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Army Gives Up Srinagar's Tattoo Ground; Amusement Park to Replace Garrison

Defence Ministry Sign Pact With Ministry Of Home Affairs Through J&K Govt For Transfer Of 139.04 acres Of Defence Land

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a significant development, the army has finally given up the prime land spread over 139.4 acres in Srinagar as Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) through the UT government.

The land called Tattoo Ground in Batmaloo quarter of the city will be used for the tourism promotion now and J&K administration is all set to come up with a first ever world class Amusement Park on it, official sources said.

MoD signed MoU with MHA through UT government for



WE WILL MAKE HONEST AND DEDICATED EFFORTS TO FULFIL ALL THE CONDITIONS of the MoU and develop tourism and other related activities in such a way that the tourists visiting Kashmir valley find Tattoo ground as one of the most attractive destinations."

transfer of defence land measuring 139. 04 acres land at Tattoo Ground Srinagar for the promotion of tourism, an official spokesman said adding J&K LG Manoj Sinha presided over the MoU signing ceremony at Rajbhawan Sinagar.

Official sources said that the MoU was represented through Local Military Authority of Tattoo Ground Garrison and Defence Estate Officer Kashmir Circle Srinagar. "The land will be handed over by the Ministry of Defence within the period of 120 days. The LG hailed army's cooperation and termed the decision as a momentous occasion for developing | More on P10

Intruder **Shot Dead In Arnia Sector: BSF**

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: A Pakistani intruder was shot dead by Border Security Force personnel along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday in the second such incident in a week, officials said.

The intruder was gunned down by the alert border guards when he ignored the repeated warnings and tried to flee after managing to cross the border fence near Jabowal border outpost in Arnia sector around 1.45 am, they said.

Confirming the incident, a BSF spokesman said, "In the intervening night of July 30-July 31 July, the vigilant troops observed suspicious movement across the International Border (IB) in Arnia border area.

"An intruder was observed approaching towards the BSF fence and the troops neutralised him and | More on P10

Phenomenal Transformation In J&K In Last 4 Yrs: LG

- Says Discriminatory Policies Imposed For 70 Years Is Gone
- 'People Have Freedom To Live Their Life As They Desire, Rather Than Dictated By Others'



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Stating that the transformation of Jammu and Kashmir in less than four years has been phenomenal, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Monday that discriminatory policies imposed for 70 years are gone and citizens are getting equal opportunities for development in the Union Territory.

He made these remarks while addressing a roundtable discussion on development scenario in I&K organised by India Foundation. He also reiterated his administration's resolve in establishing peace rather than buying it.

"The transformation of J&K UT in less than four years has been phenomenal. We have decimated discriminatory systems prevalent for almost seven-decades and implemented inclusive policies that fostered development and touched the lives of millions. People have freedom to live their life as they desire, rather than dictated by others," Sinha said.

In his address through video conferencing, the LG shared the stellar journey of Jammu Kashmir towards peace, prosperity and unprecedented development. He highlighted the reforms introduced by the government to establish a peaceful and conducive environment empowering the citizens of Jammu Kashmir.

"For the first time after independence,

the common citizen of J&K can think freely and express their feelings without any fear from separatist-terrorist networks. It is one of the biggest transformations common man is witnessing under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said.

Apart from fast economic development and unparalleled growth with equity, Sinha said, there is a rapid social change which is reflected in day to day lives of

"There is a growing aspiration in the soiety to excel " he sai

"Peace is the first step in the journey of development. And, we do not believe in buying peace but in establishing peace. There is no distinction in policy and intent. Discriminatory policies imposed for 70 years are gone and citizens are getting equal opportunities for development," he added.

Referring to some major events held this year, the LG said that the peaceful conduct of the G20 meeting, Muharram procession being taken out in Kashmir after 34 years, revival of cinemas, besides unprecedented tourists visiting the Union Territory has sent the message that J&K is on the move.

Madhav, President India Foundation; B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, CEO, NITI Aayog; Alok Bansal, Director, India Foundation; Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain (Retd), eminent personalities, experts, senior functionaries and | More on P10

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Search For Missing Soldier

Cops Quiz People, Examine Call Records To Find Clue

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Police questioned a dozen persons and examined the call details of armyman Javaid Ahmad Wani who went missing a couple of days ago from his native Kulgam district while on leave, officials said on Monday. The soldier, posted in the Ladakh region, was supposed to join work on Sunday. His car was found abandoned at Paranhall.

A dozen of people have been questioned and the call records are being examined as the search operation to locate

the missing soldier continues, officials said. Wani's father has appealed to those who might have abducted his son to release him alive since he was the only

breadwinner of the family. "I appeal to all the brothers to let him



go alive. If he has troubled anyone, I apologise for that. If they want I will get him to quit his job as well," Mohammad Ayoub Wani told reporters on Sunday.

Wani said his son had gone out to buy meat on Saturday evening as he was to go back to his place of posting on Sunday. | More on P10

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SUMMONS IN A SUMMARY SUIT

The Jammu And Kashmir State **Board Of School Education**

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Annual Regular 2019 issued by the board of School Educaton under Below mentioned

particulars Name: Ansar Ul Haq S/o: Javid Ahmad Bhat Roll No: 2617231

Year & Session 2019 - Annual Regular

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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary **Board Of School Education Sub Office Bandipora**

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Notice for General Public

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

Roll No: 2617231 Class 12th Year & Session: Annual 2021 Registration: NI8460580034 Name : Ansar Ul Haq Father's Name: Javid Ahmad Bhat Mother's Name : Syeda Begum Date of Birth:- 21-047-2005

Residenc:- Aloosa Bandipora



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

(Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 21AKTR-163127 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/23 Dated 29-07-2023 Assistant Secretary

Certificates, KD.

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Assistant Secretary Certificates, KD.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer, PDA, Pahalgam

FRESH SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT Sl. NO EE/PDA/ Out sourcing /18 of 2023-24 Dated 28-07-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, Executive Engineer, Pahalgam Development Authority, Pahalgam (PDA) hereby invites E-tenders for out sourcing of entry / parking and PCs ticketing of following departmental assets of Pahalgam Develop ment Authority as per details given below the fo

S. No	Name of the Asset		Period of out sourcing 08 Months (August 2023 to March 2024)	EMD/CDR Amount	Cost of tender document
	Out sourcing of Parking ticketing of Parking place at Aru Pahalgam.	1.05	08 Months (August 2023 to March 2024)	Rs 10500/=	Rs 200/=
02	Out sourcing of entry ticketing of Gender based toilet blocks (Public conveniences) at Yanner.	0.25	08 Months (August 2023 to March 2024)	Rs 2500/=	Rs 200/=
03	Out sourcing of entry ticketing of Gender based toilet blocks (Public conveniences) at Near petol pump at Pahalgam	0.25	08 Months (August 2023 to March 2024)	Rs 2500/=	Rs 200/=
	Out sourcing of entry ticketing of Gender based toilet blocks (Public conveniences) at Baisaran picnic spot at Pahalgam (Note The allottee has to provide water connection and construction of socage pit at his own as per direction of site Engineer PDA)	0.25	08 Months (August 2023 to March 2024)	Rs 2500/=	Rs 200/=
	Out sourcing of entry ticketing of Gender based toilet blocks (Public conveniences) at Aru valley near cafeteria at Pahalgam	0.25	08 Months (August 2023 to March 2024)	Rs 2500/=	Rs 200/=
06	Out sourcing of entry ticketing of Gender based toilet blocks (Public conveniences) at Aru valley inside parking place at Pahalgam	0.25	08 Months (August 2023 to March 2024)	Rs 2500/=	Rs 200/=
07	Out sourcing of entry ticketing of Gender based toilet blocks (Public conveniences) at Chandanwari (02 Nos) at Pahalgam	0.30	08 Months (August 2023 to March 2024)	Rs 3000/=	Rs 200/=
80	Out sourcing of entry ticketing of Gender based toilet blocks (Public conveniences) at Sadu padav at Pahalgam	0.25	08 Months (August 2023 to March 2024)	Rs 2500/=	Rs 200/=

The bidding document consisting of eligibility criteria specification etc and bill of quantities (BOO) and other related rnloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per scheduled dates given below

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	01	Date of issue of tender notice	28-07-2023
	02	On line bid submission start date	01-08-2023 from 10.am
	03	On line bid submission last date	07-08-2023 up to 4.00 pm
	04	Date, time venue of opening of on line technical bids (Cover A)	08-08-2023 At 12.00 Noon in the office of CEO.PDA
			To be opened after evaluation of technical bids in the office of
			Director Tourism Kashmir Srinagar

2. The bidders are advised to submit their bids in double cover system .The cover A containing technical bid and Cover B as Financial bid. The technical bid shall be opened by the tender opening / evaluating committee of Pahalgam development Authority, in the office of Executive Engineer PDA as per the scheduled of dates mentioned above and financial bids shall be opened on the date and time to be decided after evaluation of technical bids in the office of Director Tourism Kashmir (Chairman Out sourcing committee) at Srinagar. The bids shall be opened by the aforesaid committee in presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who may wish to be present. Those bidders who meet the pre-qualification / eligibility criteria set out in the technical bid shall only be eligible for The on line Technical bids (Cover A) must be accompanied with the following clear and readable scanned documents

which may be submitted through on line mode. The Director Tourism Kashmir (Chairman provincial level out sourcing committee) reserves the right to reject any or all bids without issuing notice to the bidders.

i. Cost of tender documents (Non refundable and Non adjustable) in the shape of Treasury Challan / receipt for particular

work to be deposited into Major Head 1452- Tourism, Minor Head -800 -other Receipts and Sub head 8193 Tourism

Earnest Money as shown against each work above, in the shape of CDR /FDR pledged to Executive Engineer, PDA, and Pahalgam, drawn from any recognized Bank.

Valid Government / Semi Government or MSME registration Card / License duly renewed for the year 2023-24 Valid GST Registration No and Valid GST Clearance ending March 2023.

PAN Card Income Tax Assessment year 2022-23

Note ;-

Bid declaration and authentication of documents to be submitted in support of the bids as per Annexure A.

The out side bidders from UT of J&K where deposition of e-challan is not possible in absence of Government cost of tender documents shall be deposited directly in the Bank account of Chief Executive Officer Pahalgam development Authority operating at Jammu and Kashmir Bank Branch Pahalgam bearing account No SB- 7215. However, the remittance should be made be tween on line bid submission start date and last date as mentioned above. In this regard bidders should upload a separate applicati with technical bid indicating therein the name of the work and cost of tender document deposited by the bidder in the bank account The financial bids Cover B (BOQ) of only eligible/ qualified bidders shall be opened in the office Director Tourism Kash

mir, Srinagar (Chairman Provincial level out sourcing committee). However, In case of any avoidable circumstances the tenders shall be

opened on the next working day or any subsequent date convenient to the competent Authority.

5. All bidders shall be personally responsible for correctness / genuineness of bids / documents submitted through on line.

However, in case at any time it is found that the documents submitted by any bidder are erroneous / incorrect or the information submitted is incorrect the necessary action against the defaulter shall be taken by the Department under rules and admissible penalty shall be imposed against him and shall render him disqualified.

The successful bidder (s) have to deposit the offered bid amount in one go within three days from the declaration of the

successful bidder. In case of failure, the department shall be at liberty to make alternative arrangements to run the facility at the risk and cost of the defaulter bidder and his deposited sum / CDRs shall be forfeited. 7. The allottee shall be responsible for any kind of damage to the property due to mishap, theft etc during the period of contract.

8. The allottee shall be bound to make the payment to the PDA as per above mentioned payment schedule and the Author ity shall not be responsible for any kind of loss to the revenue sustained by the allottee due to hartals, blockade of roads or any natural disaster beyond the control of Pahalgam dev. Authority. The allottee is bound to carry out the Sanitation cleanliness maintenance watch and ward at his own

The allottee has to pay all applicable charges viz Electric fee, water connection, sanitation fee etc to the concerned Departments at his own as per meter reading/bills.

The facilities shall be handed over to the successful bidder on the similar conditions as it on "As is where is basis" and no additional facility shall be provided by the Department. The successful bidders will arrange all necessary facilities at hi business as per J&K Tourist Trade Act. 12. The duration of the contract shall remain valid up to March 2024 and no extension whatsoever shall be entertained at all.

13. Bidders may visit the assets before offering their bids to determine their conditions and no excuse / objection of whatso ever nature after accepting the bid shall be entertained at all.

The successful bidder shall not mortgage or sub- let the out sourced assets in part or in full to any 3rd party. Bids of the tenderers who are defaulters with the Department / Government shall not be accepted. The allottee shall be bound to run the asset as per instructions of Chief Executive Officer , PDA from time to time. In case

of non compliance the contract is liable for rejection.

17. The allottee shall not run any contraband /illegal activity in the premises and he shall be responsible for behavior of his staff engaged by him 18. The allottee will be allowed to charge the fee as per following schedule which shall remain valid during the period of contract and allottee shall ensure display of approved rate list at ticket counters and any violation to the approved rates shall invite termination of contract and forfeiture of CDR besides taking action as per law.

S.No	Item	Amount
01	Parking fee (heavy vehicle)	Rs 100/= per day
02	Parking fee (medium vehicle)	Rs 50/= per day
03	Parking fee (light vehicle)	Rs 20/=per day
04	Public conveniences	Rs 5/= Per user

For especially disabled persons/ Orphan schools/ Govt, institutions / Organizations / agencies entry / parking will be free

The Department shall not be responsible for any monetary loss suffered by the bidder due to declaration of strikes/ curfew/VVIP/VIP movements or any other unforeseen reasons whatsoever

 Bids below the reserve bid shall not be entertained and CDRs of such bidders will be forfeited.
 The successful bidder will draw an agreement with the Authority, within 15 days from the date of issue of this allotment order. The allottee shall strictly adhere to all rules & regulations regarding commercial establishment, sanitation etc within the territorial and should clear all applicable taxes within the stipulated time, any default on this account will be sole responsibility of the allottee.
 The allottee shall deposit all applicable taxes viz GST, Income tax etc to the concerned Departments and shall be responsible.

sible to maintain proper record of daily collection of Revenue showing Separately the amount of GST and In come tax. 25. The allottee shall be responsible for implementation of various laws applicable for commercial estable 26. The allottee shall arrange all housekeeping and other routine operations of assets of his own to the best satisfaction of the authority

The allottee has to maintain the protocol and is debarred from any kind of business other than entry, parking fee in

Stern action as warranted under rules shall be taken against the allottee In case he is found engaged in misbehavior or misconduct with tourists /visitors in the area. In case the allottee $\,$ is found involved in sale or canvassing for sale of Kashmir Art or suspicious, contraband goods in the

area the contract shall be terminated. The duration of contract shall not be extended and the facility shall be handed over by the allottee to the PDA in similar

condition as it was allotted to him.

31. The authorized representative (s) of Pahalgam Development Authority can inspect the site at any time during the period of contract.

NO.EE/PDA/CS/ Dated 31-07-2023

Office Of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Department Public Health Engineering Division, Awantipora e-mail: phedivisionawantipora@gmail.com/Ph:01933-247152

E-Nit No: 23/PHA of 2023-24 Dated: 31-07-2023

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir (UT) e-tenders in single cover system are invited on Percentage Basis from Registered PWD Contractors whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules & are active for the following works:

	S.		Estimated	Cost of TD			Class of
ı	No		Cost (in lacs)	(in Rs)		completion	Contract
l	1	Providing Water Supply Fa-	0.29	100	2% of the	15 days	DEE
l		cilities to Quarter on Pontoon			estimated		
l		Boat at Chatlam Wetland			cost		
l		Conservation Reserve. (Under					
I		Capex 2022-23)					

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ), terms and conditions of contract can be seen/downloaded from the departmental web site (jktenders.gov.in) as per the dates shown below:

S.	Description	Date			Time
No.					
		DD	MM	YYYY	
1	Publishing date of NIT	31	07	2023	02:00 PM
2	Download start date	31	07	2023	02:00 PM
3	Bid submission start date	31	07	2023	02:00 PM
4	Bid submission end date	05	08	2023	02:00 PM
5	Bid opening date	05	08	2023	02:10 PM

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "download bid submission".

To participate in bidding process bidders, must get digital signature certificate (DSC) as per information technology-2000 bidders can

get digital certificate from approved option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website (iktenders.gov.in) to acquaint vendors.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature.

Bids must be accompanied by 2% earnest money of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR & cost of tender docu-

ment as specified in column (4) and column (5) of the above table and the cost of tender document shall be deposited in the Treasury under MH 0215 PHE in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Awantipora (Name of work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan /

nance security will be in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, PHE Division Awantipora Bidders must ensure to upload their bids in SINGLE COVER containing documents as under: -Bid must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of e-Challan or Treasury Challan / Government Receipt

in favour of Executive Engineer, PHE Division Awantipora (Tender Inviting Authority)
ii) Scanned copy of CDR/FDR of 2% value of tender cost. Scanned copy of Valid Registration Card.

Scanned copy of Valid Labour Registration.
Scanned copy of Valid GST Registration.
Scanned copy of PAN Card.

Affidavit regarding not blacklisted.
Percentage rate submitted by the bidders in the BOQ.

Besides above the bidder should also upload the following documents from "My Document" area required under "Other

lers must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid and no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce origina documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

The original instrument in respect of Treasury Receipt, and relevant attested copies of Technical Bid Documents as specified above.

must be submitted by Lowest Bidder (L1) to Executive neer. PHE Division Aw allotting of work or as and when demanded. If the bidder fails to produce the same within the prescribed time period, he will be debarred from taking part in tendering process in this division for at least one year.

No financial bid will be accepted in physical form. The bid shall be deposit in electronic format only on the web site of (jktenders.gov.in) till the end date mentioned in bid submission. The bid(s) shall be opened online on above mentioned date or any other subsequent date in presence of the tender opening committee

to be constituted by the competent authority. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services being used by bidders and are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid any technical snags in last hours.
video graphic record through the professional person before, during & after construction and progress reports in soft copies and hard

copies for works register & office record. Taking levels by Auto Level / ETS before and after execution. Preparation of work abstract of executed work, preparation of Bills. The information and data stated and incorporated in tender document elsewhere is for the General guidance only and may vary as a result of more detailed construction drawings and as per site requirements. The contractor has to provide water connections to every household as per DPR provision and it is responsibility of agency for geo-

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason whatsoever claimed by the bidder TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The tenders shall remain valid for 90 days only.

The successful tenderer shall have to arrange, construct and maintain at his own cost necessary walkways, platform. ladders, stairways, water and other facilities of usual and suitable character for all operations of construction and inspection. As soon as the contract is fixed with the successful bidder it is mandatory for him to enter into an agreement with the department. No departmental material shall be issued from stores in absence of agreement being drawn. However, non-drawl of agree

ment will not prevent the contract from being enforced upon him.

4- In case of bid of the lowest bidder is found "unbalanced" i.e below than advertised cost, the bidder shall have to produce additional performance security to the advertised cost in any shape i.e CDR/FDR as per following breakup:-

S.No % age of unbalanced bid Via Advertised cost on a/c of low rates Addition performance security 01 Up to and including 15 % below Greater than 15 % and up to 20 % 03 Greater than 20 % and up to 25 % 20% Greater than 25 % and up to 30 % Reiected

5- The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof The quality of the pipe material shall be supported by manufacturers quality and test certificates. Third-Party (to be nominated by the department) inspection certificate shall also be provided by the contractor at his own cost in respect of materi provided and used by him. The same shall be approved by the departmental quality control committee. The pipe will be laid only the certificate will be issued by the said committee.

7- In case of failure to deposit the performance guarantee 3% within stipulated period, the said tender considered as invalid and rejected without serving any notice to the bidder. The performance guarantee deposit shall be released after successful completion of work.

8- Any kind of damage which may occur to any work during the course of execution due to incessant/torrential rains /heavy snowfall/ cyclone/ flood etc. shall be the responsibility of the bidder until the work is finally handed over to the PHE Department.
9- The taxes etc. shall be deducted from the bidders claim as admissible under rules. 10- The bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities). In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same nomenclature as it contains.

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 the complete execution of work unless otherwise specified. In case the bidder does not quote rate for any item/items, the same shall be taken as free of cost for all purposes and nothing extra shall be considered for working out total contract value on this account.

13- The date of start of work shall be reckoned within one week from the date of issuance of letter of intent/contract allot

ment as the case may be. 14- Beside the performance security, security deposit 10% from each payment shall be deducted from all the running bills of contractors. Security money and performance security shall not bear any interest. The final payment of the work will be made only after successful completion. If any defect is found, the contractor will be

bound to repair the same at his own risk & cost.

The contractor shall be deemed to have satisfied himself before tendering as to the correctness and sufficiency of his tender for the works and of the rate quoted, which shall cover all his obligations under the contract and all matters and things necessary for the proper completion and maintenance of the works including defective liability period.

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Before submitting the tender, the tenderer will be deemed to have satisfied himself by his actual inspection of the site,

climatic condition records from government and/or Indian Meteorological Department and the locality of the works that all conditions liable to be encountered during execution of the works are taken into account and that the rates quoted by the tenderer in the tender schedule are adequate and all-inclusive for the completion of works to the entire satisfaction of the Engineer in charge. Bidder should note that terms and conditions of the contract circulated by the authorities from time to time applicable on

the contract even if not incorporated in this tender notice.

19 In case of any dispute regarding the work Chief Engineer Kashmir PHE Department, Srinagar shall be the sole ARBITRA-TOR

20- In case of any typographical error, if found in the rates, quantities or units etc. the same shall be corrected and paid as per sanctioned schedule of rates 2012. Any other information can be obtained from the office of the undersigned on any working day during office hours. 22-All other terms and conditions will remain same as laid down in PWD form No.25-double

No. PHA/AWP/1970-83 DIPK-6122/23 Dated:-31-07-2023

Executive Engineer

No.4 CIVIL COURT

IN THE COURT OF MR. ARVIND SHARMA' Additional District Judge Bank Cases, Srinagai SUMMONS IN A SUMMARY SUIT

JK Bank Pvt Ltd Vs Hafeeza

Hafeeza W/o: Ghulam Hassan Bhat

R/o: Bhat Mohala Abi Nowpora, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir Whereas JK Bank has instituted a suit against you under Order XXXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for Rs 98,980.12 and interest, you are hereby summoned to cause and appearance to be entered for you, within ten days from the service hereof, in default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled, after the expiration of the said period of ten days, to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of Rs 98,980.12 and the sum of Rs 1425 for costs, together with such interest, if any, as

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you, JK Bank Pvt Ltd the plaintiff will thereafter serve upon you a summons for judgment at a hearing of which you will be entitled to move the Court for leave to defend the suit.

Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the Court by affidavit or therwise that there is a defence to the suit on die merits or that it is reasonable that

you should be allowed to defend. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 27-05-2023

Additional District Judge

Bank Cases Srinagar

Dupartee summon in duplicate with direction to process serve to affix one copy of summon at last known address of defendants as per loan agreement in presence of plaintiff bank, who will act as witness and Publish the Summon in the Local Newspaper with wide circulation disclosing the cause of action against the efendants on expenses borne by the plaintiff.

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The process is system generated and transmitted in secured manner by authorised user as such physical signature not applied. No. 1277/ADJBC/Sgr

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Suit /6578/2022

CIVIL COURT IN THE COURT OF MR. ARVIND SHARMA' Additional District Judge Bank Cases, Srinagar

Next Date: 01.08.2023

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Rafiqa Bakshi W/o: Mehraj ud Din Bakshi

R/o: Khalwari Doobi Mohalla Batamalloo, Srinagar Karan Nagar J&K FKO

At Tangmarg In The Case Of: Peerzada Sonaullah S/o Peerzada Mustafa R/o Gund Zahidbagh Tehsil Kawarham Distt Baramulla

(Caveator/applicant) V/s

Public at large

(Non-Caveator) In The Matter Of: Caveat application under U/s 148 A of C.P.C May it please your honour That the caveator is most humbly submits as under

1) That the caveator is the permanent resident of J&K UT and is residing within

the territorial jurisdiction of this court, hence can invoke the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble court. 2) That the caveator is owners in possession of landed property under survey NO 41, 351 and 371 situated at Gund Zahid Bagh Tehsil Tangmarg.

3) That the caveator has every apprehension that the non-caveators may approach this hon'ble court and may get ex-party order viz a viz landed property in their favour by concealing material facts which may result irreparable loss to the caveator. 4) That incase any order is passed in any application or suit in ex-parte against the caveator same shall cause great prejudice to the caveator. In the premises it is prayed to this Hon'ble court that no order may be passed

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'He Tied Their Hands: Mehbooba On PDP-BJP Coalition Govt

Says Mufti Sayeed Took Assurance From BJP Govt That Art- 370 Will Not Be Touched

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: PDP founder Mufti Mohammad Sayeed had put a precondition before Prime Minister Narendra Modi for government formation in Jammu and Kashmir in 2015, seeking an assurance that Article 370 of the Constitution will not be removed by the Centre, party president Mehbooba Mufti claimed on Monday.

Addressing a gathering on the 24th foundation day of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) here, Mufti said her father Sayeed was not power hungry and wanted to deliver Jammu and Kashmir from its problems and troubles.

"When Mufti sahib had 28 seats (in the 2014 Assembly polls), he met Modi and gave his list of conditions for government formation. He took the assurance from the BJP government (at the Centre) that (Article) 370 will not be touched. He tied their hands. He was not after power, otherwise he would not take three months to form the (coalition) government (in Jammu and Kashmir)," she said.



Mufti alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) backtracked from its commitments and accused it of trying to pressure on the people of Jammu and Kashmir into subjugation.

"The BJP wants us to throw in the towel. We will not do it.... If all of us -- Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Gujjars, Paharis -- stand united, we will make the BJP give up," she said.

Mufti, the only woman to become the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, said her father had the courage to stand for people.

"Despite having only 16 MLAs (in the 2002 Assembly polls, Mufti sahib told the Congress (which had 20 seats) that he would form the government only if talks were held with Pakistan

and separatists," she said.

Mufti said her father did not
believe in misleading people and
firmly believed that Jammu and
Kashmir's future was with India.

"Despite being the (Pradesh) Congress president, he accepted the decision taken by Indira Gandhi in 1975 to bring back Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah into the mainstream," she said.

Mufti said during her father's first term as chief minister, significant progress was made on both the reconciliation and development fronts in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The Advani-Hurriyat talks were held, the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad road was reopened and development work got a fillip." she said.

got a fillip," she said. Mufti asked the BJP what did it achieve by doing away with the special constitutional provisions regarding Jammu and Kashmir.

"What have you achieved in Kashmir? Jawaharlal Nehru came to Lal Chowk and unfurled the national flag with thousands of Kashmiris present. Today, you hoist the tricolour and there is no Kashmiri there, only security people," she said.

Mufti alleged that the BJP is trying to convert the entire country into Manipur and appealed to the opposition parties to stay united in order to counter these attempts.

"Manipur is just a trailer, the film is yet to start. The BJP wants to turn the entire country into Manipur. My appeal to the opposition is to stay united if they want to save India. Do not get into number games," she said.

More than 160 people have lost their lives in Manipur in ethnic clashes that have been going on for almost three months.

Mufti hit out at the government for making a provision for nominating Kashmiri migrants to the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, instead of reserving seats for the community.

"You have kept a provision for nominating Kashmiri Pandits. If you have the courage, you should reserve the seats and we will vote for them just like we have done in the past. Constituencies with a Muslim population have elected Pyare Lal Handoo, More on P10

Employees Attending I-Day Event To Be Treated On Duty

Independence Day order to Govt employees: Selfies with flag as DP



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Monday ordered all its employees to participate in the August 15 function.

"Independence Day is an important national event celebrated on 15h August every year. All government employees are duty bound to participate in commemorating such an important turning point in the history of our Nation," reads a government order.

"...all the officers/officials in the Union territory stationed at Srinagar/Jammu are therefore enjoined upon to attend the main function of the Independence Day Celebrations, 2023 at the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Stadium, Sonawar, Srinagar/Maulana Azad Stadium,

Jammu respectively, as part of their official duty," it said, adding, "Any absence shall be only permissible with prior permission of their immediate superior."

Earlier directions were issued in a meeting chaired by chief secretary A.K. Mehta in Srinagar on Wednesday, July 26 asking Govt employees to change their display pictures (DPs) on their social media handles with selfie images of 'Jhanda, Mitti and Diya' (flag, soil and earthen lamp).

(flag, soil and earthen lamp).
Employees have been directed to change DPs on their social media handles ahead of August 15 so that they join the Centre's Meri Mitti Mera Desh campaign this Independence Day

this Independence Day.
"All government officers and the public at large will hoist the Tricolour over their houses. | More on P10

Govt To Deploy CoBRA Commandos In Kashmir

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: In a move aimed at hot pursuit of militants in the forest areas of Kashmir Valley, the government of India has given nod to deployment of elite Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) commandos in rural areas of Kashmir Valley.

CoBRA also known as 'jungle warriors', is a specialized force which was raised by the government of India for guerilla and jungle warfare type operations to deal with Maoists.

A Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) officer told Kashmir Observer that the 205 CoBRA battalion, currently stationed in Bihar where Naxal activities have been low, is being prepared for counter-terrorism operations in Kashmir region.

He further said the



commandos, who arrived here a few months ago, went through the training in different centres and are ready to be deployed in the north and southern part of Kashmir.

"Since Naxalism is shrinking, the CoBRA commandos have been shifted to the Valley to assist the existing counter-insurgency grid," said the official. He further said that the com20-Month Wait Is Over

Magray Family Offers Prayers At Grave Of Slain Son In Kupwara

Press Trust of India

Jammu: After a protracted legal battle, the Magray family of Ramban district visited the grave of their slain son Amir Magray in north Kashmir's Kupwara and offered special prayers.

Magray was among four people killed in Hyderpora on the outskirts of Srinagar on November 15, 2021. Police had claimed that they were militants and buried their bodies in a graveyard in Kupwara.

His father Mohammad Latief said the family feels relieved after offering prayers at the grave of their son.

A compensation of Rs 5 lakh, handed over to the family from the Jammu and Kashmir administration, was termed



by Lateif as washing away the "blot of terrorism" on his head. Latief, his wife and eight oth-

Latief, his wife and eight other relatives performed 'Fateh Khawani (special prayers)' at the grave in the Wadoora village of the Handwara belt in north Kashmir on Sunday.

The Jammu and Kashmir Police in 2020 decided that it would not hand over the bodies of "terrorists" to family members and instead bury them at different places to avoid a law-and-order situation. | More on P10

Govt Finding Ways To Transform Lives Of Pastoral Community: LG

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration is working to find ways to transform the lives of the pastoral community in the Union Territory, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Monday.

He was addressing the inaugural session of a two-day workshop on pastoral challenges and the community's role in tackling the rangeland degradation in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Recently, one of the secretaries has taken part in a meeting regarding this community which I saw as an opportunity, which is promoting sustainable pastoral livelihood, preservation of bio-diversity and tackling climate change that can help in improving the socio-economic status of J-K," Sinha said.

Shahid Chaudhary, CEO of Mission Youth, said the 2026 is being declared as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

It is to take actions on making policies that will support these communities, he said.



Rashmi Singh, a core member of the South Asian Regional Support Group for International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026, said the workshop aims to understand the lives of the pastoral community and find solutions to their problems.

"It is being held in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the International Cultural Relations, Ministry of Culture. It has two major components - to understand the culture, problems and struggles of Gujjar, Bakarwal and Chopan communities and to find the solutions to their issues," Singh said. Sheikh Ghulam Rasool, an | More on P10

HC Quashes Govt Order To Take Over Kishtwar Madrassas

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Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir High Court has quashed a government order to take over some madrassas in Kishtwar district, saying an official order issued last year cannot be universally applied to all such institutions in the Union Territory. Justice Sanjeev Kumar

passed a three-page order last week after hearing a petition that challenged a July 3 order of the Kishtwar additional deputy commissioner, directing the management of Charitable Educational Trust



to immediately hand over the possession of their madrassas (Islamic seminaries) to the administration.

administration.

The petitioners informed the court that the impugned order was violative of the prin-

ciples of natural justice as no

opportunity of being heard was given to them.

Besides, the trust has no links with the Maulana Ali Miyan Educational Trust, Bathindi, the functioning of which was taken over on the orders of the Jammu divisional commissioner on June 14 last year for misusing funds received from foreign NGOs, they said.

The government lawyer confirmed that the madrassas run by the petitioners are different from those of the Maulana Ali Miyan Educational Trust.

However, he submitted that an investigation | More on P10

MHA Extends Basant Rath's Suspension

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The suspension of IPS officer Basant Rath, who served the Jammu and Kashmir Police in various capacities, has been extended by six months till January 2024, according to an order issued here.

The Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the 2000 batch was placed under suspension in July 2020 for allegedly displaying insubordination to his superiors despite a court order

As per the order issued by

the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, Rath shall continue to be under suspension for a further period of 180 days from July 31, 2023.

"...the President, after considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the recommendations of the Central Review Committee, has come to the conclusion that Shri Basant Kumar Rath, IPS (AGMUT: 2000) shall continue to remain under suspension for a further period of 180 days beyond 31.07.2023 i.e., up to 27.01.2024," the order dated July 28 said. | More on P10

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Soldier Shoots Self Dead

n army man on Monday allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself with his service weapon in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said.

S Surendra shot himself while on duty at an army camp in Baramulla town in north Kashmir, they said, adding that he died due to the gunshot injuries.

This is the second such incident in the last two days.

A police constable shot himself

A police constable shot himself with his service rifle in the Rajbagh area of the city on Sunday night.

Landmine Destroyed In Poonch

rusted landmine was found near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, officials said. An Army patrol party detected the landmine which was apparently washed away by rains at Phawari Gali in the vicinity of the border fence in Mankote sector, they said. The officials said the landmine was destroyed by the bomb disposal squad in a controlled explosion without causing any damage. The forward areas near the LoC are dotted with landmines as part of an anti-infiltration obstacle system.

2 Men Injured In Bear Attacks

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wo people were injured by wild bears in two separate attacks in North Kashmir's Baramulla and Kupwara districts. 38-year-old Manzoor Ahmad Ganie was attacked and injured by a black bear on Monday morning in his native Mugam Shaheed Mir village in Sopore area of Baramulla district, reports said. Ganie was removed to the nearby health facility for treatment. However, the doctors there referred him to sub-district hospital, Sopore for advanced treatment. In a similar attack, | More on P10

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Elderly Man Found Dead

n elderly man was found dead on Monday along a water body in Khudwani area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district. The locals of Khudwani area on Monday morning spotted the body of an elderly man floating inside Veshow Nallah, reports said. A police team immediately reached the pot after the villagers passed information to them. The body, reports said, was retrieved by the policemen and taken for identification. The deceased has been identified as Nazir Ahmad Sofi (65), son of | More on P10

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3000 Eye Flu Cases In Jammu In A Week

ammu has witnessed a sudden rise in cases of conjunctivitis, commonly known as eye flu, with nearly 3,000 infections reported in just over a week, officials said on Monday. Doctors are advising the infected patients to isolate themselves at home and avoid public places.

"Nearly 3,000 cases of eye flu have been reported in Jammu over the past one week. At least 200 to 250 patients with eye flu symptoms visit the outpatient department (OPD) daily. Out of them, 70 to 80 percent are | More on P10

1,550 Pilgrims Leave Jammu For Amarnath

batch of 1,550 pilgrims left the

Bhagwati Nagar camp here on Monday for the twin base camps in Kashmir to undertake the onward journey to the 3,880-metrehigh Amarnath cave shrine.

A record number of over 3.88 lakh pilgrims have so far paid obeisance at the shrine since the beginning of the 62-day-long annual pilgrimage on July 1. The yatra will conclude on August 31. Of the 1,550 pilgrims in this smallest batch to leave the Bhagwati Nagar camp, 1,068 are performing the yatra through the traditional 48-km | More on P10

Israel Hopes \$27bn Rail Line Will Reach Saudi Arabia



Agencies

srael will build a \$27 billion rail expansion that will connect its outlying areas to metropolitan Tel Aviv, with the hope of extending the line all the way to Saudi Arabia in the future, Reuters reported on 31

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made the announcement following a trip by US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan to Saudi Arabia last week to promote a normalization agreement between Tel Aviv and Riyadh based on the framework of the Abraham Ac-

During his weekly cabinet meeting, Netanyahu promoted the "One Israel Project," which seeks to allow Israelis to reach government and business centers from anywhere in the country in under two hours. The new rail line is planned to link the northern city of Kiryat Shmona to the Red Sea resort of Eilat in the far south.

"I would like to add that in the future, we will also be able to transport cargo by rail from Eilat to our Mediterranean, and will also be able to link Israel by train to Saudi Arabia and the

Arabian peninsula," Netanyahu

Earlier this month, Yedioth Ahronoth reported that Washington was promoting a plan to build a railway connection from the Gulf to Israel and from there to Europe.

The Hebrew paper also reported that plans were underway to connect the Gulf countries to Israeli via road in an effort to increase trade and

reduce shipping costs by truck. The "land bridge" would stretch between Israel and the UAE, passing through Saudi Arabia and Jordan before reaching Israeli ports on the Mediterranean.

A Foreign Ministry document obtained by Yedioth Ahronoth stated that, "The Abraham Accords have changed the political reality in our region and opened up new transportation routes. A regional land connectivity project between the Gulf states and Israel will be a game-changer that will upgrade global trade in the Middle East, improve Israel's position as a hub for transporting goods from the Far East to the Western world and highlight the role of the United States in

Denmark Searches for Legal Loophole to Outlaw Qur'an Burnings

Agencies

COPENHAGEN/STOCKHOLM: More Qur'an burnings took place in Sweden and Denmark on Monday as the governments of the two Nordic countries said they were examining ways to legally limit such acts in a bid to de-escalate growing tensions with several Muslim countries.

Denmark and Sweden have seen several protests in recent weeks where copies of the Qur'an have been burned, or otherwise damaged, prompting outrage in Muslim countries, which have demanded the Nordic governments put a stop to the burnings.

The Danish government said on Sunday it would seek to find a "legal tool" that could enable authorities to intervene in such protests, if deemed to entail "significant negative consequences for Denmark, not least with regard to security.'

"The fact that we are signalling both in Denmark and abroad that we are working on it will hopefully help deescalate the problems we are facing," Rasmussen told journalists following a meeting with foreign policy speakers of parliament on Monday.

"It is not because we feel



pressured to do so, but it is our political analysis that it is in the best interest of all of us," Rasmussen said, adding: "We shouldn't just sit and wait for this to explode."

Even so, Qur'an burnings took place in both countries on Monday. In Stockholm an Iraqi refugee behind several protests in recent weeks appeared to burn a copy of the Qur'an outside the Swedish parliament. In Denmark, anti-Muslim protesters burned the Qur'an outside the Saudi Arabian embassy in Copenhagen, with several more planned for later in the day.

The Nordic countries have deplored the burnings of the Qur'an but cannot prevent it under constitutional laws protecting freedom of speech. However, both governments have now said they are considering legal changes that would allow authorities to prevent further burnings in special situations.

The Swedish government said this month it is examining a similar solution but right-wing parties in both countries have denounced the initiatives, with some saying freedom of speech cannot be compromised.

Swedish Foreign Minister Tobias Billstrom said on Monday that he had sent letters to all 57 countries in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to explain Sweden's right to assembly and condemned islamophobic acts.

OIC foreign ministers will convene in an extraordinary session on Monday to discuss the recent developments.

ISIS Behind Suicide Blast At Political Rally That Killed 44 In Pakistan: Police

Press Trust of India

olice in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province said on Monday that an initial probe has suggested that the banned terrorist group ISIS is behind the suicide attack on a political convention of a hardline Islamist party that killed at least 44 people and injured over 100.

The attack took place on Sunday when more than 400 members of the conservative Jamiat Ulema Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) party, known for its links to hardline political Islam, had gathered for a meeting under a canopy in the town of Khar, which borders Afghanistan.

"We are still investigating and gathering information on the Bajaur blast. The Initial probe shows that banned outfit Daesh (ISIS) was involved," Geo News quoted police officials as saying.

The police said they were gathering details of the suicide bomber, while the bomb disposal squad team was collecting evidence from the site.

District Police Officer Nazir Khan said three suspects have been taken into custody.

Provincial police Akhtar Hayat Khan said 10 kilogrammes of explosives set off by a suicide bomber were used in the blast. He said the bomber was among the attendees seated in the front rows of the convention.

Local police said the attacker detonated explosives near the convention's stage.

According to police and witnesses, the blast occurred as soon as JUI-F District Amir Rasheed Maulana Abdul reached the stage.

The deceased included JUI-F Tehsil Khar Maulana Ziaullah Jan, Navagai Tehsil General Secretary Maulana Hameedullah, District Information Secretary Mujahid Khan and dozens of party workers.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) caretaker health minister Riaz Anwar said on Sunday night that 44 people lost their lives while more than 100 were injured in the attack.

MP Police Sees 'Int'l Conspiracy' in Anju's Visit to Pakistan

Press Trust of India

BHOPAL: Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra on Monday said the state police will examine the "international conspiracy' angle in the episode

involving a 34-yearold Indian mother of two children who travelled to a remote village in Pakistan to marry her Facebook

who now goes by the name of Fatima after converting to Islam - on July 25 married her 29-year-old friend Nasrullah, whose home is in the Upper Dir district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. She has also received some money and a piece of land as gifts for embracing the religion.

The two became friends on Facebook in 2019.

On Saturday, Mohsin Khan Abbasi, the chief executive officer of a real estate company based in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, visited Anju and Nasrullah at their residence.

He presented Anju a cheque, the amount of which was not known, and a land document

in the presence of her husband to make her feel at home in Pakistan.

Anju's father Gaya Prasad Thomas, a resident Bouna village near Tekanpur town in MP's Gwalior district, last week

said she was as good as dead for her family back home. Asked

the woman's case, Mishra on Monday told reporters, "The fact that Anju is being welcomed in

Pakistan and getting gifts is raising several doubts. That's why I have directed the special branch of police to examine the case minutely, whether it is an international conspiracy or not?"

The minister said he has told the officials to keep the spiracy angle" in focus as the matter is related to the state's

Gwalior district. Anju's father Thomas last week said, "The way she ran away leaving her two children and husband behind...she did not even think of her children. If she wanted to do this, she should have divorced her husband first. She is no more (alive) for us.'

Manipur Video 'Horrendous', Don't Want **State Police To Handle It: Supreme Court**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Monday termed as "horrendous" the video of two women being paraded naked in Manipur and sought information about steps taken so far in the FIRs lodged, saying now it will not want the state police to probe the matter as they virtually handed over the women to the rioting mob.

The top court said it may constitute an SIT or a committee comprising former judges to monitor the situation in the strife-torn state subject to hearing the law officers representing the Centre and Manipur on

The Bench, which listed a clutch of pleas on Manipur violence for hearing on Tuesday, said though the incident of stripping and parading these women came to light on May 4, why the Manipur police took 14 days to register an FIR on May 18. "What was police doing?



Why was an FIR in video case transferred to magisterial court on June 24, that is after one month and three asked the bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices B Pardiwala and Manoi Misra.

"This is horrendous. There are media reports that these women were handed over to mob by the police. We also do not want the police to handle it." the Bench said. When Attorney General R

Venkataramani sought time for responding to the que-

ries, the Bench said it was running out of time and there was "a great need' for giving a healing touch to the state, for those who lost everything including their loved ones and their

The Bench asked the state government to provide the details about the number of 'zero FIRs' registered in the state torn by ethnic violence and the arrests made so far.

A zero FIR can be filed in any police station regardless of whether the offence was committed within its jurisdiction.

'Baby Will Be Born Alive': Court **Rejects Abortion For Girl, 17**

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: The Aurangabad bench of the Bombay High Court has refused permission to a 17-year-old girl to abort her 24-week pregnancy, saying it was the result of a consensual relationship and the baby would be born alive at

A division bench of Justices Ravindra Ghuge and Y G Khobragade, in its order on July 26, noted the girl would turn 18 this month and that she was in a consensual relationship with the boy since December 2022.

The bench in its order said the victim girl and the accused boy had developed physical relations several times. The girl herself brought a pregnancy kit and confirmed the pregnancy in February this year, it noted.

"Therefore, it appears that the petitioner victim is not innocent and she was having full maturity of understanding. If the petitioner was not interested to carry the pregnancy she could have sought permission for termination soon after confirmation of the pregnancy," the HC said.

The girl had filed the petition in

the HC through her mother, seeking to terminate the pregnancy claiming she was a "child" within the meaning of provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, a court's permission is required to terminate pregnancy beyond 20 weeks, if it is found the pregnancy poses a threat to the life or health of the mother or the child. The plea claimed the preg-

nancy would cause grave injury to the mental health of the petitioner who wishes to study to become a doctor in future. The high court took note of a

report submitted by the medical board after examining the victim girl, which said there was no anomaly in the foetus and the growth was norma

The medical board opined that a child born if pregnancy is aborted at this stage would show signs of life, but would not be capable of independent survival.

"If a baby is born alive even after forcible delivery considering the request of the mother to terminate the pregnancy then it would lead to an underdeveloped child with chances of deformities," the HC said.

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Dasti Quotations, sealed properly in envelops, without cuttings are to be deposited in the office of Chief Horticulture Office Ganderbal, by or before 07.08.2023 upto 03:00 pm during office hours, the Quotations will be opened on 08.08.2023 at 11:30 am in the office of CHO Ganderbal, in presence of quotationers who wish to be present.

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		Irrigation Pump Set	02 No.

In case of any sub-standard/damaged item fitted in the farm Machinery during the repairment the concerned agency/person shall be completely responsible.

DIPK-6114-23 DT: 31/07/2023

Sd/-Chief Horticulture Officer, Ganderbal

DT: 31/07/2023

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN RECRUITMENT BOARD **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & REHABILITATION CENTRE**

WANGANPORA EIDGAH SRINAGAR 190010, TEL-0194-2455064

Selection list / Waiting list of candidates for the temporary post of Medical Officer, Pharmacist (for Drug De-Addiction Centre Anantnag) and Peon (for Youth Development & Rehabilitation Centre Eidgah, Srinagar) advertised vide Advertisement Notice dated 16-04-2023. **Selection list:**

S.No.	Name, parentage, address	Post	Monthly Honorarium	For Drug De-ad- diction Centre
1.	Bashir Ahmad Najar S/o Mohammad Ramzan Najar R/o New Qazibagh, Anantnag	Medical Officer	Rs.27,500/-	Anantnag
2.	Mohammad Asif Sheikh S/o Abdul Gani Sheikh R/o Damhal Anantnag	Pharmacist	14,300/-	Anantnag
3.	Adil Nazir Dar S/o Nazir Ahmad Dar R/o Gawkadal, Srinagar	Peon	7,000/-	YD&RC Eidgah, Srinagar

Waiting list:-						
	S.No.	Name with parentage	Post	Education Qualification / experience		
	1.	Humaira Jan D/o Jan Mubarak Ahmad R/o Bugam Kulgam	Medical Officer	MBBS, MCI, FMGE		
	2.	Asif Iqbal Lone S/o Mohammad Iqbal Lone R/o Hariwath Kulgam	Pharmacist	10+2 with 02 years Medical Assistant / Pharmacist Diploma.		

Danish Ali Dar S/o Ali Mohammad Dar R/o Hanjiwera Pattan

The recommendation of the aforementioned candidates is subject to genuineness of all academic certificates and character verification from Police / CID. Sd/-DIPK-6076-23

Deputy Inspector General of Police, CKR Srinagar

10th Pass



Yateem Foundation Commemorates 23rd Annual Day

Observer News Service

rinagar: The speakers at the 23rd Annual Day commemoration on the theme "Social Service: Beacon of Hope", held at Tagore Hall Srinagar called for fool proof protection to the public institutions from grabbing by unscrupulous elements besides skill based education, utilization of expertise of learned senior citizens and comprehensive contribution for the welfare of orphans, widows, destitute and other vulnerable sections of the society.

They also emphasized the need to safeguard the monetary and material resources donated by common people for the upliftment of economically weaker sections particularly orphans and widows.

Addressing the sizeable gathering of volunteers, donors, well wishers, students and representatives of various voluntary organizations, former Principal Secretary to Govt of J&K Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest, urged the NGOs and voluntary organizations to refrain from misappropriation of Zakat and other donations to avoid wrath and punishment from Allah.

Dr Smaoon strongly advocated skill based education of the poor and needy students supported by J&K Yateem Foundation and other humanitarian organisations for which the UT and central governments have launched hundreds of such schemes. He said the managements of welfare organizations should avail the benefits of such schemes to put the downtrodden students on the path of progress, dignity and self-reliance.

Public Notes

records has been wronlgy written as Romana Jan while her correct name is Nadiah Ramanah 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 Principal Gd Goenka School Sadrabal Srinagar within seven days . After that no objection shall be entertained Nasrullah Jan F/O Hurmat-Ul-Nissa Jan R/o Malik Sahib Safa Kadal Srinagar Kashmir

Public Notice

I intent to change the name/parentage in in my passport which were wrongly written previously. My correct name is Hafsah D/o Zainab and Muhammad Hidayatullah Mir. Anybody having any objection in this regard may file the same before regional passport officer Srinagar within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be enter-

Hafsah, D/o: Zainab and R/o: Bandipora



A group of female tourists posing for a selfie at Hari Parbat fort in Srinagar amidst pleasent weather. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Missing Women Row

Police Foils NC Women's Wing Lal Chowk March

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Police on Monday foiled National Conference (NC) women's wing march to Lal Chowk against the mysterious disappearance of 10,000 women in J&K since 2019.

Scores of NC women's wing activists led by their State President, Shamima Firdous took out a protest rally from party headquarters Nawai-Subh against the alleged mysterious disappearances of 10,000 women in J&K since 2019.

Demanding the whereabouts of the missing women, protesters asked the government to hold an impartial probe into their mysterious disappearances and bring the perpetrator to justice.

They were shouting slogans against UT and central government's for allegedly being unable to trace the missing women, who they alleged have either been kidnapped or put on sale in outside states.

As soon as the marchers, amid sloganeering, reached near Tourist Reception Center (TRC) Crossing, a posse of police deployed in advance prevented them from moving ahead. The marchers later dispersed peacefully.

Talking to the reporters, NC Women's Wing State President and former MLA Habakadal, Shamima Firdous while lamenting over the alleged inability of the government to trace the missing women, said why was the government silent on such a grave issue for the last five years

She said the LG government on one hand claims

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i). Notification No.025-BOPEE of 2023 dated 26-04-2023.

dated 15-06-2023 issued by the J&K Sports Council.

ii). Notice No.010-BOPEE of 2023 dated 26-05-2023.

iii). Notice No. 016-BOPEE of 2023 dated 21-06-2023.

Notification No: 046 -BOPEE of 2023

that in order to prepare and notify the Provisional Merit List without any further

Dated: 31-07-2023

Admission to the 10th Based (FMPHW/MMPHW) Paramedical.

Courses, 2023--Removal of deficiency in the documents thereof.

iv). Letter No. SC/491-10th Based Paramedical Diploma/2494

It is hereby notified for information of all the concerned candidates

that the situation has normalized in the valley since the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A while on the other. 10.000 women are reported to have gone missing since the center revokes constitutional autonomy of the erstwhile state.

"We demand an impartial probe into the mysterious disappearances of our 10,000 sisters since 2019 in J&K. If the government makes tall claims of normalcy in J&K then why do these issues of major concern take place in our valley,' she added

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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



13 Muharram 1445

PRAYERS FAJR 4:04 12:37 **ZUHR ASR** 5:32 7:36 Magrib

9:09

This Day In History

30 BC - Octavian (later known as Augustus) enters Alexandria, Egypt, bringing it under the control of the Roman Republic

ISHA

- 527 Justinian I becomes the sole ruler of the Byzantine
- 607 Ono no Imoko is dispatched as envoy to the Sui
- court in China (Traditional Japanese date: July 3, 607) 902 Aghlabid emir Ibrahim II of Ifriqiya destroys Taormina, Sicily
- 1021 Synod of Pavia: emperor Henry II convicts married priest
- **Declaration of War**
- 1177 Peace Treaty of Venice: Emperor Frederik I and Pope Alexander III
- 1203 Alexius IV Angelus appointed co-regent of **Byzantium**
- 1291 Everlasting League forms, basis of Swiss Confederation (Independence)
- 1498 Christopher Columbus lands on "Isla Santa" (Venezuela)
- Battle at St Gotthard: Earl Raimondo
- Montecucculi beats Ahmed Kiprulu 1690 - Battle at Staffarda: French army beats Victor
- Amadeus of Savoy 1714 - Monarch Georg Ludwig becomes King George I
- of England
- 1717 Nicholas Rowe is appointed British Poet Laureate by George I
- 1732 Foundations laid for Bank of England
- 1759 Battle at Minden, Westfalen: Ferdinand van
- Brunswick beats France
- **Historic Invention**
- 1774 Joseph Priestley, English theologian, chemist and author discovers oxygen by isolating it in its
 - 1780 Sweden declares neutrality
- 1781 British army under general Cornwallis occupies Yorktown, Virginia
- 1785 Caroline Herschel becomes 1st woman to discover a comet
- 1789 US Customs begins enforcing Tariff Act
- 1793 France becomes 1st country to use the metric
- system 1798 - Battle of the Nile: British Royal Navy under
- Admiral Horatio Nelson attacks and decimates the French fleet at Aboukir Bay off the Nile Delta, Egypt

From KO Archives

Kashmiris Take To Soccer For Relief

Observer News Service RINAGAR- As peace slowly takes root in Kashmir, people are taking to soccer to forget the sound of gunshots and

Football used to be played in the picturesque valley uptill the advent of militancy. Now, with the threat of this menace dwindling, hundreds of fans recently turned up at a polo ground to see a game of soccer.

The Jammu and Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) is taking the lead in organising matches so that traumatised people can forget their miseries.

I think that people are getting a better opportunity and finding and finding relief by watching these matches after two-three years," claimed Zameer Thakur, the president of the association

Residents welcomed the resurgence of soccer in the valley. Sayed Ahmad, a resident, said that for the past two years these matches were being organised and there was enjoyment

Over 300 budding players between 8-15 age groups partici-

pated in a JKFA championship in May, organised with Brazil's Troia's International Sports Academy

(Kashmir Observer, 01 August, 2007)

Public Notice

My name and my mothers name has been wrongly spelled in my passport bearing number 36073696 as Ayesha and Zainub Begum respectively though my correct name as per my certificates is Aisha while my mothers name is Ziya Begum. Now I want to change the same. Anybody having objection in this regard may file the same before the regional passport office, Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained

D/O Mohammad Hidayatullah Mir and Ziya Begum

J&K Bank

Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited

Impaired Assets Portfolio Management Department

Zonal Office Pulwama

E-AUCTION NOTICE (For sale of mortgaged immovable property under sub rule 06 of Rule 08 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 & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Pinjora, Shopian, the physical possession whereof has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank under section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 will be sold through e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "No complaint" basis" on 21.08.2023 for recovery of dues to the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Branch Pinjora, Shopian. The

description of property, reserve price and the earnest money deposit (EMD) is mentioned herein below: Description of the mortgaged

- 1. Land measuring 01 Kanal 03 1/2 Marlas falling under Khasra No. 176 (11 M), 320 (12 1/2 M), Khata No. 56 and Khewat No. 13 situated at Nully Poshwari, Tehsil and District Shopian standing in the name of Mr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat s/O Ghulam Rasool Bhat R/O Nully Poshwari, Shopian.
- Land measuring 10 Kanals falling under Khasra No. 53 min (05 Kanals), Khata No. 56 and Khewat No. 13 and Khasra No.456/5 (O5 Kanals), Khata No.116 and Khewat No. 25 situated at Nully Poshwari. Shopian standing in the name of Mr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat S/O Ghulam Rasool Bhat R/O Nully Poshwari, Shopian
- 3. Land measuring O3 Kanals 12 ½ Marlas falling under Khasra No. 696 min, Khata No. 164 and Khewat No. 30 situated at Heff, Chitragam, Shopian standing in the name of Mr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat S/O Ghulam Rasool Bhat R/O Nully Poshwari, Shopian.

Reserve Price

Rs.135.459 lacs

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)

Rs.13,54,590/-

The bid document/format containing full details of the mortgaged property and all the terms & conditions can be had from and submitted on the website "https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net (Contact Persons: Mr. Ram Sharma (M) 9978591888, 9265562821 (O) 079 - 6813 6844,). The bids complete in all respects can be only submitted online by or before 16.08.2023 upto 4.00 PM. The e -auction will be held on 21.08.2023 from 11.30 AM-4.00 PM. The contact details of the bank officials are: Mr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat (Authorized Officer) Mobile No. 9541483385 & Mr. Syed Arshid (Branch Manager Pinjora, Shopian) Mobile No. 7006877036.

This publication is also a **15 days' Notice** in terms of sub rule 06 of Rule 08 read with sub rule 01 of Rule 09 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 expenses will be recovered from them.

Dated: 28.07.2023 Place: Shopian Authorized Officer Registered office: Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India CIN: L65110JK1938SGC000048; T:+91 (0)194 2481 930-35; F:+91 (0)194 248 1928; E:info@jkbmail.com; W:www.jkbank.com DIPK-NB-2317/23 DATED: 31-07-2023

Reference:

delay, the Board has felt it necessary to give an opportunity to all such applicants listed in Annexure-A to this Notification to submit their deficient documents (as mentioned against their names) physically at the BOPEE Office Jammu/Srinagar by or before 04-08-2023 (upto 03:00 p.m) positively during the working days only, failing which their name(s) shall not be included in the Rank-wise Merit List, at their own risk & responsibility and shall not be considered for the counseling process. Further, no claim whatsoever in this regard shall under any circumstances be entertained by the Board.

- 1. Any candidate who fails to submit his/her deficient documents upto the last date i.e 04.08.2023 till 03:00 p.m, his/her candidature shall be automatically cancelled.
- 2. The candidate(s) who have uploaded their Expired/Invalid Category Certificates or more than one Category Certificates, are advised to submit their Valid/Renewed Category Certificate issued by the Competent Authority, physically at the BOPEE office Jammu/Srinagar upto 04.08.2023 subject to the condition that their Category Certificate should have been issued by the Competent Authority by or before the last date i.e. 02-06-2023, fixed by the Board for filling up of the Online Application Forms as mentioned in various Notification/Notice/ e-Information Brochure available on official website of the BOPEE, failing which they shall be automatically converted into Open Merit Category, if otherwise, found eligible under the said category.
- 3. The candidature of the candidates appearing in the **Annexure-A** who have not been found eligible by the Board, is hereby rejected.
- 4. No documents shall be accepted through the E-mail or Whatsapp format.
- 5. The Annexure-A to this Notification shall remain only available on the official website of the Board viz. www.jkbopee.gov.in
- 6. All the candidates are advised to remain in constant touch with the J&K BOPEE website for latest updates regarding counseling schedule and other important information with regard to the said course in their own interests as no E-mail or SMS shall be communicated from the Board in

The other Terms & Conditions shall remain the same as notified by the Board through various Notifications /Notices/Information Brochure from time to time in this regard.

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Dated: 31-07-2023 DIPK-NB-2323/23

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Kashmir's Tourism Surge

fter a prolonged hiatus, Kashmir is once again witnessing a remarkable surge in international tourist arrivals. From January 1 to June 19 this year, over 15,000 foreign tourists have flocked to the Valley. The surge in international tourists is a big leap from the figures of the previous year when only 4,028 foreign visitors arrived during the same period. The increase in numbers is being hailed as a positive sign of Kashmir's resurgence in the global tourism map.

Local administration has been working tirelessly to revive the tourism industry after a challenging three-decade long period of uncertainty. This has given a boost to tourism sector and local businesses. The renewed interest in Kashmir as a travel destination is expected to have a positive ripple effect on various industries, including hospitality, transportation, and handicrafts.

As the year progresses, authorities are optimistic that the numbers will continue to climb, and Kashmir will once again reclaim its position as one of the prominent destinations for holiday makers on the global travel map.

Last year, J&K witnessed a record over one crore tourists, contributing 7 percent to its GDP. To sustain this growth, the government has identified 300 new destinations for promotion, emphasizing green tourism, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). and the active participation of local communities. Such initiatives will not only enhance tourism but also contribute to the region's overall development. The rise in the number of movies filmed in J&K further reveals the region's increasing popularity and the positive impact it has on the local economy and

Recently, the LG Sinha also set an ambitious goal of hosting two crore tourists in the UT in 2023. But the administration needs to focus on building and upgrading the infrastructure before bringing more tourists to the region. This includes improving transportation infrastructure, providing quality accommodation, ensuring basic amenities, and addressing security concerns. Only then can the UT truly capitalize on its potential as a tourism destination. Over the last three years, Kashmir Valley has been largely peaceful, paving the way for the spurt in tourism. But tourism shouldn't be the only indicator of peace and the government knows it very well. So, we need more steps to ensure the gains of the past three years are consolidated and enjoyed by all people. For example, it is about time that the central government takes steps to hold Assembly polls in the union territory.

OTHER OPINON

Global growth is looking up

n the July update of its world economic outlook, the International Monetary Fund has raised its forecast for global growth this year, signaling that the underlying economic momentum is stronger than previously believed. The IMF now expects the world economy to grow at 3 per cent in 2023, up 0.2 percentage points from its estimate in April. This upward revision reflects improving prospects across both advanced economies as well as emerging market and developing countries. Alongside, the Fund now expects global inflation to fall from 8.7 per cent in 2022 to 6.8 per cent in 2023, and further to 5.2 per cent in 2024. Core inflation, though, is expected to fall more gradually — from 6.5 per cent in 2022 to 4.7 per cent in 2024. This does suggest that, in parts of the world, interest rates are likely to be higher for longer.

The Fund's forecasts show that even though growth for advanced economies has been revised upwards for this year, it will slow down from 2.7 per cent in 2022 to 1.5 per cent in 2023. In comparison, emerging economies are expected to sustain their growth momentum — the IMF expects them to grow at 4 per cent this year as well. But, with several economies witnessing significant upward revisions to their growth estimates — for instance, Brazil's growth forecast has been revised upwards by 1.2 percentage points, Spain by 1 percentage point, Russia by 0.80 percentage points, and UK by 0.70 percentage points — it does indicate that economic activity has across the board proven to be more resilient than previously believed.

The IMF now expects the Indian economy to grow at 6.1 per cent in 2023, up 0.2 percentage points from its earlier estimate. Growth is expected to edge upwards to 6.3 per cent in the year after. The upward revision is premised on continuing momentum from the stronger than expected growth in the last quarter a consequence of healthy investment activity. Data from the National Statistical Office had shown that investments rose by 8.9 per cent during January-March, up from 8 per cent during October-December. The IMF isn't alone, however. Fitch has recently raised its forecast for the Indian economy to 6.3 per cent, from 6 per cent earlier. And the Asian Development Bank has retained its growth forecast at 6.4 per cent. But considering the downside risks to growth, in an uncertain global and domes tic environment, the priorities for policy makers, as the Fund has also underlined, remain the same — bring down inflation, maintain financial stability and rebuild fiscal buffers.

The Indian Express



LG Sinha Joined Zuljanah Procession In Downtown on 8th Muharram, July 29, 2023/ File Photo

What the Historic Muharram Procession Foretells

The historic muharram procession being allowed via Lal Chowk after 34 years is an achievement of LG Manoj Sinha and is also an indication that now is the right time to hold Assembly elections as well as to restore J&K's statehood

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

ack in 1987, as a school boy from valley's Tyndale Biscoe School, I had seen the Muharram procession for the first time in Lalchowk - srinagar's city centre. It was the 8th Muharram and while rushing to catch my bus from the SRTC bus stand, I made way for a huge procession. I followed thousands of protestors who were led by Maulana Abbas Ansari. The memory is vivid, even now, perhaps because since 1989, no such muharram procession ever passed through the heart of the city.

I would always wonder why the 8th Muharram procession wasn't allowed. That is until I grew up and found political reasons sur-

Successive governments in J&K had given the impression that if allowed, the procession would lead to law and order problems. Thus, political leadership would always rely on police and security clearance for it. In hindsight, there were indeed challenges for the authorities as they suspected separatist groups could hijack the event. Nonetheless, the governments could have taken up this challenge. For 33 years they were indecisive on it

Procession passes via Lal Chowk

Now, after a thirty-four-year-long ban, Shia mourners were finally allowed to take out the 8th Muharram procession through the traditional route from Guru Bazaar to Dalgate via MA Road. Due credits need to be given to the J&K administration led by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for this bold decision.

Until the night of 7th Muharram, there were speculations that the procession may not be allowed, as the walkout of Imran Ansari from the Muharram meeting with LG Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary had exacerbated the issue. But the last minute change of heart has not only brought great relief to devout Shia Muslims who were craving for this day but also laurels for the LG administration for this bold and historic decision. And that was not all. The decision by Lieutenant Governor to personally participate in the 10th Muharram procession in the old city Srinagar was indeed a bold move. Wearing a black kurta Mr Sinha drove to downtown Srinagar and joined crowds of thousands becoming the first constitutional head to do so.

There were also top brass of the government, including Divisional Commissioner, Deputy Commissioners who all wore black

Symbolism has great value in our part of the world and by this move, LG admin has outsmarted all politicians who had preceded him.

Testimony to Normalcy

LG Manoj Sinha while paying glowing tributes to the Karbala martyrs said:

"I bow to the martyrs of Karbala and recall sacrifices of Hazrat Imam Hussain and his ideals. Today is a historic occasion for Shia brethren in Kashmir valley as after 34 years 8th Muharram procession is taking place on the traditional route'

He further said that it was also a testimony to change and normalcy in Jammu & Kashmir regimes before him that claimed the procession had the potential to disturb peace. He thanked LG administration for lifting the unjustified ban saying Shias were not an ungrateful community to not thank those who took this decision after 34 years as previous regimes only used force to curb it. He acknowledged the situation in Kashmir has improved.

Addressing 9th Muharram gathering at Alamgiri Bazar, Molvi Masroor Abbas also gave credit of 8th Muharram procession to the youth who struggled all these years and paved the way for its restoration through the traditional route. He said that the Government should not suspect that any sectarian clashes will take place in Srinagar or that anti-national elements will seek political benefits from it. Neither should any political party use it for

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and the entire world was witnessing the commitment and determination of the government to ensure a peaceful environment, freedom, love, compassion and harmony in society.

While giving credit to LG administration for allowing the 8th Muharram procession former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir Omar Abdullah and National Conference leader welcomed the decision taken by the administration headed by LG Manoj Sinha. He, however, said that authorities must also take some more steps to restore actual normalcy in J&K. He said there should be no restrictions at the Srinagar Jamia Masjid and Friday and Eid prayers should be allowed. He also appealed to the Govt to lift all the restrictions on Mirwaiz Umar Farooq so that he can fulfil his religious obligations at Jamia Masjid Srinagar by participating in Friday prayers.

Masroor hails LG

Even Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari. president of Ittehadul Muslimeen, hailed the decision saying that the peaceful 8th Muharram procession had given a lie to all those their own benefits

Conclusion

The credit of allowing 8th Muharram procession definitely goes to the Govt headed LG Manoj Sinha but this must not stop here. The work towards restoring normalcy and democratic institutions has to continue. People can't rely on Govt officers all the time to address their grievances. They need their MLAs to speak for them. The Govt of India now needs to focus on holding Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir as soon as possible.

Holding 8th Muharram procession through its historical route is the validation of the fact that peace has returned to Jammu & Kashmir and now the Govt must start working on giving the people of J&K an elected Government. The Govt of India also needs to take steps to restore statehood as well

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



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Respecting Women Online

OVID-19 has pushed people to the digital universe, now, more than ever. This, however, does not mean that this proliferation has been entirely positive. With more people on the internet, it has also become a vulnerable space. It is especially true for women.

Women face a number of issues online. Stalking, trolling, harassment and blackmailing — to name a few. Trolling, out of all these, is often brushed under the carpet and is trivialised. This trivialisation of trolling helps no one and is absolutely unacceptable. In a country like India, there is every chance that digital abuse can translate into physical harm. Women are already in danger here and add to that the access that

internet gives to possible offenders. Therefore, we must find ways

to collaboratively call out abusive handles and ensure the safety of women on the internet. Additionally, vocal women need to be supported and protected because they're always at the receiving end of hate. Moreover, those who aren't aware of how to use internet safely, should

also be educated.

Students should be taught provisions under law for digital offences from the school level itself. It is imperative to have an all-hands-on-deck approach to ensure that we give a safe internet to women.

Ameera Shah

The Digital Addiction

Mohammad Hanief

hile a smartphone, tablet, or computer can be a hugely productive tool, compulsive use of these devices can interfere with work, school, and relationships. When you spend more time on social media or playing games than you do interacting with real people, or you can't stop yourself from repeatedly checking texts, emails, or apps—even when it has negative consequences in your life—it may be time to reassess your technology use.

Smartphone addiction, sometimes colloquially known as "nomophobia" (fear of being without a mobile phone), is often fueled by an internet overuse problem or internet addiction disorder. After all, it's rarely the phone or tablet itself that creates the compulsion, but rather the games, apps, and online worlds it connects us to.

Addiction to social networking, dating apps, texting, and messaging can extend to the point where virtual, online friends become more important than real-life relationships. We've all seen the couples sitting together in a restaurant ignoring each other and engaging with their smartphones instead. While the internet can be a great place to meet new people, reconnect with old friends, or even start romantic relationships, online relationships are not a healthy substitute for real-life interactions. Online friendships can be appealing as they tend to exist in a bubble, not subject to the same demands or stresses as messy, realworld relationships. Compulsive use of dating apps can change your focus to short-term hookups instead of developing long-term relationships.

Compulsive web surfing, watching videos, playing games, or checking news feeds can lead to lower productivity at work or school and isolate you for hours at a time. Compulsive use of the internet and smartphone apps can cause you to neglect other aspects of your life, from real-world relationships to hobbies and social pursuits.

Online compulsions, such as gaming, gambling, stock trading, online shopping, or bidding on auction sites like eBay can often lead to financial and job-related problems. While gambling addiction has been a well-documented problem for years, the availability of internet gambling has made gambling far more accessible. Compulsive stock trading or online shopping can be just as financially and socially damaging. eBay addicts may wake up at strange hours in order to be online for the last remaining minutes of an auction. You may purchase things you don't need and can't afford just to experience the excitement of placing the winning bid.

While you can experience impulse-control problems with a lap-



top or desktop computer, the size and convenience of smartphones and tablets means that we can take them just about anywhere and gratify our compulsions at any time. In fact, most of us are rarely ever more than five feet from our smartphones. Like the use of drugs and alcohol, they can trigger the release of the brain chemical dopamine and alter your mood. You can also rapidly build up tolerance so that it takes more and more time in front of these screens to derive the same pleasurable reward.

Heavy smartphone use can often be symptomatic of other underlying problems, such as stress, anxiety, depression, or loneliness. At the same time, it can also exacerbate these problems. If you use your smartphone as a "security blanket" to relieve feelings of anxiety, loneliness, or awkwardness in social situations, for example, you'll succeed only in cutting yourself off further from people around you. Staring at your phone will deny you the face-to-face interactions that can help to meaningfully connect you to others, alleviate anxiety, and boost your mood. In other words, the remedy you're choosing for your anxiety (engaging with your smartphone), is actually making your anxiety worse.

Smartphone or internet addiction can also negatively impact your life by increasing loneliness and depression. While it may seem that losing yourself online will temporarily make feelings such as loneliness, depression, and boredom evaporate into thin air, it can actually make you feel even worse. A 2014 study found a correlation between high social media usage and depression and anxiety. Users, especially teens, tend to compare themselves unfavorably

with their peers on social media, promoting feelings of loneliness and depression.

One researcher found that the mere presence of a phone in a work place tends to make people more anxious and perform poorly on given tasks. The heavier a person's phone use, the greater the anxiety they experienced.

Using a smartphone for work often means work bleeds into your home and personal life. You feel the pressure to always be on, never out of touch from work. This need to continually check and respond to email can contribute to higher stress levels and even burnout.

The constant stream of messages and information from a smartphone can overwhelm the brain and make it impossible to focus attention on any one thing for more than a few minutes without feeling compelled

to move on to something else. The persistent buzz, ping or beep of your smartphone can distract you from important tasks, slow your work, and interrupt those quiet moments that are so crucial to creativity and problem solving. Instead of ever being alone with our thoughts, we're now always online and connected.

Excessive smartphone use can disrupt your sleep, which can have a serious impact on your overall mental health. It can impact your memory, affect your ability to think clearly, and reduce your cognitive and learning skills.

A UK study found that people who spend a lot of time on social media are more likely to display negative personality traits such as narcissism. Snapping endless selfies, posting all your thoughts or details about your life can create an unhealthy self-centeredness, distancing you from

real-life relationships and making it harder to cope with stress.

There are a number of steps you can take to get your smartphone and internet use under control. While you can initiate many of these measures yourself, an addiction is hard to beat on your own, especially when temptation is always within easy reach. It can be all too easy to slip back into old patterns of usage. Look for outside support, whether it's from family, friends, or a professional therapist.

To help you identify your problem areas, keep a log of when and how much you use your smartphone for non-work or non-essential activities. There are specific apps that can help with this, enabling you to track the time you spend on your phone. Are there times of day that you use your phone more? Are there other things you could be doing instead? The more you understand your smartphone use, the easier it will be to curb your habits and regain control of your time.

Human beings are social creatures. We're not meant to be isolated or to rely on technology for human interaction. Socially interacting with another person face-to-face-making eye contact, responding to body language—can make you feel calm, safe, and understood, and quickly put the brakes on stress. Interacting through text, email or messaging bypasses these nonverbal cues so won't have the same effect on your emotional well-being. Besides, online friends can't hug you when a crisis hits, visit you when you're sick, or celebrate a happy occasion with you.

Perhaps tweeting, texting or blogging is your way of coping with stress or anger. Or maybe you have trouble relating to others and find it easier to communicate with people online. Building skills in these areas will help you weather the stresses and strains of daily life without relying on your smartphone.

If you need more help to curb your smartphone or internet use, there are now specialist treatment centers that offer digital detox programs to help you disconnect from digital media. Individual and group therapy can also give you a tremendous boost in controlling your technology use.

Any parent who's tried to drag a child or teen away from a smartphone or tablet knows how challenging it can be to separate kids from social media, messaging apps, or online games and videos. Youngsters lack the maturity to curb their smartphone use on their own, but simply confiscating the device can often backfire, creating anxiety and withdrawal symptoms in your child.

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Life Is Not Like That For Everybody, Dearie

Asha Iyer Kumar

♦ ♦ Why do you work so hard at this age, aunty?" A darling niece from the other end of the world Whatsapp-ed in reply to my message that detailed my current status of life.

"Deadlines that fall by the wayside and to-do lists that crumble under their own weight.

That's my life now, dearie," I had written to her.

Now if that sounds like a mountain load of work, then it certainly is. No excuses for thinking otherwise.

My niece's question was pertinent. But I felt the phrase 'at this age', meaning I am in some fluid stage of life from where the only progression is to vapourise, was slightly out of place and I fished out from the phone my latest selfie to make sure

I still had a long way to be over the hill.

Nothing can, however, lighten the significance of the question I was posed by her, and I had an obligation to answer it. For my own sake and hers. Why am I working so hard 'at this age' when I should be putting my feet up, sipping filter coffee and watching Lust Stories 2 while secretly wondering what there was to hart about in life anyway?

to lust about in life, anyway?
Because life is NOT like that.

Not all people retire at 58. Not all people who work after 60 do it for passion's sake. Not all people have made enough dough by then to call it a day. And not all people have mastered what philosophers aver is the stairway to happiness – contentment. To feel like a prince when there are only a few pennies in the purse is not everybody's game. Been there,



done that, now happy in their log house, with no care. Like how my dad felt after he retired from service.

Not all people can live a frugal life. For better or for worse, I am someone with slightly bigger agendas in life. My dad spent his life viewing the rolling hills of the Western Ghats from our courtyard. But I want to watch the evening sun melting down the Himalayas. He picked hibiscus and tulsi from our backyard. I

want to pick pine tree flowers in the Alps. He wanted to watch sports and news at home. I want to watch the Northern Lights in Norway.

It is not about greed. It is not about ambition either. It is about living life in a way different from theirs.

Not everyone can be like dad. "I have enough, not excess," he would often say in a very self-assured manner, and I knew what his 'enough' meant. Dad and mum's

needs were small for as long as I could remember. I wonder if they never had dreams, or if they had consigned it very

early for want of ample means.

But that isn't the reason why I am working so hard. It's all about the obstinacy of life. You need to stride wider when you are walking uphill. It is the law of nature. Gravity will pull you down and make you crawl on your belly, but you must gather enough muscle in your calves to keep

walking. You can pause for a breather, but not stop and become a stone.

For some people, life throws curveballs in its second half. For some others, it brings windfalls. I know people to whom money is not their primary concern in the later years. I have also seen people past 60 slogging for over 12 hours a day and having encumbrances that their sagging shoulders cannot bear or shrug off. Yet they stay in the boxing ring because life will not let them hang their gloves.

Sometimes, putting food on the table becomes so important that watching Amazon Prime feels like a crime. Not only can't you afford it, but even if you steal some time for a few snatches, it feels like you have committed a heist.

To many in mid-life, to work is the only way to keep the stove burning and the stew simmering. It is how things turn out for a few chosen by the Lord. The only other option for them is to shut shop and cease to exist. And that, I refuse to do, because like love that can happen anytime and can bring a cosmic rebound in a sagging spirit, you never know when dreams can transpire in a desk-bound life.

Perhaps, the next time someone asks me why I stay awake late at night, I must say, "I am looking out my window to catch the Northern Lights. Who knows when it might pass this way." It might be a more acceptable answer than 'I need enough money to live a decent life.'

I said, enough, not excess.

I needn't explain further Th

I needn't explain further. Those who know will know.

– Khaleej Times

Social Media Not Polarising Society In Ways Public Tends To Think, Studies Find

Press Trust Of India

lgorithms controlling a social media user's feed, while largely opaque, may not be polarising the society in the same ways as the public tends to think, social scientists say.

They have published studies examining social media's impact on individuals' political attitudes and behaviours during the US presidential election in 2020 in the journals Nature and Science.

"The notion that such algorithms create political 'filter bubbles', foster polarisation, exacerbate existing social inequalities, and enable the spread of disinformation has become rooted in the public consciousness." write Andrew M. Guess. lead author of one of these

newly published studies, and colleagues about the opaque-tousers algorithms used by social media companies.

The Nature study found that exposing a Facebook user to content from sources having the same political persuasions as them, or "like-minded" sources, did not measurably impact the user's political beliefs or attitudes during the 2020 US presidential election.

"These findings do not mean that there is no reason to be concerned about social media in general or Facebook in particular," said Brendan Nyhan, one of the four lead authors on the study.

Nyhan said that while there are many other concerns we could have about the ways social media platforms could contribute to extremism, exposure to like-minded sources' content was likely not one of them.

"We need greater data transparency that enables further research into what's happening on social media platforms and its impacts," said Nyhan. "We hope our evidence serves as the first piece of the puzzle and not the last."

The studies published in Science helped answer these questions - Does social media make us more polarised as a society, or merely reflect the divisions that already exist? Does it help people to become better informed about politics, or less? And how does social media affect people's attitudes towards government and democracy?

Examining the effect of algorithmic feed-ranking systems on an individual's politics. Guess and team recruited participants through survey invitations placed on the top of

their Facebook and Instagram feeds in August 2020 and divided them into treatment and control groups.

After a three-month analysis, the researchers found no detectable changes in the treatment group, who were less engaged with content on platforms and exposed to more ideologically diverse content, compared to the control group, whose feeds were not tampered with. In a second study, also

led by Guess, suppressing reshared content on Facebook, while substantially decreasing the amount of political news to which users were exposed, was found to not affect political opinions. They compared a control group for whom no changes were made to Facebook feeds to a treatment group for whom reshared content was removed from feeds.

Removing reshared content, previously shown to increase political polarisation and political knowledge, decreased users' clicks on partisan news links, the proportion of political news they saw, and their exposure to untrustworthy content. However, the authors could not reliably detect shifts in users' political attitudes or behaviours, other than a reduced news knowledge in the treat-

"Though reshares may have been a powerful mechanism for directing users' attention and behaviour on Facebook during the 2020 election campaign," conclude the authors, "they had limited impact on politically relevant attitudes and offline behaviours.

ment group.

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Department of Wildlife Protection Office of the, Wildlife Warden, Wetland Division, Kashmir.

Hokersar, Srinagar.

E-NIT No. 22 OF 2023-24 Dated: 28/07/2023 STAGE CONTRACT

(Please read the tender document carefully before bidding) For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, stage contract / e-tenders are hereby invited (in two cover system) on Item Rate Basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with registered with PWD/CPWD/MES/Central/State/UT Governments for below mentioned works: -

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Position of AA / TS: Accorded Position of Funds: Committed

Compulsory Note & Instructions: -Hard copy of all the documents uploaded at the time of submission of tenders should be submitted in the office within seven (03) days from the date of opening of Technical Bids without fail along with the copy of (JKPWDOMS) verified Online Registration Card of required class valid for the current financial year along with valid GST Registration / Latest Return Certificate, PAN Card and other relevant documents duly renewed / uploaded at the time of bidding.

Only JKPWDOMS online registration contractor cards shall be accepted and the Contractors Name on JKPWDOMS certificate and GTS Registration Certificate should be identical (any difference in trade name or spelling mismatch in JKPWDOMS and GST certificate shall not be entertained and rejected out rightly) All contractors/bidders intending to participate in this tender are advised to inspect the location and nature of works or contact the O/o Wildlife Warden

Wetlands Division, Srinagar in case of any clarification before participating in in the tender. c)All contractors / bidders have to submit Earnest Money Deposit and Performance Security in shape of CDR/FDR as per Circular issued by the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B)

Department, Kashmir vide No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-92 Dated: 01-01-2022. The bid/tender without accompanying Earnest Money Deposit shall be out rightly rejected.

d) The allotment / LoI shall be made strictly & only within or as per the approved, allotted & released budgetary allocation at the time of issuance and shall be The Advertised Amount shall be deemed as Estimated Amount, difference if any shall be rounded off, the competitive percentage shall be applicable to the

Works not completed within the stipulated time of completion shall attract fine under rule and no liability shall be accepted / carried forward

All the documents listed below should be scanned in 100 dpi and uploaded with the bid, providing of Aadhar Card and Contact Number with Contractor's

Registration Card is mandatory.

The online bids must be accompanied with the following documents:-Part-I Technical Bid

(Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid)

JKPWDOMS online enlistment certificate / Registration Card of required class valid for the year 2023-24.

Cost of Tender Documents (Non Refundable) in the shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt for particular work to be deposited into Major Head 0406-Forestry and Wildlife remitted between Tender Inviting Date and Tender Closing Date only in any Treasury of J&K UT.

Earnest Money Deposit in shape of CDR/FDR as per Circular issued by the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Kashmir vide No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-92 Dated: 01-01-2022. The GST Registration with GST Clearance ending March-2023

PAN Card / Aadhar Card / In use Contact Number. Part-II Financial Bid

Statement of Advertised Quantity & Consideration Rates on Item Rate basis to be offered by the Contractor / Bidder towards Department for the advertised quantity in BoQ

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

1	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	31/07/2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	31/07/2023 to 09/08/2023
3	Bid submission start date	31/07/2023
4	Bid submission End date	09/08/2023 upto 06:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of technical bids (online)	10/08/2023 at 03:00 PM
6.	Date & time of opening of financial bids (online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation
7.	l ast Date for Submission of Original Challan and CDR/FDR and other documents (Hard Copy)	Three working days from the date of opening of tenders

A pre-bid meeting will be held to clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage by the contractors/bidders 2. Bids must be accompanied by the tender documents fee of necessary Treasury Challan /Receipt in shape of Government Treasury Challan deposited in any Treasury of J&K UT under Account Head: 0406-Forestry and Wildlife in favour of Wildlife Warden Wetland Division, Srinagar and Earnest Money Deposit in shape of CER/ FDR as per Circular issued by the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Kashmir vide No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-92 Dated: 01-01-2022 pledged to Wildlife Warden, Wetland

The date and time of opening of technical bids shall be notified on website https://iktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail address. The financial bids of responsive

bidders shall be opened online on same website in the office of Regional Wildlife Warden Kashmir Region. (Tender Receiving Authority)

4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids (The Bid Validity period is subject to production of documents, Hard Copy within three working days from the date of opening of tenders).

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

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within seven days from the date of opening of financial bids.

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

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

Bidders are advised to download is submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to

certificate from any approved vendors. The bidder must use his personal 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' for bidding purpose. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with personal Digital Signature Certificate. 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/mandatory documents with the bid.

Division, Kashmir, Srinagar remitted / pledged between Tender Inviting Date and Tender Closing Date only.

7.6 All the bids online shall be opened in light of finance department communication 0.M No: A/24(2017)-651 Dated: 07-06-2018. The bidder has to submit the scanned copy of Tender Document Fee, Bid Security Certificate in lieu of EMD, Valid GST Registration/Latest Return, PAN Card,

Contractor Registration Card of required Class duly renewed along with Contact Number and hard copy of same within the stipulated timeframe

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

S canned copy of cost of tender document in shape of challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary treasury challan/receipt under Account Head: 0406-Foreign and the contraction of the contraction ofestry and Wildlife in favour of Wildlife Warden Wetland Division and Bid Security Certificate in lieu of EMD to be pledged to Wildlife Warden Wetland Division must be ded with the bid. The original challan/receipt (cost of tender document) CDR/FDR (earnest money/bid security) and all relevant documents etc.

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

price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work unless otherwise specified, Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on e-Tendering Portal to store such documents as required In case of CRF and any other specified, the relevant guidelines /standard bidding documents shall be followed

No. WLW(WL)/Acctts/2023-24/313-15 DIPK-6040/23 Date: 31/07/2023

Wildlife Warden Wetland Division, Srinagai

Department of Wildlife Protection, J&K Govt. Office of the Wildlife Warden, South Kashmir Division

Bijbehara-192124, Anantnag, Tel./Fax: +91 1932234474, Email: wildlifejk.skd@gmail.com

e-NIT No. 04 of 2023-24 Dated: 31/07/2023 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are hereby invited (in two cover system) on Percentage Basis from approved

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

and eligible contractors registered with registered with PWD/CPWD/MES/Central/State/UT Governments for below mentioned works: Particulars / Item of work Location / GPS Location Estt. Cost Cost of (Amt in tender

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03	Erection of Chain-link fencing for protection of PA boundaries on angle iron posts having 2"x2" mesh	Khiram Block N= 33º 51' 27.83" E= 75º 11' 32.09" N= 33º 51' 27.82" E= 75º 11' 34.23"	15.05	800	bidder pledged to Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir region, Srinagar.	45 Days	CAMPA	BEE/ CEE

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/down loaded from the departmental Website: http://jktenders.gov.in.

Compulsory Note & Instructions:

Hard copy of all the documents uploaded at the time of submission of tenders should be submitted in the office within seven (07) days from the date of opening of Technical Bids without fail along with the copy of Registration Card of required class duly renewed for the year 2023-24 along with verification certificate, valid GST Registration / Latest Return, PAN Card and other relevant documents duly renewed. a) All contractors/bidders intending to participate in this tender are advised to inspect the location and nature of works or contact the office of the Wildlife Warden, Wildlife Divisi

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c) The allotment / Letter of intent (Loi) shall be made strictly & only within or as per the approved, allotted & released budgetary allocation at the time of issuance and shall be valid for

the current financial year only. d) Works not completed within the stipulated time of completion shall attract fine under rule and no liability shall be accepted / carried forward.
e) All the documents listed below should be scanned in 100 dpi and uploaded with the bid, providing of Aadhar Card and Contact Number with Contractor's Registration Card is manda-

f) The Contractor / Bidder / Agency shall upload Verification Report of Registration Card duly signed by Issuing Authority of the Registration Card or the Competent Authority. The online bids must be accompanied with the following documents: -

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4. The GST Registration with GST Clearance ending March-2023

5. PAN Card / Aadhar Card / in use Contact Numbe Part-II Financial Bid 1. Statement of Advertised Quantity & Consideration Rates on item rate basis to be offered by the Contractor / Bidder towards Department {single amount to be quoted by the bidder.

contractor on estimated amount) of the advertised quantity in BoQ.

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

31/07/2023 @ 12:00 Hrs **Publishing Date** Downloading Start Date Bid submission Date Start 31/07/2023 to 07/08/2023 31/07/2023 from 12:00 PM Bid submission End Date 07/08/2023 upto 04:00 PM 08/08/2023 at 02:00 PM (In the Office of Regional Wildlife Warden, Srinagar) Date of opening of Technical Bid Date & time of opening of financial bids (online) To be notified after technical bid evaluation Seven working days from the date of opening of tenders Last Date for Submission of Original Challan and CDR/FDR and other documents (Hard Copy)

1. Bids uploaded must Treasury Challan / Receipt in shape of Government Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) for the amount shown against the work to be deposited in any Treasury of J&K UT under Account Head: 0406-Forestry and Wildlife and Earnest Money Deposit in shape of CER/FDR as per Circular issued by the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Kashmir vide No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-92 Dated: 01-01-2022 pledged to Wildlife Warden, South Kashmir Division remitted / pledged between Tender Inviting Date and Tender

The technical bid uploaded should contain the cleared scanned copies of the following documents. Scanned copy of Tender Fee in shape of Govt. Treasury/challan.

Scanned Copy of CDR.

Scanned copy of Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/other authorized Govt. dept. duly renewed for the current year.

Scanned copy of the Active GST Number and has filed the most recent Monthly/Quarterly GST return. The same will be checked by this office from GST common portal of State taxes

Latest Income Tax Return and Valid Sales Tax Clearance Certificate (Form GSTR-3B ending 5/2023)

Conv of Aadhaar card. An Affidavit with points: -1. Correctness of Documents submitted 2. Not Being Black Listed by any institution, CID Verification/Police Verification Certificate.

Complete address with Whats App No. and email.

3. The original copies of documents, EMD @ 3% Performance Security deposit and additional security deposit (if any) and relevant documents be submitted to the tender inviting authority within 07 days after opening of financial bid by L1 bidder, otherwise the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further/future tendering process in the Division for a period of One year.

In case the cost of lowest bidder is found below the advertised amount, the bidder has to deposit an additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR before issuance of award of contract to the tune as per below details: %age of unbalanced Bid viz-a viz advertised Additional Performance Security to be deposited on quoted Bid by Ll

1	Upto and including 15% below	Nil				
2	>15% upto and Including 20%	5%				
3	>20% upto and Including 25%	10%				
4	>25% upto and Including 30%	15%				
5	>30%	20%				
The price bids uploaded on the website in time will be opened after the evaluation of the Technical Bids by the Tender Opening Committee of the Department. The dates						

price bids as per NIT. The price bids will be opened in the office of Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir, Boulevard Road Srinagar/Wildlife Warden, South Kashmir Division (online). The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, then the earnest money shall be stand forfeited.
 No Engineer of Gazetted rank or other Gazetted Officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the State Government is allowed

to work as the contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from government service without permission of the government. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor or any of his employees is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained permission from the government as a foresaid
7. The interested bidder can download the NIT / Bidding documents from the website:-https://jktenders.gov.in.

8. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get (DSC) Digital signature Certificate as per the information technology Act 2000 to participate online bidding. The certificate will be required for digitally signing the Bid. Bidders can get above mentioned digital certificate from any approved vendor. The Bidders who already possess valid (DSC) Digital signature Certificate need not to procure new Digital signature Certificate.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital signature. The bids cannot be uploaded without Digital signature; no bid will be accepted in Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in the NIT.

Before submission of online bids, Bidders must ensure that scan copies of all their necessary documents have been attached with bid, if any document is found deficient Define submission of reliate last, blockers most ensure that staff copies of all their necessary decomenda-ted during technical evaluation only.

The Department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids whatsoever reason maybe All the required information for bid must be filled and submitted online.

13. The Original Documents, submitted by L-1 should be same as uploaded on-line (scanned copies) otherwise the allotment will not be issued, the tenders will be cancelled and the bidders will not be allowed to participate in any further/future tendering process in the Division for a period of One year. Say-Wildlife Warden, South Kashmir Division, Forest Complex, near Padshahi bagh, Bijbehara, Anantnag

No: 775-78/WLWS DIPK-6101/23 Dated:31.07.2023

GST Evasion Of Rs 14,302 **Crore Detected In Current Fiscal Year: Centre**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- As many as 2,784 cases of GST evasion involving Rs 14.302 crore were detected in the first two months of the current fiscal, while Rs 5,716 crore was recovered during the period, Parliament was informed on Monday.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in a written reply in the Lok Sabha gave details of Goods and Services Tax (GST) and income tax evasion, as well as detection of outright smuggling by the Customs department.

As per the data, GST evasion of over Rs 2.68 lakh crore was detected in 43,516 cases between 2020-21 and 2023-24 (April-May). A recovery of Rs 76,333 crore was made during the period while 1,020 persons were arrested.

In the current fiscal (April-May), 2,784 cases of evasion of Rs 14,302 crore were detected. As many as 28 persons were arrested and Rs 5,716 crore recovered during the period.

As per the statistics on surveys, searches and seizures carried out by the Income Tax Department in the last 5 years, searches were conducted on 3,946 groups while assets worth Rs 6,662 crore was seized.

In 2022-23 fiscal alone, 741 groups were searched and Rs 1,765.56 crore assets were

In the last four years, 42,754



cases of outright smuggling detected by the Customs Department, involving value of about Rs 46,000 crore.

In April-May period of the current fiscal, 2,986 cases of outright smuggling involving goods valued at Rs 1,031 crore were detected by the Customs department.

About 12,259 cases of commercial frauds were also detected in the last 4 years, having duty implication of Rs 21,225 crore.

Sitharaman said with the availability of information in electronic form, the Income Tax Department has developed a wide range of non-intrusive methods for detecting tax evasion.

Besides, the GST department too is taking a number of steps to tackle evasion, including using robust data analytics and artificial intelligence to identify and track risky taxpayers; sharing of data with partner law enforcement agencies for more targeted interventions; reduction in threshold limit for issue of e-invoice for B2B trans-

crore from August 1, 2023.

actions from Rs 10 crore to Rs 5

Record 6.50 Cr ITRs For 2022-23 Filed, Filing To Go On Till Midnight

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: More than 6.5 crore income tax returns for 2022-23 fiscal have been filed so far, with 36.91 lakh ITRs being submitted on Monday until 1800 hrs, which is the last day for filing of returns by individuals and entities that are not required to get their accounts audited.

The e-filing portal has witnessed more than 1.78 crore successful logins till 6 pm, the I-T department said.

"More than 6.50 crore ITRs have been filed so far (31st July), out of which about 36.91 lakh ITRs have been filed today till 6 pm!" the tweet said.

The last date for ITR filing by salaried persons and entities which are not required to get their accounts audited ends Monday at midnight.

Last year, about 5.83 crore income tax returns were filed till July 31.

To assist taxpayers with ITR filing, tax payment and other related services, our helpdesk is functioning on a 24x7 basis, and we are providing support through calls, live chats. WebEx sessions & social media, the department said.

Tax experts said that the rise



in ITR filing is a reflection of a broadening taxpayer base, improved compliance and the efforts taken by the revenue department to check tax evasion.

The income tax department has been extensively using information technology and data analytics tools to identify high-risk cases and initiate enforcement actions in appropriate cases.

It also collects information on Specified Financial Transactions (SFT), above-notified thresholds, relating to cash deposits, credit card payments, purchase and sale of properties, purchase of shares and mutual funds etc.

Such information is collected, collated and analysed for

computer-aided scrutiny and risk profiling of taxpayers, identification of non-filers and stop filers etc, which in turn helps check evasion.

The government is unlikely to extend the due date for filing of tax returns in non-audit cases. Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra had earlier this month said that the government is not planning to extend the July 31 deadline.

Corporates and individuals who are required to get their accounts audited have time till October 31 to file tax returns for income earned in 2022-23 fiscal. The gross direct tax collection for 2022-23 fiscal grew 20.33 per cent at Rs 19.68 lakh crore.

Go First To Return Rs 597 Crore To Around 15.5 Lakh Passengers, NCLT Issues **Notice To CoC & IBBI**

PRESS Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Monday issued notices to the Committee of Creditors of Go First and insolvency regulator IBBI over a plea to refund Rs 597.54 crore to around 15.5 lakh passengers who booked tickets for travel on and after May 3.

The resolution professional (RP) of crisis-ridden Go First, which suspended operations on May 3, has approached the NCLT to seek permission for refunding money to passengers, some of whom booked flights till July 10. Senior advocate Ramji Srinivasan representing RP said that this has been done as per the business plan to revive the grounded airline.

The NCLT bench comprising Mahendra Khandelwal and Rahul P Bhatnagar said that the feasibility and implementation of such a business plan should be "subject to suggestions of members of Committee of Creditors (CoC)". The bench asked the Resolution Professional to take specific approval from the lenders over the refund of the amount.

Srinivasan said the CoC is aware of this, it has already envisaged the business plan and approved it. However, he sought time from the tribunal to check whether this particular refund plan has been approved by the CoC or not. The tribunal said as plans keep on changing, it would be better if a specific resolution over payment for refund is taken. It also wanted to know whether anyone has filed an objection to this refund plan.

On this, Srinivasan said it is done in the public interest and suggested bringing the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), which is a regulator into this issue. Agreed by this the bench has issued notices to the CoC of Go First and IBBI directing them to file their replies and posted the matter for the next hearing on August 7.

DGCA Renews Jet Airways Air Operator Certificate With Fiscal Deficit Touches 25.3% Of Full-**Conditions: Senior Official**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI: Aviation safety regulator DGCA has renewed with conditions the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) of Jet Airways until September 3, a senior official said on Monday.

Cash-strapped Jet Airways stopped flying on April 17,

The AOC was re-issued on May 20, 2022. However, since the airline did not start operations, it expired on May 19 this

"DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) has extended the AOC in respect of Jet Airways for a period up to 03.09.2023 only for the limited purpose of completing the ongoing CIRP," said the official.

The extension of AOC, however, is subject to certain conditions, he said

Earlier in the day, Jalan-Kalrock Consortium, the winning bidder for the bankrupt airline said in a statement that the DGCA has renewed the airline's AOC.

Last week, JKC announced the appointment of Jatinderpal Singh Dhillon as the airline's accountable manager.

Earlier this month, two whole-time directors and a non-executive director were appointed at Jet Airways.

The conditional extension of the AOC has been granted considering that National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the appellate tribunal NCLAT "have granted an extension(s)/ exclusion(s) of time for implementation of the approved Resolution Plan up to 03.09.2023," the DGCA official said.

As part of the conditions, Jet Airways will be required to undergo re-certification in accordance with the procedure contained in CAP 3100, as applicable for issuance of AOC and emonstrate compliance with all the applicable regulatory requirements afresh before the commencement of flight operations, the official stated.

Key Infra Sector Growth At 5-Month High Of 8.2% In June

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Output of eight key infrastructure sectors expanded at a five-month high rate of 8.2 per cent in June on healthy performance by sectors such as natural gas and steel, according to the official data released on Monday.

However, production growth was slower than 13.1 per cent recorded in June 2022.

Core sector growth in June is the highest since January 2023 when the key sectors expanded at 9.7 per cent. In May 2023, the growth rate was 5 per cent.

The output growth of the eight sectors slowed down to 5.8 per cent in April-June 2023-24 against 13.9 per cent in the

year-ago period. In June, steel output jumped by 219 per cent as ag cent in the same month last year. Natural gas production increased by 3.6 per cent during the month under review as compared to 1.2

Improved Detection,

Reporting Bring

Down Bank Fraud

Cases: MoS Finance

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Improved detec-

tion and reporting, along with

steps taken to check bank frauds, have resulted in a sharp

decline in the occurrence of

such incidence, Parliament

State for Finance Bhagwat

Karad said bank frauds have

declined from Rs 77.544

crore in 2013-14 to Rs 1,650

cluding measures to address

security flaws/loopholes and to

strengthen the fraud risk man-

agement mechanism in banks,

have been taken by the gov-

ernment, RBI and public sector

banks (PSBs), Karad said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.

Some of the measures in-

clude an online searchable

database of frauds reported by

banks, in the form of the Cen-

tral Fraud Registry has been set

up to enable timely identification, control and mitigation of

fraud risk and also to carry out

due diligence during the credit

sanction process and heads of PSBs have been empowered to

issue requests for issuance of

Besides, he said a National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal has been launched by the Ministry of Home Af-

fairs to enable the public to

report incidents on all types

of cybercrimes and a toll-free

number has also been opera-

tionalised to get assistance in

lodging online complaints.

Look-Out circulars

Comprehensive steps, in-

crore in 2022-23.

Sharing data, Minister of

was informed on Monday.

per cent in June 2022. Coal output growth slowed down to 9.8 per cent in June 2023 as against 32.1 per cent in June 2022.

The growth rate in the production of refinery products, fertiliser, cement and electricity slowed down to 4.6 per cent, 3.4 per cent, 9.4 per cent and 3.3 per cent as against 15.1 per cent, 8.2 per cent, 19.7 per cent, and 16.5 per cent respectively.

Commenting on the num-bers, ICRA Ltd Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said that the tardy onset of the monsoon contributed to improved performance of electricity and coal.

"With the boost seen in mining and electricity from a dryer-than-normal June, we expect the year-on-year IIP (index of industrial production) growth to print at 4-6 per cent in June 2023, in spite of the moderation in the yearon-year performance of several available high-frequency indicators," she said.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Telecom major Airtel has

ment of Telecommunications (DoT) as

spectrum acquired in the 2015 auction,

The Sunil Mittal-led telecom company

informed that the said installments were

leveraging much lower cost of financing

prepaid Rs 8.024 crore to the Depart-

part of its deferred liabilities for the

paid with an interest of 10 per cent,

the company said on Monday.

Year Target At End-June: CGA Data **Press Trust Of India** cial year. The deficit was 6.4 total expenditure in the first quarter stood at Rs 10.5

NEW DELHI: The Centre's fiscal deficit at the end of the first quarter touched 25.3 per cent of the full-year target, government data showed on Monday.

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit -- the gap between expenditure and revenue -- was Rs 4,51,370 crore as of end-June, according to the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). The deficit stood at 21.2

per cent of the Budget Estimates (BE) in the corresponding period of the financial year 2022-23. In the Union Budget, the

government projected to oring down the fiscal deficit to 5.9 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in the current 2023-24 finan-

"Bharti Airtel...has prepaid Rs 8,024

crore to the Department of Telecom

(Government of India) towards part

of year 2015," the company said in a

Airtel said it continues to focus on

financial flexibility via its capital struc-

financing and capitalising on all oppor-

tunities of significant interest savings,

like the latest prepayment.

ture, including optimising the cost of

prepayment of deferred liabilities per-

taining to spectrum acquired in auction



Unveiling the revenueexpenditure data of the Union government for the first three months of 2023-24, CGA said the net tax revenue was Rs 4,33,620 crore or 18.6 per cent of the BE for the current fiscal. The net tax revenue collection was 26.1 per cent at end-June

2022. The central government's touched 24 per cent of the BE in the year-ago period.

Of the total expenditure, Rs 7.72 lakh crore was on the revenue account and Rs 2.78 lakh crore was towards the capital account.

Of the total revenue expenditure, Rs 2,43,705 crore was on interest payments and Rs 87,035 crore on major subsidies.

University of Kashmir, Srinagar

The candidate whose particulars are given below has reported to the University that he / she has lost his/her University Certificate/s and has applied for issuance of dupli-

cate certificate/s: Name: Wasim Ali Ganai Paretnage: - Ali Mohd Ganai Residence: - Chichilora Magam Registration No: 32391-BC-2013

Certificate/s lost:- Marks Card 3rd Year Roll No/s:- 89376



Session/ Year Jan-Fab 2017

Before University will consider issuance of Duplicate Certificate/s in favour of the candidate, any person having any objection shall report to the undersigned within one week from the date of issuance of this notice. The original certificate/s issued to the candidate be treated as cancelled No: F(Duplicate/) KU) **Assistant Controller** of Examinations (PG/UG/Prof

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL **HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR**

(Tele-fax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

1. Supply, Installation, Testing and commissioning of Radiators along with allied works of Central Heating System at Gousia **Hospital Srinagar** II. Providing and Fitting of Oxygen flowmeters, Suction Jars for buffer stockings at SMHS Hospital, Srinagar

III. Repairs of Central Heating System at Govt. SMHS Hospital Srinagai

i. This office e- NIT no: MHCHD/TS/2023-24/57/e-tendering Dated 21.07.2023

ii. This office e- NIT no: MHCHD/TS/2023-24/58/e-tendering Dated 21.07.2023

EXTENSION

In view of representation(s) received from various bidder(s), the Critical dates of above subject work(s) tendered vide above referred e-NIT(s) are extended as follows:

S.No Description		Date and Time			
1.	Last Date of Bid Submission	02.08.2023 (12:00 hrs)			
2.	Date of Bid Opening	02.08.2023 (15:00 hrs)			

vAll other Terms and Conditions of the NIT shall remain the same

No. MHCHD/TS/3695-98,

Executive Engineer MHCH Division Srinagar.

Complete bidding process will be online on government e-tendering portal, www.jktenders.gov.in & the tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed NIT.

No.: SKIMS-MMOP-I/7/2023-Purl-3704-11 Dated: 26-07-2023

DT: 31/07/2023

Sd/-**Materials Management Officer** Purchase I Ref

Dt: - 31-07-2023

DT: 31/07/2023

DIPK-6116-23

Subject - Grant of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & style M/s "GO HOBO" Situated at Botshah Mohalla Lal Babzar. **PUBLIC NOTICE** Whereas, LMr./Ms. Yasir Hussain Wani S/o/D/o/W/o Mr. Sana Illah Wan

R/o Zaffron Colony Srinagar Kashmir, intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style M/s "GO HOBO" Situated at Botshah Mohalla Lal Babzar, Kashmi 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), Characte Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Registrar, Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card), Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photographs to the Department o Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to

Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency/Adventure tour operator. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, befor my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matte is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions Bank/Organization, 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.

DEPARTMENT OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT (PURCHASE-I) SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES SOURA, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR FAX: 0194-2403929 (Ext: 2275)

Email Id:ammopurchase1@skims.ac.in

E-NIT NO.: SIMS 325 (PI) Tender 06 OF 2023

GOVT. OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

Airtel Prepays Rs 8,000 Crore Spectrum Dues

DATED: 26-07-2023 Subject: Notice inviting e-tenders for exchange of surplus plasma on rate contract basis.

E-tenders under single cover system are invited for and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir UT through Director Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences Soura, Srinagar from Indigenous Plasma Fractionators having valid license for manufacturing plasma derived products for exchange/ collection of surplus plasma from the SK Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura on two year rate contract basis. The tender documents are available at www.jktenders.gov.in.

	Description Tender Fee			Earnest Money Deposit
	Outsourcing of Plasma	Rs. 1500/-		Rs. 70,000/-
Nomenclature		Schedule		
Tender Download Date			27-07-2023	
Clarification End Date, if any		2	29-07-2023 (Up to 2:00 pm)	
Online Bid Submission Start Date			02-08-2023 (12:00 noon)	
Online Bid Submission End Date		2	23-08-2023 (upto 6:00 pm)	
Last date for submission of original EMD / Demand Draft		2	24-08-2023 (Upto 3:00 pm)	
Technical Bid Opening			25-08-2023 (At 2:00 pm)	

DIPK-NB-2331-23

DAK Demands NEET-DM/MCh Exam Center In Kashmir



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Monday has demanded to set up National Eligibility cum Entrance test (NEET) center for DM/MCh courses in Kashmir.

"That would bring relief to hundreds of aspiring candidates who are appearing for various super speciality courses," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said with no center in Kashmir, the aspirations of doctors in the valley are under the threat of going down the drain.

While Jammu has been provided with a center, but for majority in Kashmir there is no centre which is unfair.

"This would jeopardize the career of hundreds of aspirants who would not be able to write

the examination," he said. The DAK President said most of the doctors who are appearing for the test are working in various hospitals and going to Jammu for the test would affect the functioning of the hospitals.

"Going outside Kashmir means lot of expenses on travelling and hotels which for many aspirants becomes financially unviable," he said.

"The increasing travel costs, combined with the uncertainty caused by frequent closures of the Jammu-Srinagar national highway due to inclement weather has left aspirants in a state of distress," he added.

"NEET-SS is a single window entrance examination for various DM/MCh courses and it has replaced all state level tests, said Dr Nisar.

"The test for the academic session 2023 will be held on September 9 and 10. This online examination will be conducted by the National Board of Examination that has provided 45 test centers across the coun-

Govt Bars Doctors To Rejoin Duties Who Pursued Higher Education Unauthorizedly

H&ME Dept Directs HODs To Submit List Of Doctors, Unauthorizedly Absent, Within A Week

ar: The Medical Health Srinagar: Education Department on Monday directed all heads not to accept re-joining of doctors who pursued higher education unauthorizedly and that list of such doctors must be forwarded within one week.

According to an order, the department while examining the cases of doctors, who pursued higher studies and registrar ship unauthorizedly without seeking prior proper permission of the competent authority, observed that the Heads of the Departments are allowing their rejoining after a gap of more than 2-3 years at their own level, which they are, otherwise, not competent to do so.

The order reads that in this regard, all the heads are instructed that the applications of re-joining of the doctors, who are on un-authorized absence and are absconding from duties, shall not be entertained by heads at their own level without prior approval of the Administrative



Department.

It reads that the concerned heads shall submit the cases of doctors, who are on unauthorized absence from duties, to the Administrative Department within a period of one week for examination.

"After that, no such cases shall be entertained by the Administrative Department and the concerned HoD shall be responsible for the same in future," it reads.

It added that the concerned HoDs shall issue

necessary instructions to the field Officers and DDO's under their control to immediately bring the unauthorized absence of any employee or doctor from duties to the notice of concerned HoDs as well as Administrative Department, otherwise a disciplinary action as warranted under rules, shall be initiated.

"Accordingly, it is impressed upon all HoDs to strictly adhere to the instructions in letter and spirit," it

Most Parties' Demands Limited To Seeking Concessions From BJP: Parra

Press Trust Of India

Pulwama: In what could spell trouble for the opposition unity in Jammu and Kashmir, PDP leader Waheed Parra on Monday said most of the political parties, including the National Conference, have limited their demands to holding elections or seeking concessions from the BIP.

He also hit out at the separatists, saying they shut their doors when an all-party delegation tried to hold a dialogue with them in 2016.

"One party is seeking restoration of statehood, the other wants chief minister's post. The biggest party, which is National Conference, only wants elections to be held. Truth has to be told at whatever the cost... There is a party which is begging the BJP for just a ministry, some want residential accommodation and some other only a personal security officer," Parra said addressing a party function in Pulwama district, the PDF stronghold in south Kashmir.

"We (PDP) had Article 370, 35A, CM post, statehood, accommodation and PSOs as well. What were our differences with the BJP then? We wanted a solution to Kashmir problem and problems of people through democratic means," Parra said on the PDP's 24th foundation day celebrations.

Hitting out at separatists also, Parra, who is out on bail in a terror case, said PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti as the chief minister had requested the prime minister in 2016 to hold

talks with the people of Kashmir. "An all-party delegation was sent to Hurriyat Conference but they closed the doors. There were bandhs and schools were closed. The government was not allowed to function. Today, there are no strikes for past four years, schools are functioning normally. It is a good thing for us," he said.

Parra said the elections are not a solution to the problems of Kashmir. "We want dignity and respect. The youth should feel free, they should not feel

imprisoned."

The PDP Youth president's utterances are not likely to go down well with the National Conference as the two parties are the key constituents of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD). The PAGD was formed after the revocation of Article 370 by the Centre in 2019 and had contested the BDC polls together.

Though bitter rivals, the leaders of the two parties have been giving indications that they might contest the next assembly polls in an alliance and have not made any public statements against each other.

Mufti has in the past said she will not contest the assembly elections until the special constitutional provisions regarding Jammu and Kashmir, which were removed or diluted on August 5, 2019, are restored. However, in her speech at Srinagar, she asked the party cadres to prepare for the forthcoming panchayat and BDC elections.

Police Orders Removal Of Tinted Films From Vehicles

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday ordered all the vehicle owners to remove tinted films from their glasses or else face action as warranted under law.

Referring to a Supreme Court judgment in Writ Petition (civil) no 265 of 2011, the police emphasized that no film of any transparency is permitted. Failure to comply with this order will result in vehicle seizure and legal consequences.

"All vehicle owners are instructed to immediately remove tinted films from all glasses, fail-ing which vehicle will be seized & legal action will follow. No film of any transparency is allowed at all as per Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment in Writ Petition (civil) no 265 of 2011", the police said in

R S Pura Farmers On Hunger Strike Against Smart Meter Installation

Press trust Of India

Jammu: The locals and farmers of the border belt of Ranbir Singh Pura are sitting on a 'chain hunger strike' against the installation of smart meters and rising power tariffs in the area.

The Jammu and Kashmir government has faced criticism for its drive to install smart meters, with officials maintaining that the initiative will help improve the power scenario in the region. On Monday, scores of peo-

ple, mostly women, came out on the roads here to join the hunger strike that has been ongoing for nine days. The protestors raised slogans against the implementation of the smart meters in the

belt and slammed the power Narinder Sharma, a local



political leader, told PTI, "If in Kashmir did not forcing this allow them to install smart Jammu? We will not allow

meters there, why are they them to put up smart meters

should have given a rebate or free power units to the poor people of Jammu and Kashmir similar to the subsidy schemes in Punjab and Delhi.

Sudesh Kumari, a social activist who belongs to a farming family, said, "The installation of smart meters will definitely hit the poor people. The department should, instead, provide free electricity or rebate up to Rs 800 as being given in Punjab and other places," she said.

She said that more women will come out on the roads here to raise their voices on the issue.

The Aam Aadmi Party government in Delhi allows free power for up to 200 units to domestic consumers and a Rs 800 rebate to those consuming between 201 and 400 Sharma said the authorities units per month.

Chargesheet Filed Against 9 For Attacking Policemen In Samba

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Police on Monday filed a chargesheet against nine persons for their alleged involvement in an attack on policemen in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district. A head constable had sustained grievous head injuries when suspected bovine smugglers attacked a police party in the Rajpura area of the district on December 28 last year.

"The chargesheet against the nine accused including a woman and three brothers was filed in the court of law for judicial determination in connection with the last year's attack on the police party," a police official said.

He said the case, which was registered under various sections of Indian Penal Code including attempt to murder at Police Station Ghagwal, was closed with the filing of the chargesheet.

CONTD. FROM **FRONT PAGE**

Army Gives Up

major tourism space in J&K.

"We will make honest and dedicated efforts to fulfil all the conditions of the MoU and develop tourism and other related activities in such a way that the tourists visiting Kashmir valley find Tattoo ground as one of the most attractive destinations. he said.

Pertinently, previous governments tried hard to retrieve Tattoo Ground from the army. Alternate land was even transferred to the army at Sharifabad, Budgam in 2003.

Sources said that LG administration held sustained parleys with the army and finally succeeded in striking a deal.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bhiduri was quoted as saying that the decision to sign MoU was historic. "The land will be used for tourism development in a big way," he said. "Tatoo ground will be the most

happening place of Kashmir very soon." Those present on the occasion of signing of MoU were GoC 15 Corps Lt General Rajiv Ghai, Principal Secretary to LG, Mandeep Kuamr Bhandari, ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bhiduri, besides senior officers of army and the administration— With inputs from KNO

Intruder Shot Dead

thwarted the infiltration attempt," he said. The area was cordoned off immediately after the incident and a search operation is underway, the officials said, adding that the body is being retrieved from the scene.

On July 25, a Pakistani intruder carrying over four kilograms of high-grade heroin was gunned down by the Border Security Force (BSF) in Ramgarh sector of Samba district.

Phenomenal Transformation

members of India Foundation shared their views during the roundtable discussion and lauded the steps and initiatives taken by the UT administration for the equal and inclusive development of J&K.

Cops Quiz People

"He told his brother to drop him at the airport tomorrow (Sunday). Sometime later, we got a call that his car was found abandoned with its doors ajar," the father said.

Eyewitnesses claim that there were blood

marks in the car but officials have not confirmed or denied it.

FROM PAGE 3 'He Tied Their

M L Fotedar, Manohar Koul, D P Dhar etc. "I also want to ask, why no reservation for Sikhs? Because you cannot do Hindu-Muslim (politics) if

you give reservations to Sikhs," she said. The PDP chief said her party is not the problem, but solution to the issue.

"We are not the problem. We are the solution. We want a solution to emerge within the

democratic set up," she said. Mufti asked the party cadre to prepare for the panchayat and other local bodies' elections that are due later in the year.

The BDC and panchayat elections are due. Take these spaces so that you can serve people," she said.

Employees Attending

However, it should be ensured that the flag is hoisted in an appropriate and befitting manner, having due regard to the Flag Code," stated an official order.

The directive applies to all government buildings, schools, colleges and universities. These would also be decorated with special lights.

Govt To Deploy

have been made familiar with the basic (Kashmiri) dialect so that they can understand the local language.

"They will assist the counter-insurgency grid in carrying out anti-terror operations," he

According to the reports, the commandos will also be deployed in Srinagar city with the Valley Quick Action Team (QAT). However, an official from the Srinagar sector of CRPF told Kashmir Observer that the unit will be operating in the rural areas of Kashmir as of now.

The official said that the personnel for CoBRA are selected from CRPF as CoBRA is an integral part of CRPF and undergoes rigorous commando and jungle warfare training before being posted for anti naxal operations.

Between 2008-2011, 10 CoBRA units were raised by the government to take on naxalites. After being fully trained and equipped, the commandos were deployed in all insurgent affected areas of Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya.

CoBRA is one of the best Central Armed Police in the country trained to survive, fight and win in the jungle.

Magray Family

However, after a public outcry about the veracity of the Hyderpora encounter, the Jammu and Kashmir administration buckled and exhumed the bodies of two — Altaf Ahmad Bhat and Dr Mudasir Gul — and handed those over to their families.

Latief was, however, refused Magrav's body following which he approached Jammu and Kashmir High Court and got relief when a single-bench judge in May 2022 ordered the exhumation of the body and handing it over to the family for last rites, along with a compensation of Rs 5 lakh.

The court, however, said if the body is "highly putrefied and is not in deliverable state or is likely to pose risk to public health and hygiene, the petitioner and his close relatives shall be allowed to perform last rites as per their tradition and religious beliefs in the graveyard itself".

"In that situation, the state shall pay to the petitioner (Latief) a compensation of Rs 5 lakh for deprivation of his right to have the dead body of his son and give him a decent burial as per the family traditions, religious obligations and faith which the deceased professed when he was alive," the order said.

A division bench of the high court later modified the judgment, restricting the family to performing the rituals and directing the Jammu and Kashmir administration to pay the compensation.

Latief later filed a Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court.

However, the top court upheld the decision of the division bench of the high court, saying, "It will be too much at this stage to disinter the body The dead should not be disturbed and some sanctity should be attached to the grave."

"We visited the grave of our son on Sunday after being facilitated by the police. The compensation amount of Rs 5 lakh was deposited in my account on July 21. This clearly shows my son was innocent and not a terrorist," Latief told PTI on the phone from his residence in

Ramban's Sangaldan. He said they are now satisfied and thankful to the Supreme Court and the high court for upholding justice.

A state bravery award winner for killing a terrorist in his village with stones at the peak of terrorism some two decades ago, Latief said the police had made all arrangements for the 'Fateh

Khawani' at the grave for him and his family. Latief's lawyer Deepika Pushkar Nath took to Twitter to express her happiness over the family finally performing the post-death rituals at the grave of their son.

Govt Finding Ways

environmentalist, said, "Pastoral community is under distress due to the occupation of the rangeland because of tourism-related activities, increase in population and haphazard construction.'

HC Quashes Govt

into illegal funding of these seminaries is an ongoing exercise and the respondents are free to initiate action against any such madrassas found involved in anti-national or anti-social activities and also those not in a position to explain the source of their funding.

"In view of the above, this petition is allowed by holding that the order of the divisional commissioner, Jammu, is applicable only to the madrassas run by the Maulana Ali Miyan Educational Trust and cannot be universally applied to all madrasas being run legitimately in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir," the court said, quashing the impugned order of the Kishtwar additional deputy commissioner.

The court also made it clear that in case it comes to the notice of the government during any investigation that the madrassas being run by the petitioners or others are operating in violation of the law, it is free to initiate appropriate action after notifying and providing an adequate opportunity for hearing.

MHA Extends

It was made public on Monday. The order said the central review committee took into account the facts and circumstances of his suspension "in totality" and

recommended the extension under Rule 3 of the All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Under this rule, any government officer against whom disciplinary proceedings are contemplated or are pending can remain sus-

pended till the passing of the final order in the

Rath, an Inspector General of Police-rank officer, has had differences with Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh. He was shifted to the home guards and civil defence department before his suspension.

2 Men Injured

a black bear injured Manzoor Ahmad Ganai of Ganai Mohalla Kandi in Handwara area of Kupwara district on Monday morning. The injured man was removed to the government medical college (GMC) Handwara for specialized treatment

Elderly Man

Sonullah Sofi of Chirhama area of Kulgam. Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident.

3000 Eye Flu

confirmed conjunctivitis cases," Head, Department of Ophthalmology, Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu, Prof Ashok Sharma said.

"The transmission has to be broken. Those infected should self isolate themselves. They should not visit public places," he said.

Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Jammu, Harbkash Singh eye flu cases are common during the monsoon season.

He said the symptoms include redness, itching, watery eyes.

1,550 Pilgrims

Pahalgam track in the Anantnag district while 472 are heading for the 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district, officials said.

The drop in pilgrim footfall was attributed to the complete melting of the naturally formed ice Shiva lingam at the Amarnath cave.

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

Police Memorial: FC1 Lock Horns With STFC Today



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: FC1 will face STFC Natipora in the final match of the 19th J&K Police Martyr's Memorial Football Tournament today, Tuesday, August 1, at Synthetic Turf TRC

As per a fixtures schedule released by Jammu & Kashmir Football Association, three matches of the tournament will be played today.

In the first game, a 7:00 am kick off, Downtown Heroes FC

go up against J&K Bank XI for third place in the tournament.

The second game of the day in the women's final between Kashmir Arrows and JK FC XI. The match will kick off at 8:30 am.

The main event, men's final, will begin at 10:00 am.

Both finalists defeated tournament favourites to make their way into the final game of the competition.

STFC defeated Downtown Heroes, while FC1 trumped footballing powerhouse J&K Bank XI.

Inter-School Fencing Events Organised In Anantnag



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Anantnag on Monday kick started Inter-School Zonal Level Fencing competitions under the age group of U-17 and U-14 boys at Govt. HSS Wanpoh.

The competition was inaugurated by principal Zahida

On this occasion, the principal of the school advised the students to participate more and more in sports activities.

At least 25 schools are participating in this competition.

Inter-School Sports Tourneys Continue In Baramulla

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: The Department of Youth Services & Sports Baramulla conducted a series of sports activities across the district as part of its Inter-School

Sports Competitions. At Zone Dangerpora, Under-14 boys' football competition took place at Sports Stadium Janwara, witnessing enthusiastic participation from 80 students. Zone Pattan also witnessed an intense Under-14 boys' football competition at Higher Secondary Andergam, with a record-breaking 92 students taking part.

The young athletes displayed

great potential, leaving the audience in awe of their skills.

Zone Wagoora saw the spirited under-17 boys Kho-Kho competition at HS Kreeri. The event witnessed an impressive turnout with nearly 96 students participating from various schools in the zone. The competition was inaugurated by ZEO Wagoora and the Principal of HSS Kreeri, marking the beginning of a spirited display of sportsmanship and talent.

Meanwhile, in Sopore, the Under-17 Kabaddi Competition held at Subhana Stadium saw 110 students demonstrating their strength and agility in the traditional sport of Kabaddi.

Bumrah To Captain India In Ireland T20s

NEW DELHI: Jasprit Bumrah has been named as India's captain for the three-match T20I series against Ireland next month.

Ruturaj Gaikwad has been picked as Bumrah's deputy in the 15-man squad which is missing all the regular players including Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Shubman Gill, Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Siraj among others.

Bumrah has been out of action since September last year because of a back injury as he missed the T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia and this year's IPL 2023. He underwent surgery in New Zealand in March and has been undergoing rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru for the past few months.

The three T20I matches in Ireland will be played on August 18, 20 and 23.

Also, making a comeback to the Indian team is pacer Prasidh Krishna, who has also been out of action for nearly because of injury.

IPL 2023's top performers Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma,



Rinku Singh and Ravi Bishnoi were picked in the Indian T20

India squad for T20I series vs Ireland: Jasprit Bumrah (captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad vice-captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh, Sanju Samson (w/k), Jitesh Sharma (w/k), Shivam Dube, Washington Sundar, Shahbaz Ahmed, Ravi Bishnoi, Prasidh Krishna, Arshdeep Singh, Mukesh Kumar, Avesh Khan.

Prasidh Back In Action; **Takes 4 Wickets In T20 Game** Raising hopes of his re-

set-up, pacer Prasidh Krishna made a comeback to competitive cricket at the RSI grounds in Bengaluru on Monday during the KSCA T20 tournament for G Kasturirangan Memorial

Prasidh took four wickets conceding 36 runs in four overs for Mount Joy Cricket Club while playing against Sir Syed Cricketers.

This will come as encouraging news for the national selectors who will be soon picking the Indian teams for the upcoming white ball tour to Ireland and for the Asia Cup

Australia's Bid For Ashes Series Win Falls In A Heap

Agencies

LONDON: Australia's wait to win an Ashes series in England will extend to at least 26 years after falling at the final hurdle with a 49-run defeat at The Oval.

In a sea-sawing final day at The Oval, Australia were bowled out for 334, ending their fourth-innings pursuit of 384 with 18.2 overs left in the last session.

The result means the pulsating series finishes level at 2-2, with Australia retaining the Ashes but leaving England without the series win the tourists so desperately desired.

Winless in all Test series in England since the 2001 series, Australia will now have to wait until 2027 for another chance.

Making matters worse for Australia is that for long periods on Monday, that drought appeared likely to be over before Chris Woakes and Moeen Ali sparked a mid-innings col-

Attempting to pull off the biggest fourth-innings chase in all Tests at The Oval and the second biggest in Australia's



history, the tourists were always fighting an uphill battle. But with 120 to win after a lengthy rain delay and Steve Smith and Travis Head in control with seven wickets in hand, the match looked there

Then disaster struck. Head was caught at slip trying to cover-drive a big-turning ball from Moeen for 43, and the opening was there for England.

to be won for Australia.

Smith followed in the nex over when he edged Woakes to slip on 54, before Mitch Marsh was caught behind off Moeen by a brilliant onehanded Jonny Bairstow catch. And when Mitchell Starc edged Woakes to Crawley in the following over, Australia had lost four wickets in 19

balls to see their hopes of se-

ries victory slip away. Pat Cummins was caught soon after trying to pull Moeen, before Todd Murphy helped Alex Carey get the required runs down to 55 before being caught behind for 18 off Stuart Broad.

Moments later. edged behind Broad's last ball in Test cricket and one of the greatest series of all time was over at 6.25 pm on the final night.



MI New York Win Inaugural Edition Of Major League Cricket

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: MI New York has won the inaugural edition of Major League Cricket, the US T20 league, beating Seattle Orcas by 7 wickets.

Major League Cricket (MLC) is a professional Twenty20 cricket league in the United States. Six team representing major US cities participated in the tournament that started on July 13.

In the finals, Seattle Orcas scored 183 for loss of 9 wickets in their allotted 20 overs.

MI New York chased down a total of 184 in just 16 overs to win by six wickets with captain Nicholas Pooran leading from the front with an unbeaten hundred.

MI New York, which is owned by Indiawin Sports (a Reliance company), "put on a series of captivating performances to win the inaugural edition of MLC at the Grand Prairie Stadium in Texas", a company statement said.

On the day of the final, when the men in blue and gold put on a supreme show to clinch the title, team owner Nita M Ambani, wife of billionaire and Reliance

chairman Mukesh Ambani, was pitch side.

Speaking on the momentous occasion, Nita Ambani described the atmosphere for the final as 'unbelievable and really

exciting'.
MI New York is one of the five teams that are part of the Mumbai Indian franchise across the

Speaking about the vision behind the same, she said, "It's been wonderful to see the growth of cricket around the world and especially MI going to the UAE, South Africa and now here in the US. We also have a women's team which I am very, very proud of. It was so wonderful to see these young girls coming from such diverse backgrounds coming and playing together as a team. It was very heart-warming."

She said Mumbai Indians have been a nursery of talent over the years. "At Mumbai Indians we pride ourselves on discovering and nurturing young talent - Hardik (Pandya), (Jasprit) Bumrah. We hope to do this not just in India but around

Man United Sign \$1.1 Bln **Adidas Kit Deal For 10 Years**

Agencies

MANCHESTER: Manchester United signed a 900 million pound (\$1.1 billion) deal with Adidas on Monday, renewing the English soccer club's partnership with its official kit supplier for 10 more years.

Manchester United, whose U.S. owners have been considering selling the Premier League club,

taking over from Nike after sealing a 750-million-pound deal, which was a record at the time.

"The new deal increases the focus on the Manchester United women's team since their reintroduction in 2018," United said in a joint press release with Adidas. United is still in talks to sell itself after American owners, the Glazer family, launched a formal sale process late last year.

Qatar's Sheikh Jassim bin



will return to the lucrative UEFA Champions League this year after securing a top-four finish in the domestic league last season un-

German sportswear giant Adidas became the club's official kit sponsor in the 2015/16 season, reuniting after 23 years and Hamad al-Thani and British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe are among the potential suitors for the club. The new deal with Adidas, ahead season starting next month, will continue the partnership until June 2035, the northwest England-based club said.

Yellow Cards For Confronting Referees Part Of Tougher Sanctions For English Soccer Season

Agencies

LONDON: Players and coaches will face stricter sanctions for bad behavior in matches in the upcoming English soccer season, with a big change seeing referees being encouraged to issue a yellow card when two or more players confront them.

The measures are part of a new "Participant Charter" announced Monday by England's soccer authorities as they seek what they call a "reset" in how those who play and watch the game conduct themselves.

As part of the charter, match officials have been empowered to take tougher action against unacceptable behavior and have been backed up by stronger disciplinary action from the Football Association.

Serious and repeat offenders can expect to face increased financial penalties, while referees will be encouraged to book a player if they are surrounded by two or more from the same team.

Captains will be expected to take responsibility for their teammates by encouraging them to play fairly and show respect toward match officials and their decisions.

Last season, Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp was twice handed a touchline ban for verbally abusing officials and Fulham striker



Aleksandar Mitrovic was suspended for eight games for pushing a referee.

There is no indication authorities will follow grassroots soccer in England in issuing points deductions to teams for serious or repeated instances of bad behavior by their players or coaches.

Off the field, clubs in the Premier League and the English Football League will seek stronger sanctions against anyone found to be involved in tragedy abuse, such as chanting about the Hillsborough disaster.

Clubs will also continue efforts to issue sanctions to pitch invaders, the use of pyrotechnics, those who bring drugs to games and those who engage in discriminatory abuse in the

stands and online. "Football has the power to unite and inspire all those that play and watch the game. However, sometimes, this can be negatively impacted by a small minority of players, coaches and fans," FA chief executive Mark Bullingham said.

"Our collective approach is to reset this behavior on the pitch and from the sidelines, whilst giving our referees the respect and protection that they deserve."

Saint-Maximin comes The Latest Player To Swap The Premier League For Saudi Pro League

Allan Saint-Maximin became the latest player Sunday to swap the Premier League for the Saudi Pro League after leaving Newcastle to join Al-Ahli on a four-vear deal.

The former France youth international spent four years at St. James' Park and departs for an undisclosed fee.

Saint-Maximin will team up with former Liverpool forward Roberto Firmino, ex-Manchester City player Riyad Mahrez and former Chelsea goalkeeper Edouard Mendy at Al-Ahli as the influx of top names to Saudi Arabia shows no sign of abating.

The 26-year-old Saint-Maximin scored 13 goals across 124 appearances for the Magpies, but the winger has struggled with injuries in recent seasons.

The deal to sell Saint-Maximin has drawn criticism with the Saudi Public Investment Fund having the majority ownership in both Newcastle and Al-Ahli.

"Everyone at Newcastle United thanks Allan for his contribution to the club and community and extends best wishes for the next chapter in his career," Newcastle said in a statement confirming his departure.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir **OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER SPECIAL FOREST DIVISION TANGMARG**

e-NIT NO: - 13 OF 2023-24 DATED: 27-07-2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered and resourceful Suppliers having permanent Nurseries registered with National Horticulture Board/Horticulture Dept. Of J& K-

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

Position of AA: Accorded vide No.38/CCF(K) of 2023 dated .08-06-2023

Position of TS: Accorded vide No.55 / CF/Sgr of 2023 dated 12-06-2023					
Publishing Date:-	28-07-2023				
Download Start Date :	29-07-2023 from 12:00 PM				
Bid submission Start Date:	29-07-2023 from 12:00 PM				
Bid submission End Date:	12-08-2023 Up to 04.00 PM				
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	14-08-2023 at 11:30 AM in the office of the Conservator of Forests Srinagar circle Srinagar				
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened online at any convenient date & time after complete evaluation of technical bids				

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: https://jktenders.gov.in.

Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security in

the shape of EMD (CDR) for requisite amount and pledged to Divisional Forest Officer. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.

The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e Bid security in shape of (EMD), Valid Registration Card issued by Horticulture Department, J&K duly renewed for the current year 2023-24, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt.

Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document) Affidavit cum undertaking. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise). The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.

The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

NO: - DFO/TNG/Acctts/2023-24/90-95 Dated: -27/07/2023 **Divisional Forest Officer,** DIPK-6087-23 **Special Forest Division** DT: 31/07/2023 **Tangmarg**

month experienced on earth in 120,000 years – a temperature not elt by human civilization since the end of the ice age.

In a joint report published Thursday by the World Meteorological Organization, the Copernicus Climate Change Service, and Leipzig University, the temperature for the first three weeks of July averaged 62.51 Fahrenheit, breaking the previous record of 61.93 Fahr-

In parts of the United States, temperatures have risen above 120 degrees Fahrenheit. In Arizona, people have experienced life-threatening burns from falls on hot pavement, in California, inmates swelter as cooling systems fail, and in the Florida Keys, ocean temperatures rose above 100 Fahrenheit this week, the average temperature of a hot tub.

In Asia, which is responsible for 19 percent of the world's food and agriare claiming lives and threatening food security as two major crops - rice and wheat – are at risk of failing.

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The report adds that the heat in July has already been so extreme that it's caused fires around the world including in Italy, Greece and Spain killing 40 people and spreading through 13 countries, while in Canada, the worst fire season in 34 years has led to the destruction of nearly 39-thousand square miles.



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- Information regarding shortage of any medical product.
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ELECTION NOTICE

All the founder & life members of the Cancer Society of Kashmir are informed that the election for the following honorary Office-Bearers of the Cancer Society of Kashmir are scheduled to be held on 19-AUG-2023 at the office of the society 4-Bagh-i-Islam Colony Lal Nagar, Chanapora Srinagar: -

1. Chairman	One. g
2. Vice-Chairmen	Two.
3. General Secretary	One.
4. Joint-Secretary	One.
5. Treasurer	One.

The dates for process of elections have been fixed as under: -

- Filling of Nominations Papers :- 02-08-2023-07-08-2023
- 2. Scrutiny of Nominations Papers :- 09-08-2023.
- Last date for withdrawal of nominations :- 11-08-2023
- 4. <u>Issue of Notification for final list of contestants</u> : **- 14-08-2023.**
- Date of Voting (From 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM) :- 19**-**08**-**2023.
- 6. Counting of votes and declaration of results :- (Same Day) **19-08-2023.**

--SD-Justice (Retd.) M.Y. Kawoosa. Election Authority

