inculcation of class norms in the student community. The gap between the teacher and the student creates a sense of mistrust in students besides making them believe that they are floating lonely islands who must struggle on their own to make sense of their identities. I have not heard of too many college professors, including myself, acting as mentors, offering individual feedback on writing samsurprise to see professors in district administration meetings and engaged in other works like preparing bills and, purchasing equipment, operating various management systems that are far away from academics. I do understand that our work is intricately linked with the public realm, but we must see our priority within an already existing system and focus on the work at hand.

Against such a scenario, one is tempted to think about whether college education is dying. It may sound like an exaggeration, but given the current situation, it will not be surprising if, in the near future, such conception of education falls irrelevant, particularly the courses in humanities, social sciences and pure sciences. While humanities and social sciences have already seen a decline the world over, it won't be too long before other traditionally valued fields are overtaken by techno-based courses and degrees. Perhaps, it will be the time when the traditional conception of education as leading to self-realisation will eventually fall out of place and die a slow death. Maybe, it is time for us to wake up before it is too late.

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Mindful fridays Can Islamic Prayer Improve Mental Health?

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Prayer is an essential component of religious observance in Islam. Muslims are required to perform five daily prayers, known as As-Salat, as a means of connecting with their Creator.

Allah says in Qur'an in Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayat 238, "Maintain with care the [obligatory] prayers and [in particular] the middle prayer and stand before Allah, devoutly obedient".

Though As-Salat has spiritual benefits, however, beyond its spiritual significance, As-Salat also offers a range of bio-psycho-social benefits. In today's article, we will explore the positive impact of daily Islamic prayers on individuals' physical health, mental well-being, and social connections.

Biological Benefits:

- 1. Physical Exercise: As-Salat, the Islamic prayer, incorporates several physical movements like standing, bowing, and prostrating. These actions, repeated multiple times a day, offer a unique form of low-impact exercise that promotes flexibility, strength, and blood circulation. By engaging in these movements regularly, individuals can prevent the pitfalls of sedentary lifestyles and contribute to their overall physical health. As-Salat not only serves as a means of spiritual connection but also encourages physical well-being. Embracing this practice allows Muslims to maintain an active lifestyle and experience the physical benefits that come with the devotion to prayer.
- **2. Posture and Alignment:** Daily prayer also brings physical benefits through its specific postures. Maintaining proper body alignment during prayer is crucial, as it involves standing straight, bending from the waist, and prostrating. These postures promote spinal health and strengthen core muscles, contributing to improved posture and alleviation of back pain. By engaging in regular practice of As-Salat, individuals can prevent musculoskeletal issues and enjoy the advantages of a healthier body. Thus, prayer serves as a holistic practice that nurtures both the soul and the physical well-being, emphasizing the integration of spirituality and
- 3. Mind-Body Connection: As-Salat, the Islamic prayer, serves as a powerful tool that encourages mindfulness and the harmonious integration of physical and spiritual aspects. Through its various components, such as movements, recitations, and intentions, individuals cultivate a heightened awareness of their bodies and their connection to the divine. By mindfully engaging in the postures and reciting the verses, Muslims become attuned to the present moment, fostering a sense of calm and serenity. This mind-body connection nurtures relaxation, alleviates stress, and contributes to an



overall sense of well-being. As-Salat thus becomes a transformative practice, enriching the lives of individuals by nourishing their physical and spiritual selves in unison.

Psychological Benefits:

- 1. Stress Reduction: Daily Islamic prayers serve as a means to seek solace and find inner peace. Engaging in prayer provides a temporary break from daily stressors, allowing individuals to detach themselves from worldly concerns and focus on their spiritual connection with Allah. The repetitive motions and recitation of sacred verses create a serene atmosphere, calming the mind and promoting mental relaxation. Numerous studies have shown that prayer has physiological benefits, such as reducing stress hormones and lowering blood pressure. It offers a sanctuary for Muslims to find solace, renew their faith, and find strength to face the challenges of life with a peaceful heart.
- 2. Emotional Regulation: Prayer serves as a structured avenue for the expression of emotions and seeking solace from a higher power. In times of difficulty, Muslims find solace in prayer, enabling them to process negative emotions, find comfort, and attain a fresh perspective. Engaging in prayer has been associated with emotional regulation, heightened emotional intelligence, and enhanced mental resilience. It provides a means to channel and process emotions, fostering a sense of inner peace and tranquility. By connecting with a higher power, individuals experience a deepened understanding of their emotions and gain strength to navigate through challenging circumstances. Prayer, therefore, plays a vital role in fostering emotional well-being and spiritual

3. Mental Clarity and Focus: Engaging in the Islamic prayer demands concentration and mental presence. The rhythmic and repetitive nature of the prayer, complemented by recitations from the Qur'an, serves to soothe the mind and enhance focus. Through regular practice, prayer has been found to sharpen cognitive function, foster mindfulness, and promote mental clarity. The deliberate motions and recitations in prayer provide a framework for individuals to detach from worldly distractions and immerse themselves in a spiritual state of serenity. By cultivating a disciplined prayer routine, believers can experience the holistic benefits of enhanced mental engagement, inner tranquility, and a deeper connection with

4. Time management tool: Engaging in Islamic prayer, can contribute to the development of proper time management through the practice of time blocking. By allocating specific time slots for each prayer throughout the day, individuals can establish a structured routine that prioritizes their spiritual obligations. Time blocking allows for better organization and utilization of one's time, as it encourages individuals to allocate fixed periods for prayer while managing other activities efficiently between the prayers. This practice fosters discipline and helps individuals become more mindful of their daily schedules, ultimately promoting a balanced and productive lifestyle. Thus, As-Salat not only serves as a means of spiritual connection but also facilitates effective time

Social Benefits:

1. Community and Belonging: Congrega-

tional prayers play a vital role in fostering a sense of community and belonging among Muslims. Through regular participation in communal prayers, individuals have the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, strengthening social ties and building a supportive network. These gatherings provide a platform for Muslims to come together, share their faith, and engage in spiritual activities collectively. The social connections established within prayer congregations contribute to overall well-being, as they provide emotional support, companionship, and a sense of unity. Whether it's the daily congregational prayers at the mosque or special prayers during religious occasions, these communal gatherings create a profound sense of belonging within the Muslim community, reinforcing a shared identity and purpose.

2. Moral and Ethical Development: Prayer, in its essence, acts as a powerful reminder of moral values and ethical conduct. Within Islamic prayers, there exists a beautiful integration of reflections on gratitude, compassion, and acts of kindness. Through the act of engaging in daily prayers, individuals are not only reminded of these values but also encouraged to embody them in their everyday lives. This practice fosters personal growth and helps cultivate improved relationships with others. By consistently aligning their actions with the principles highlighted during prayer, individuals can establish a strong foundation of integrity, empathy, and righteousness, thereby nurturing a harmonious and virtuous existence within themselves and in their interactions with the world around them.

3. Increased Empathy and Understanding: The act of prayer in Islam, serves as a powerful means for Muslims to engage in introspection and self-reflection. Through regular prayers, believers are encouraged to ponder upon their actions and seek forgiveness for their shortcomings. This practice cultivates empathy and understanding towards others, fostering a mindset of tolerance, compassion, and forgiveness. By embracing these qualities, individuals become more considerate of different perspectives and are motivated to contribute positively to society. As-Salat serves as a transformative practice, nurturing a deeper connection with oneself and a heightened awareness of one's impact on others. It encourages personal growth and the development of a virtuous character, enabling Muslims to embody the principles of Islam in their daily lives.

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The future of the Internet

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Web 2.0 emerged in the early 2000s as a more interactive web. Users could now create and share content. Hence social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter became popular.

Web 3.0, still in its early stages of development, is a vision of the future web that is more decentralised, open, and user-controlled.

Web 3.0 is built on blockchain technology, allowing for secure and transparent data sharing.

Many of my peers, friends, and colleagues asked me about notable differences between Web 2.0 and Web 3.0. The following are some differences I came across:

Decentralisation: Web 3.0 is built on decentralised platforms, meaning no single entity controls the data or content, qualifying for more security and resistance to

Openness: Web 3.0 is based on open standards, meaning anyone can build on it to develop additional accessibility and inclusion.

User control: Web 3.0 gives users more control over their data and content users can own and decide how

it is used. Therefore, Web 3.0 can revolutionise how we interact

with the web in several ways. For example, Web 3.0 could make the Internet more democratic by giving users more control over their data and content, leading to a more equitable and inclusive Internet. Another example is that Web 3.0 is built on blockchain technology, a secure and transparent way to



store data, steering the Internet to being more resistant to hacking and fraud. Finally, Web 3.0 could make the Internet more efficient by decentralising how data is stored and processed, driving faster and cheaper Inter-

As Web 3.0 develops, digital currencies become even more important. For instance, they could become the default medium of exchange for transactions on the decentralised web and be used to power new and innovative applications.

Digital currencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum are essential in developing Web 3.0. These currencies are used to pay for goods and services on decentralised platforms, and they also allow users to store and trans-

fer value securely and transparently. Cryptocurrencies are driving innovation and applications on Web 3.0. Here are the three among several ways: **Decentralisation:** Cryptocurrencies are decentralised, meaning that any single entity does not control them, Which is ideal for applications that require trust and transparency, such as financial transactions and voting.

Immutability: Cryptocurrencies are immutable, meaning their records cannot be changed or deleted, making them flawless for storing data that needs to be tamper-proof, such as property titles and medical re-

Transparency: Cryptocurrencies are transparent, meaning their transactions are publicly viewable for applications requiring accountability, such as supply chain management and voting.

In Summary, as Web 3.0 develops, cryptocurrencies will likely play an even more important role. Web 3.0 is still in its early stages of development. Web 3.0 and cryptocurrencies are two of the most exciting technologies to emerge in recent years. They have the potential to revolutionise the way we inter-act with the web and the way we store and transfer value. Together, Web 3.0 and cryptocurrencies can potentially create a more democratic and equitable Internet. They could allow users to own their data and content and make it easier for people to access financial services.

The future of the Internet is still uncertain. Still, Web 3.0 and cryptocurrencies are two technologies worth watching because they can profoundly change how we interact with the web.

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

Deep Sleep Found To Be Key To Regulating Blood Sugar

Press Trust Of India

n increased responsiveness of the human body to insulin during deep sleep, in turn, improving blood sugar control the next day, may be why lack of quality sleep is considered to increase risk of diabetes, researchers say

A stronger and a more frequent linking of the deep sleep brain waves, particularly the sleep spindles and the slow waves, triggered the body's parasympathetic nervous system into action, the researchers from the University of California (UC) Berkeley, US, found after examining sleep data of 600 individuals.

The parasympathetic branch of the nervous system is associated with soothing and calming the body by producing physiological effects such as slowing down the heart and dilating blood vessels.

The researchers detected this shift in the participants by measuring changes in their heart rate.

Further, they found that switching to this tranguil and calm mode enhanced the body's responsiveness to insulin, the blood sugar-

regulating hormone, which instructs cells to absorb glucose from the bloodstream and thus, preventing a deleterious blood sugar spike.

Their findings are published in the journal Cell Reports Medicine.

"These synchronized brain waves act like a finger that flicks the first domino to start an associated chain reaction from the brain, down to the heart, and then out to alter the body's regulation of blood sugar," said Matthew Walker, professor of neuroscience and psychology, UC Berkeley, and senior author of the study.

The coupling of sleep spindles and slow waves of deep sleep have been known to enhance learning and memory.

However, this study in humans, building on a 2021 rodent study, revealed a novel and previously unrecognized function of these waves with regards to the critical bodily function of managing blood sugar.

"This particular coupling of deep-sleep brain waves was more predictive of glucose than an individual's sleep duration or sleep efficiency," said Raphael Vallat, a UC Berkeley postdoctoral fellow and co-author of the study.

Name of Work

Office Of The Executive Engineer Rural **Engineering Wing Baramulla.**

E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT No: - 67/Xen/Rew/Bla/2023-2024 Dated.10/07/2023 For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on percentage basis from app Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work:oved and eligible Contractors

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2	C/O Road with p wall from H/o Mohd shafi bhat, Mohd amin bhat, Manzoor ahmad bhat and others at Agrikalan ward no 7 under ADP(PRI) Block sherabad khore	3.82	200	7640	30days	DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
3	C/O Fencing Arround Graveyard Laberhaar Goom pyt Goom ahmadpora under Area Development Plan (PRI) 2023-24 Block Sherabad khore	4.89	200	9780	30days	DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
4	C/O Chain link Fencing of awami graveyard at malmooh pyt Malmooh under Area Development Plan (PRI) 2023-24 Block Sherabad khore	3.92	200	7840	30days	DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
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б	C/O Ornamental fencing of gulshan zehra park and sadat graveyard at malmooh pyt kungamdara. under Area Development Plan (PRI) 2023-24 Block Sherabad khore	6.90	300	13800	30days	CEE/ DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
7		4.43	200	8860	30days	DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
3	Fencing around Gousia Mohallah,Ganie mohallah Graveyard with tile path at shirpora B under Area Development Plan (PRI) 2023- 24 Block Sherabad khore	5.875	300	11750	30days	CEE/ DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
)	Improvement of Dalwali road with R/wall at shirpora A under ADP(PRI) Block sherabad khore	3.93	200	7860	30days	DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
0	C/O Tile path/pcc path with drain at ward no 4,5,6 at shirpora B under ADP PRI for the year 2023-24 Block: sherabad khore	7.86	300	15720	30days	CEE/ DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
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2	C/O Tile paths from high school to main road at check naripati at kawhar bala and crate bund on road under ADP PRI for the year 2023-24 Block Narwav	6.16	300	12320	30days	CEE/ DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
3	imp of road from main road to beigh mohalla lateefabad kalayban under ADP(PRI) Block Narwav	4.94	200	9880	30days	DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
4	C/O Tile path at W no 1,3,4,5,6 at kalaiban under Aspirational plan for the year 2023-24 Block Narway	9.86	600	19720	30days	CEE/ DEE	ASPIR TIONAL PLAN	AAA Accorded
5	upgradation of road at lateefabad kalayban under ADP(BDC) Block Narway	3.43	200	6860	30days	DEE	ADP BDC	AAA Accorded
6	C/O Bund at w.no.6 at suchliwaran malpora under ADP(PRI) Block Narway	3.95	200	7900	30days	DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
7	C/O Concrete bund at Graveyard at Malpora under ADP PRI for the year 2023-24 Block Narway	4.93	200	9860	30days	DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
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9	kalayban under ADP(PRI) Block Narway	5.93	300	11860	30days	CEE/ DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded
20	C/O bund and stair path at w no. 5 at Bangdaji Malpora under ADP(PRI) Block Narway	4.25	200	8500	30days	DEE	ADP PRI	AAA Accorded

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	1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10-07-2023
	2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 10-07-2023 to 21-07-2023 up to 6:00 PM
	3	Bid submission Start date	10-07-2023
	4	Bid Submission End Date	21-07-2023 up to 6:00 PM
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Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)

Technical Bids will be opened on 22-07-2023 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online

The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:07.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance deptt)that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat. In the event of inadequat participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted & participant to upload Panchayat certificate necessary.

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 In case of dilemma/confusion, the rate and the unit against any item shown in Boq.
 Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein Name of work and NIT No. in favour of the Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender inviting Authority).
 The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of

theExecutive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla. All The Bidders has to deposit Earnest Money (2% of Advertised cost) in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering as per the Circular

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

The successful bidder shall have to deposit an additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG before award of contract in case the bid

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz -a- viz Adv. Cost	Additional performance security to be deposited on
	Upto and including 15% below	Nil
2.	>15% upto and including 20% below	5%
3	>20% upto and including 25% below	10%
4	>25% upto and including 30% below	15%
5	>30% below	20%
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The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids

The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited, if:

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

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on ktenders.gov.into acquaint bid submission process To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be

submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.

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

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

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

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

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt in favour of the Executive Engineer REW Division Baramulla and Earnest Money/Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR/Bid if applicable pledged to Executive Engineer, REW Division Baramulla (Tender receiving Authority) must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original treasury challan/receipt (cost of tender document), CDR/FDR/ BG (earnest money/bid security) and relevant bid documents etc be submitted to the tender opening authority by the bidder who is declared as Li immediately after opening of financial bid. The tender receiving authority reserves the right of opening of the tenders on due date or any other convenient available date or rejecting any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof

 Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
 Price escalation & taxes: -The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work unless otherwise, specified deductions on account of taxes shall be

made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

12. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required. 13.

In case of CRF & any other specified project the relevant guidelines/ standard bidding documents shall be followed No: 505-512 DIPK-5023/23 Dated: 13-07-2023 Executive Engineer. REW Baramulla

New Air Monitor Can Detect Covid Variants In About 5 Minutes

Press Trust Of india

Researchers have developed a real-time air monitor that they say can detect any of the SARS-CoV-2 virus variants in a room in about five minutes

inexpensive, proof-of-concept device as developed searchers at Washington University in St. Louis, US, by combining recent advances in aerosol sampling technology and an ultrasensitive biosensing technique.

The device can be used in hospitals and health care facilities, schools and public places to help detect SARS-CoV-2 and potentially monitor for other respiratory virus aerosols, such as influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

Results of their work on the monitor, which they say is the most sensitive detector available, are published in the journal Nature Communications.

There is nothing at the moment that tells us how safe a room is," said John Cirrito, a professor of neurology at Washington University.

"If you are in a room with 100 people, you don't want to find out five days later whether you could be sick or not. The idea with this device is that you can know essentially in real time, or every 5 minutes, if there is a live virus." Cirrito said.

The researchers had previously developed a micro-immunoelectrode (MIE) biosensor that detects amyloid beta as a biomarker for Alzheimer's disease and wondered if it could be converted into a detector for SARS-CoV-2.

To do so, they exchanged the antibody that recognises amyloid beta for a nanobody from llamas that recognises the spike protein from the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

The J&K Board Of Professional Entrance Examinations (BOPEE)

Tele/Fax: 0194-2433590, 2437647 (Srinagar): 0191-2479371, 2470102 (Jammu) We bsite: www.jkbopee.gov.in E-mail: coejakbopee@gmail.com/helpdeskjakbop

Conduct of Entrance Test for admission to the B. Pharmacy Course 2023: Subject: Instructions for Candidates and Downloading of Admit Cards thereof.

i) Notification No.032-BOPEE of 2023 dated 05-06-2023. ii) Notice No.019-BOPEE of 2023 dated 03-06-2023.

> Notification No: 036-BOPEE of 2023. Dated: 12-07-2023.

All the eligible candidates appearing in the Entrance Test for admission to the Bachelor of Pharmacy Course, 2023 are hereby informed that the Online Admit Cards will be available for download from 17th of July, 2023 (From 11:00 a.m. onwards) on the official website of J&K BOPEE www.jkbopee.gov.in. The candidates should take note of the following information and strictly follow the instructions given in their Admit Cards.

Date of Entrance Test for Bachelor of Pharmacy Course, 2023 is 23rd July, 2023 (Sunday),

Timing of Examination:

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Candidate Identification / Photo ID Proof:

The candidates are required to affix one recent Passport size photograph on Electronic Admit Card (if already not affixed on it) downloaded by them from the official website of the BOPEE and they should carry with them any one of the below mentioned Photo ID Proofs in original positively for their identification: Election ID Card, Aadhaar Card, Pan Card, Driving License, Passport, Photo ID issued by concerned Competent Authorities.

TIME	ACTIVITY
08:45 a.m	Reporting time at the Examination Centre.
09.15 a.m	Reporting time in the Examination Hall.
09.20 am	The Invigilator shall ascertain the identity of each candidate by comparing his/her facial appearance with the photograph given in the Admit Card and Attendance Sheet. The Centre Supervisor shall also check the identity of the candidates and ensure that only the genuine candidates have been allowed to sit in the Examination Hall and there shall be no case of impersonation.
09.45 a.m	Candidates will be given OMR Answer Sheet. They will go through the instructions printed on it and fill in their particulars on the OMR Answer Sheet.
09.55 a.m	They will be given Question Booklet. The Question Booklet number is to be entered on the OMR Answer Sheet.
10.00 a.m	They will break /open the seal of the Question Booklet and start attempting the questions.
12.00	The candidates will remain in their seats. They will hand over their
Noon	OMR Answer Sheet to the Invigilator, take the Question Booklet and
	OMR candidates copy alongwith them and leave the Examination Hall
	only when they are asked to leave.
	OMR Answer Sheet to the Invigilator, take the Question Booklet and OMR candidates copy alongwith them and leave the Examination Hall

Note: After distribution of Answer Sheets, no candidate shall be allowed to go out of the Examination Hall under any circumstances.

Important Guidelines:

- · For their own convenience, the candidates are advised to visit the venue of their Examination Centre any day before start of entrance test.
- The candidates should report in the Examination centre in time keeping in mind sufficient margin for traffic jam and other unavoidable circumstances. No candidate will be allowed to enter the Examination
- Hall after the prescribed time given above in the time schedule. • Tab, Smart Phone, Mobile Phone, Pager, Bluetooth Device, and Camera, Calculator or any other communication / Electronic Device / Tablet is not allowed inside the premises of the Examination Centre. If a candidate is found carrying any one of these devices in the Examination Centre. his/her candidature will be cancelled including ban for future examination/selection. The Board shall not be responsible for any loss/theft of such electronic devices. The candidates are advised to keep their electronic gadgets at their residence.

- The present status of the candidates shown on Admit Card or on any other document of the BOPEE is purely provisional and subject to subsequent verification by the Board and other competent bodies.
- The candidate(s) who has/have submitted wrong/false information and has/have managed to appear in the Entrance Test will be disqualified from being considered for admission and if admission is granted on the basis of such information, his/her admission shall be cancelled and departmental action/criminal prosecution, where-ever applicable, will be recommended / initiated against him / her.
- Mere appearing in the Entrance Test cannot be in any way taken as a guarantee for the selection in this course.
- The candidates are advised to go through the instructions given in the Electronic Information Brochure and particularly read instructions for filling up of the OMR Sheet very carefully.
- The candidates should check their Question Booklets before attempting any question and should ensure that the Booklet contains 120 questions. In case of any missing question/page/ blank page or damaged/defaced Question Booklet, it shall be the sole responsibility of the concerned candidate to immediately report it to the Invigilator and get the Booklet replaced by the same series, failing which no complaint in this regard shall be entertained afterwards.
- The candidates are informed that the Keys of the Question Papers will be uploaded on the Official website of BOPEE (www.jkbopee.gov.in) on

23rd July, 2023 at around 6.00 p.m on conclusion of the Examination or upto 02:00 p.m next day and will remain there for three days (i.e. 24th, 25thand 26th of July, 2023) upto 5:00 pm and thereafter the same will be removed. The candidate(s), who has any complaint against an Answer of a Question in the Question Booklet are free to make written representation supported by documentary proof from standard Text Books on the prescribed format available on the official website of the BOPEE or in the BOPEE Office at Srinagar / Jammu, which should reach in the BOPEE office (Srinagar/Jammu) within stipulated time as above and thereafter no representation will be

- accepted. The candidates interested in making representation online/offline shall have to pay non-refundable fee of Rupees 1000/which can be paid by Debit Card/Credit Card/ATM Card through POS Machines available at the BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar. These representations, in a consolidated form, will be given due consideration by the experts whose decision will be final. On the basis of the decision of these experts, a revised Answer Key, if required, will be uploaded again on the Boards Website as and when available. No representation will be entertained against the revised Answer Key.
- The candidate must ensure before handing over his/her OMR sheet to the concerned Invigilator that the entries made by him/her against Roll No. Question Book Serial Number etc. are correct. The Board shall not be responsible for any mistake committed by the candidate in this
- Appearing candidates have to carry with them 02 recent Passport size Photographs on the day of Examination.
- Any case(s) of impersonation will be dealt with very seriously. Any candidate found involved in impersonation will be liable for criminal prosecution for fraud / forgery / impersonation and criminal breach of trust, apart from cancellation of his/her candidature.

No. BOPEE/Exam-23/2023 DIPK-NB-1938/23 Dated: 13-07-2023

Sd/-Controller of Examinations. J&K BOPEE

PUBLIC NOTICE

R/O: Buna-Zanigam, Kandoora, Beerwah, Budgam, J&K

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Ghulam Mohammad Mir R/O: Buna-Zanigam, Kandoora, Beer-

wah, Budgam, has been misplaced, while I was travelling from

Budgam to Srinagar. It could not be traced inspite of all my effort. I therefore request you to kindly diaries the matter so that

I can apply for an Original / Duplicate Registration Certificate.

If anyone in this regard has any objection, he/she may contact

the concerned ARTO Office, within 7-days of publication of this

This is to inform the general public that the mother's name of my ward has been wrongly mentioned as Rafeeqa instead of Rafiqa Banu .Now I want to apply for its correction. If anybody has any objection he/she may contact concerned department within seven days from the date of publication of this notice .No objection shall be entertained thereafter. Name: Yasoob Ali Dar

S/o: Mushtaq Hussain Dar Mother's name: Rafiga Banu

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New Google Pay Feature Allows Users To Pay Without UPI PIN For Small Transactions

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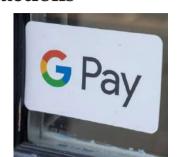
NEW DELHI- Google's payment app Google Pay on Thursday introduced UPI LITE on its platform to ease small digital transactions. UPI Lite allows users to load up to Rs 4,000 in a day for instant transactions limited to Rs 200 at one go, the search engine giant said.

Designed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), it allows small transactions without the need for entering their UPI PIN.

According to the company, UPI LITE accounts are linked to user's bank accounts but do not rely real-time on the issuing bank's core banking system, resulting in higher payment success rates even during peak transaction hours, and a less cluttered bank passbook.

Users can activate the feature by logging into their Google Pay app and accessing their profile page, after which they must tap on "activate UPI LITE."

Google joins the likes of BHIM, Paytm and PhonePe and 15 banks, including HDFC



Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Punjab National Bank to launch the service on its platform, as per the NPCI website.

Ambarish Kenghe, VP - Product Management at Google, said that unique offerings and use cases are core to driving further adoption of digital payments in the country.

"With the introduction of UPI LITE on the platform, we aim to simplify small-value transactions by helping users access a convenient, compact and superfast payments experience," Kenghe said.

The Reserve Bank of India introduced the feature in Sep-

JKEDI, The India Network **To Organize Two-Day Startup Leadership Summit From July, 17**

Director JK-EDI reviews preparations



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) is set to organize a transformative two-day Startup Leadership Summit for entrepreneurs of J&K on July 17th and 18th in collaboration with the India Network to cultivate a robust ecosystem for entrepreneurship and innovation within the Union Territory.

In this connection, the Director JKEDI, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat Thursday chaired a preparatory meeting in which senior faculty members and officers of the

"The workshop will serve as a platform for aspiring and existing entrepreneurs to gain valuable insights, knowledge, and skills necessary for building successful businesses in today's dynamic and competitive landscape. It will feature a diverse range of sessions, including interactive discussions, expert presentations, case studies, and practical exercises, all designed to equip participants with the tools and resources needed to excel in their entrepreneurial journeys," said Director JKEDI.

The event will include sessions from Rahul Narvekar, the Founder and CEO of The India Network, who brings extensive experience as a seasoned investor, guiding and supporting entrepreneurial ventures across various industries. Joining him is Himani Bhagat, the Chief Operating Officer of The India Network, who contributes her strategic expertise and operational acumen to foster entrepreneurship and innovation.

Additionally, Sonia Khurana, the Founder and CEO of Wyn Studio, adds her entrepreneurial insights and industry knowledge to the mix. Dinesh Singh and Amit Mishra, Cofounders of Alpha Consultants, bring their valuable expertise in business consulting and financial management, offering invaluable guidance to aspiring entrepreneurs.

The summit will also feature pitching sessions, providing entrepreneurs with the opportunity to present their business ideas and proposals to a panel of Angel Investors hailing from various parts of the country. These investors will lend their ears to the pitches, offering valuable feedback guidance, and potential investment opportunities to promising entrepreneurs.

Participants will also engage with seasoned industry professionals, successful entrepreneurs, and subject matter experts who will share their experiences, provide mentorship, and offer guidance on various aspects of entrepreneurship.

The summit will cover essential topics such as business ideation, market research, financial planning, marketing strategies, legal and regulatory frameworks, and access to funding opportunities.

Moreover, the event will emphasize the significance of innovation and the utilization of emerging technologies in driving business growth. Participants will have the opportunity to explore cuttingedge concepts such as digital transformation, artificial intelligence, blockchain, and sustainable practices, empowering them to stay ahead of the curve in an ever-evolving business

Domestic Air Passenger Traffic Rises Nearly 19% In June

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The country's domestic air passenger traffic grew 18.78 per cent to around 1.25 crore in June compared to the year-ago period, according to official data released on Thursday.

In June, IndiGo, Air India, Vistara, AirAsia India and Akasa Air saw an increase in their respective market share amid the grounding of budget carrier Go First. However, Spice-Jet's market share continued to decline and fell to 4.4 per cent last month whereas it stood at 7.3 per cent in January this year.

The data from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) showed that domestic carriers flew 124.87 lakh people in June compared to 105.12 lakh in the same period a year ago.

IndiGo, which carried around 79 lakh passengers in the previous month, increased its market share to 63.2 per cent from 61.4 per

India and AirAsia India (now rebranded as AIX Connect) flew 12.37 lakh and 10.4 lakh passengers, respectively in June. The market share of Air India stood at 9.7 per cent while that of AirAsia India was at 8 per cent, as per the data.

Full service carrier Vistara, a joint venture between Tata Group and Singapore Airlines, had a market share of 8.1 per cent and flew 10.11 lakh passengers in June.

Launched in August last year, Akasa Air's market share stood at 4.9 per cent as it flew 6.18 lakh passengers last

put under enhanced surveillance by the DGCA, flew 5.55 lakh passengers in June and its market share dropped to 4.4 per cent.

In terms of On Time Performance (OTP) in June, Vistara topped the list at 88.3 per cent, followed by IndiGo and Akasa Air (both at 87.6 per cent). The OTP is calcuated for four key airports --Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad, as per the data.

Cash-strapped Go First stopped flying from May 3 and prior to the grounding, it had a market share of 6.4 per cent in April.

28% GST On Online Gaming To Yield Rs 20,000 Cr Annually: Revenue Secy

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- The exchequer would get an estimated additional revenue of Rs 20,000 crore annually following the decision of the GST Council to levy 28 per cent tax on full bet value on online gaming, said Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra on Thursday.
The GST Council has unani-

mously decided to impose 28 per cent tax on online gaming, casino and horse racing etc, he said adding that the government will pursue all cases in the Supreme Court for recovery of erstwhile tax demands.

He said the online gaming industry is currently paying only 2-3 per cent GST which is even less than 5 per cent tax applicable on food items consumed by a common man.

"One of the members, in fact, in the GST Council point-



ed out that the way the online gaming companies are paying the taxes on online games at 18 per cent of GGR, which works out to only about 2-3 per cent, even lower than the tax rate of 5 per cent levied on many of the food products consumed by the very common people," Malhotra told PTI in an interview.

The exchequer last year (FY2022-23) collected only Rs 1,700 crore GST which could have been Rs 15,000-20,000 crore had the tax been levied

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on the full value.

"But this (tax by online gaming companies) is on a much lower rate which the online gaming companies are paying. Our estimate is that it should be at least about 8 to 10 times this amount. So, if that is true, it should be about Rs 15,000 to 20,000 crore annually, provided the volumes also sustain," he said.

These companies took refuge under the differentiation of game of skill and chance and paid 18 per cent GST on only platform fees or Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR).

The council earlier this week clarified that GST should be paid at 28 per cent on the full face value of bets.

He further said that wherever there is tax avoidance or evasion those aspects will certainly be looked into and those taxes will be recovered, he asserted.

India Considers Banning Most Rice Exports As Local Prices Surge: Report

NEW DELHI: India, the world's biggest rice shipper, is considering banning exports of most varieties, a move that may send already lofty global prices higher as the disruptive El Niño weather pattern returns.

The government is discussing a plan to ban exports of all non-Basmati rice, according to people familiar with the matter. That's because of rising domestic prices and authorities want to avoid the risk of more inflation, said the people, who asked not to be identified as the information is not public.

If implemented, a ban would affect about 80% of India's rice exports. Such a move may lower domestic prices, but it risks sending global costs even higher. Rice is a staple for about half of the world's population, with Asia consuming about 90% of global supply. Benchmark

than 100 countries, with Benin, China, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire and Togo among its biggest customers.

Shares of Indian rice millers fell on news of the potential ban. KRBL Ltd., the country's biggest rice company, slumped as much as 3.7% before paring losses. Chaman Lal Setia Exports Ltd. declined as much as 1.4%, Kohinoor Foods Ltd. dropped 2.9% while LT Foods Ltd. tumbled 4.4%.

Importers such as Indonesia, Ĉhina and the Philippines have been aggressively stockpiling rice this year. El Niño conditions have developed in the tropical Pacific for the first time in seven years, according to the World Meteorological Organization, threatening to bring drought to many ricegrowing regions. A potential ban by India will add to worries over supply.

India's plan comes after its



prices have already soared to a two-year high on fears that the return of El Niño will damage

India accounts for about 40% of the global rice trade and has sought to tighten exports of some varieties. Last year, the South Asian nation banned broken rice exports and imposed a 20% duty on shipments of white and brown rice after Russia's invasion of Ukraine sent prices of food staples like wheat and corn soaring. The country has also restricted wheat and sugar exports.

Representatives for the food, trade and finance ministries didn't respond to emails or text messages seeking comment. India supplies rice to more

consumer price inflation quickened in June mainly due to higher food prices. Bloomberg Economics expects inflation to rebound further after the latest surge in tomato prices, a key ingredient in Indian cuisine, and an increase in the government's support price for monsoon-sown crops. Barclays Bank Plc and Yes Bank have raised their inflation forecasts.

Retail rice prices in Delhi have climbed about 15% this year while the average nationwide price has gained 8%, according to data from the food ministry. Persistent high food costs could hurt popular sentiment ahead of several state polls later this year and national election in 2024.

Govt Imposes Import Restrictions On Certain Gold Jewellery, Articles

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The government on Wednesday imposed import restrictions on certain gold jewellery and articles, a move which would help cut import of non-essential items and contain trade deficit.

Now an importer would need a permission of licence from the government for importing these gold products.

However, the directorate general of foreign trade (DGFT) said that the restrictions will not be there for imports under the India-UAE free trade agreement.

In a notification, the DGFT said that the import policy of these products "has been amended from free to restricted with immediate effect".

Imports of pearls, precious and semiprecious stones dipped by 25.36 per cent to about USD 4 billion during April-May this fiscal. Gold imports too contracted by about 40 per cent to USD 4.7 billion in the same period. Overall merchandise imports during April-May this fiscal declined 10.24 per cent to USD 107 billion. The merchandise trade deficit for April-May 2023 stood at USD 37.26 billion against USD

Import of certain gold jewelery stood at over USD 110 million in April-may this fiscal and it was mainly imported from countries like UAE, Indonesia and the US.

40.48 billion during April-May 2022.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SPL SUB DIV. TANGDAR

MOTICE IMALLING LEWDER

1st Fresh (REW) Tender Notice No. 51 SSD Tangdar of 2023-24 Endtt No.

E-tendering DATED: 13.07.2023 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on percentage % basis from approved and eligible

Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	(Rs. In Lacs)	T/Doc. (In rupees)	E/Money (in Rs)	Completion In days	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Constt of community soak pit 1 at Nachiyan	1.945	200	3890	10 days	DEE/DDC	SBM-G
2	Constt of community soak pit 2 at Nachiyan	1.945	200	3890	10 days	DEE/DDC	SBM-G
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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 of dates given below: Special condition: for works Adv cost upto Rs.3.00 lakhs, only DEE class and DDC Registered Card holders of respective Panchayat

Halqa shall take part in tendering process in light of the Govt Order No: 238 F of 2021 Dtd:9/7/2021. Bidder must upload any documents Residential certificate/Aadhar card/Ration card/Electricity bill showing panchayat name as residence proof tha the/she is residing the particular panchayat Halqa Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of E Challan / Treasury receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Spl Sub

Div Tangdar(tender inviting authority) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar (Tender receiving authority). The Successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% additional performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be released after the 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.

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l	01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	13.07.2023
l	02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	13.07.2023
	03.	Bid submission start date	13.07.2023
	04.	Bid submission end date	19.07.2023 upto (04.00P.M)
	05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	20.07.2023 at (10.00A.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar
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The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on web Site www.jketenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar (Tender receiving authority). 5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any Modifications in the terms and conditions

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

C. d. Failure of submission of Tender document fee by the bidder using the site shall entail him for blacklisting.

6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website 5-1

www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process. 5-2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000.

Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical 5-3

5-4 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Beside, original/Photocopies of documents related

to the bid be submitted physically/by registered post/through courier before the date specified in Para-1.

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

Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of E chalan / Treasury receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar and Earnest Money/Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR if applicable pledged to Executive Engineer Spl Sub Div Tangdar must be uploaded with the bid. The original E chalan /Treasury receipt (cost of tender document), CDR/FDR (earnest money/bid security) and relevant documents to be submitted to the tender opening authority by registered post/Courier/by hand before due date of submission of tender/as per time schedule specified contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

DIPK-5065-23 **Executive Engineer** DT: 13/07/2023 Spl Sub Div Tangdar

India-China Trade Shows First Signs Of Slowdown In Years in the first half of this year came as

Press Trust Of India

BEIJING- The India-China trade, which in recent years rose sharply despite bilateral tensions over the border dispute, showed the first signs of a slowdown in years falling by 0.9 per cent in the first half of this year.

This came as China's overall foreign trade declined by about five per cent as its economy struggled to recover from COVID blues.

China's exports to India in the first half of this year totalled USD 56.53 billion compared to USD 57.51 billion last year registering a decline of 0.9 per cent, according to the data released by

Chinese customs on Thursday. India's exports to China during the same period totalled USD 9.49 billion compared to USD 9.57 billion last year.

The trade deficit in the first half of 2023 too declined significantly to USD 47.04 compared to USD 67.08 billion last year.

Last year was a bumper year for India-China trade as it touched an all-time high of USD 135.98 billion despite the continued chill in the bilateral ties over the military standoff in eastern Ladakh in May 2020.

The total India-China trade in 2022 overtook the USD 125 billion mark a year earlier by registering an 8.4 per cent increase. New Delhi's trade deficit with Beijing crossed for the first time a USD 100 billion mark despite

frosty bilateral relations.

The trade deficit for India stood at USD 101.02 billion in 2022 crossing the 2021 figure of USD 69.38 billion. The slowdown of India-China trade

China's total trade including imports and exports fell nearly 5 per cent from a year earlier in dollar terms. While exports slipped 3.2 per cent and imports declined 6.7 per cent.

Also, China's exports tumbled 12.4 per cent in June from a year earlier amid weakening demand following increasing interest rates by central banks to curb inflation as the Chinese economy struggled to stage post-CO-VID recovery. Chinese customs data released Thursday showed imports slid 6.8 per cent to USD 214.7 billion.

The disappointing data is yet another indicator of China's sputtering postpandemic economic recovery, which has lost momentum in the second quarter, analysts told the Hong Kongbased South China Morning Post.

PM MODI DEGREE DEFAMATION CASE

Court Asks AAP Leaders Kejriwal, Sanjay Singh To Appear Before It On July 26

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Ahmedabad: A court here on Thursday directed Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and AAP's Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh to appear before it on July 26 in connection with a criminal defamation case over their "sarcastic" and "derogatory" statements with regard to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's degree.

The case against the two Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders was filed on the basis of a complaint lodged by the Gujarat University (GU).

A metropolitan court here had earlier directed the two leaders to appear before it on Thursday (July 13). However, their lawyer filed an exemption application saying Kejriwal and Singh could not appear due to heavy rains in Delhi.

Gujarat University's lawyer Amit Nair did not oppose the plea but urged the court to direct the AAP leaders to remain present on the next date as the trial is being delayed.

After taking into consideration the exemption plea for their absence, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate S J Panchal directed Kejriwal and Singh to remain present on July 26.

During the hearing, the AAP leaders' lawyer submitted another plea under section 309 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), urging the court to adjourn the hearing in view of a related matter being heard in the Gujarat High Court.

However, Nair opposed the plea

saying there was no connection between this case and the matter which is pending before the high court. Subsequently, the AAP leaders did not

press for the plea and withdrew it.

During the previous hearings, the court had summoned the two AAP leaders after observing that prima facie there appeared to be a case against them under section 500 (defamation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Gujarat University Registrar Piyush Patel had filed a defamation complaint against the two leaders over their comments after the Gujarat High Court set aside the Chief Information Commissioner's order on PM Modi's educational degree.

They made "defamatory" statements in press conferences and on Twitter targeting the university over PM Modi's degree, the complainant said, adding that their comments against the Gujarat University were defamatory and intended to hurt the reputation of the varsity.

Some of the comments quoted by the complainant and attributed to Kejriwal are: "If there is a degree and it is genuine, then why is it not being given?"

"They are not giving degree because it might be fake," and "If the Prime Minister studied at Delhi University and Gujarat University, then Gujarat University should celebrate that its student became the country's PM," his other comment said.

As per the university, Singh said that "they (GU) are trying to prove the PM's fake degree as genuine".

PROFESSOR'S HAND CHOPPED OFF IN 2010:

Special NIA Court In Kerala Terms It Terror Act, Sentences Three To Life Term

Kochi: A special NIA court in Kerala on Thursday sentenced to life imprisonment three of the six persons convicted in the sensational 2010 case in which a college professor's hand was chopped off. The court termed it a "terror act" for which the convicts "don't deserve any leniency".

The right hand of T J Joseph, professor of Newman College in Thodupuzha in Idukki district, was chopped off by alleged activists of the now banned radical Islamic outfit Popular Front of India (PFI) on July 4, 2010.

Special NIA court judge Anil K Bhaskar sentenced Sajil, Nasar and Najeeb to life term under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for the offence of being part of a terrorist organisation.

The remaining three convicts
-- Noushad, P P Moideen Kunhu
and Ayoob -- were sentenced to
three years for harbouring the
offenders in the case.

"What has been committed is a terrorist act. The nation and its citizenry also suffered a lot. Terrorism has been recognised as one of the six most severe threats to civilisation, security and humanity. The act of the accused is a challenge to the secular fabric of our nation.

"It attempts to establish a parallel religious judicial system which is absolutely illegal, illegitimate and unconstitutional. It has no place in independent India under our constitutional scheme. A country governed by the rule of law cannot fathom it," the court said in its order on the sentence.

The special court further said that in the instant "horrible" incident, the accused, "as prescribed in their religious text", were delivering a sentence on the professor for allegedly blaspheming Prophet Mohammed and Islam in a question paper set by him.

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It observed that the mental trauma and physical pain suffered by the professor was terrible, and his wife who had witnessed the attack could not withstand the trauma for long and committed suicide.

"This most uncivilised act cannot be countenanced at all. Therefore, from the nation's standpoint, the sentence to be imposed shall be a deterrent, and the convicts don't deserve any leniency," the court said.

The special court also said that citizens have a fundamental right not to be subjected to any kind of fear or threat or danger at the hands of anti-social elements.

"The accused, by their violent terrorist activity, had really struck terror in the people's minds. To avoid repeating similar incidents, imposing stringent punishment on the accused is highly necessary," it said.

Sajil was also sentenced by the special court to 10 years each for the offences of committing a terrorist act and conspiracy to commit a terror act under the UAPA, attempted murder under the IPC and use of explosives under the Explosive Substances Act.

The court declined to give him any leniency on health grounds as sought by Sajil, saying that his medical problems can be addressed by giving directions to the jail superintendent to do the needful.

It also said that according to one of the witnesses in whose marital home Sajil was hiding, when the news of the death of the professor's wife came out, Sajil was in a celebratory mood. "The factual circumstance

doesn't disclose any remorse on the accused's (Sajil) side. Therefore, I don't find any possibility for the reformation of the accused," the court said.

Nasar and Najeeb were also sentenced by the court to 10 years for each of the offences of attempted murder and use of explosives.

All the sentences are to run concurrently, the court said.
A total fine of Rs 4 lakh was

also imposed by the court on the convicts and directed that it be paid to the victim -- Joseph.

When reporters mentioned the fine amount that he would get, Joseph said that the government should have compensated him for his suffering years ago.

The professor, speaking to media outside his home in Ernakulam, said that he had told the police back then about the attempts made on his life, but was not given any protection.

2020 Delhi Riots: Judge Chides Io For Befooling' Court, Refers Matter To Commissioner

New Delhi, Jul 13: A Delhi court berated a police officer for not submitting a formal report about the proclamation issued against an absconding accused despite repeated directions and referred the matter to the city police commissioner Sanjay Arora. The court, which was hearing a case related to the 2020 northeast Delhi riots, asked the police commissioner to take "sufficient steps" to sensitise the Investigating Officer (IO), who was "befooling the court" with the excuse that he has been transferred and wasting its time for several months.

Additional Sessions Judge Pulastya Pramachala was hearing a case registered by Khajuri Khas police station against Iqbal and 22 others. He said the court had repeatedly directed the IO to place on record the formal report regarding the proclamation, affixation and pasting of the process under Section 82 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (proclamation for person absconding). The proclamation was issued against Mohammed Imran, an accused in the case, the judge noted in an order passed on Wednesday.

Noting the IO's failure to comply with the directions, ASJ Pramachala said, "Matter is now referred to the Commissioner of Police to take sufficient steps to sensitise and make the IO understand to take any direction of the court in the right spirit of the letter and with serious intention to comply with the same, rather than befooling the court with the same plea (that he was transferred) and wasting time for months."

The court noted the IO was making "excuses" for not finding and placing on record the report, which it has been seeking since April 6, on the ground of his transfer. The judge said he had reiterated the direction twice later on April 15 and May 18.

"...because of non-compliance of direction, IO was freshly given such direction to ensure that such report was placed on the record by that evening (May 18) But he did not bother to find out this process (proclamation notice), to place the same on the record of this case as directed," the court said.

"At the same time, I have no other option, but to seek the help of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (northeast) to find out this process, if so executed by way of the announcement and pasting at the given address of the accused, and the formal report on the same by the concerned process server," the court added.

CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

J&K Is Moderately

According to the CEEW, 12 states -- Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Goa, Bihar -- are highly exposed to extreme flood events. However, only three -- Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Bihar -- have a high availability of flood early warning systems.

Odisha has moderate EWS availability and the rest low availability, indicating a gap in the planning for installing flood monitoring and forecasting stations, the report said.

Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana are moderately exposed to extreme floods

While Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tripura have a high availability of flood early warning systems, the rest have a moderate resilience through flood EWS.

States such as Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana have the lowest availability of flood EWS.

Research shows that 97.51 million people in India are exposed to extreme flood events, and most districts are exposed to more than one extreme event, highlighting the importance of making EWS available to all in the country, especially in the states and districts most exposed to its impacts, the report said.

It said that more than 88 per cent of the Indian states exposed to floods and 100 per cent of the states exposed to extreme cyclone events have a high teledensity ratio, which means to access early warnings through telecommunications.

The recent floods in India and Cyclone Biparjoy have once again shown the importance of investing in early warning systems, said Dr Vishwas Chitale, senior programme lead, CEEW.

"The country is rapidly expanding its early warning coverage by embracing transformative technologies. However, as we witness swapping paterns in the climatic extremes in the country, where previously droughtprone areas are now facing floods, all states need to ramp up their early warning systems to safeguard lives and livelihoods," he said.

According to him, states should leverage state-of-the-art technologies to build inclusive, impact-based multi-hazard early warning systems that involve the local communities for last-mile connectivity.

"Intensifying adaptation finance for enhancing disaster preparedness is the need of the hour," he said.

A CEEW study released in 2021 found that 27 of 35 Indian states and union territories (UTs) are vulnerable to extreme hydro-met disasters and their compounding impacts. Eighty per cent of India's population resides in these vulnerable regions.

However, India has been taking steps to build its resilience to the impacts of such extreme events by increasing preparedness and investing in EWS. These systems are being deployed throughout the world as essential instruments for disaster risk reduction.

At the 2022 UN climate summit in Egypt, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres unveiled an Executive Action Plan to provide "Early Warnings for All", saying that "one out of three persons globally, primarily in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), lack access to effective early warning systems". This plan requires an investment of USD 3.1 billion from 2023 to 2027 to make EWS available to everyone across the globe.

Incessant, heavy rain wrought massive damage in several parts of north India over the last few days.

Due to a rare interaction of a western disturbance, monsoonal winds and a cyclonic circulation, heavy to extremely heavy rainfall in Himachal Pradesh over the weekend caused flooding and landslides in the hilly terrain.

The gushing water swept away bridges, homes and cars, and caused widespread devastation in the state.

Neighbouring Uttarakhand also saw a similar situation with water levels of several rivers crossing the danger mark.

In Delhi, the Yamuna swelled to 208.62 metres, surpassing the previous all-time record of 207.49 metres set 45 years ago. The raging river inundated nearby streets, impacted public and private infrastructure, road and rail traffic and caused immense hardships to people living in close proximity to the river.

Curbs have also been placed for the entry of vehicles into the national capital.

HC Sets Aside

punishable under Section 5(2) of the PC (Prevention of Corruption) Act and Section 161 of the RPC (Ranbir Penal Code)," Justice Chowdhary said in his 16-page order on Tuesday.

The order said since the accused was alleged to have committed the offence in 1997, now, at this stage of the case, while the appeal is being decided in 2023, it is recorded that for this inordinate delay in its disposal by the trial court in 2010 and by the high court now, a lenient view has to be taken while imposing the sentence of punishment.

"Though the offences of which the respondent has been convicted are punishable with a minimum punishment of one year imprisonment and fine, but for special reasons to be recorded, punishment of imprisonment can be further lowered to six months," Justice Chowdhary said.

"...the respondent/convict is sentenced to an imprisonment of six months and fine of Rs 20,000 for the commission of offences punishable under P C Act and RPC each. In default of payment of fine, he shall undergo further simple imprisonment of one month," the order read

3 Migrant Labourers

referred them to Srinagar's SMHS hospital for advanced treatment. The condition of Anmol Kumar was said to be critical when the last reports came "Terrorists fired upon three outside labourers in Shopian. Injured persons are Anmol Kumar, Pintu Kumar Thakur and Heralal Yadav, all residents of Distt Supaul, Bihar, being shifted to hospital. Cordon being launched," Kashmir Police posted earlier on its official Twitter handle.

Will Bring

Strongly condemning the terror attack in Shopian in which three people have been injured, the LG said such barbaric acts targeting labourers highlight the desperation and cowardice of terrorists and their sympathizers, an official spokesperson said.

Sinha, he said, directed the district administration to ensure all possible assistance to those injured and their family members.

"The Lt Governor said no efforts will be spared to bring the perpetrators to justice," he added.

NIA Raids Five

in the Jammu and Kashmir militancy conspiracy case, the NIA conducted another round of raids at the premises of hybrid militants and overground workers (OGWs) of the outfits and affiliates of Pakistan-backed banned militant organisations," an NIA spokesman said.

Some of these newly-floated outfits, including The Resistance Front (TRF) which is a shadow organisation of Lashkar-e-Taiba, have been found issuing threats of carrying out attacks in the Union territory through social media, the officials said.

The raids were conducted at five locations in Shopian, Awantipora and

The NIA also raided the premises of sympathisers and cadres of the newly floated outfits, namely TRF, United Liberation Front Jammu and Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu and Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, PAAF and others. These outfits are affiliated to various banned Pakistan-backed organisations like Laskhar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr, Al-Qaeda,

The spokesman said several digital devices containing large volumes of incriminating data were recovered during the searches, which have once again put the spotlight on OGWs as an important part of the militant ecosystem in the Kashmir Valley, which is being dismantled on a continuous basis

Also known as hybrid militants, they provide support to militants and militants based in Pakistan, he added. The NIA had registered a suo motu

case (RC-05/2022/NIA/JMU) on June 21, 2022, to investigate the involvement of the cadres and OGWs of the various outfits in spreading activities relating to terror, violence and subversion in J-K.

These cadres and workers have been involved in the collection and distribution of sticky bombs/magnetic bombs, improvised explosive devices (IEDs), funds, narcotic substances and arms/ammunition.

The NIA said its investigations have

revealed that Pakistan-based opera-

tives were using social media plat-

forms to promote terror. Drones were

being used by them to deliver arms/ ammunition, explosives, narcotics, etc. to their operatives and cadres in the Kashmir Valley.

The militancy conspiracy relates to plotting by the banned outfits in both physical and cyber space to unleash violent terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir with sticky bombs, IEDs and small arms.

The organisations, supported by their masters in Pakistan, have been conspiring to commit acts of militancy and violence, by radicalizing local youths and mobilizing overground workers, to disturb peace and communal harmony in the Union territory, the agency said.

Mystery Shrouds

fast-food sellers use dressed chicken in a variety of dishes like instant pot steamed dumplings or momos, thus putting the lives of people in jeopardy," Bhat told Kashmir Observer.

Director FCS&CA, Fayaz Ahmad Sofi said the issue has to be looked at by the district administration. He was however quick to add that the matter will be investigated.

When contacted, Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Athar Amir Khan said the civic body will certainly activate the teams of Health and Sanitation Department together with Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department

(CA&PD) very soon.

"There will be no compromise when it comes to the health of the general public. We will mobilize all allied departments including (CA&PD) and activate our teams and initiate extensive market checking so that elements involved in the illegal practice are brought to book. I would like to assure people that actions warranted under law shall be initiated soon," Khan told Kashmir Observer.

Thakur Announces

During one of his interactions with locals, the minister asserted that after the formation of the Union territory, a lot of development has taken place in Ladakh such as direct funding, 24-hour electricity, installation of solar plant, increased livelihood opportunity, and sanction of 375 mobile towers in Leh.

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He also unveiled plans for future initiatives that would further enhance the development of Changthang and surrounding villages. These initiatives include upgrading infrastructure for better connectivity, and promoting eco-tourism to leverage the region's natural beauty.

Thakur assured the villagers that the government would provide all necessary support and resources to implement these plans effectively.

The concerted effort of the government would lead to increased tourism development in Changthang, he added.

While interacting with the jawans

of the 37th ITBP post, Thakur spoke about the reforms undertaken by the Centre to provide all facilities for the forces posted at the border such as improved combat wear, armament, make in India initiative and pensions, etc.

The minister's visit to vibrant village Changthang is a significant step towards empowering rural communities, uplifting their living standards,

and fostering sustainable development in the region, the statement said.

Omar Sets Out

handful of his special security group personnel -- a wing of J-K Police responsible for guarding VVIPs -- were seen walking along with him.

The former J-K chief minister took to Twitter and posted a video of his walk to the office.

"Dear @JmuKmrPolice don't think that refusing to give me my escort vehicles & ITBP cover will stop me. I'll walk to where I have to get to & that's exactly what I'm

doing now," Abdullah said.

After reaching office, where some of his party leaders and activists were waiting for him, the NC vice president said the "police would now send ev-

erything" for his security.

"Now that I've got to the office & will go ahead with my programme you will send everything. The fact is @JmuKmrPolice has stopped a lot of my senior colleagues from coming to the @JKNC_ office today by adopting the same tactics of stopping them in their homes. Notable amongst those stopped are Abdul Rahim Rather Sb, @AliMSagar_ Sb, Ali Mohd Dar Sb and others," he said.

The NC said Abdullah was to address the party workers to pay tributes to the 1931 martyrs.

"Despite the restrictions placed on JKNC Vice President @OmarAbdullah, which denied him security vehicles and ITBP cover, he chose to walk from his home to the Nawai Subh office. His purpose was to address the party workers who had gathered there to pay their heartfelt tributes to the 1931 Martyrs," the party said in a tweet.

July 13 was a public holiday in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and a grand official function was held every year on this day where the chief minister or the governor would be the chief guest.

However, the governor administration dropped the day from the list of gazetted holidays in 2020, after the abrogation of Article 370 and splitting of the erstwhile state into Union territories by the Centre on August 5, 2019.

Apart from the official function at the Martyrs' graveyard, mainstream political leaders also used to visit it to pay homage to the 22 Kashmiris who fell to the bullets of the Dogra army while protesting the autocratic rule of Maharaja Hari Singh.

For these last few years, the political parties have alleged that their movement was restricted on the day and they were not allowed to visit the graveyard in the city.

Was Put Under

Mehbooba also posted photos and videos showing the main gate of her residence — in the Khimber area on the outskirts of the city — locked from outside.

"BJPs own heroes Vir Sarvarkar, Shyama Prasad Mukheriji ,Gowalkar & Godse who spread hatred & divison can't be forced on us. For us those who sacrificed their lives for democracy to take root in J&K will always be admired for their act of courage. We won't allow you to distort our history or forget our heroes. On the occasion of Martyrs day, I salute their courage for valiantly fighting against despots to the end," she said.

CRPF Deployed

no yatra, our priority is the security of the people, and our jawans do not rest. They work 24/7. They are on duty 365 days. I assure you that we are at your service," Avasthy said.

Asked about special drills along the highway, he said there is an increase in the traffic and the CRPF personnel are also engaged in traffic control to ensure smooth movement of the yatra

Avasthy lauded the local population's support to the pilgrimage.

"We have full cooperation of the local people. There are no problems, local population provides water to yatris, bless them," he added.

LG Releases

Hindi poetic anthology 'Kaal Surya' translated into English as 'An Epoch of the Sun'; Hindi anthology of poems 'Khoye Hue Prishth' translated into Urdu as 'Auraq-e-Gum Gashta' and the translation of Kashmiri literary Diary as 'Conversation with Silence'.

Saina Nehwal

her mother Usha Nehwal, undertook the pilgrimage on Wednesday, the officials said.

After paying obeisance at the holy cave shrine, Nehwal said she felt blessed and was bestowed with positivity, strength and peace of mind. "We had very good darshan of the

"We had very good darshan of the Amarnath ji. People mostly discuss these things that they want to have darshan of Amarnath ji, but, I feel blessed that I had the darshan along with my mother," she said in a video released by the Jammu and Kashmir's Department of Information and Public Relations.

Nehwal expressed gratitude to the J-K administration, the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB) and the security forces.

"You feel good and your mind is at peace. It was a very good experience, a comfortable one," the former world number one said.

Her mother said everyone should undertake the yatra and have darshan' at the cave shrine.

Shopkeeper Held

diesel on higher rates, while 187 liters of petrol and diesel have been also recovered from the shop.

Meanwhile, a case under sections of Essential Commodities & Petroleum Act has been registered in Police Station Pattan and investigations have been set into motion.

Youth Found

responded to the incident and took possession of the body, which was then transferred to the District Hospital for further examination," he said.

During the post-mortem examination, doctors verified the doubts surrounding the case, as they discovered blackish spots on his face and torso.

One of the doctors who conducted the autopsy, conclusively ruled out drowning as the cause of Junaid's death. "The circumstances surrounding his untimely demise are now being regarded as suspicious," he said. "

"The body was handed over to the family for last rites after medico-legal formalities."

Ishfaq Ahmed To Coach India **U-16 Men's Football Team**

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: The Technical Committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Thursday recommended J&K's footballing hero Ishfaq Ahmed as head coach of the Under-16 national team.

The committee met virtually to discuss the appointment of the coaching staff.

The committee after deliberating on the applications from the various candidates, recommended the three core coaching staff that will take the team forward.

The committee unanimously recommended that former India international Ishfaq Ahmed be appointed head coach of the India U-16 national team. The Committee also recommended that Rajan Mani and Feroz Sharif be appointed assistant coach and goalkeeper coach, respectively.

Committee Chairman Vijayan said after the meeting, "This is a new beginning for the India U-16 national team, and I am sure the



team will be in able hands, and the coaches we have recommended will do a fine job in taking the team forward. The U-16s have an assignment in hand in the SAFF U-16 Championship to be played in Bhutan from September 1 to 11. I am sure the team will perform to the level which

Srinagar Premier League: Results, Fixtures & More



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srinagar Premier Football League action continued on Thursday at Synthetic Turf TRC.

In the first match, an early morning kick off, Star Kashmir FC took on Kashmir Panthers FC. The first half was evenly contested with both clubs failing to find the back of the net. The second half proved to be a different story as Star Kashmir's Moosa Bilal managed to give his side the lead in 54th minute. Shariq Hussain then doubled Star Kashmir's lead in the 58th minute. The Star Kashmir boys maintained their 2-0 lead till final whistle. Shariq Hussain was awarded man of the match for his 1 goal and 1 assist performance.

In the second Round 6 match of the day, Novelty FC played STFC Natipora at 5:30 PM. The first half was a fierce one with both teams trying to score. However, the half ended goalless. With all to play for in the second half, STFC Natipora broke the deadlock to take a 1-0 lead. But Novelty managed to equalise soon after to make things even. STFC then had a stroke of luck as a Novelty player put the ball into his own net to give STFC a 2-1 lead, which they managed to hold on to till final whistle.

The 2023 Srinagar Premier League will continue today, Friday, with two matches on schedule. AG's Office XI will take on Kashmir Avengers FC at 8:30 AM, while in the second game, SCFA will lock horns with Iqbal Sports FC at 5:30 PM.

Srinagar Super Division Football League Kicks Off At TRC

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srinagar Super Division Football League kicked off at Synthetic Turf TRC on Thursday.

In the opening game Alamadar FC took on Young Rangreth FC at 3:30 PM.

The Jammu & Kashmir Football Association has said that the league will be organised on a "professional framework, similar to the mini I-League

standards". The association also held a meeting on Thursday to discuss various aspects of the league.

"During the meeting, the participating teams were distributed into two pools, and various important issues were discussed and deliberated upon. The primary focus was to ensure the league's smooth operation and provide an exceptional experience for players, officials, and fans alike," the FA said in a statement.

WI v IND: India Dominate Windies On Day 2 Of 1st Test

DOMINICA: Skipper Rohit Sharma and debutant Yashasvi Iaiswal hit half-centuries as India took control of the first Test against the West Indies by reaching 146 for no loss in their first innings in reply to the host's lowly 150 at lunch on the second day, here on Thursday.

While Rohit remained unbeaten on 68, Jaiswal was unconquered on 62.

India trail West Indies by four runs. Resuming the day at 80 for no loss, Jaiswal and Rohit continued from where they left on Wednesday to remain unconquered. Earlier, Indian spin twins Ravichandran Ashwin (5/60) and Ravindra Jadeja (3/26) shared eight wickets to trigger the collapse as the West Indies were folded for 150 after skipper Kraigg Brathwaite opted to bat.

Brief Scores: West Indies 1st Innings: 150 all out in 64.3 overs (Alick Athanaze 47; Ravichandran Ashwin 5/60, Ravindra Jadeja 3/26) India 1st Innings: 146 for no loss in 55 overs (Rohit Sharma 68 batting, Yashasvi Jaiswal 62 batting).

Ashwin first Indian to dismiss father and son in test

India's ace spinner, Ravichandran Ashwin, etched his years later, Ashwin found



name into cricketing history on the opening day of the first Test against West Indies in Roseau, Dominica. In a remarkable feat, Ashwin became the first Indian and the fifth bowler globally to dismiss both a father and son in Test matches.

Ashwin's journey began in 2011 when he made his Test debut, and during that inaugural appearance, he achieved a significant milestone by dismissing Shivnarine Chanderpaul, the father of Tagenarine Chanderpaul. Now, twelve

himself face to face with Tagenarine and bowled a brilliant delivery to dismiss him as well.

What makes this accomplishment even more intriguing is that the Chanderpauls feature three times in the unique list of a father-son duo being dismissed by a bowler. Apart from Ashwin, the remaining two bowlers to achieve this feat are Australian fast bowler Mitchell Starc and South African off-spinner Simon Harmer, both of whom succeeded in dismissing the Chanderpauls.

WINNERS



FIFA To Pay Out \$209 **Million To Football Clubs**

ZURICH: FIFA will pay out \$209 million to clubs whose players competed at last year's World Cup finals in Qatar, world football's governing body said on Thursday. The payment will be made to 440 clubs from 51 different countries whose players were at the tournament last November and December, won by Argentina.

FIFA will pay a daily amount of \$10,950 for each of 837 footballers at the World Cup, regardless of how many minutes they played during the tournament. The total per player is divided and distributed to the club, or clubs, with which the player was registered in the two years lead-

ing up to the finals in Qatar. This is an increase from the \$8,530 that FIFA paid per player at the 2018 World Cup in Russia. For Qatar, a total of 46 English clubs will be the largest recipients with a combined total of \$37,713,297, followed by clubs from Spain, Germany, Italy and France.

Manchester City will be paid the most for a single club with a sum of \$4,596,445 followed by Barcelona (\$4,538,955) and Bayern Munich (\$4,331,809). Under the agreement signed earlier this year by FIFA and the European Club Association, \$355 million will be distributed to clubs under the programme for the 2026 and 2030 editions of the World Cup.

Vondrousova Ends Svitolina's **Run To Reach Wimbledon Final**

Agencies

LONDON: Czech Marketa Vondrousova showed there was no room for any gushing sentiment as she ended the remarkable run of new mum Elina Svitolina with a 6-3 6-3 victory to reach the Wimbledon final for the first time on Thursday.

In the run-up to a first All England Club women's semi-final featuring two unseeded players, Vondrousova said the Ukrainian was "incredible", "amazing", "a fighter" and "a super woman" for reaching the last four of a Grand Slam nine months after giving birth to daughter Skai.

But that did not stop Vondrousova from shattering Svitolina's dreams and she now stands one win from completing her own phenomenal comeback story after two wrist surgeries



following her runner-up finish at the French Open in 2019. "I cannot believe it. I am very happy that I made the final. Elina is such a fighter and a great person. It was a tough match. I am very happy," said the 42ndranked Vondrousova

ICC Announces Equal Prize Money For Men & Women At Its Global Events



Press Trust of India

DURBAN: The ICC on Thursday announced equal prize money for men's and women's teams at its global events in a bid to bring in pay parity, ushering in a new era in world cricket.

In the last 50 over men's World Cup, champions England got USD 4 million and runners-up New Zealand received USD 2 million.

"The International Cricket Council (ICC) today announced equal prize money for men's and women's teams at ICC events. The decision was taken at the ICC Annual Conference in Durban, South Africa and ensures the ICC Board fulfilled its commitment to reaching prize money equity

by 2030 well ahead of schedule," the ICC said in a statement.

"Teams will now receive

equal prize money for the equivalent finishing position at the same amount for winning a match at those events," it further stated. ICC Chair Greg Barclay said: "This is a significant moment in the history of our sport, and I am delighted that men's and women's cricketers competing at ICC global events will now be rewarded equally.

"Since 2017 we have increased prize money at women's events every year with a clear focus on reaching equal prize money and from here on in, winning the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup will carry

the same prize money as winning the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup and the same for T20 World Cups and U19s too."

Barclay added, "Cricket is enuinely a sport for all and this decision from the ICC Board reinforces that and enables us to celebrate and value every single player's contribution to the game equally." BCCI secretary Jay Shah played an active role as the head of Financial & Commercial Affairs Committee (F&CA) in formulating the policy having done the same in his own board last year.

"I thank the fellow Board members for their support in helping achieve this important endeavour. Let's work towards a future where cricket continues to thrive across the globe."

Major League Cricket Trophy Revealed In Texas



Agencies

TEXAS: Major League Cricket (MLC) added another momentous moment to a historic week for cricket in America, with the MLC Championship Trophy unveiled in Dallas on Wednesday.

The captains of the six MLC

teams gathered for photos and a media conference ahead of MLC's inaugural season, which starts this week. As per a press release from MLC, a photoshoot with the team captains took place at the newly-completed Grand Prairie Stadium, followed by a media conference in Dallas.

ICC Board Meet: India To Get Max. Share; Only 4 Overseas Players Allowed In New T20 Leagues

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NEW DELHI: The BCCI reaffirmed its status as the financial powerhouse of world cricket as the ICC unanimously passed the revenue distribution model at its allpowerful board meeting in Durban on Thursday.

In another important development, the ICC has put a cap on overseas cricketers plying their trade for teams in various leagues, keeping it to four players per playing XI in new events. This is primarily meant for T20 leagues starting in every nook and corner, which is posing a threat to the international version of the game.

While the ICC media release didn't state the quantum of revenue that the BCCI will generate from the new distribution model, it is expected that the Indian board will annually earn USD 230 million from the USD 600 million pot for the next four years.

It is around 38.4 percent approximately and at least six times more than England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), who are set to receive approximately USD 41 million at 6.89 percent and Cricket Australia (CA) who will get 37.53 million (around 6.25 percent). They are distant second and third in the list.

"The ICC Board also confirmed the largest ever investment into the sport after the distribution model for the next four years was agreed," the ICC release stated.

"Every ICC Member will receive significantly enhanced funding with a strategic investment fund ring-fenced to drive global growth initiatives in line with the ICC Global Growth Strategy," it further stated.

While the numbers were not there in the release, an ICC board member confirmed



that the BCCI got its rightful share for its contribution to the growth of the sport and in this cycle each member would earn significantly more.

"All members will receive

a base distribution and then additional revenue will be in relation to contribution to the global game both on and off the field," ICC chairman Greg Barclay said. "This is by

far the largest level of investment ever to go into cricket and it's a once in a generation opportunity for our members to accelerate growth and engage more players and fans and drive competitiveness," he added.

Cap on players' participation in new events

The ICC has decided that all new events (read various T20 leagues) will have to at least include seven home grown players or players from associate member in their playing XIs, in order to prevent en masse retirement of T20

specialists from top countries. With the Major League Cricket (MLC) starting in the USA and Saudi Arabia also planning an ambitious T20 project in future, the stakeholders want to protect international cricket.

The host T20 board will also have to pay a "solidarity fee", which, in simple words, is a commission to the home board of an overseas player.

"Moving forwards, new events requiring a sanction will need to ensure the playing XI of each team will include a minimum of seven local or associate member players to support the development of the game.

"Additionally, a solidarity fee will be payable from the organising member to the home board of a player to reflect the role the member played in developing and promoting the sport globally.'

Over-rate sanctions The Chief Executives' Com-

mittee approved changes to over-rate sanctions in Test cricket to balance the need for over-rates to be maintained and ensure players are appropriately remunerated. Such players will be fined 5% of their match fee for each over short up to a maximum of 50%. If a team is bowled out before the new ball is due at 80 overs, there will be no over-rate penalty applied even if there is a slow overrate. This replaces the current 60 over threshold.

OUTPOST

1st Over-The-Counter **Birth Control Pill Approved In US**



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Washington: The US drug regulator approved the first over-thecounter birth control pill in the country, it announced Thursday, dramatically widening access to contraception for women as the United States grapples with reproductive rights. The medication, Opill, will become available in pharmacies and supermarkets as well as online early next year, the manufacturer Perrigo said in a statement.

Many countries already allow contraceptive pills to be sold over the counter. But in the United States the measure comes as the right to abortion is under renewed assault from conservatives and is

now banned in several states. 'Today's approval marks the first time a nonprescription daily oral contraceptive will be an available option for millions of people in the United States," said Patrizia Cavazzoni, director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation

and Research in a statement. "When used as directed, daily oral contraception is safe and is expected to be more effective than currently available nonprescription contraceptive methods in preventing unintended preg-

Almost half of the 6.1 million pregnancies in the United States each year are unintended, the FDA.

Allowing women to access the progestin-only daily contraceptive pill without needing to see a doctor first "may help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and their potential negative impacts," the FDA statement said.

The pill, produced by the pharmaceutical company HRA Pharma, which was recently acquired by Perrigo, had already been authorized for prescription in the United States for a number of years.

More Than Half The World's Oceans Have Changed Colour. Read Why

New Delhi: The colour of over 56 per cent of the world's oceans, larger than Earth's total land expanse, has changed significantly over the last two decades and human-caused climate change is likely the driver, according to researchers.

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These colour changes, subtle to the human eye, cannot be explained by natural, year-to-year variability alone, the researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), US, and other institutes write in their paper published in the journal Nature.

Ocean colour, a literal reflection of the life and materials in its waters, in regions near the equator was found to have steadily turned greener over time, indicating changes in the ecosystems within the surface oceans.

The green colour of the ocean waters comes from the green pigment chlorophyll present in phytoplankton, the plant-like microbes abundant in upper ocean. Scientists are, therefore, keen to monitor phytoplankton to see their response to climate change.

However, the authors of this study showed through previ-ous studies that it would take 30 years of tracking chlorophyll changes before climate-changedriven trends would show, because natural, annual variations in chlorophyll would overwhelm



those influenced by human ac-

In a 2019 paper, study coauthor Stephanie Dutkiewicz and her colleagues showed that monitoring other ocean colours, whose annual variations are much smaller than those of chlorophyll, would convey more clear signals of climate-change-driven changes and that they might even be apparent in 20 years,

rather than 30. "It's worth looking at the whole spectrum, rather than just trying to estimate one number from bits of the spectrum," said lead author B. B. Cael of the National Oceanography Center.

Cael and team then statistically analysed all the seven ocean colours recorded by satellite observations from 2002 to 2022 together. He initially studied the colours' natural variations by seeing how they changed regionally in a given year.

He then observed how these annual variations changed over two decades.'

understand change's contribution to all these changes, he used Dutkiewicz's 2019 model to simulate the Earth's oceans under two scenarios - one with greenhouse gases and the other without them.

The greenhouse-gas model predicted changes to the colour of about 50 per cent of the world's surface oceans in under 20 years - close to Cael's conclusions from his real-world satellite data analysis.

"This suggests that the trends we observe are not a random variation in the Earth system,"

"This is consistent with anthropogenic climate change.

Google's AI Chatbot, Bard, Expands To Europe, Brazil, To Take On ChatGPT

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Brussels: Alphabet said it is rolling out its artificial- intelligence chatbot, Bard, in Europe and Brazil on Thursday, the product's biggest expansion since its February launch and pitting it against Microsoft-backed rival ChatGPT.

Bard and ChatGPT are human-sounding programs that use generative artificial intelligence to hold conversations with users and answer myriad prompts. The products have touched off global excitement tempered with caution.

Companies have jumped onto the AI bandwagon, investing billions with the hope of generating much more in advertising and cloud revenue. Earlier this week, billionaire Elon Musk also launched his long-teased artificial-intelligence startup xAI, whose team includes several former engineers at Google, Microsoft and OpenAI.

Google has also now added new features to Bard, which apply worldwide.

"Starting today, you can collaborate with Bard in over 40 languages, including Arabic, Chinese, German, Hindi and Spanish," Google senior product director Jack Krawczyk said in a blog post.

"Sometimes hearing something out loud can help you approach your idea in a different way ... This is especially helpful if you want to hear the correct pronunciation of a word or listen to a poem or script."

He said users can now change the tone and style of Bard's responses to either simple, long, short, professional or casual. They can pin or rename conversations, export code to more places and use images in prompts.

Bard's launch in the EU had been held up by local privacy regulators. Krawczyk said Google had since then met the watchdogs to reassure them on issues relating to transparency, choice and control.

In a briefing with journalists, Amar Subramanya, engineering vice president of Bard, added that users could opt out of their data being collected.

Google has been hit by a fresh class action in the U.S. over the alleged misuse of users' personal information to train its artificial intelligence system.

Subramanya declined to comment on whether there were plans to develop a Bard app.

"Bard is an experiment," he added. "We want to be bold and responsible."

Nonetheless, novelty appeal may be waning, with recent Web user numbers showing that monthly traffic to ChatG-PT's website and unique visitors declined for the first time ever

