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Govt To Set Up Cradle Centres To Prevent Dumping Of Newborns

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration is all set to establish cradle centers across the major hospitals and healthcare institutions in the Valley to tackle the ghastly incidents of abandoning of newborn babies by couples near dumping sites.

The administration's move comes amidst multiple complaints of parents and couples abandoning their newborn babies near water bodies, garbage bins, or other dumping spots.

According to an order issued by the Director, social welfare department (SWD), a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, all the maternity hospitals across the Union Territory have been directed to set-up the cradle centers for abandoned new-born babies and spots near the hospitals.

The department has also directed them to put out signage of cradles centers at places considered most appropriate to receive such children like District Hospitals with Maternity, Gynecology and



Pediatric units which are visible from a distance, 24/7 and 365 days.

The Child protection unit, Mission Vatsalya of the SWD has written to all district

social welfare departments and top hospitals in Srinagar city, including LD Hospital, Children's Hospital Bemina, JLN Rainawari, SKIMS Soura Hospital and SKIMS Bemina (JVC) to set-up the cradle centers inside the hospitals and put the signage so that people would get to know about it.

Mission Vatsalya is a centrally sponsored scheme launched by the Government of India's Ministry of Women and Child Development aimed at building a protective environment for the children. It lays

emphasis on child rights, advocacy and awareness along with strengthening of the juvenile justice care and protection system with the motto to 'leave no child behind'.

The scheme is implemented by the SWD through J&K State Child Protection Society.

Notably, in the past a number of videos went viral on social media where newborn babies were found near the dumping sites. In many videos dogs were seen mauling the newborns, sending shock waves across | More on P10

Govt Stops Bulk SIM Selling

Mandates Police Verification of SIM Dealers Press Trust of India

New Delhi: In a bid to check digital frauds, the government has made verification of dealers selling SIM cards mandatory and discontinued the provision of issuing bulk connections, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Thursday.

Earlier, while announcing the new measures, the minister had said that the government has made police verification of SIM card dealers mandatory.

He later clarified that the verification of SIM card dealers will be carried out by "the licensee" or the respective telecom operator and added that a penalty of Rs 10 lakh will be imposed on violators.

In a widespread crackdown against SIM card related digital frauds, the minister said that the government has disconnected 52 lakh mobile connections. While 67,000 dealers have been blacklisted, 300 FIRs have been registered | More on P10

ARTICLE 370 ABROGATION

SC To Only Examine Violation Of Constitution

Says National Interest Angle Won't Be Investigated

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Supreme Court on Thursday said that it will only examine whether there was any violation of the Constitution when the Central Government abrogated Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and will not go into the issue of whether the move was in the national interest as maintained by the government.

Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on the seventh day of the hearing in the case on Thursday said this while hearing a batch of petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.



"You want judicial review to assess the intention of the government to abrogate Article 370? Judicial review will be for the constitutional violation. There is no doubt that if there is such a violation this court will intervene, but are you asking us to judicially review the wisdom underlying

the decision to abrogate 370?", CJI Chandrachud told Senior Advocate Dushyant Dave.

Dave in his submissions said "You can't resort to some kind of executive power, authorise the President to do this, do away with everything that Article 3 provides in the garb of 356 power. It makes a mockery of the constitutional safeguards. We know what majorities can do. We all saw what happened in 1975. If they don't do it in letter and spirit, your lords can strike it down and you must."

He said that the exercise of abrogating Article 370 suffers from "fraud" on the Constitution and was done "completely contrary" to the provisions of the Constitution.

He emphasized that the exercise of the power by the President or Parliament has to be done under the Constitution itself and in a constitutional sense. "In my sense, constitutional sense or constitutional provisions prohibited both -- the President and Parliament -- from touching Article 370(3) in any manner to abrogate it," Dave argued.

During the | More on P10



A TOURIST TAKES A SELFIE WHILE ENJOYING A HORSE RIDE in the border village of Keran in North Kashmir's Kupwara district that has emerged as a tourist destination due to prevailing peace along the LoC. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

To Complete 2021 Census

Govt Freezes Boundaries Of Admin Units

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Union Territory administration on Thursday announced to freeze all boundaries of the administrative units till completion of census 2021.

The notification in this regard was issued by the government's Planning, Development and Monitoring department.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (iv) of rule 8 of the Census Rules, 1990 and in supersession of earlier notifications issued on the subject, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir hereby freezes the boundaries of Districts/ Tehsils, Municipalities, Towns, Revenue Villages and other Administrative units in the whole Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir w.e.f 01.01.2024 till completion of Census, 2021," the notification reads. | More on P10

LAHDC Polls: HC Upholds 'Plough' Symbol For NC Candidates

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has upheld its single bench's verdict, allowing "plough" symbol to National Conference for contesting ensuing election to Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil.

According to a notification issued by the election department on August 5, the election to 26 seats of the 30-member Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, is scheduled for September 10 and the counting of votes will take place four days later.

The UT of Ladakh had approached a division bench of the court against the single bench order of August 9 which directed the NC to approach the office of the Election Department of the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh for



notifying the reserved symbol (Plough) already allotted to for the polls.

In their plea, the admin contended that even if the NC is entitled to be allowed to use the symbol, the authority to give such concession is the Election Commission of India and not the Election Authority of UT of Ladakh.

"In the present case, it cannot be denied that the PetitionerParty, namely, the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference, is a recognized political Party in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

This Party has intended to set up candidates in the upcoming elections for the

Ladakh Hill Development Council in Kargil District of the UT of Ladakh," said a division bench of Chief Justice N Kotliwar Singh and Justice M A Chowdhary.

"It is also an admitted position that as of now that the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference is not yet a recognized Party in the Union Territory of Ladakh," the court said, adding, "However, since the symbol of 'Plough' has been already allotted to the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference, which is a recognized Party in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, in terms of Paragraph No. 10 of the Election Symbols Order of 1968, any candidate set up by the said Jammu & Kashmir National Conference Party in the local elections in the District Kargil of the Union Territory of Ladakh will be entitled to the symbol of 'Plough' as per the concession provided under | More on P10

Two Men Convicted For Acid Attack On Law Student

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A court here on Thursday held two persons guilty of throwing acid on a 20-year-old girl, a law student, in Soura area of Srinagar almost after nine years.

Describing it as a "horrific case", Principal Sessions Judge, Srinagar Jawad Ahmed, said that the prosecution has been able to establish the charges against the accused persons "beyond any reasonable shadow of doubt."

As such, the court accepted the police's charge-sheet and convicted the accused persons namely Irshad Amin Wani of Wazirbagh, Srinagar and Mohammed Umer Noor of Bbemina, holding them held guilty for the offences punishable under RPC Sections 326-A (Voluntarily causing grievous hurt by use of acid), 201 (hiding or destroying evidence of a crime)

and 120-B (Criminal conspiracy).

"The established facts, circumstances and the chain of evidence taken cumulatively are so complete and consistent that in all human probabilities the only hypothesis is that the horrendous act of throwing acid on the victim has been committed by the accused No.2 (Umar) in furtherance of the conspiracy hatched by accused No.1 (Irshad) with accused

No.2(Umer)," the court said, adding, "The established facts and circumstances do not leave any reasonable ground for the conclusion consistent with the innocence of the accused persons."

The incident occurred on 11th December, 2014 and the police had filed the case based on a complaint with SHO police station Soura regarding the acid attack on the law student. Keeping in view the seriousness of the matter, the then IGP Kashmir constituted | More on P10



IF 370 HAS SERVED ITS PURPOSE AFTER THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY COMES TO AN END, why were constitutional orders made applicable post 1957? But the fact that 370 served its purpose is belied by consequent constitutional orders made applicable thereafter, so 370 continued to be in existence."

AIDS SURGE IN J&K

6,158 HIV-Positive Cases Detected In Six Months

Agencies

Srinagar: The cases of HIV AIDS are increasing with each passing year in Jammu & Kashmir as 6,158 patients have tested positive in the union territory till June 2023.

Reports quoting officials said that so far 1,400 HIV-positive patients have died while 3,478 patients are living

on Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART). He said 547 patients have left follow-up.

He said that 5,060 cases of HIV have been reported at GMC Jammu and among them, 1,228 have died, 503 have left follow-up and 2718 are living on ART.

Similarly, in SKIMS Srinagar, the number of patients registered in HIV care is 746 while 148 have died. | More on P10

S H O R T T A K E S

Bengali Arrested With Stolen Pistol

A man from West Bengal was arrested on Thursday with a pistol that he had stolen from a house here, police said. Lokesh Kumar, a native of West Bengal's Alipurduar, who is currently living in Elahi Bagh Soura area was arrested at a joint naka at Regal Chowk in the early hours of the day, Srinagar police said on X, formerly Twitter. According to a police source, Kumar had stolen the licensed pistol earlier in the night from a house in Srinagar. An FIR has been registered at Kothibagh police station, they added.

Mild Intensity Quake Hits Rajouri

An earthquake of 3.6 magnitude struck Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Thursday, but there was no report of any damage, officials said. The epicentre of the tremor, which occurred at 3.49 am, was the mountainous areas of Rajouri, according to the National Centre for Seismology (NCS). The depth of the earthquake was 10 kilometers below the surface, at a latitude of 33.33 degrees north and a longitude of 74.20 degrees, it said.

13 Pilgrims Injured As Minibus Overturns

Thirteen pilgrims, including 10 women, suffered injuries when their minibus turned turtle on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway in Udampur district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Thursday. The accident took place at Batal Ballian area of the district Wednesday night. The minibus was carrying pilgrims of Machail Mata yatra to Jammu from Paddar belt of Kishtwar district, they said. The injured were admitted to the district | More on

Woman's Body Retrieved From River

Rescue workers on Thursday retrieved the body of a woman, who had drowned in river Anas in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday. The body of 60-year-old Gulshama, wife of Ghulam Hussain was retrieved from the banks of Anas river at Karud, a police official said. A resident of Musra village, Gulshama was washed away while crossing the river Anas in her native village on Wednesday. Meanwhile, police | More on P10

'Godman's' Cigarette Lands Girl In Hospital

A minor girl has been hospitalized after a self-styled godman allegedly made her smoke a cigarette in a market place in South Kashmir's Pulwama district, sources said. They told a local news agency GNS that a girl (name withheld) of Singu Narbal was hospitalized in an unconscious condition. "The mother of the minor girl has been claiming that she (minor girl) was made to puff a cigarette by a self-styled godman at Newa Market", the sources said. | More on P10

Domicile Certificate Deadline Extended

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday extended deadline to offer domicile certificates to former residents who, or their ancestors, moved out of the erstwhile state years ago. In 2021, the Government in its order had said that no further extension will be granted. However, for the fourth time on Thursday, announcing the extension, an order by the J&K Government's Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, with regard to | More on P10



From the principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present: Mr. Jawad Ahmad
Fayaz Ahmad Bhat S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat
R/o Brein Nishat Sgr

1 Farooq Ahmad Bhat S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat
2 Tariq Ahmad Bhat S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat
Both residents of Brein Nishat Sgr
3 Public at Large
In the matter of
Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

Notice to public at Large

Where the petitioner(s) FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITION BEFORE THIS COURT OF ISSUANCE OF SUCCESSION certificate in favour of Petitioner(s) in respect of Rs 1625058 as debits and securities in name of Deceased Namely: Abdul Rehman Bhat S/o Ghulam Ahmad Bhat R/o Brein Nishat Sgr Srinagar who died on 01-09-2022. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 01-09-2023 Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the drom of this proclamation that at any one has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/she / they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 25-03-2023. Failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the same In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday the matter shall be taken on the next working day. Given under my hand and seal of this court on

Jawad Ahmad Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Before the Hon'ble court of Principal district & Sessions Judge at Srinagar

In the case of

1-Maqsood Ahmad Guroo S/O Late Mohammad Ramzan
Guroo 2.Hamida Maqsood Wife Of Maqsood Ahmad Guroo
3.Tawfeeq Ahmad Guroo S/O Maqsood Ahmad Guroo
All Residents Of Mansoor Colony Bemina Sgr (Caveator)

VS PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap- peal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seek in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in ex parte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irrepa- rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate nj

Subject:- Grant of Registration of the proposed Travel unit under the name & style "M/s Visual Of Kashmir Tour And Travels " Situated Saida Kadal Srinagar Kashmir..

Public Notice

Whereas, I Sajid Ali Kand S/O: Mohammad Yousuf Kand R/o Kand Mohalla Rainawari Srinagar Kashmir intends to apply in the department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style "M/s Visual Of Kashmir Tour And Travels " Situated Saida Kadal Srinagar Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

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

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organisation, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration (e-mail Id:- dtreg123@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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of the general public that I want to register the Birth event of my child, namely Faisal Rashid Belg S/o Abdul Rashid Belg R/o Chandrigam District Anantnag with D.o.B as 05.10.2010 at Judicial Magistrate First Class Ashmuqam. Anybody having any objection in this regard can file their objection in the office of Judicial Magistrate First Class Magistrate, Ashmuqam, within 07 days from the date of Publication of this notice; after that, no objection shall be entertained.

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From The Office Of The Advocate Ishrat Nabi

Lie. No. 396/22 Mobile No. 6006181233 Chamber No.2, New Chamber Block District Court Complex Moominabad Srinagar

In the case of: 1) Mahmooda Akhtar W/o Late Shekh mukhtar R/o Lai bazar Umer Colony A, near Salfia Masjid Srinagar, 2) Sheikh Tabish S/o Late Shekh mukhtar R/o Lai bazar Umer Colony A, near Salfia Masjid Srinagar and 3) Sheikh Sehral S/o: Late Shekh mukhtar R/o Lai bazar Umer Colony A, near Salfia Masjid Srinagar. (Caveators)

VERSUS Public at large (Non Caveator)

IN THE MATTER OF: Caveat Petition in terms of section 148-A of Cpc the caveators has reason to believe/apprehension that non-caveators may file Suit/writ petition or any type of proceedings before the Hon'ble Court or any other subordinate Courts, Tribunal on the ground of Distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief order at irreparable loss and inconvenience, it would be proper that caveators is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order.

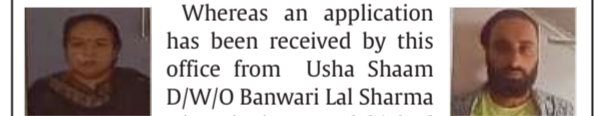
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my passport bearing no.H8829301 ,date of issue 30/11/2009 ,date of Expiry 29/11/2019 somewhere. Now I want to apply for its duplicate.If anybody has any objection he/she may contact Regional Passport office Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

Zahid Mushtaq Beigh S/O Mushtaq Ahmad Beigh R/O checki methan Baghi Mehtab Srinagar Ph no 7006414827 nj

Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian NOTICE



Whereas an application has been received by this office from Usha Shaam D/W/O Banwari Lal Sharma R/o 5/17/43A Gulabiabad NA Faizabad U terpadresh (Transferor) and Umar Ayoub Naikoo S/o Mohd Ayoub Naikoo R/o Narwani Shopian (A transferee) for re-registration of vehicle bearing no UP 42AK- 7021

Now therefore it is notified for general information that objection if any to the proposed Re-registration of the said vehicle Shall be filled in the office of the Asstt. Regional Transport Officer, Shopian within the period of 7 days of publication of the notice in the daily newspaper Kashmir Observer

No : ARTO/Spn/1031 Dated 17-08-2017 S/D Asst Regional Transport Officer Shopian fko

اطلاعات عام

مسی غلام محمد ملک ولد محمد اکبر ملک ساکن موضع نوری تحصیل پٹن کافر زرد منظور احمد ملک اس دن یافانی سے 18 اگست 2023ء بروز منگل وفات کر گئے۔ اس سائل مذکورہ بالا کو لیگل ہیرس سرٹیفیکٹ نکالنی مطلوب ہے۔ اگر کسی بھی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دن کے اندر تحصیل آفس پٹن میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کریں۔ بعد از میعاد کوئی اعتراض قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔ bmg

از عدالت جوڈیشل مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول پٹن

با اجلاس الطاف حسین خان شہیر احمد زگر بنام BDO پٹن DEATH CERTIFICATE درخواست منجانب شہیر احمد زگر ولد محمد عبد اللہ زگر ساکن پٹن پٹن پٹن بھڑ اندران; تاریخ وفات نسبت محمد عبد اللہ زگر ولد غلام علی الدین زگر اشتہار بماردا گاہی ہرخاص دعام معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں سائل نے ایک درخواست نسبت حصول تاریخ فونگ عدالت پٹن میں پیش کی ہے جس نسبت برائے کاغذات متولدہ درخواست ضرور تاجرنہ 04-08-2020 بروئے درخواست پٹن اور اس نسبت درخواست پیش کردہ ہربراعت عدالت خدا سے اگر کسی شخص کوئی اعتراض ہو تو سات دن کے اندر اندر دفتر ہذا کو مطلع کریں۔ بعد از میعاد کوئی اعتراض قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔ تحصیل صدر فکو

Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Urban Forestry Division Srinagar

e-NIT NO: 12 of 2023.24 DATED:- 14.08.2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:-

Table with 7 columns: S.No., Particulars of Work, Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh), Security Deposit 2% of the Adv. Cost, Class of contractor, Cost of Tender Documentation, Time of completion. Contains 4 entries for retaining wall, DRSM work, and inspection path.

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. Position of TS: Accorded.

Table with 2 columns: Publishing Date, Download Start Date, Bid submission Start Date, Bid submission End Date, Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online, Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 1. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website: https://jktenders.gov.in. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act. Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor. 2. 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 Bid Security Declaration form duly filled in with time period prescribed and addressed 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. 3. 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. 4. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e BSD Form, Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2023.24, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt as mentioned in the tender document, (Cost of Tender Document). 5. In case the bid of lowest / successful bidder is found unbalanced then he has to produce additional performance security of 3% in the shape of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee from scheduled bank valid till completion of contract before issuance of contract allotment by the Tender opening committee. 6. In case the bid of lowest / successful bidder is found unbalanced then he has to produce additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee from scheduled bank valid till completion of work before issuance of contract allotment as per details given below:- Up to and including 15% below rate over advertised cost NIL. Greater than 15% up to and including 20% below rate over advertised cost 5% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR/ Bank Guarantee. Greater than 20% upto and including 25% below rate over advertised cost 10% of advertised cost in shape of CDR/FDR/ Bank Guarantee. 7. The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract. 8. The bidders should not be involved in any forest related offence. 9. The successful bidder has to complete the work in stipulated time being a seasonal activity otherwise the successful bidder shall be liable to action under rules. 10. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise). 11. 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. 12. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. 13. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

No: DFO/JF/Tender/2362-66 DIPP-7235/23 Dated: 17.08.2023

Sd/ Divisional Forest Officer, Urban Forestry Division, Srinagar

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

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

eNIT No.44 of 2023-24/2616-25/R&B SSD Uri e-tendering DATED: 17-08-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are being invited on anpercentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

Table with 10 columns: S.No., Name of Work, Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lacs), Cost of T/DOC (In Rupees), E/Money, Time for completion of work, Time & Date of Opening of Bid, Class of Contractor, M.H of Account. Contains 2 entries for fountain and drainage work.

Project Authority: M.C.Uri. Position of funds: Available Position of AA/ TS /Accorded

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

Table with 2 columns: S.No., Date of Issue of Tender Notice, Bid Submission Start Date, Bid Submission End Date, Date & time of opening of Bids (Online).

Pre-qualification criteria for bidder.

E-tender invited is from Indian based principal manufacturing companies for musical fountain / their authorized dealers must be enlisted in PWD/Railways/CPWD/Local bodies & who have the required resources and ability and can undertake all the required work. The principal manufacturing companies authorising their dealer needs to fulfil all the under mentioned prequalification criteria with supportive documents: The technical bid of all the bidders will be open first and whoever will qualify the pre qualification criteria as laid below will be eligible to consider for price bid.

- 1. The principal manufacturing company/ should have its own manufacturing facility in India for musical fountain and shall have ISO 9001:2008 certification (ISO certificate to be furnished), GST, proof of manufacturer to be enclosed. 2. The principal Manufacturer should have at least 10 year experience in same field and have own R&D facility (documentary evidence to be enclosed).The manufacturing facility should be available for inspection on short notice. 3. The principal Manufacturer should be registered limited company of Indian origin only; certification of incorporation should be at least seven year old. 4. The list/details of plant & machinery along with list of technical and other staff and a proof of minimum 50 no's permanently employed staff with company shall be provided. 5. Keeping in view the sophistication of the project, the bidder's/manufacturer annual turnover should be in excess of Rs. 10 crores for the last 3 Years (i.e. 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20). Copies of duly audited balance sheets or a certificate from a Chartered Accountant to be enclosed as a proof. 6. The principal manufacturer shall be an organisation of international repute with Overseas (Out of India) installation of musical Features for which documentary proof has to be submitted. 7. The principal manufacturer have IP55 certificate in respect of Electric Panel and IP68 certificate in respect of Lights issued from a Govt. of India test laboratory are required to be furnished. 8. The Principal manufacturer shall have supplied, installed & commissioned at least five nos. Musical Fountains of value not less than Rs. 200 Lacs each and at least one musical fountain having value more than Rs.700 lac with proof of order and completion certificate. 9. The principal manufacturing company/firm needs to have its own service centre/office with service personnel in north India for prompt after sales service. Address with documentary proof of the service centre/office. 10. The bidder of manufacturer should be able to demonstrate the musical fountain show, including the software and hardware parts at their plant/works, a team of officials may visit factory of OEM before opening of bid. 11. Photocopy of PAN Card, ESI No. & EPF No. needs to be submitted. 12. Photocopy of GST Registration in J&K State needs to be submitted. 13. The successful bidder will have to provide components/equipment in strict compliance with details of which are provided in tender documents, All the bidders need to provide unconditional acceptance of this by submitting an affidavit. Non compliance to this will lead to rejection of the bid documents without assigning any reasons thereof and the bids will not be further considered for evaluation.

Only those bidders shall be considered qualified for submission of their tender/opening of price bid who shall fulfill the above mentioned parameters/requirements. If the applications are not accompanied with all the required documents the same are liable to be rejected and no claim whatsoever will be entertained.

- 2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan/ CDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Special Sub Division Uri (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document. 3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Special sub Division Uri. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the Allotted cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

3(b) Geotech Photographs Minimum 03 sets (01 set Comprising of Photograph before, during and after execution of work) of size 26 cm x21 cm to be provided.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on webSite www.jketenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same website in the office of the Tender receiving authority).

- 5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 20 days from the date of opening of technical Bids. 6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. 6.1, Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process. 6.2, To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from many approved vendor. 6.3, The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature.No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form. 6.4, Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1 6.5, Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Note:-Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option. 7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

No.-SSDU/2023-24/2616-25 DIPP-7205/23 Dated: 17-08-2023

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

H&ME Orders Inquiry Into Complaints Against Lecturer GMC Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Health and Medical Education Department has appointed an inquiry officer to conduct inquiry into complaints against lecturer Radiation Oncology GMC Srinagar.

According to an order, Hashmat Ali Yattoo Administrator associated hospital GMC Srinagar has been directed to conduct inquiry into complaints against Dr Sheikh Owais, Lecturer, Radiation Oncology GMC Srinagar.

"Sanction is, hereby, accord to the appointment

of Mr. Hashmat Ali Yattoo (IAS), Administrator, Associated Hospitals, Government Medical College, Srinagar as Inquiry Officer to conduct in-depth enquiry into the complaint (s) against Dr. Sheikh Owais Ahmad, Lecturer, Radiation Oncology, Government Medical College, Srinagar," Reads the order.

"The Inquiry Officer shall submit the Inquiry Report along-with specific recommendations to the Administrative Department within a period of 15 days for initiating further course of action," the order adds.

J&K Bank ATM Guards Protest In Srinagar, Demands Justice

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The ATM guards of Jammu and Kashmir Bank here on Thursday staged a protest, demanding justice and job security.

"We are the ATM guards from the North, South, and Srinagar areas. We have gathered here because J&K Bank is terminating our guards' emasse from both the South and Srinagar districts. We are

waiting for a favorable order until August 22, failing which a future course of action will be decided," said the protesting guards while speaking to reporters at Press Enclave in Srinagar.

"Our ATM guards have also been devoted to J&K Bank, and we have even worked during tough times like COVID-19. We would like to ask the bank to rehire these dismissed guards at an earliest," they added.

Alleging Scam In recruitment, F&ES Job Aspirants Hit Streets

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Fire & Emergency Service job aspirants continued their protest in Srinagar on Thursday, alleging scam in the recruitment process.

The aggrieved protesters raised slogans against

the Fire and Emergency Service department and demanded justice.

They also requested the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha led administration to order a time bound probe in this regard to ascertain the facts.



Jammu and Kashmir Bank ATM Guards protest against arbitrary disengagement from service continues in Srinagar. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Conference On Challenges Faced By Minority Tribes Concludes In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The conference on the economic, geographical, traditional, and social crisis faced by Hunza, Shina, and Pashtu tribes and promotion of tourism to address the situation marked a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to empower and uplift the tribal communities.

According to a statement, issued to Kashmir News Service (KNS), the conference, organized by Kashmir Sewa, was held at Jahangir Hotel in Srinagar and it brought together a diverse range of experts, scholars, community leaders, and stakeholders who

engaged in insightful discussions, shared perspectives and explored innovative strategies to address the challenges faced by these tribal communities.

The statement reads that the event was graced by chief guest Iqbal Singh Lalpura, chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities, Government of India, who commended the efforts of Kashmir Sewa Sangh in bringing attention to these pressing issues. During the event, he emphasized the paramount importance of fostering a sense of brotherhood among different communities.

He underlined the

significance of unity and understanding, highlighting that these values serve as the cornerstone of a harmonious society.

His address resonated with the audience, emphasizing the need for inclusivity and mutual respect to create a cohesive and strong community.

Furthermore, he assured the attendees that their genuine demands and concerns would be effectively communicated to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He emphasized the commitment of the government to address the challenges faced by minority communities, ensuring that their voices are heard and their

rights are upheld.

Meanwhile, Firdous Baba, chief of Kashmir Sewa Sangh, expressed his gratitude and emphasized the importance of collective action in creating positive change.

"Our mission is to foster unity, diversity, and harmony within our community. This conference provided a platform for meaningful dialogues that will pave the way for tangible solutions," he said.

The discussions covered a wide range of topics, including economic empowerment, infrastructure development, cultural preservation, social integration, skill development, and the establishment of a cultural center.

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

PRAYERS

FAJR 4:22
ZUHR 12:35
ASR 5:21
Magrib 7:20
ISHA 8:47

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This Day In History

- 293 BC - The oldest known Roman temple to Venus is founded, starting the institution of Vinalia Rustica (grape harvest festival)
- 1217 - First historical record of Scottish scholar Michael Scot, signed and dates his translation of al-Bitruji's "On the Sphere" in Toledo, Spain
- 1564 - Spanish King Philip II joins Council of Trente
- 1587 - Saul Wahl is elected King of Poland, according to legend.
- 1605 - Spanish army under of general Spinola conquers Lingen
- 1769 - A lightning strike on the Bastion of San Nazaro in Brescia, Italy, ignites 90 tonnes of gunpowder, killing 3,000 people
- 1864 - Battle of Petersburg: Battle of Weldon Railroad day 1 of a 3 day battle
- 1868 - French Astronomer Pierre Janssen discovers helium in solar spectrum during eclipse
- 1914 - French troops under general Dubail occupy Sarrebourg
- 1924 - France begins withdrawing troops from the Ruhr
- 1925 - Belgium & US sign treaty about war debts
- 1940 - Battle of Britain: The air battle known as "The Hardest Day" occurs; Luftwaffe lose approximately 69 aircraft and the RAF lose 68 in one of the largest ever air battles
- 1945 - Sukarno elected 1st President of Indonesia by the Preparatory Committee for Indonesian Independence (PPKI)
- 1964 - Charles Helu elected president of Lebanon
- 1964 - South Africa banned from Olympic Games because of apartheid policies
- 1964 - USSR launch 3 Kosmos satellites
- 1971 - New Zealand Prime Minister Keith Holyoake announces in Parliament that New Zealand's combat force would be withdrawn from Vietnam before the end of the year, coinciding with a similar announcement by the Australian government
- 1976 - USSR's Luna 24 soft-lands on Moon
- 1979 - Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini demands Saint War against Kurds
- 1979 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/ Semipalinsk USSR
- 1985 - Susei Launch (Halley's Comet Flyby)
- 2008 - President Of Pakistan Pervez Musharaf resigned due to pressure from opposition.
- 2013 - 6 people are killed by a bomb blast on a bus in West Bengal, India

From KO Archives

Israel Rushed Arms To India During Kargil Crisis

Agence France Presse

TEL AVIV - Israel agreed to speed up shipments of arms and military equipment to India during the recent crisis with Pakistan over Kashmir, the influential Hebrew daily Haaretz reported Thursday. The Israeli move came in response to a request from New Delhi and the Indian government expressed its appreciation, the daily said without elaborating on the equipment delivered.

All the orders had been placed before the May clashes in Kashmir. New Delhi charged were backed by Pakistani troops, the paper stressed.

Israel and India have maintained close military ties in recent years- the commander of Indian ground forces, Prakash Malik, visited Israel in May 1998 after the two governments named military attaches to their respective embassies the previous year.

(Kashmir Observer, August 18, 1999)

Public Notice

This is to inform the general public that my name has been wrongly entered as Mohammad Nadeem Sofi instead of Mohd Nadeem Sofi son of Noor Mohammad Sofi R/o Rawalpora, Srinagar in my passport. Now the correction in the name is required. If anybody has any objection, he or she should file the same with the office of Passport Officer Srinagar within seven days. After the expiry of date no claim shall be entertained.

Mohd Nadeem Sofi
S/o Noor Mohammad Sofi
R/o Rawalpora, Srinagar
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Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd.
Business Support Division,
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M. A. Road Srinagar, 190 001 J&K

On-Line Request for Tender (e-NIT)

for
Selection / Engagement of supplier for providing Housekeeping consumables, at Corporate Headquarters, M.A Road, Srinagar Kashmir

Tender Notice along with Complete Tender document outlining the minimum requirements can be downloaded from and Bids can be submitted on the Banks' e-Tendering Portal <https://jkbkbank.abcprocure.com> w.e.f. August 18, 2023, 16.00 Hrs. Tender Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website www.jkbkbank.com. Last date for submission of Bids is September 01, 2023, 17.00 Hrs.

e-NIT Ref.No JKB/CHQ/BS/D/HK-Consumables/2023-763
Dated: 16-08-2023

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DIPK-NB-2662/23 dated: 17-08-2023

Office Of The Executive Engineer Electric Division Budgam KPDCL.

Notice Inviting Tenders.

e-NIT No.-EDB/63 of 2023-24 Dated: 17-08-2023.

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, e-Tenders, (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from Govt. approved Electrical Contractors, for works, as details below:

Name of the Items (Under PRI Grants)	Qty	Unit	Rate	Estimate No.	Contract No.	Completion in Period	Status of Work
1. INSTALLATION OF LT POLES AT DAR MOHALLAH SHIA ATTINA ATTINA RS 2.00 AND INSTALLATION OF LT POLES AT MALIK MOHALLAH AT SHAI ATTINARS 1.000N SITC BASIS	2.91						
2. INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC POLES AND ELECTRIC WIRING FOR ENTIRE W 7 AT LARIBAL ON SITC BASIS	3.88						
3. INSTALLATION OF 01 NO. OF TRANSFORMER 63 KVA WITH POLES AND WIRES AT KANIGUND RS 6.50 INSTALLATION OF LT POLES WITH TRANSFORMER 63 KV AND WIRING AT PAKHROPORA KANIGUND RS 6.000N SITC BASIS	12.125						

1. Bidders are advised to study the Standard Bidding Document (SBD) / Tender Specifications carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examine, of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications by the bidder.

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

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	The standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 17-08-2023; 4:00PM
B	Sale of Bid Document (Start)	17-08-2023; 4:00 PM
C	Sale of Bid Document (End)	01-09-2023; 3:00PM
D	Clarification start date	18-08-2023; 11:00 AM
E	Clarification End date	21-08-2023; 3:00 PM
F	e-Bid submission (start) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	23-08-2023; 10:00 AM
G	e-Bid submission (End) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	01-09-2023; 300PM
H	Hard Copy of e-tender fee and EMD Instrument & Affidavit that the Firm/Contractor is not Black listed by any of the Govt. Offices.	Up-to 01-09-2023; 03:00 PM in office of the Executive Engineer ED- Budgam
I	Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date and time	02-09-2023; 03:00 PM
J	Online financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the technically qualified bidders
K	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids	office of the Executive Engineer ED- Budgam

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
ED Budgam (KPDCL)

No: EDB/3638-42
DIPK-NB-2666/23
Dated: 17-08-2023

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CORRIGENDUM-I

Subject: - EXTENTION OF CRITICAL DATES OF e-NIT Nos. 06_2, 06_3, 07_1 & 07_3of 2023-24 Dated 24.07.2023.

Reference: - Tender IDs: - 2023_PWDJK_223141_2
2023_PWDJK_223141_3
2023_PWDJK_223297_1
2023_PWDJK_223297_3

Due to inadequate response in reference to above cited e-NITs, the Critical Dates are extended as under:

FOR e-NIT No. 06_2 & 06_3

S.No	Description	Re- Scheduled date
1	Date of Downloading	24-07-2023 (06:15 PM) to 22-08-2023 (06:00 PM)
2	Date of uploading	24-07-2023 (06:15 PM) to 22-08-2023 (06:55 PM)
3	Due date of opening of tender	23-08-2023 (01:00 PM)

FOR e-NIT No. 07_1 & 07_3

S.No	Description	Re- Scheduled date
1	Date of Downloading	25-07-2023 (06:15 PM) to 22-08-2023 (06:00 PM)
2	Date of uploading	25-07-2023 (06:15 PM) to 22-08-2023 (06:55 PM)
3	Due date of opening of tender	23-08-2023 (01:00 PM)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical Division
Baramulla

No: - MDB/TS/1271-76
DIPK-7253/23 Dated: - 17-08-2023

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RE-TENDER NOTICE

The work "External Electrical Works of cloud project" at IUST Awantipora published vide E-NIT No: IUST/EW/ELE/TEND/CP/23/04, dated: 20-07-2023 is hereby re-tendered as only one bidder qualifies for technical bid evaluation.

Name of work: External Electrical Works of Cloud Project at IUST Awantipora.	Advertisement Start Date: 16-08-2023
Advertised Cost of Construction: Rs. 6,76,602.00/=- (Rupees six lakh seventy-six thousand six hundred two only)	Bid submission Start Date: 16-08-2023
Class of Contract: Class "A"	Date of Submission of DD (Hard Copy): 24-08-2023 (during office hours)
Bid submission End Date: 23-08-2023 Up to 6:00 PM.	

Bids shall be opened at IUST on 25-08-2023 at 10:00 AM.

Availability of Tender document: Tender document can be downloaded from website (<https://jktenders.gov.in/>)

Detailed Tender Notice is available on university website: www.iust.ac.in

Rest of the terms and conditions shall remain same as per the tender document

No: IUST/EW/ELE/TEND/CP/23/04-A.
Date: 16/08/2023.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, IUST Awantipora.

DIPK-NB-2643/23 dated: 17-08-2023

Russia Hosts First-Ever Meeting Of Iran, Saudi Defense Officials



Agencies

Talal al-Otaibi, an aide to the Saudi defense minister, on 16 August, met with the Deputy Chief of Staff of Iran's armed forces, Aziz Nasirzadeh, on the sidelines of the 11th Moscow Conference on International Security.

Coming a few months after the two nations normalized ties under a Chinese-brokered agreement, this marked the first-ever meeting between Iranian and Saudi officials.

According to the Saudi defense ministry, the officials reviewed bilateral relations in the defense and security fields and ways to improve them. Iranian state-run news outlet IRNA also reported that the officials agreed to exchange military attachés "as soon as possible."

The historic meeting occurred one day before the Iranian Foreign Minister set off on an official trip to the Saudi capital Riyadh, where he is scheduled to meet his Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan.

This is the first trip by Iran's top diplomat to the kingdom since the signing of the détente in March. Iran's new ambassador to Riyadh, Alireza Enayati, will also officially begin his mission during Amir-Abdollahian's visit.

In June, an Iranian navy official revealed that the Islamic Republic, alongside Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Iraq, Pakistan, and India, is looking to form a "naval alliance" to boost security in the northern Indian Ocean.

Two weeks after this announcement, Bin Farhan visited Tehran, where he met with Iranian officials and had this to say about the possible naval alliance, "I would like to refer to the importance of cooperation between the two countries on regional security, especially the security of maritime navigation ... and the importance of cooperation among all regional countries to ensure that it is free of weapons of mass destruction."

'How Could Bilkis Bano Convicts Be Released?' SC To Gujarat

Press Trust of India

State governments should not be selective in granting remission to convicts and the opportunity to reform and reintegrate with society should be given to every prisoner, the Supreme Court Thursday told the Gujarat government which defended its decision of premature release of all 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano gang-rape case during the 2002 riots.

The top court's observation came in response to the submission by Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju, appearing for the Gujarat government, that law says a chance must be given to even the hardened criminals to reform themselves.

The law officer submitted the crime committed by the 11 convicts was "heinous" but does not fall in the rarest of rare category.

"Therefore, they deserve the chance of reformation. Person may have committed the offence...something may have gone wrong in a particular moment. Later, he can always realise the consequences."

"This can largely be determined from their conduct in jail, when released on parole, or furlough. All these show they have realised what they had done is wrong. Law is not that everyone should be punished perpetually. Chance should be given for reformation," Raju said.

Responding to the submission, a bench of Justices B.V. Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan wanted to know how far the law is being applied to other inmates in jail.



Why are our jails overcrowded? Why is the policy of remission being applied selectively? Opportunity to reform and reintegrate must be given to every prisoner not only to a few prisoners. But how far is remission policy being implemented where the convicts have completed 14 years? Is it being applied in all cases?" the bench asked Raju.

The ASG replied that all states will have to answer this question and that the remission policy varies from state to state.

Commenting on the remission policy of states, the bench said the question is whether the policy of premature release is being implemented uniformly in all cases in respect of all those who have completed 14 years and are eligible for it.

"On the other hand, we have cases like Rudul Shah. Even though there was an acquittal, he continued to remain in prison. Extreme cases, both this side and that side," the bench said.

Rudul Shah was arrested for his wife's murder in 1953 and was in jail for many years, in spite of his acquittal by a sessions court in June 3, 1968. He was finally released in 1982.

Indian Muslims Were First Hindus; Hinduism Much Older Than Islam: Azad

Press Trust of India

JAMMU: DPAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad said a majority of Indian Muslims have converted from Hinduism, adding that an example of this can be found in the Kashmir Valley where a majority of Kashmiri Pandits converted to Islam.

Asserting that religion should not be used to get political mileage, Azad said whoever takes refuge in religion in politics is weak.

"Some BJP leader said some (Muslims) have come from outside and some have not. Nobody has come from outside or inside. Islam came to existence just 1,500 years ago. Hindu religion is very old. Around 10-20 of them (Muslims) must have come from outside, some were there in the Mughal army," the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chief told a gathering in Doda district.

"All other Muslims converted from Hinduism in India. An example of this can be found in Kashmir. Who were the Muslims in Kashmir 600 years ago? All were Kashmiri Pandits. They converted to Islam. All are born into this religion," the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir said.

Azad said that when Hindus die, they are cremated. "They are burnt in different places. Their ashes are placed in the river which mixes the water, and we drink that water," he said.

"Later, who sees that the water contains their burnt ashes? People drink that water," the DPAP leader said.

Similarly Muslims' flesh and bones become a part of the nation's soil, Azad said. "They, too, become a part of this land. Their flesh and their bones become a part of Bharat Mata's soil. Hindus and Muslims both merge into this land. What difference is there between them?" he added.

Taking a dig on the use of religion for votes, Azad said, "Whoever takes refuge in religion in politics is weak. Religion should not be used as a vote bank in politics. Voting should not be based on Hindu and Muslim names."



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Similarly Muslims' flesh

Targeted Christians Found Shelter With Muslims During Pakistan Rampage

Agencies

JARANWALA, PAKISTAN: Pastor Javed Bhatti was roused from his sleep by the mosque's loudspeaker -- not the usual Islamic call to prayer, but a thundering call to protest against alleged blasphemy by Christians.

Instinctively, he gathered his family and ran to the street, where fellow Christians were already spilling from their homes into narrow alleyways.

"Some were running barefoot and some fled in rickshaws. There was chaos everywhere," he told AFP on Thursday, a day after hundreds of Muslim men rampaged through the streets, burning homes and churches.

"The children were shouting, 'Run, run, the clerics are coming! They will attack us,'" his sister Naila Bhatti added.

Blasphemy is a flashpoint issue in Pakistan, where vigilante mobs have killed people accused of insulting Islam or the Prophet Muhammad.

Christians make up around two percent of the population and occupy one of the lowest rungs in Pakistani society. More than 5,000 live in the Christian quarter in Jaranwala, most of them sanitary workers on meagre wages who occupy cramped homes shared by up to 18 relatives.

As panic spread across the neighbourhood, Muslims also rushed to the streets to warn and shelter their neighbours.

"The crowd came from outside (this area), but the local Muslims here helped us and tried to save us," Pastor Bhatti said.

Tariq Rasool, in the same narrow street as Bhatti, said Muslims had quickly pinned Koranic verses on the doors of Christian homes in the hope they would be spared the violence.

"Two women were running. I opened the door of my house for them and let them inside. They were very worried but I consoled them," the 58-year-old Muslim told AFP.

The mob swelled in size and anger throughout the day, with hundreds at its peak rioting through the streets.

By nightfall, at least four churches and a dozen houses and shops had been burned and ransacked, according to an AFP team at the scene.

Imran Qadri, a bearded Muslim, opened his home to two Christian women.

"They are still inside our house. My family helped



them, provided them with food and they spent the night with us," Qadri said, standing alongside Bhatti.

Parveen Bibi fled with her eight family members after being woken up by her young children screaming: "Muslims are coming to burn our houses!"

"We took rickshaws to the home of our Muslim neighbours. The door was open and we all went inside. I was accompanied by women, my two daughters-in-law and children. The women said, 'You are safe here, don't worry,'" she explained tearfully, standing in the rubble of her home.

Several Christians who returned to their houses on Thursday to survey the damage told AFP that more than 300 people had fled in the initial hours of the riot, but hundreds more evacuated at night and on Thursday to stay with relatives in other towns.

Police have arrested more than 100 people allegedly linked to the violence and are searching for two Christian brothers accused of desecrating the Koran.



Arms, Ammunition Recovered In Manipur As Situation Continues To Remain Tense

Press Trust of India

IMPHAL: Eight firearms and 112 rounds of ammunition were recovered from different districts of violence-hit Manipur during search operations by security forces, police said.

Besides, the forces also seized six explosives, they said.

The recoveries were made on Wednesday from Bishnupur, Churachandpur, Tengnoupal, Kangpokpi and Imphal West districts, the police said in a statement.

"The situation in the state was tense with sporadic incidents of firing and congregation of protesters," it said.

Also, six bunkers have been dismantled in Tengnoupal district, it added.

Meanwhile, four people from Assam were arrested in Mantripukhri area of Imphal East district with 1,240 bottles of syrups containing codeine phosphate, an opioid analgesic.

The arrests were made by the officers of Narcotics & Affairs of Border (NAB) on Tuesday, police said.

Ethnic clashes broke out in the state in May, and have been continuing for more than three months, leading to the deaths of over 160 people.

Saudi Arabia Hopes To See Iran's President Visit Following King's Invitation

Agencies

DUBAI: Saudi Arabia hopes to see Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi visit the Kingdom following an invitation from King Salman bin Abdulaziz, Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan said on Thursday in a press conference with his Iranian counterpart.

Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian arrived Thursday in Riyadh on his first trip Saudi Arabia since a landmark rapprochement deal in March. Amir-Abdollahian has

confirmed that Raisi will visit Saudi Arabia anytime soon.

Iran and Saudi Arabia earlier agreed in a China-brokered deal to end a diplomatic rift and reestablish relations following years of hostility that had endangered regional stability in the Gulf, as well as in Yemen, Syria and Lebanon.

Saudi Arabia broke ties with Iran in 2016 after protesters attacked its embassy in Tehran in retaliation for Riyadh's execution of a prominent Shiite cleric.

Prince Faisal added that the countries' corresponding ambassadors will start in their positions in their respective embassies after their reopening as a result of the two countries ending a diplomatic rift in March and reestablishing relations.

He also thanked the Iranian envoy for his country's support in Saudi Arabia's bid to host Expo 2030.

Amir-Abdollahian has said that talks with Saudi Arabia have been successful, and both parties have agreed to work together and find immediate solutions to pressing issues in the region.

He also reiterated that Tehran was committed to efforts in achieving security and peace in the region.



NEWS MAKERS

Indigo Pilot Dies After Collapsing At Boarding Gate Of Nagpur Airport

Press Trust of India

A 40-year-old Indigo pilot, who was going to operate the airline's Nagpur-Pune flight, died after collapsing near a boarding gate at the Nagpur airport on Thursday, officials said.

Captain Manoj Subramanyam (40) fell unconscious in the security hold area of the airport around 12 noon, they said. Prima facie, he died of "cardiac arrest following sudden unexpected loss of heart function", said KIMS-Kingsway Hospital where he was rushed.

Aejaz Shami, spokesperson of the hospital, said their emergency team administered him CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) but he did not respond. Subramanyam was declared brought dead at the hospital.

In a statement, IndiGo said, "We are saddened at the passing of one of our pilots in Nagpur earlier today. He took unwell at Nagpur airport and was rushed to the hospital where he unfortunately passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones."

Man Jumps Off Eiffel Tower With A Parachute, Arrested

Agencies

PARIS: A man was arrested in Paris on Thursday after jumping off the Eiffel Tower with a parachute, police and the monument's operator said.

The man, an experienced climber, entered the tower's perimeter shortly after 5.00 am (0300 GMT), well before its official opening.

He was quickly detected by guards, according to the site's operator Sete, but still managed to get to the top before anybody could stop him, carrying the parachute in a backpack.

Once he got near the top of the 330-metre-high structure, he jumped.

The man landed in a nearby stadium where he was arrested for endangering the lives of others, police said.

"This kind of irresponsible action puts people working at or below the tower in danger," Sete said in a statement.

The Eiffel Tower is the French capital's top tourist spot, attracting 5.9 million visitors in 2022.

The tower's opening, usually at 9:00 am, was slightly delayed due to the incident, Sete said, adding that it had filed criminal charges against the man.

Last week, the Eiffel Tower was evacuated twice on the same day following hoax bomb alerts.

And on Monday, two inebriated American tourists were found sleeping off a heavy night in the heights of the tower, having dodged security the night before.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

e-NIT No: 72of 2023-24 dated 16/08/2023

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

Name of the work	Est. cost (In Lacs)	CDR Amount (In Rupees)	Cost of tender document (Treasury Challan)	Completion Period	Position of funds
SITC for Creation of Sub Station/LT/HT improvement at PHC Kullam, PHC Gund and PHC Lar for providing of uninterrupted power supply under Aspirational Block Development Programme for the Year 2023-24.	19.09	2% of Advertised Cost	Rs1000/-	Within 60Days from the date of issuance of LOA	Authorized (50% Released)

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

S#	Description	Date	Time
1.	Publish/uploading of e NIT	17-08-23	18.00 hrs
2.	Documents Download/Sale start date	17-08-23	18.00 hrs
3.	Clarification Date Start	17-08-23	18.00 hrs
4.	Clarifications Date End	28-08-23	14.00 hrs
5.	Bid submission Start date	18-08-23	09.00 hrs
6.	Bid submission end date	28-08-23	14.00 hrs
7.	Opening date for E-tender	29-08-23	14:00 hrs
8.	Venue of opening e bids	Office of the Executive Engineer ED Ganderbal	

No: EDG/V/1549-56/TS
Date: 16-08-2023

DIPK-NB-2631-23
DT: 17/08/2023

Executive Engineer
ED Ganderbal

RTO Kashmir Takes Strong Action Against Helmetless Drivers

24 Driving Licenses Suspended Under Motor Vehicles Act

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Continuing its action against drivers who fail to wear helmets while riding their motorcycles, the Regional Transport Office (RTO) today suspended 24 driving licenses under the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act (MVA). In a statement issued here, it was given out that the department has been tirelessly working towards creating awareness about the importance of wearing helmets while riding two-wheelers,

despite these efforts some individuals continue to disregard the safety regulations, putting their lives and the lives of others at risk.

It was made clear that the RTO Kashmir is committed to ensuring road safety and will not tolerate any negligence in this regard.

Under the provisions of the MVA, it is mandatory for all two-wheeler riders to wear helmets. Failure to comply with this requirement not only violates the law but also endangers the safety of the individual and others on the road.

The RTO Kashmir urges all two-wheeler riders to prioritize their safety and adhere to the helmet-wearing rule.

Have Engaged Best Lawyers to Defend Art 370: Omar

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The National Conference has engaged the best lawyers in the Supreme Court to challenge the revocation of Article 370, said party leader Omar Abdullah on Thursday and expressed hope the judges will be convinced by their arguments.

"We are fighting and we are there with a hope for justice. We have not left any stone unturned, we engaged the best lawyers and their performance was appreciated by all. The hearings are on and we hope the judges will be convinced by our arguments. It will go on and we are waiting," he told reporters here.

Addressing his party workers earlier at the National Conference (NC) headquarters Nawari-Subah, Abdullah said the party could not have done better than hiring Kapil Sibal and Gopal Subramaniam to fight the case in the Supreme Court.

"We hired the best lawyers. Kapil Sibal and Gopal Subramaniam are two of the top five lawyers in the country. Win or loss is in the hands of God. A human being can only try and we did not leave any stone unturned. Now, we should pray to God to give us success," said the NC vice-president.

Asked about the Jammu and Kashmir administration removing the name of NC founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, popularly known as Sher-e-Kashmir, from the government buildings, including the convention centre on the banks of Dal Lake here, Abdullah said no one can erase his grandfather's name from the hearts of the people.

"You can remove his name from the buildings but not from the hearts (of the people). If you remove Sher-e-Kashmir's name from SKICC or cricket stadium or hospitals, it will make no difference. You cannot hide the truth. The CJ has renewed that truth before the people," he said.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister was referring to Chief Justice of India Justice D.Y. Chandrachud's remarks while hearing the petitions challenging the abrogation of Article 370 in the apex court.

"You remove the name, but

tomorrow another government will come, it will bring it back. But remember, Sher-e-Kashmir's name will not be erased. People who are removing his name will leave from here and no one will remember them. Their name will not remain here, but Sher-e-Kashmir's name will remain etched in the hearts of the people forever," he added.

Asked about Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chief Ghulam Nabi Azad's statement that Muslims in Kashmir are mostly converts from Hinduism, Abdullah said: "I do not know in which context has he said it or why or whom he wanted to make happy by saying so."

To a question about the administration bringing in another agency TCS -- for conducting recruitment exam for various posts advertised by the Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection

Recruitment Board (JKSSRB), the former chief minister said the current government has "failed" to complete recruitments in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Whoever you got, failed. The inquiry on Apteck has not been completed, no list has been finalised. Now, you are bringing TCS into this. Was no list finalised before 2019? Were the recruitments not done in a transparent manner? Were people not recruited? Different governments did recruitments here. What is the reason that recruitment is not taking place in the governor's rule?" Abdullah asked.

"There was no need to get TCS. Make the JKSSRB stronger. Bring right people into it. When you do that, the process will become right," he added.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration cancelled the police sub-inspector recruitment process in July after allegations of irregularities in the conduct of the recruitment exams and handed over the case to the CBI. Similar allegations came to the fore in the conduct of the Fire and Emergency Services exams. Fingers were raised at Apteck -- the agency conducting the examination process.

New Covid-19 Variant Eris No Cause For Concern: DAK

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: With India reporting cases of new Covid-19 variant Eris in some states, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Thursday said the new variant is not a cause of concern for us and there is no need to worry about it.

"There is no evidence to suggest that the new variant causes more severe illness," said influenza expert and DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

Dr Hassan said the EG.5, dubbed as Eris is a sub-variant of Omicron variant of Covid-19. It is rapidly spreading across the UK and US and has also been reported in China, Europe and Japan.

The new variant was first detected in India in May 2023 and the fact that there has been no significant increase in the incidence of the new strain since its detection 3 months ago shows that it is not something to be bothered about," he said. The DAK President the new variant is basically a sub-lineage of omicron which most of us have gone through and our population has enough immunity against omicron and its sub-variants.

"With high vaccination rates and natural immunity, the possibility of a new wave in our population due to the variant is unlikely," he said.

Dr Nisar said new variants will keep coming as frequent changes in the genomic structure are part of the natural course of the virus. "We are going to see the new variant Eris for sometime before it is replaced by yet another variant. That is the nature of the virus," he said.



A NOMAD GIRL arranges utensils inside her makeshift tent on the outskirts of Srinagar on Thursday. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

1300 Smart Classrooms, 1000 ICT Labs This Year: Alok Kumar,

SED Organizes State Consultation Meeting-Cum-Workshop For 3rd Chief Secretaries Conference On Promoting Ease Of Living In Schools



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The State Consultation meeting-cum-workshop for third Chief Secretaries Conference on promoting ease of living in schools was held Thursday at SCERT auditorium here under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar.

The workshop was organised by School Education Department (SED) for preparing State specific note for 3rd Chief Secretaries Conference, scheduled to be held in month of October-November, 2023 under the chairmanship of Prime Minister of India.

Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj; Director School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Hussain; Special Secretary SED, Naseer Wani; UNICEF National Head, Terry; CEOs, DIET Principals, members from Pijam foundation and Pratham also attended the workshop.

The workshop was organised by Samagra Shiksha in which more than 650 stakeholders of SED including teachers, students, parents of students from various government and private institutions, representatives and heads of more than 20 private institutions, NGOs, Civil Society organisations, JK BOSE, SCERT and other stakeholders participated.

While chairing the panel discussion of the workshop, Principal Secretary, School Education Alok Kumar interacted with different stakeholders who posed questions on different domains of education like uniform academic calendar, school complex system, smart classrooms, creation of District Advisory council, aligning NEET and JEE as per NEP 2020, besides others. He replied all the questions of students and other stake holders.

While replying a query of student on digital access, the Principal Secretary said that results of the class 10th and 12th stands uploaded on the website through Digi locker.

Reacting on the establishment of smart classrooms, he reiterated that, this year more than 1300 Smart classrooms, 1000 ICT labs shall be established, besides Virtual Reality Labs, Astro physics labs and other innovative initiatives are in pipeline.

Principal Secretary further said that providing quality education to students, pave ways to further increase their learning outcomes and bridging the social-gender gaps in school education is our main motto. He added that improvement in the manpower, through capacity building and mentorship programmes, ease in schooling shall be ensured.

He asked the concerned stakeholders for ensuring equity and inclusion at all levels of school education with a focus on Children with Special needs. He also stressed for reducing the dropout rate to a minimal value among all grades, so that the department may achieve the Sustainable Development Goal, by 2030 as per National Education Policy, 2020, which is the gate way for promoting Ease in Schooling.

Private stakeholders from various schools, during the workshop, suggested for ease in transfer certificates/migration certificates.

In his welcome address, Project Director Samagra Shiksha briefed about the context of the workshop. He informed that during 3rd Chief Secretary conference, five sub themes have been selected in promoting ease of living for the citizens and this meet is being conducted to obtain feedback on different parameters like ease in issuance/reissuance/modification of marksheets, transfer/ migration certificate, introduction of re-evaluation/improvement in examination through online mode, verification of certificate/ marksheet, twinning of school for ease in admission, facilitation in registration of Aadhaar, universalisation of use of digilocker, quality of infrastructure in schools, improving learning outcomes and others.

Chhari Mubarak Taken To Sharika Bhawani Temple In Srinagar

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Chhari Mubarak, the saffron-robbed holy mace of Lord Shiva, was Thursday taken to the ancient Sharika Bhawani Temple here for special prayers as part of the ongoing annual Amarnath Yatra.

The Chhari Mubarak Swami Amarnath Ji led by Mahant Deependra Giri was taken to Sharika Bhawani Temple on Hari Parbat to pay obeisance to the goddess, popularly known

He said a sizable number of sadhus and devotees participated in the 'pujan' that lasted for more than 90 minutes.

Amongst the mystics, goddess Sharika Bhawani is believed to be 'Isht Devi' (presiding deity) of Srinagar city who manifested herself in a figure of 'Shila' (holy rock) at Hari Parbat.

'Chhari Sthapana' ceremony will be performed on Saturday at Shri Amreshwar Temple Akhara building in Budshah



as 'Tripurisundari', on the occasion of 'Shravan Shukla Paksha Pratipada' as per age-old traditions, said Giri, the custodian of the mace.

Chowk area of the city here and the traditional 'Chhari Puja' will be performed on the occasion of 'Nag Panchami' on August 21.

9 YEARS: SEVA, SUSHASAN, GARIB KALYAN

CBC Organises Outreach Program In Nubra Valley

Observer News Service

DISKIT (NUBRA): The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India on Thursday organised a one day outreach program at Govt Higher Secondary School, Diskit in Nubra valley.

The program was organised on the theme of 9 Years: Seva, Sushasan aur Garib Kalyan by CBC's Field Office, Leh to showcase India's matchless achievements in different fields during the last nine years. Information about various public welfare schemes of the government especially those launched for the upliftment of the tribal and other vulnerable sections of population was shared with the people through informative standees, expert lectures and printed awareness material.

Tsering Angchuk, Deputy Chairman, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh was the chief guest on the occasion. In his presidential address, Angchuk appreciated the CBC for taking the message of development to remote areas such as Nubra.

Addressing a gathering of officers from sub divisional administration, teachers and students, he said that welfare schemes like PMCKAY, PM Ujjwala Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, Mudra Yojana and Ayushman

Bharat have changed the lives of people across India including Ladakh.

He said that awareness about these public welfare schemes is of key importance for upliftment of poor and marginalised communities. Sh. Angchuk also highlighted the achievements of the Government of India as well as LAHDC, Leh during the last nine years.

Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC in his welcome address gave a detailed overview about the mandate and activities of CBC and briefed the audience about the programme.

He said that mass awareness about various welfare schemes is important to ensure their successful implementation. He thanked the sub-divisional administration Nubra and district administration Leh for the support and coordination in organising the program.

Earlier an open quiz competition was organised for the students of Government Degree College, Nubra and Government Higher Secondary School, Diskit.

Others who addressed the gathering included Tashi Jorgans, Tehsildar, Diskit, Sonam Stobdan, Zonal Education Officer, Nubra and Sonam Rinchen vice-principal GHSS Diskit. The one day programme was also attended by the teaching staff and students of GDC Nubra.

G20 **NORTHERN RAILWAY** **75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system.
Dy. Chief Materials Manager, NRI, Store Depot Mech. Workshop, AMRITSAR for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Due Date
01	62235130	Adhesion Promoting Primer Etch Primer as per Drawing No. MDT5-48279 Revision 03,Packing instruction No. Ver. 1.0 as 'Per Standard Packing'. It should be Ensured that item should not be Rub during Transportation. The item should be Packed with Adequates Strength. If any Transit damage, shall be at cost of Supplier.	15000 LTR	11.09.2023

NOTE:-Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate form certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted. **Tender Notice No. -08/2023-2024**
Date: 17/08/2023

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 2536/23

IN THE COURT JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS PAMPORE

Case No. 31/2023 Date of Institution. 01/08/2023
Javaid Ahmad Ganie S/o Abdul Ahad Ganie R/o Chandhara, Pampore (Applicant)

VERSUS

Registrar Birth & Deaths (Non-Aplicant)
Block Development Officer Pampore (Non-Aplicant)
In the matter of: Application for Registration of Date of Birth of applicant's child and issuing the certificate thereof under Section 13 of the Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969.

CORAM: Mr. Touseef Ahmad Magray U.I.D No. JK00208

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC
Whereas, the above titled petition has been filed by the applicant for his ward namely Mawiyah Jehan in this court seeking direction to the non-applicant for Registration of Date of Birth. Whereas through the medium of this notice, the public at large is informed that in case, any one has any objection in issuance of direction with respect to the Registration of Date of Birth of Applicant (who has been born on 11/01/2012 at Chandhara, Pampore) to the non-applicant he/she/they shall file the same before this court in person or through counsel within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objections will be entertained and matter will be taken up for disposal in accordance with law. Given under my hand and Seal of the Court today on 16/08/2023
No: 32/JMC/Pampore (Mr. Touseef Ahmad Magray)
Dated: 16/08/2023 U.I.D No JK00208 ' Munsiff/JMC Pampore.
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Government of Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

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

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Gist of e-tender
NIT No: MHCHD/TS/2023-24/79/e-tendering
Dated:-17.08.2023

Short Term

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

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (in days)	AA Accorded Vide No:	TS No	Earnest Money (in Rupees.)
1. Servicing of ACs of various capacities at Biochemistry F-Block, ward 18 and other locations of Govt SMHS Hospital Srinagar	0.99	100	06	19- MCS of 2023, Dated: 23-06-2023	SD-1/TS/30 , Dated: 08/2023	2000
2. Repairs to 150 KVA servo stabilizer at Govt. Chest Disease Hospital, Srinagar	0.5	50	06		SD-1/TS/29, Dated: 07/2023	1000
3. Relocation, installation and activation of 8x8 oxygen cylinder manifold support to new 16 bedded ICU erstwhile Triage at Govt SMHS Hospital Srinagar	1.23	200	06		MHCHD/TS/56, Dated 08/23	2500
4. Replacement of 4 core 630 Sqmm Armoured Aluminium cable feeding Boiler House of Govt. SMHS Hospital, Srinagar.	1.28	200	06		MHCHD/TS/31 Dated 07/23	2600

1. Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 17.08.2023 (12.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 17.08.2023 (12.00 hrs).

2. Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site 17.08.2023 (13.00 hrs) to 22.08.2023 (12:00hrs) in two (02) covers.

3. Opening of Bids :- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 22.08.2023 at 14.00 hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

MHCHD/TS/4286-92, Dt:-17-08-2023

DIPK-7189-23 Dt: 17/08/2023

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

KASHMIR OBSERVERTM

Friday | 18-08-2023

Surging Foreign Tourist Arrivals

Jammu and Kashmir's tourism sector has witnessed a remarkable 59% surge in foreign tourist arrivals in the Kashmir Valley since the recent G20 event, compared to the previous year, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday. Among the year's outstanding achievements, the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra stands out as a historic milestone. This pilgrimage is the lengthiest to date, attracting devotees not only from various parts of the country but also from around the world.

The tourism sector has been granted official industry status, accompanied by the introduction of new measures such as the home-stay and film policies. Similarly, the tented colonies have been established to provide employment opportunities for the youth and those affiliated with the hospitality sector. According to the LG, around 1.27 crore tourists have visited J&K by July this year. This surge also includes an astounding 350 percent increase in foreign tourist arrivals compared to the previous year. It's well known that foreign tourists had been strictly avoiding Kashmir over the last three decades due to the prevailing turmoil. 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. Foreign tourists are the most sought after in the Valley since they are seen as the high-end visitors, accounting for approximately 30 percent of the total tourist spending. 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.

The tourism sector in J&K makes a contribution of around 8.5 percent to its Gross Domestic Product (GDP). According to a recent study, the development of high-end tourism in Kashmir is projected to result in the creation of 10,000 new job opportunities within the next five years. Foreign tourists tend to extend their stay to an average of 7 days when visiting the region, a conspicuous contrast to the general average of 3 days for all categories of tourists.

Propelled by upgraded infrastructure and enhanced services, strategic marketing initiatives, the showcasing of its rich cultural heritage, and an improved security landscape, Kashmir stands on the brink of drawing an extra influx of 200,000 high-end tourists every year, says an estimate. Over the last four years, Kashmir Valley has largely been peaceful, paving the way for the current spurt in tourism. Here is hoping that peace continues in the Valley. This alone guarantees a year-round tourism and the consequent economic prosperity.

OTHER OPINION

A Necessary Brake

Being an El Niño year, the expectation was that north India would see a sparse monsoon. However, the pendulum has swung the other way. July saw record rainfall in many parts of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand and the rare sight of the Yamuna nearly spilling into the Red Fort in Delhi. At least 150 were killed and losses worth 10,000 crore were reported by Himachal Pradesh alone. The worst, however, was yet to come as the week saw multiple floods in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand that have claimed at least 60 lives since Sunday. A series of landslides has crumbled buildings and blocked highways. The immediate explanation for the landslides is the unexpectedly copious rainfall that these States have received and that these in turn are due to a surfeit of Western Disturbances (WD). These are tropical storms that originate in the Mediterranean region and normally bring winter rainfall to north India. However, right from the beginning of this year, the WD have been erratic. There were too few of them in December and January and their absence was cause for the hottest February recorded in India in at least a century. However, the WD appear to be overcompensating for their absence, with several of them incident over north India in the last two months — a time when they normally should not be around. While a combination of WD and monsoon can be dismissed as 'freak' weather, climate scientists have been warning of the increasing probability of such high-risk events. The awry WD are in part due to a warming Arctic that causes the polar jet stream, which carries moisture, to deviate from its regular path and bring the disturbances to north India during the monsoon.

It is in the context of these altered weather patterns that warnings by scientists and environmentalists of the perils of wanton construction in the Himalayas must be factored in. The ongoing Char Dham road building project has led to large-scale altering of the mountains with significant chunks carved away, rendering them vulnerable to upheaval. As recent fears of land subsidence in Joshimath, Uttarakhand demonstrated, ill-thought construction and haphazard building practices have magnified the risk to residents who live in these regions. While State governments tend to search for short-term solutions such as demanding compensation from the Centre for 'disaster relief', it is time that more serious thought is given to the nature of infrastructure development and, if need be, restrictions imposed in the larger interest of minimising hazards and maintaining stability.

The Hindu

M. K. BHADRAKUMAR

This week augurs an acceleration of strategic realignments among the big powers amidst growing signs of a new cold war globally with particular focus on the United States' containment strategy against China playing out in the Indo-Pacific region. Two back-to-back events on Friday can be seen as major events in this direction.

First, the US President Joe Biden is hosting a trilateral summit at Camp David on Friday with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, which is expected to result in the signing of a defence, security and technology cooperation agreement between the three allies relating to the Indo-Pacific.

Second, the annual Malabar exercises participated by the navies of the US, India, Japan and Australia begins on Friday, hosted by Canberra for the first time, surrounded by much hype that a QUAD collective maritime defence alliance is emerging in the Indo-Pacific.

The trilateral agreement to be signed tomorrow at the Camp David summit reportedly includes ballistic missile defence systems and the development of other high-end defence technologies. Since the election of Yoon last year as the president, South Korea-Japan relations have markedly improved, which helps advance their 3-way cooperation with Washington. Evidently, the Biden administration hopes to take advantage of the recovery of Tokyo-Seoul relations to institutionalise some of the dialogue progress that the three countries have achieved.

The 3-way relationship still remains fragile as Yoon's efforts are not widely popular within South Korea, and Tokyo, unsurprisingly, remains cautious that the process is far from irreversible. Nonetheless, at the talks at Camp David, Biden, Yoon and Kishida may acknowledge the imperative of collective security for the three countries and agree that a threat to one of them would be considered a threat to all.

Conceivably, the Camp David talks signify an effort by the US to form a new military bloc in Asia and an attempt to encourage Japan and South Korea to join the mini military bloc known as AUKUS [Australia-UK-US]. Washington's intensification of military-technical and scientific-technological cooperation with Seoul and Tokyo makes it easier for them to interact with AUKUS projects.

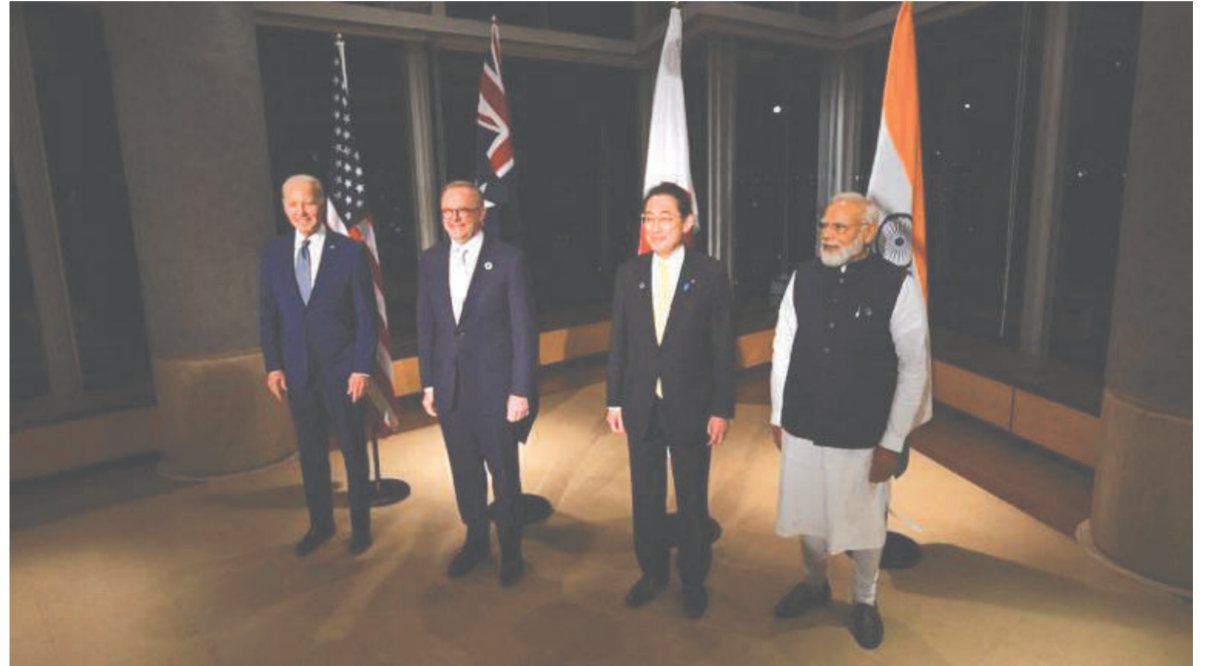
As regards the Malabar exercise, its main thrust appears to be to build up QUAD's operational capability within a collective maritime security strategy in five high-priority areas, including anti-submarine warfare and maritime domain awareness.

Simply put, like AUKUS, QUAD is also transforming, as American ingenuity is creating an alliance-style defence structure on a platform of non-military grouping by strengthening various modes of military cooperation with the intention to make it serve Washington's interests. Intrinsic to this is the flattering attention President Joe Biden has been paying to India lately — and to Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally.

India's newfound activism Interestingly, the US and Australia perceive that the Indian leadership for the first time is showing an "activism [that] defies conventional skepticism that New Delhi's preference for nonalignment and its geo-strategic priorities militate against deeper military cooperation with its Quad partners," as an Australian establishment think tanker Tom Corben wrote recently in Nikkei Asia.

That is to say, to quote Corben, Malabar exercises have "evolved to focus on increasingly sophisticated forms of high-end naval cooperation, particularly maritime domain awareness and anti-submarine warfare... [and] there is a political and strategic window of opportunity for the four countries

AUKUS, QUAD Transforming Alliance-Like



to make good on this potential." Corben is optimistic that "bilateral efforts are continuing to open the aperture for tangible Quad maritime defence cooperation."

Corben does some kite flying such as India integrating into US-Australia "force posture initiatives." Earlier in June, he had co-authored a study with two American colleagues at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace titled Bolstering the QUAD: The case for a collective approach to maritime security, which lamented that the QUAD is not "not living up to its potential as a contributor to regional security and defence in the maritime domain. This is a problem for Indo-Pacific security."

In an oblique reference to the Modi government and the rising curve of India-China alienation, the US-Australian study, however, drew comfort that whereas political sensitivities and geo-strategic concerns hitherto prevented QUAD countries from embracing a collective security agenda, "these constraints are beginning to lessen ... as its members come to recognise China as a common military challenge that requires a degree of collective action and security coordination to address."

The study recommended that "QUAD should capitalise on this diplomatic opportunity and geo-strategic imperative to pursue a collective maritime security strat-

egy across five high-priority areas: maritime domain awareness; anti-submarine warfare; maritime logistics; defence industrial and technological cooperation; and maritime capacity building."

- develop the collective capacity to seamlessly refuel, resupply and repair maritime assets from any member on short notice, and formally commit to this agenda at the political and operational levels;
- establish a QUAD Logistics Coordination Cell within the US Navy's Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific that incorporates all four partners and performs logistics planning for the Indian and Pacific Oceans, using combined maintenance and resupply capabilities on a regular basis; and,
- support a framework and requirement for placing QUAD liaisons on one another's logistics vessels.

Truly radical 'Machiavellianism'

Evidently, contrary to the Modi government's theatrical public diplomacy upholding India's strategic autonomy, an entirely different perception has been generated at the political and diplomatic level with the QUAD partners that "Bar-kis is willing". This is no small achievement for India's foreign policy establishment. Max Weber's famous description of Kautilya's Arthashastra, one of the greatest political books of ancient India, as "truly radical Machiavellianism"

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comes to mind. The paradox is, against such a complex backdrop of opacity or downright doublespeak — depending on how one views it — a contrarian wind may have begun blowing in the weekend presaging some forward movement at the 19th round of India-China Corps Commander Level Meeting held at Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on the Indian side on 13-14 August 2023.

Importantly, the proposed activities of QUAD would:

- work towards an interface protocol to govern information-sharing between all Quad partners, with particular attention paid to a commonality of hardware and software or, at the least, interoperability of different tools;
- selectively integrate Quad countries' coastal facilities, island territories and regional access locations to conduct more persistent and coordinated MDA [Maritime Domain Awareness] operations; and jointly assess the requirements of hosting and replenishing one another's MDA assets like maritime patrol aircraft;
- build collective anti-submarine warfare capability by developing higher levels of interoperability to include tracking and "handing off"

As of now, the evidence is deemed too conjectural but the joint statement exudes a tone of optimism. The two sides considered it necessary to extend the discussion overnight, which has been estimated as "positive, constructive and in-depth."

The protagonists "exchanged views in an open and forward looking manner" and also "agreed to resolve the remaining issues in an expeditious manner and maintain the momentum of dialogue and negotiations through military and diplomatic channels."

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Now, this unstable equilibrium reached at Chushul-Moldo border meeting point will not last if the Malabar exercises turn into a geopolitical tool for Washington to transform QUAD. China had hitherto blithely assumed that QUAD is a mere papa tiger.

Evidently, the US is stuck in the old Cold War groove despite the drastic changes in international relations that have taken place since the collapse of the Soviet Union, especially those that required the development of new approaches to maintaining strategic stability and building a new architecture of international security.

But the US' bloc thinking is the opposite of the development of stable, equal, constructive, mutually beneficial relations based on consideration of each other's interests and aimed at ensuring equal and indivisible security for all. Therefore, its preservation as the main intellectual tool for shaping foreign policy only underscores that the US is not ready, unable or does not intend to build such relations with leading global players such as Russia and China. Implicit in it is a stark message for India, too, that the time has come for it to stand up and be counted as ally.

There is no doubt that the US envisages a pronounced military-

strategic dimension to AUKUS and QUAD, which means a high probability of transformation of these interstate associations as cogs in the wheel of a full-fledged military-political bloc sooner rather than later. Its ideological basis is a perceived common interest of its participants to counter the rise of China [which nowadays Delhi euphemistically calls "multipolar Asia"].

Suffice to say, as in the case with the NATO on the European theatre, the function of confrontation is planted in the AUKUS and in QUAD, which will inexorably increase the military potential of Australia and the US in the Asia-Pacific region, causing a serious change in the balance of forces and generating a spike in regional and global tensions.

India is at risk of being caught in the eye of the storm, as it were, although its issues with China are neither one of geopolitical rivalry nor of being a gatekeeper for Western hegemony.

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Mindful Fridays

In Sickness and Strife: The Battle Against Narcissistic and Borderline Tendencies in Marital Bonds

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Personality disorders can significantly impact individuals' lives, as well as the relationships they are involved in. Two commonly discussed personality disorders that have a profound effect on interpersonal relationships are Narcissistic Personality Disorder (NPD) and Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD). These disorders can create tumultuous dynamics within marital relationships, often leading to a cycle of abuse and dysfunction if left unaddressed. In this article, we will delve into the characteristics of NPD and BPD, explore their effects on marital relationships, discuss the intergenerational cycle of abuse, examine why external parties struggle to resolve issues rooted in personality disorders, and emphasize the importance of clinical psychologists in seeking resolution.

Narcissistic Personality Disorder and Borderline Personality Disorder: An Overview

Narcissistic Personality Disorder is characterized by an inflated sense of self-importance, a lack of empathy, a constant need for admiration, and a tendency to exploit others for personal gain. Individuals with NPD often exhibit a grandiose self-image and a fragile self-esteem that can be easily shattered by any perceived criticism. On the other hand, Borderline Personality Disorder is marked by unstable relationships, intense mood swings, impulsivity, a distorted self-image, and a fear of abandonment. People with BPD may struggle with managing their emotions and exhibit impulsive behaviors such as self-harm or substance abuse.

Roots of Narcissistic Personality Disorder and Borderline Personality Disorder in Early Childhood and Adolescent Environment

The origins of Narcissistic Personality Disorder (NPD) and Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) can often be traced back to the early childhood and adolescent environment. In the case of NPD, a combination of excessive praise and a lack of genuine emotional connection during formative years can contribute to the development of an inflated self-image. Children constantly receiving unrealistic admiration may grow up with an exaggerated sense of entitlement and an inability to empathize with others.

For BPD, unstable relationships or traumatic experiences during childhood and



adolescence can lay the groundwork for the disorder. A history of neglect, abuse (including physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse), or inconsistent caregiving can lead to intense fears of abandonment, forming the basis for the fear-driven behaviors and unstable emotions characteristic of BPD. The absence of healthy emotional regulation models during these crucial developmental stages can exacerbate the disorder's symptoms.

In both cases, the early environment plays a pivotal role in shaping the core beliefs, emotional responses, and interpersonal behaviors that define NPD and BPD.

Impact on Marital Relationships

The influence of both Narcissistic Personality Disorder (NPD) and Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) on marital relationships is profound. Individuals with NPD's insatiable hunger for admiration and their deficiency in empathy often leave their partners feeling emotionally neglected and insignificant. Conversely, those with BPD, driven by an intense fear of abandonment and unpredictable mood shifts, create an atmosphere of uncertainty where partners tread cautiously, akin to walking on fragile eggshells. Consequently, these intricate dynamics sow seeds of resentment, leading to emotional fatigue

and severe breakdowns in communication. The resultant emotional turmoil can erode the foundation of the relationship, leaving both partners grappling with feelings of isolation and frustration. In the throes of these disorders, the marital bond becomes a battleground of conflicting emotions, making it essential to seek professional intervention to navigate the turbulent waters and restore harmony.

Intergenerational Cycle of Abuse

Unaddressed personality disorders can initiate a distressing intergenerational cycle of abuse. Children raised in households with parents grappling with NPD or BPD are exposed to toxic relationship dynamics. Such exposure ingrains unhealthy patterns, and these children are prone to internalize these behaviors. As they mature, they unconsciously model these dysfunctions, significantly increasing the probability of perpetuating similar dysfunctional relationships. Consequently, the destructive cycle persists, as the same detrimental patterns of abuse and dysfunction are duplicated in generations to come. Breaking this cycle necessitates recognizing the impact of these disorders, seeking professional intervention, and equipping individuals with the tools to create healthier, more sustainable relationships.

paradigms.

Challenges Faced by External Parties in Resolving Marital Issues Linked to Personality Disorders:

Addressing marital issues intertwined with personality disorders, such as Narcissistic Personality Disorder (NPD) and Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD), is a formidable task that frequently overwhelms well-meaning external parties. Relatives, religious figures, law enforcement personnel like police or lawyers, and elderly individuals often find themselves ill-equipped to tackle these challenges due to several underlying reasons.

Limited Expertise and Understanding: One primary obstacle faced by external parties is their lack of specialized knowledge and training in recognizing and comprehending the intricate dynamics of NPD and BPD. These disorders operate on intricate psychological mechanisms that are often not immediately apparent. Relatives, religious leaders, and even legal professionals might not possess the insights required to decode the complex behaviors, emotions, and triggers that characterize these disorders.

Resistance to Change: NPD and BPD are marked by deeply ingrained behavioral patterns that tend to be resistant to

change without professional intervention. These disorders are rooted in long-standing emotional and cognitive processes that demand comprehensive therapeutic strategies to facilitate transformation. External parties, while well-intentioned, might struggle to initiate lasting change due to the persistent nature of these disorders.

Unintentional Enablement: Another critical factor hindering the resolution of marital issues tied to personality disorders is the inadvertent enablement of the problematic behaviors. Relatives, religious figures, and others may unknowingly reinforce the dysfunctional conduct by failing to hold the affected individuals accountable for their actions. Temporary solutions and quick fixes might be offered, but these merely mask the underlying issues, perpetuating the cycle of dysfunction.

In essence, relatives, religious figures, law enforcement personnel, and elderly individuals often find themselves in challenging positions when attempting to navigate marital issues rooted in NPD and BPD. The complexity of these disorders surpasses their expertise, making it difficult to grasp the nuances of the emotional turmoil involved. Additionally, the deeply ingrained nature of the behaviors and the potential for unintentional enablement further complicate matters. Consequently, seeking the assistance of trained clinical psychologists remains a pivotal step in effectively addressing these issues and fostering meaningful, lasting change within the context of marital relationships affected by personality disorders.

The Role of Clinical Psychologists

Seeking help from RCI licensed clinical psychologists is crucial in resolving issues arising from NPD and BPD. Clinical psychologists trained at various medical colleges possess the expertise to diagnose these disorders accurately and develop effective treatment strategies. They can provide both individual and couples therapy, helping individuals understand their behaviors, emotions, and the impact they have on relationships. Additionally, clinical psychologists can introduce coping mechanisms and communication skills that enable couples to navigate their challenges in healthier ways.

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Should You Pursue Self-Esteem or Self-Compassion?

Alli Spotts-De Lazzar

If you want to feel better about yourself, should you try improving your self-esteem or self-compassion? A journal article published on August 3, 2023, "A Narrative Review and Meta-Analysis on Their Links to Psychological Problems and Well-Being," can help answer that question.

Both self-concepts are assumed to play roles in well-being, which research supports. And both can be seen as relationships with the self.

Self-esteem

History shows that the concept is complex. The authors, Muris and Otgaar, highlight existing perspectives regarding the function of self-esteem. For example:

- Self-value already exists within and that prompts motivation to meet full potential.
- Self-esteem builds from achieving rewards and avoiding punishments (basically earning it as you go).
- Self-esteem is driven by building our place within our worldview that calms fears about not existing. (Think about "leaving a legacy").
- Self-esteem evolves as social value is reflected (e.g., signs of social rejection and acceptance from others).

Yet "whether conceiving self-esteem as a vehicle of motivation, a buffer against the fear of death, or a social thermometer, all these functional accounts align with the notion that the construct has a positive nature and hence may promote psychological well-being and protect

against mental health problems." The effects of higher (positive) and low (negative) self-esteem have been well-researched throughout the years.

On a day-to-day basis, many of us likely feel our self-esteem wavers. Yet according to the authors, we can probably relax about variations in self-esteem. There's a steadiness when viewed over time.

Self-compassion

Self-compassion can be conceptualized as how a person relates to themselves while experiencing personal challenges. Per Neff, the leader of self-compassion science, it's comprised of three elements (2011). Quotes from selfcompassion.org follow:

- Self-kindness vs. Self-judgment. Self-compassion entails being warm and understanding toward ourselves when we suffer, fail, or feel inadequate, rather than ignoring our pain or flagellating ourselves with self-criticism.
- Common humanity vs. Isolation. Self-compassion involves recognizing that suffering and personal inadequacy is part of the shared human experience – something that we all go through rather than being something that happens to "me" alone.
- Mindfulness vs. Overidentification. Self-compassion also requires taking a balanced approach to our negative emotions so that feelings are neither suppressed nor exaggerated.

According to Muris and Otgaar's research, the function is likely complicated. For example, self-

compassion may stem from something evolutionary. Compassion for others elicits bonding and survival of the species. Self-reflection allows for self-compassion in times of strife. Also, self-compassion enables people "to effectively cope with such emotional dysregulation, ensuring their full participation in social life."

Similarities

- Both self-esteem and self-compassion have significant research backing the positive benefits of healthy amounts. (Though self-esteem has more research than self-compassion at this time.)
- Both can feel fluid—easier or harder—at different times. Yet self-esteem and self-compassion are likely steady—like traits—when viewed over time.
- There's considerable overlap in the nuances of the two concepts and they may be considered complementary to each other (one adds to the other or boosts the other, and so on).
- Pursuing either can have a positive impact on a person's well-being.

Differences

Self-esteem interventions can involve thinking positively about oneself, which can be especially difficult for some people. Self-compassion targets kindness, humanity, and mindfulness. Though also tricky for many, these can be more easily achievable than what can feel like self-praise. A study by Barbau and colleagues (2022) supports that phenomenon. To me, self-esteem focuses on an intrinsic sense or the results of self-assessment, meaning "my evaluation of my worth as a human

being." And self-compassion seems inherently action-oriented, meaning "I could utilize whatever compassion I have to get through this."

Finally, one of the two is commonly perceived to hold risk. Concern about attaining "too much" self-esteem and becoming narcissistic exists. However, Muris and Otgaar address this and assure readers that this is not typically a realistic risk.

Which is better?

In their research, the authors theoretically explored both concepts and analyzed 76 articles. They concluded that "no evidence was obtained to support the claim that self-compassion has more potential as a positive-protective variable than self-esteem." So it seems that which is better for you might be personal.

- Which appeals to you most
- Which you are more deficient in
- Which is easiest for you
- Which you want more of

Maybe ask yourself how you value or rate yourself. Then ask yourself how much compassion you give to yourself for your weaknesses. This exercise might point to which can serve your well-being the most.

What can I do to increase either?

It's important to know what science says. It's equally (or perhaps more) important to understand how to bring research and academics into practical reality. That said, Muris and Otgaar's article provides an informative list of approaches that offer promise, have research behind them, or are considered evidence-based.

For targeting self-esteem:

- Cognitive behavioral therapy
- Reminiscence-based therapy
- Evaluative conditioning
- Support groups
- Art therapy
- Positive psychology

For targeting self-compassion:

- Compassion-focused therapy
- Mindful self-compassion
- Cognitively based compassion training

Bottom line

Instead of "Which is better, self-esteem or self-compassion?" it might be strongest to ask, "Which is better for me?" If you feel low in either self-compassion or self-esteem, there's always hope and ways to grow. Try either and see how you feel. Since they seem to build and bounce off each other, start with which appears the most realistically achievable to and for you.

Finally, and on a selfish note, I must introduce self-acceptance here. It's another self-concept that could someday, I believe, compete with these others in helping people to live the contented, fulfilling lives they want. But at this time, there's not a lot of scientific research on it. To read more about self-acceptance and how it might boost well-being, please visit my blogs: "For Higher Well-Being, Try Self-Acceptance" and "Poor Self-Esteem? Try Self-Acceptance."

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In The Court Of Judicial Magistrate Pulwama
Present: MAJID FAROOQ MIR

In the case of:
Name Nisar Ahmad Mir S/o Gh Mohd Mir R/o Singoo Narabal
....Applicant....
V/S Registrar Births & Deaths BDO Nawa
...Non applicant...

NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE

Whereas the above titled application has been filed by the applicant in this Court for seeking direction to the non applicant for registration of Date of Birth particulars of the applicant's son/daughter namely Falak Naaz D/o Nisar Ahmad Mir R/o Singoo Narabal Pulwama who was born on 20-04-2018. at home Whereas, through the medium of this proclamation the public at large is informed that in case any one has objection in issuance of direction with respect to the date of birth certificate of the applicant's son/daughter, he shall file the same before this Court in person or through counsel within 10 days from the date of issuance of this publication.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on 11/08/2023 Announced 11/08/2023

Judicial Magistrate 1st Class Pulwama

اطلاع عام

ہر خاص و عام کو مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ میری بجلی لکشن زیر کٹر مرائڈ نمبر 0203010001350

جو عبدالرشید میر ولد اہلی میر سائیکل نیو پارک (نڈریش کالونی A) سرنیگر کے نام پر درج ہے اب مذکورہ بجلی لکشن کو مسرور احمد وانی ولد محمد احسن وانی ساکنہ سائیکل نیو پارک (نڈریش کالونی A) سرنیگر کے نام پر درج کرانا مطلوب ہے اس بارے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض ہو تو وہ سات دنوں کے اندر اندر پیش کریں بعد از میعاد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

المستتر: مسرور احمد وانی ولد محمد احسن وانی ساکنہ سائیکل نیو پارک (نڈریش کالونی A) بمبہ سرنیگر

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir
e-mail: ddtreg123@gmail.com

Subject: - Change of location of the Travel unit running under the name & style "M/s Kashmir Inn Tours & Travels".

Public Notice.

Whereas, Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Patloo proprietor of M/s Kashmir Inn Tours & Travels has applied this office for change of location of his Travel Agency from Bilal Colony Khayam Road Opp Khyber Hospital Institute Srinagar to Lal Bazar Umar Colony A Srinagar under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, the unit is registered with this office vide Registration No:- Reg/148/DT/L-04/P-40 dated 04.05.2007 and was renewed upto 31.03.2023.

Whereas, the applicant along with his application has submitted the requisite documents as mention below:-

1. Registration Certificate.
2. NOC from concerned bank.
3. Rent Deed.
4. Affidavit.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 39 of Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before the request of the applicant is considered for **change of location** of the unit, the matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection if any. The same should reach this office within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in the local newspaper. Objections received beyond period of 7 days will not be entertained and request of the applicant will be considered as per rules.

Sd/-
Assistant Director Tourism,
Registration (Kashmir).

No: Reg/T/286/DTK/394
DIPK-7258/23 dated: 17-8-2023

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Notice Inviting Tender

Sr. DEE/TRD/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for the works as under. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date 08.09.2023 at 15:00 Hrs only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered.

Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost. (Rs.)	Cost of Tender form (Rs.)	Date & time for submission of tender	Earnest Money # (Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
510-TRD-FZR-2023-24	Conversion of Tramway OHE into Conventional OHE in Amritsar-Bhagatnala section over Firozpur division	96,32,076.16p	NIL	Upto 08.09.2023 15:00 Hrs	1,92,700/-	12 Months	08.09.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
511-TRD-FZR-2023-24	Strengthening of earthing arrangement by replacement of overaged earthing system at various Traction Sub Stations and Switching Stations in Sahnewal-Amritsar section over Firozpur division	83,11,251.07p	NIL	Upto 08.09.2023 15:00 Hrs	1,66,200/-	12 Months	08.09.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
512-TRD-FZR-2023-24	OHE modification work in c/w RRA adjustment in the jurisdiction of ADEE/TRD/JAT over Firozpur division	2,26,11,163.43p	NIL	Upto 08.09.2023 15:00 Hrs	2,63,100/-	12 Months	08.09.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

Note: #
Tenderer (s) may please note that offers received without Bid Security either in cash through e-payment gateway or as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents (as per Annexure-21) valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period, will be considered as incomplete & invalid offer and for which contractor shall have no claim on Railway. No.: 510, 511 & 512-TRD-FZR-2023-24 Dated : 16.08.2023 2533/2023

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Divisional Forest Officer Seed Development Division, Srinagar

e-NIT NO: - 11 OF 2023-24 DATED: 14-08-2023

Name of Work:- Maintenance of nursery stocks means clean practices and constant vigilance necessary to keep nursery stocks, paths, roads and surrounds to be kept weed free. The beds, burms, polybags should be devoid of any unwanted growth in order to induce growth to the principal species. The hand weeding of unwanted species is to be carried out as per demand of the site on regular basis including water as per requirement. The mechanical and chemical methods of weeding are not allowed. The de-weeded material should be dumped at a lead of 50-100 meters in available composite pits. In case of break out of any disease the emergency spraying of fungicide/ pesticide is to be carried out under the supervision of concerned technical staff and includes the recouping of the failed polybags either by resowing/prickling also. For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following work:-

Sr. No	Particulars of Work	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of Operation
1	(A) De-weeding / Cleaning of polybags, berms. Paths& beds from any unwanted growth and its disposal upto composite pits (B) Supply / Appling of Urea@0.5 Kg per dose per bed as per requirement (minimum twice) in six months to provide nitrogen to plants to promote their growth. (C) Regular watering as per requirement and cleaning of water channels. (D) Spraying of fungicide/pesticides as per requirement. (E) Recouping of the failed polybags either by resowing/ prickling. No. of Polybags= 11208 Nos Note: - Rates to be offered per month per plant only. Name of Forest Nursery: Kowbagh Nursery Location of Nursery:Kowbagh Range:Kowbagh Division: Seed Development Division, Srinagar	0.2235	Rs. 447	Civil Contractor/ Forest Contractor / JKFD Contractor	200/-	Six calendar months. (Starting from July 2023 to December 2023)
2	(A) De-weeding / Cleaning of polybags, berms. Paths& beds from any unwanted growth and its disposal upto composite pits (B) Supply / Appling of Urea@0.5 Kg per dose per bed as per requirement (minimum twice) in six months to provide nitrogen to plants to promote their growth. (C) Regular watering as per requirement and cleaning of water channels. (D) Spraying of fungicide/pesticides as per requirement. (E) Recouping of the failed polybags either by resowing/ prickling. No. of Polybags= 20000 Nos Note: - Rates to be offered per month per plant only. Name of Forest Nursery: Sonwar Nursery Location of Nursery:Sonwar Srinagar Range:Sonwar Division: Seed Development Division, Srinagar	0.399	Rs. 798	Civil Contractor/ Forest Contractor / JKFD Contractor	200/-	Six calendar months. (Starting from July 2023 to December 2023)
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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,
Position of TS: Accorded,
Scheme: CAPEX

Publishing Date:- 16-08-2023
Download Start Date : 17-08-2023 from 10:00 AM
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Bid submission End Date: 06-09-2023 Upto 04:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online: 07-09-2023 at 04:00 PM in the office of the Divisional Forest Officer Seed Development Division Srinagar.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online: To be opened (Online) at any convenient date and time after complete evaluation of Technical Bids received

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website: https://jktenders.gov.in. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website jktenders.gov.in. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act. Bidders can get Digital Certificate form approved vendor.
2. 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 Deposit (EMD) in shape CDR/FDR of for requisite amount and pledged to Divisional Forest Officer, Seed Development Division, Srinagar. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
3. 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.
4. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e Tender EMD (CDR/FDR), Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2023-24, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document).
5. The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
6. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
7. 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.
8. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
9. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

NO:- JKFR/R/S/F/2023-24/264-69
DIPK-7265/23 Dated:- 17-08-2023

Sd/-
Divisional Forest Officer,
Seed Development Division,
Srinagar.

Centre Makes Verification Of SIM Card Dealers Mandatory; Bulk Connections Discontinued To Curb Frauds

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: In a bid to check digital frauds, the government has made verification of dealers selling SIM cards mandatory and discontinued the provision of issuing bulk connections, Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Thursday.

Earlier, while announcing the new measures, the minister had said that the government has made police verification of SIM card dealers mandatory.

He later clarified that the verification of SIM card dealers will be carried out by "the licensee" or the respective telecom operator and added that a penalty of Rs 10 lakh will be imposed on violators.

In a widespread crackdown against SIM card related digital frauds, the minister said that the government has disconnected 52 lakh mobile connections, while 67,000 dealers have been blacklisted, 300 FIRs have been registered against SIM card dealers since May 2023.

Further, the minister said WhatsApp on its own blocked around 66,000 accounts that were involved in fraudulent activities.

"Indisputable verification of SIM dealers will be mandatory to curb frauds. Penalty of Rs 10 lakh will be imposed on dealers found violating norms,"



Vaishnaw said.

The verification will be done by telecom operators who will collect the details of each business owner and his business related documents for verification before appointing a dealer.

Earlier, detailed documentation of dealer was not prescribed in the rule.

Vaishnaw said that there are 10 lakh SIM card dealers and they will be given sufficient time for verification.

The minister said that the Department of Telecommunications has also discontinued the provision of issuing bulk connections and instead a new concept of business connection will be introduced.

"Besides, KYC of businesses, KYC of person taking handover of SIM will also be done,"

The new rule will be implemented from October 1 and dealers will be given about six months time for the compliance.

Our Highest Priority Is To Provide Employment Opportunities To Each Job Seeker: CS

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Thursday remarked that the next goal of the UT after ensuring basic amenities to all its population is to provide employment to all the job seekers.

Dr Mehta was speaking in a meeting called to review the overall implementation of Employment Generation Schemes by different government departments in association with financial institutions in the UT.

Besides the Commissioner Secretary, Labour & Employment, the meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Agriculture; Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce; Commissioner Secretary, RDD; Secretary, PD&MD; Secretary, Tribal Affairs; Mission Director, JKRLM; DG Planning besides other officers of the concerned departments.

During the meeting the Chief Secretary maintained that J&K has been successful in providing basic amenities like roads, drinking water and electricity to most of its population besides access to important services such as health and education.

He maintained that the gap between the demand and target of schemes should be properly studied and measures taken to bridge the same. He noted that the section of population desirous of taking any kind of job should be catered to as per the aspirations of these people.

Dr Mehta further impressed upon all the concerned Departments to reposition their targets to saturate demands in their sectors. He called for creation of Panchayat level employment plans for reflecting the actual ambitions of youth regarding



the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha regarding empowerment of women and youth it is imperative that each of the concerned Departments should make these as their targets and work out plans to achieve them in a time bound manner.

He first stressed on having the relevant data of this population to make effective strategies accordingly. He called for creating a database on the lines of 'India Stack' to promote the interests of women and youth.

Moreover it was revealed that the Department has registered 251336 educated youth including 85540 women for giving counseling and other relevant assistance for securing employment. It was given out that till July this year a total of 15807 counseling sessions were held which were attended by 44433 persons, besides 180 awareness camps attended by 13809 candidates.

Economy Gathering Momentum In Q2, Inflation Remains Concern: RBI Article

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Indian economy is gathering momentum in the second quarter, though inflation would continue to average above the central bank's comfort zone of 6 per cent, said an article in the RBI's monthly bulletin released on Thursday.

The consumer price index (CPI) based retail inflation shot up significantly to 7.44 per cent in July, from 4.87 per cent in the preceding month, mainly due to soaring prices of tomato, vegetables and other food items.

In his address to the nation on the Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi vowed to take more steps to contain price rise.

The uptick in inflation in its June reading mutated in July, with the unprecedented shock to tomato prices spilling over to prices of other vegetables, said the article on 'State of the Economy'.

"While core inflation witnessed a moderation, headline inflation is expected to average well above 6 per cent in the second quarter," it said.

The article has been authored by a team led by Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra.

The central bank, however, said the views expressed in the article are of the authors and do not represent the views of the Reserve Bank of India.

The article further said that



with industrial production and trade weakening, the global recovery is slowing after a robust first quarter performance.

"In this stressed global environment, the Indian economy is gathering momentum in the second quarter of 2023-24," it said.

Domestic drivers such as private consumption and fixed investment are offsetting the drag from the contraction in exports, it added.

RBI's rate setting panel, Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), has retained its forecast of economic growth at 6.5 per cent for 2023-24, noting that domestic economic activity is holding up well, supported by domestic demand in spite of the drag from weak external demand. It also revised upwards its projection of inflation taking into account the recent price surges in the food category of the CPI.

The main revisions relate to the projections for the second and third quarters, with the forecast for the fourth quarter unchanged.

FCIK Urges RBI To Monitor Implementation Of CGTMSE For MSMEs

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has urged Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to 'seriously monitor' implementation of Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Medium and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) and other such schemes made available by Government of India for smooth credit flow to MSMEs.

FCIK has also regretted that all these schemes were 'treated with contempt' by banks in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, a spokesman of FCIK said in a statement to Kashmir Observer.

The Regional office of

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) held its 59th Empowered Committee meeting on MSMEs for UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh on Thursday under the chairmanship of General Manager Sandeep Mittal which was attended, among others, by representatives from departments of MSME, Industries and Commerce, SIDBI, Banks and industry stakeholders. Former president and member Advisory Council, Zahooh Ahmad Bhat represented FCIK in the meeting.

Speaking at the meeting, Zahooh Bhat alleged that while the credit flow to MSMEs by majority of banks was low and unsatisfactory, almost all banks denied or were reluctant to

sanction loans to Start Ups and deserving MSMEs under CGTMSE scheme.

He informed the Empowered Committee that some banks had changed the very nomenclature of the scheme by sanctioning loans up to 10 lacs under it which otherwise banks ought to sanction without any requirement of collateral or guarantors as per RBI guidelines. He said that the scope of collateral-free financing under CGTMSE had been enhanced by GOI during the current year by modifying its ease of operations for mutual benefit of MSMEs and banks besides placing UT at par with North Eastern states.

FCIK regretted that de-

spite the banks agreeing that there were clear instructions from GOI and RBI for sanctioning collateral-free and guarantee-free loans to MSMEs, no bank actually implemented the scheme in letter and spirit. The progress in funding MSMEs under other centrally sponsored schemes was also dismal which put a question mark on contribution of banks in massive industrialisation programme launched by the GOI.

The FCIK urged upon the Empowered Committee to find a foolproof structured mechanism for ensuring and monitoring smooth credit flow to MSMEs under all schemes available to their counterparts in other states.

Dir Agri Kick-Starts 6th Phase Of Vegetable Seedling Distribution

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Thursday kick started the 6th phase of vegetable seedling distribution (including one lakh seedlings of knolkhol, Saag GM Dari, Red Cabbage, Broccoli and Cauliflower) at Kitchen Garden Premises Lalmandi, Srinagar.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture appreciated the efforts of the concerned officers/officials of Kitchen Garden, Hi-tech Poly House Installations and said that the department is vigorously pursuing the ambitious target of providing sufficient quantities of seedlings of different vegetable crops to the farming community of the region.

The Department has introduced



many initiatives to ensure round the year availability of vegetable seedlings to the farmers, he added.

Director Agriculture marked the importance of diverse vegetable cultivation for the region. He said the strengthening of vegetable cultivation in the region could play a vital role in achieving economic security to the farming community.

Our climatic conditions are one of the most suitable in the country for the cultivation of vegetables (traditional, exotic) and to channelize this potential a collaborative approach is needed wherein the both farming community and the department has to come forward and work shoulder to shoulder, he further said.

Earlier, Director Agriculture visited vegetable growing areas of Chadoora Budgam and took stock of the vegetable crops cultivated on latest scientific lines in the area.

He reiterated the department's commitment to the promotion of entrepreneurship in agriculture and allied sectors. He said the department is working on an ambitious plan to attract more and more educated youth towards agriculture and allied activities.



JAMKASH VEHICLELEDES (KASHMIR) PVT LTD SRINAGAR, Thursday unveiled Maruti Invecto at their office in Hyderpora Srinagar. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir (U.T) OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION VAILOO

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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NIT No. 39/3590-99 of R&B/Vailoo /2023-2024/e-tender/ DATED:- 16 / 08 / 2023

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

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of document (Rs in lacs.) in shape of Treasury Receipt/ Chelan	Time of completion	Project Intending Department	Earnest Money(2% of Adv. Cost (Rs in lacs.)	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Macadamization of Tantraypora road Watnard (Shahi asrar mohalla) including remaining portion of Nanupora and Khushi mohalla road	29.204	1100	15 days	PWD (R&B)	58408	Cities & Towns	AA/BEE with HMPO, AA/BEE having MoU with HMPO.

AA Accorded

TS Accorded

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	16 / 08 / 2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	16 / 08 / 2023 (04:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	16 / 08 / 2023 (04:00 PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	24 / 08 / 2023 (04:00 PM)
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	25 / 08 / 2023 (10:30 AM) In the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Vailoo.

- Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in the M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailoo (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.
- Only those contractors are eligible for taking part in the bidding process whose contractor registration card is enrolled online on the JKPWDOMS portal.
- The Advertized cost is inclusive of GST @18% and Contract Price is exclusive of GST.
- At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertized Cost in the form of CDR/ FDR/ only pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailoo. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% in the form of CDR/ FDR/BG (BG/BB) shall be Valid for a period of 03 years from the date of completion of the work) at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.
- The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders' bids will be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailoo (tender receiving authority).
- Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
- Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
 - Bidders are advised to download the bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as the "Bidders Manual Kit" option on the website www.jktenders.gov to familiarize themselves with the bid submission process.
 - In order to participate in the bidding process, bidders must obtain a 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' under the Information Technology Act of 2000. Any approved Vendor can provide bidders with a digital certificate.
 - Bidders must submit their bids in electronic format with a digital signature online. No physical bids will be accepted.
 - Bids will be opened online in accordance with the time schedule specified in Para-1.
 - Bidders must upload online scanned copy of all required documents (within the document upload limits) with their technical bid.
- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be held responsible for any delays in online submission due to unanticipated circumstances.
- The original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and other Uploaded bid documents shall have to be produced on demand by the successful bidder at the time of contract signing, and in the case of unsuccessful bidders, 2 percent EMD in the form of CDR/ FDR only pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailoo, will be released only after production of Original Treasury Challan of uploaded Scanned copy (Cost of tender document).
- Bidders are advised not to change the contents of the BOQ (Bill of Quantities). They should never attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
- Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.
- Price escalation and Taxes: -The bidder's percentage shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to the completion of the work. Taxes shall be deducted from the contractor's bills on the gross amount of the bill at the time of recovery at the rates in effect at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use the "My Documents" area in their R&B e-Tendering portal user account to store any required documents.
- All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All documents pertaining to the bid must be in English):

Instructions to Bidder (ITB)

- All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:-
 - All Bidders shall upload Treasury Receipt / Challan and Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR.
 - All Bidders shall upload Valid PAN Card, GSTIN Registration No. with latest GST Return (GSTR 3B).
 - Registration Card with current Renewal side. The Registration Card issued by the PWD (R&B) department shall only be renewed by the issuing department.
 - A Civil Contractor who does not own HMP and is bidding for Bitumen Macadam Works is required to upload a MoU with HMPO, from whom the material/machinery for the subject work will be procured. The Memorandum of Understanding must be registered and duly executed in the Hon'ble Court of 1st Class Magistrate, specifying clearly that failure on the part of the HMPO shall be deemed failure on the part of the bidder, and vice versa.
 - Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Bitumen Macadam Works executed by the agency during the year 2022-23 as per Annexure 'A' of this ENIT.
- Security Deposit shall be deposited by the contractor within 10 days of issuance of LOI, failing which the concerned tender issuing authority shall forfeit the EMD and recommend contractor for blacklisting and issue a fresh tender forthwith.
- The contractor shall initiate the work within 10 days of entering into the agreement, failing which the undersigned shall terminate the contract and issue a fresh tender after imposing penalties viz forfeit security/LD as per T&C of the Bid document and recommend contractor for blacklisting.
- The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in the bid document/agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor for forfeiting EMD and shall be recommended for blacklisting.
- Bidders are expected to submit technical bids along with scanned copies of all required documents. Any document (s) that have not been uploaded will not be accepted in hard copy for evaluation consideration. However, if need arises, Hard copies of any specific supporting documents, on the other hand, may be required on demand in support of documents posted online for clarification during technical evaluation.
- The bidder should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submitting a bid, and no claim based on constrained site conditions will be entertained after the bid is accepted.

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DT: 17/08/2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD(R&B) Division Vailoo

Delhi court grants bail to pilot arrested for assaulting minor domestic help

New Delhi: A court here Thursday granted bail to a woman pilot arrested for allegedly assaulting her minor domestic help in southwest Delhi's Dwarka, saying she had been incarcerated for a month and that keeping her in further judicial custody would serve "no purpose".

The court also observed that as her husband was also in jail, there was no one to take care of their four-year-old child, who was suffering from "a chronic and life-threatening disease".

Additional sessions judge Vipin Kharb was hearing the bail plea of Pournima Nilkant Somkuwar against whom the Dwarka South police station had registered a case under various Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections, including Section 370 (buying or disposing of any person as a slave), besides provisions of the Child Labour Act and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act.

"Considering the...facts and that the accused is in judicial custody for the last one month and no purpose will be served by keeping her in custody, therefore, the application is hereby allowed and the accused is granted regular bail on furnishing personal bond in the sum of Rs 1 lakh with one surety in the like amount," ASJ

Kharb said.

He said at the present stage, the court was not going to discuss whether the offence for buying or disposing of any person as a slave was made out as it would have a "bearing on the framing of charges and merits of the case".

The court said that medical documents of her four-year-old son showed that he was suffering from "ulcerative colitis, a chronic and life-threatening disease".

"For no fault of his, he (the child) has been deprived of constant care and love and affection of his parents and regular medical treatment. On the other hand, accused for her wrong and inhuman conduct is undergoing incarceration for the last one month," it said.

The court noted that the accused's husband was also in jail. It said, "There is no previous involvement of the accused in any case and she has to take care of her son."

The court also noted the medico-legal case of the minor victim, according to which she had received simple injuries.

Other conditions of bail included the accused not contacting the victim or her parents except for clearing their dues, attending trial, not tampering

with evidence, intimating any change of address, providing her mobile phone numbers and not leaving the country, the court said.

The counsel for the complainant or victim opposed the bail plea, saying the accused despite being an educated and working woman, she "mercilessly" beat the 10-year-old victim.

"She has not only given physical injuries to her (the victim) but also psychological injuries which will haunt her for many years. Considering the gruesome act done by the accused she does not deserve bail," the advocate said.

The counsel for the accused said the court should balance the rights of both the children, i.e. the injured and Somkuwar's son, and that there was no trafficking in the present case.

The accused and her husband allegedly assaulted the 10-year-old girl working as a domestic help at their home. After the incident came to light on July 19 last month, they were manhandled by a mob.

In a purported video, the couple could be seen being manhandled and beaten up by a mob. Some of the women were also seen slapping and pulling the hair of the accused woman, who was in her uniform.

Army, NDRF teams rescue 300 people from flood-hit villages in Punjab's Kapurthala

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kapurthala/Gurdaspur: Army and NDRF teams on Thursday rescued nearly 300 people from marooned villages in Punjab's Kapurthala as relief and rescue work continued in some of the flood affected districts in the state.

Kapurthala Deputy Commissioner Karnail Singh said six teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Army pressed six boats to rescue the people caught in the floods and all those evacuated have been shifted to relief camps.

A total of 22 villages have been affected by floods in the Beas river due to release of excess water from Bhakra Dam, he said while expressing hope that the situation would improve by Friday.

He said some flood affected people are living inside 'dhushi bundhs' (embankments) in 'deras' to look after their fields, while nearly 40 people are reluctant to leave their marooned houses and their cattle.

Some parts of Hoshiarpur, Gurdaspur and Rupnagar and Kapurthala districts were submerged following the release of excess water from Pong and Bhakra dams this week.

In the afternoon, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann toured the flood affected areas of Hoshiarpur district in a boat

to take stock of the situation.

Mann said the entire government machinery including the helicopter of state government is at disposal of people in this hour of crisis.

The chief minister said the state government has already ordered a "special girdawari (survey)" to ascertain the loss incurred to people due to floods in the state.

Mann assured the people that his government will "compensate the people even if they had lost a hen or a goat due to the floods".

He said there is no need for people to panic as the state government is there to extend all help to those affected.

The flood situation in Rupnagar district remained grim as more water was being released into the Sutlej river from Bhakra Dam.

The Army is assisting in the rescue operations and NDRF teams are working round-the-clock to prevent breaches and to rescue the people trapped in marooned villages.

Punjab minister Harjot Singh Bains has been camping in the district and is supervising the rescue and relief operations.

The Army and NDRF teams were also assisting in the rescue and relief work in some of the affected areas of Gurdaspur district. Medical teams in the district have been sent to houses via boats to check on people

stuck in their homes for three days and those who don't want to move out, officials said.

In Kapurthala, one person was feared to have drowned in the flood waters of Beas river in Mand areas of village Talwandi Kuka in the Bholath sub-division when he was rescuing his cattle, officials said on Thursday.

In Chandigarh, Chief Minister Mann told reporters that the latest flooding in some areas of the state was caused by heavy rains in neighbouring Himachal Pradesh and subsequent release of excess water from the Pong and Bhakra dams.

The Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), which manages the Bhakra and the Pong dams, on Wednesday said it will release excess water in a controlled manner for the next four to five days to take the level in their reservoirs to a safe limit. The Bhakra dam on the Sutlej and the Pong dam on the Beas -- both in Himachal Pradesh -- are brimming after heavy rain in their respective catchment areas.

Last month too, several parts of Punjab were affected by a downpour in the state between July 9 and 11 that flooded vast tracts of farmlands and other areas, besides paralyzing daily life.

Mann said the water levels in Bhakra and Pong dams stand at 1,676 feet and 1,396 feet,

respectively, and the water was being released in a controlled way.

In Harike, he said the water released from Pong and Bhakra gets collected and added "we are releasing water from there".

"We are in regular touch with the Himachal Pradesh government and BBMB authorities and we are hopeful that water will recede by evening," he said.

Mann reiterated that his government has urged the Centre to relax the norms for increasing disaster relief for flood victims.

In Hoshiarpur, the floodwater level in the villages near the banks of the Beas in Mukerian, Tanda, Dasuya and Talwara areas of this district slightly decreased on Thursday.

However, in the affected villages, the floodwater has caused significant damage to the residents' household belongings. Moreover, the crops standing in the flooded fields have also been adversely affected.

Raminder Singh, the Chief Agriculture Officer of Hoshiarpur, stated that standing crops, particularly paddy, spanning approximately 5,000 acres of farmland, have suffered severe damage in the flood-affected regions.

Approximately 90 per cent of the paddy crop has been adversely affected, he said.

JU student's death: Raging battle between activists outside univ; panel formed to probe lapses

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata: A raging battle broke out between activists of an ultra-left organisation with BJP's Yuva Morcha members on Thursday as the saffron party leader Suvendu Adhikari's convoy came up to a gate of the Jadavpur University, where a student had died after being allegedly ragged and sexually harassed by seniors.

The ultra-Left body, All India Revolutionary Students Federation (AIRSF), was holding a black flag demonstration against Adhikari who was trying to give a speech, outside the university on the issue of the death of the student which has shocked the megapolis, when the two sides came to blows.

Adhikari told Yuva Morcha activists: "We have already taught a lesson to the 'Tukde-tukde' gang in JNU... we will cleanse them in Jadavpur as well." "Tukde-tukde" gang is a pejorative political catchphrase used by BJP against opponents accused of supporting sedition.

In his speech, the leader of the opposition in the state assembly attacked the left, ultra-Left and TMC student wings as well as the state government and

blamed them for the state of affairs in the 67-year-old prestigious university.

"The state government has done nothing to stop ragging in state-run universities. The TMC is more interested in taking control of state-run universities. The TMC has turned universities into dens of anti-social activities," he said.

As activists from both sides engaged in a battle of fisticuffs, using motorcycle helmets as weapons, the city police had a hard time controlling and disengaging the two groups. Traffic outside the gate of the university snarled to a stop as the "war" raged across the road.

Several activists already bloodied and hurt were seen dragged by the police into waiting vans to be carried away to a lock-up after medical attention.

The ruling TMC alleged that after Adhikari finished his demonstration, he was greeted with black flags by a section of the students who were then beaten up by BJP goons, aided by the Central Armed Forces.

"A student from the transgender community was hit by a helmet and was left bleeding," the ruling party claimed in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter.



The TMC also alleged that Adhikari created a ruckus outside JU, verbally abused the police and passed derogatory remarks.

On Adhikari's allegation, TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said, "BJP is just trying to fish in troubled waters. Before pointing fingers at us, they should take stock of the situation in Central government-run universities."

In separate protests, activists of

was allegedly ragged and sexually harassed by his seniors before he fell from the hostel's balcony.

The 17-year-old deceased, who was a resident of Bagula in Nadia district, was a first-year undergraduate student of Bengali Honours.

The committee, which will be functioning immediately, has been asked to submit its report in two weeks, said officials.

The members of the committee are the vice-chairperson (academic) of the West Bengal State Council of Higher Education, the member-secretary of the council, the director of public instruction and the special commissioner of the higher education department.

The notice, which referred to certain "administrative lapses and infrastructural gaps" in Jadavpur University, said the panel "will identify these and take corrective steps".

In another development related to the August 9 incident, the University Grants Commission (UGC) in Delhi reprimanded Jadavpur University for submitting a "generic" report about the incident.

Noting that no proactive measures have been taken by the university to

curb ragging on campus, the commission has told the university that it is not satisfied with the report.

"The report submitted was examined and it was found to be very generic in nature basically mentioning mostly the reactive approaches adopted in the matter than proactive measures taken to curb the menace of ragging. The commission is not satisfied with the report," a source told PTI in Delhi.

The UGC has further sought a compliance report on 12 queries raised by it and also documentary evidence within a day.

JU Registrar Snehmanju Basu told reporters it was a preliminary report and she was told by a UGC official it was "okay," (initial report) but the university will certainly file an action-taken exhaustive report about every query which will be compiled within a few days.

Basu also announced that JU made identity cards issued by the university mandatory for visitors to enter the campus from 8 pm to 7 am and decided to install CCTVs at strategic points, including at the gates at the earliest.

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Govt To Set Up

Kashmir. The newborn babies suffering from autism, down syndrome, disabilities etc are also thrown around garbage bins and other dumping sites.

The issue of dumping newborns was taken up by Srinagar-based lawyer and Right to Information activist Badrul-Duja with the SWD.

Duja told Kashmir Observer that he is witness to a number of cases regarding abandoning of newborn children, particularly at spots or locations such as dumping sites, outside hospitals, water-bodies, etc.

"These places are becoming easy spots for couples or parents to abandon their newborns and putting their lives and safety at risk," he said.

In order to prevent this, Duja said, it was imperative to provide cradle centers/spots especially across sites such as mosques, marriage halls, water bodies, private and public hospitals, dispensaries, garbage dumping sites etc, and also to ensure such couples/parents are protected from CCTV access identity.

"It was the need of the hour to put cradles across these spots immediately. Now since the Government has started the process. It's a good sign," he added.

Commissioner Secretary to Government SWD, Sheetal Nanda told Kashmir Observer that the process of setting-up cradle centers has been started in all the hospitals across the UT to ensure that no child is abandoned.

"The idea is if there is any abandoned or orphan baby, we should come to know. We will take care of the babies," she said.

An official of the SWD said that over 2155 rescued children have been sheltered in child-care institutions in J&K under the Mission Vatsalya scheme in the last three years.

Govt Stops

against SIM card dealers since May 2023.

Further, the minister said WhatsApp on its own blocked around 66,000 accounts that were involved in fraudulent activities.

"Indisputable verification of SIM dealers will be mandatory to curb frauds. Penalty of Rs 10 lakh will be imposed on dealers found violating norms," Vaishnav said.

The verification will be done by telecom

operators who will collect the details of each business owner and his business related documents for verification before appointing a dealer.

Earlier, detailed documentation of dealer was not prescribed in the rule.

Vaishnav said that there are 10 lakh SIM card dealers and they will be given sufficient time for verification.

The minister said that the Department of Telecommunications has also discontinued the provision of issuing bulk connections and instead a new concept of business connection will be introduced.

"Besides, KYC of businesses, KYC of person taking handover of SIM will also be done," Vaishnav said.

The new rule will be implemented from October 1 and dealers will be given about six month time for the compliance. PTI PRS ANZ HVA

SC To Only

hearing, he referred to his written submissions where the election manifesto of Bharatiya Janata Party has been quoted. "In that, they expressly said that they will work towards abrogation of Article 370... these manifestos cannot be contrary to the constitutional scheme. In 2015, EC issued guidelines that all manifestos must be within constitutional scheme and spirit." Dave told the 5-judge Constitution Bench.

He argued that Article 370 was abrogated to gain political weightage by the ruling party at the Centre. "You have not done it for any purpose. These arguments of impeding growth, etc., are not relevant at all. It doesn't exist. The only reason you have done it, is because you told people of India to vote for you as I will go and abrogate Article 370," he said, adding that power has been exercised for colourable considerations based on "irrelevant considerations".

Dave contended that there is no power to abrogate Article 370 under Article 370(3). "It has lived its purpose and its object. It is no longer available for exercise," he added.

He said that a false narrative has been built that Jammu and Kashmir is not part of India due to Article 370 of the Constitution, adding that it has always been an integral part of India.

Dave repeatedly argued that the procedure

adhered by the Centre to nullify Article 370 amounted to "fraud" and termed the exercise of power by Parliament as "colourable".

On this, the CJ said, "If 370 has served its purpose after the constituent assembly comes to an end, why were constitutional orders made applicable post 1957? But the fact that 370 served its purpose is belied by consequent constitutional orders made applicable thereafter, so 370 continued to be in existence."

The CJ further added, "If your submission is right qua clause 3, then once the constituent assembly completed its task in 1957 there cannot be any constitutional amendments at all, which is thus belied by the constitutional practice itself. Constitutional amendments happened and went on happening till 2019. If you are saying that 370(1) continues to exist, then you cannot say 370(3) ceases to exist. Either everything remains together or everything perishes together. We are talking about a practice being followed for 64 years."

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has been hearing a batch of pleas challenging the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution from August 2.

6,158 HIV-Positive

32 have left follow-up and 448 are living on ART, he added.

In ART Kuthua, the number of patients registered in HIV care is 352 while 24 have died, 12 have left follow-up and 312 are living on ART.

The officials said that due to social stigma, most people aren't coming forward for HIV tests and over the years, the number of patients infected has shown a rising trend.

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a chronic, potentially life-threatening condition caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). By damaging your immune system, HIV interferes with your body's ability to fight infection and disease.

HIV is a sexually transmitted infection (STI). It can also be spread by contact with infected blood or from mother to child during pregnancy, childbirth or breast-feeding, multi-person usage of needles. Without medication, it may take years before HIV weakens your immune system to the point that you have AIDS.

Officials said that a person suffering from

AIDS is "unfortunately" often regarded as a stigma in society and such people become victims of ostracism, rejection and discrimination.

They said that J&K is at a greater risk of HIV AIDS because of being a tourist destination.

Most of the patients who have tested positive for HIV AIDS in J&K have contracted the disease from outside the UT.

"Drug addicts are at a higher risk of contracting HIV/AIDS and if they are married or are sexually active, they transmit this to their partners as well," they said—(KNO)

LAHDC Polls:

paragraph No.10 of the Election Symbols Order of 1968."

Since the election pertains to the LAHDC, Kargil, the court said, the Election Commission of India is not the authority to conduct the elections and it would be the UT Authority which will be primarily responsible for the conduct of the elections for the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils. "It has been provided under Section 59 of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils Act, 1997 that the Government may make rules to regulate all or any of the matters mentioned therein for the purpose of holding of elections of members under this Act. Though allocation of symbols is not specifically mentioned under Section 57, it goes without saying that since Section 57 is an omnibus provision, allocation of symbols will be within the scope of the said section, though the principles and criteria laid down by the Elections Commission of India have to be adhered to," the court said, adding, "It is in this context the order dated 18.07.2023 issued by the Election Commission has to be understood."

Two Men Convicted

a Special Investigating Team (SIT) on 12 December 2014 headed by then SP Hazratbal. The SIT undertook investigation of the case and zeroed in on a Maruti car on which word like "Munsa" was written on its rear side wind screen and subsequently arrested the accused duo.

The accused, according to prosecution, had removed black lines of tape and the sticker from the vehicle later.

"...This goes to prove that the acid bottle

and beaker purchased by the accused persons five days before the occurrence and the erased black lines of tape and stickers removed from the Maruti car used in the commission of crime have been destroyed by the accused persons after committing the heinous and horrific act of throwing acid on the victim," the court said in 312-page judgment, adding, "The accused persons have thereby caused to disappear the important piece of evidence to screen themselves from the legal peril."

For establishing the charges against the accused persons, prosecution cited 48 witnesses in the calendar of challan. Out of them, the prosecution examined 44 witnesses. The court is likely to announce the quantum of punishment on August 19.

13 Pilgrims Injured

hospital in Udhampur, they said. Two of them have been shifted to GMC hospital in Jammu, they added.

Woman's Body

have started further proceedings in this regard.(KS)

'Godman's' Cigarette

"She is currently under treatment at District Hospital Pulwama," they said.

Identifying the accused as Abdul Rasheed Telie, a resident of Zadoora at present at a rental room at Newa Market, a police official said that the accused is famous by the name 'Peer Baba' and works as tailor in the locality.

"We have registered a case against the accused under relevant sections for due proceedings", the official added.

Domicile Certificate

registration of bonafide Migrants or displaced persons for the purpose of issuance of Domicile Certificate said, "It is hereby ordered that the validity of Government Order No. 52-JK (DMRRR) of 2020 Dated. 16.05.2020 extended vide Government Order No. 44-JK (DMRRR) of 2021 Dated. 22.06.2021 and Government Order No. 30-JK (DMRRR) of 2022 Dated. 10.06.2022 is hereby further extended for a period of one year i.e till 15.05.2024.

The order has been issued by Nazim Zai Khan Secretary to the Government. (KNT)

Two Matches Played In 2023 Srinagar Premier League



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two Round 10 matches of the 2023 Srinagar Premier League were played on Thursday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

In the first game of the day, Ali Jana FC took on Star Kashmir FC at 3:00 PM. Ali Jana took an early lead, before doubling it. At half time, Ali Jana led Star Kashmir 2-0.

With the game looking out of reach, Star Kashmir FC raised their levels in the second half. The team duly converted a penalty and then added a second goal to bring the tie at 2-2.

However, Ali Jana used all its experience to sneak through the winner to make it 3-2 at full time.

In the second game, AG's Office XI locked horns with Lonestar Kashmir FC. The late evening

kick off saw some exciting action between two evenly balanced teams.

Lonestar Kashmir took the lead, before AG's Office levelled the proceedings. However, LKFC boys proved too resilient as managed to grab a late first half goal to make it 2-1.

AG's Office XI started the second half in a dominating fashion, scoring the equalising goal with much aplomb. The departmental team managed to grab another to take a 3-2 lead, but Lonestar Kashmir pulled through to make 3-3.

The back-and-forth action continued as AG's Office took the lead, before Lonestar Kashmir made it all square. At full time, the scores read 4-4.

AG's Office XI captain Shahnawaz Bashir was awarded man of the match for scoring two goals and providing two assists.

Srinagar Taekwondo C'ship From August 20: JKTA



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K Taekwondo Association on Thursday said that the District Srinagar Taekwondo Association will organise the official District Srinagar Taekwondo Championships 2023-24 under the aegis of J&K Taekwondo Association (Regd) and J&K Sports Council at Indoor Hall, Polo Ground, from 20th – 21st August 2023.

The championship is open for all Sub Junior, Junior and Senior players of Srinagar. Selected players will represent District Srinagar in the upcoming 26th J&K UT Taekwondo Championship 2023-24.

Only the medallists in the aforesaid championships will be eligible to take part in the upcoming 26th J&K-UT Taekwondo Championship.

"In addition, JKTA Athlete License is mandatory for all athletes

to participate in JKTA sanction events. No entries will be accepted without the JKTA License. Black Belt Certificates are Compulsory for Senior Athletes in order to qualify for the 26th J&K-UT Taekwondo Championship, as per the guidelines of the Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI)," the JKTA said in a press release.

"It was decided unanimously by all the office bearers of the Taekwondo Association of District Srinagar in a meeting under the supervision of President Taekwondo Association of District Srinagar Nissar Hussain.

Moreover, all Players are advised to Indoor Hall, Polo Ground, Srinagar on 19th of August 2023 at 5:00 pm sharp for weigh-in along with Complete Registration forms duly signed by parents also attached Date of Birth certificate issued by Municipality Srinagar or the Concerned Sarpanch of the village," it added.

Ireland T20Is: All Eyes On Bumrah

Press Trust of India

DUBLIN: Almost 11 months after he hobbled off the field, Jasprit Bumrah will be cynosure of all eyes when he leads India against Ireland as the fast bowler's fitness and rhythm will be tested in the three-match T20 International series, starting Friday.

The team is packed with India's Gen-Next IPL performers like Rituraj Gaikwad, Rinku Singh and Jitesh Sharma but stakeholders in Indian cricket will keenly observe Bumrah, who will be key to home team's plans during the ODI World Cup starting in less than two months.

The 29-year-old Bumrah is coming back after undergoing a surgery to treat the lower-back stress fractures he had suffered during a home series against Australia ahead of T20 World Cup, last year.

He will be bowling a maximum of just 12 overs across three games over five days but this series will allow chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar, ODI captain Rohit Sharma and head coach Rahul Dravid to get a fair idea of where the Gujarati slinger is placed in terms of match fitness.

The 50-over cricket is, though, a different beast where he will need to bowl 10 overs across two, three or



may be four-over spells. The BCCI, on its official social media handle, released Bumrah's bowling video, where he was seen hurrying a right-hander with a well-disguised short-ball and then almost yoked a left-hander with a toe-crusher, a soothing sight for the Indian team management.

But match situation will be completely different and both Dravid and Rohit have once burnt their hands by rushing

him too early before the T20 World Cup in Australia last year. The results were disastrous. That was the last series he played before the longest lay-off of his seven-year international career.

He was named for a home series earlier this year, only to be pulled out at the eleventh hour as he underwent a surgery to treat a career-threatening injury.

Match Starts: 7:30 pm IST.

PCB Includes Imran Khan In Revised Video But Controversy Refuses To Die

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: In an apparent bid to end the controversy over the release of a video in honour of the former players, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has created more problems for itself.

The PCB had faced a lot of backlash on social media over completely ignoring former captain Imran Khan in the tribute video released on August 14.

Late Wednesday night, the PCB came out with an inexplicable explanation that due to duration problems, the tribute video was abridged and some important clips were missing from it but it had been rectified in the complete version.

It also said the PCB had launched a promotional campaign leading up to the 2023 World Cup and the tribute video was part of it.

The interesting part is that the duration of the earlier video from which Imran was missing and the "completed" version are around the same duration but this time the board has hacked all the clips and pictures of Wasim Akram and replaced them with Imran.



Cricket fans are now asking and wondering on social media where was Wasim disappeared.

Wasim had on Tuesday lashed out at the PCB completely overlooking the role of Imran in some of Pakistan cricket's most memorable and iconic moments. Pakistan's former captain Rashid Latif said the PCB explanation was hard to digest because the tribute video was modified after nearly 48 hours.

"Why wasn't the mistake accepted and resolved as soon as the backlash started on social media and in the media,"

he questioned.

He also noted that the PCB had a verified X (formerly Twitter) account which meant it can upload clips and videos up to 7-8 minutes duration and secondly there was no duration bar on Youtube as well for the PCB channel to upload longer videos. "So where does this duration problem come in for PCB? "It is an attempt to cover up and save face but the PCB still needs to give answers as to who was responsible for authorizing, making, approving and releasing the video," he added.



Messi In Shortlist For UEFA Award With De Bruyne & Haaland

Agencies

NYON: Lionel Messi made the three-man shortlist announced Thursday for the UEFA award as the best player in Europe last season.

The FIFA World Cup-winning captain from Argentina, who has left Europe to play for Inter Miami, is up against Manchester City teammates Kevin De Bruyne and Erling Haaland. Messi won the UEFA award twice in its 12-year history, both in years when Barcelona was the European champion. Man City won the UEFA Champions League title last season.

Pep Guardiola is the favourite for the men's coaching award after leading Man City to the Champions League and FA Cup titles. Also nominated were Simone Inzaghi of Inter Milan, who led his team to the Champions League final, and Luciano Spalletti, who led Napoli to the Serie A title.

The winners will be announced at the Champions League draw on August 31 in Monaco.

The shortlists for the women's player and coaching awards will be announced next week after the FIFA Women's World Cup, UEFA said. England will face Spain on Sunday in the final in Australia.

Kylian Mbappé, Messi's former teammate at Paris Saint-Germain, was sixth in the player voting by Europe-based coaches and journalists despite his tournament-leading eight goals at last year's World Cup, including three in the final against Argentina.

Ranked above Mbappé were Man City midfielders Ilkay Gündogan and Rodri, as the latter's goal decided the Champions League final.

The only Inter player getting votes was Marcelo Brozovic in eighth place. The Croatia midfielder has since moved to the Saudi Pro League.

Cristiano Ronaldo and Neymar, others who have moved to Saudi Arabia, got no votes from the UEFA panel, which included coaches from clubs that played in the group stages of the three European competitions. (AP)

Harry Kane Set For First Start At Bayern Munich On Friday

Agencies

MUNICH: Harry Kane has had an "immediate effect" on Bayern Munich's locker-room atmosphere and is expected to make his first start for the German champion against Werder Bremen on Friday, Bayern coach Thomas Tuchel said Thursday.

Hours after being announced as a Bayern player, the England captain came on as a 64th-minute substitute in Bayern's 3-0 loss to Leipzig in the German Super Cup on Saturday. Kane indicated Sunday that he might need time to adapt to Bayern after 19 years at Tottenham.

Tuchel said Kane will start Friday's game "if nothing happens today, nothing extraordinary," and said he was fitting in well with the rest of the Bayern team.

"My first impressions of Harry are fantastic. He is a top professional, the quality is out-



standing and he's a fantastic human being, he is very open, he's first on the training pitch, he is open in the dressing room," Tuchel said.

"I think he has an immediate effect in the dressing room with his personality, with his approach to football, his love for the game, you feel it every day. You feel it in every little exercise."

Tuchel added that injured first-choice goalkeeper Manuel Neuer is further along in his recovery than expected after recent surgery and could return to training with the rest of the team in a matter of weeks.

After Spending \$1B, Chelsea Heads To West Ham Ready To Kick On Under Pochettino

Agencies

LONDON: So, after a change of ownership, two managerial firings, three wild transfer windows and the arrival of 23 players – and counting – at a staggering cost of around \$1 billion, is new-look Chelsea ready to compete for the English Premier League title again? Not yet, most would say.

However, there are signs that good things might be around the corner for a club which, for the past two years, has been consumed by chaos on and off the field and rarely out of the spotlight because of its outrageously expensive squad overhaul.

The record signing of Moises Caicedo and the imminent arrival of another highly rated defensive midfielder, Romeo Lavia, are likely to put the seal on another busy transfer window for Chelsea that was as interesting because of the names leaving the club as it was for those joining.

Out has gone Edouard Mendy, Kepa Arrizabalaga, Cesar Azpilicueta, Kalidou Koulibaly, Mateo Kovacic, N'Golo Kanté, Mason Mount, Christian Pulisic, Ruben Loftus-Cheek, Kai



Havertz and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, among others.

Through the revolving door has arrived Christopher Nkunku, Axel Disasi, Nicolas Jackson, Robert Sanchez, Lesley Ugochukwu, Angelo and most recently Caicedo, who has signed a deal worth \$146 million – a record for a British team. Lavia is set to join imminently from Southampton for a fee approaching \$70 million to take Chelsea's spending in this window to more than \$400 million, after an outlay of \$280 million last summer and \$350 million in January.

Oh, and there is another new coach in place in Mau-

ricio Pochettino, who looks to be the calm head needed in the madness around him at Stamford Bridge.

That's quite an upheaval in the first 15 months of the tenure of Todd Boehly and Clearlake Capital, following their purchase of Chelsea for \$2.5 billion in May 2022. At that time, Chelsea was still the European champion. Last season, the first under Boehly and Clearlake, the team plunged to a 12th-place finish in the Premier League.

Ultimately, all that most Chelsea fans really care about are results on the field. The season got off to an encouraging start.

Jumping to conclusions

after one match is always dangerous, yet Chelsea's 1-1 draw with Liverpool contained enough positive moments – particularly in the second half – to get excited about what is to come, especially now Caicedo is there to shore up the midfield.

A central midfield of Caicedo, Enzo Fernandez and either Lavia or Conor Gallagher has wing backs Reece James and Ben Chilwell in front of a defense containing Thiago Silva and Levi Colwill – one of English soccer's most promising center backs. That has the makings of a strong team with plenty of youth on its side, not counting the 38-year-old Silva of course. (AP)

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION PULWAMA

TENDER NOTICE

E-NIT No: 130/EEP/RNB/of 2023-24/ 7517-27 Dated: 17/08/2023
 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT term e-tenders (In Single Cover system) are invited on %age Basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work :-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. Lacs.)	Cost of T/D (Rs.)	Earnest Money (In %age)	Time of Completion in working Days	Class of Contract	Major Head of Accounts	Administrative Accord Approval No:	Call No:
1.	Extension of deep drain from H/O Mohd Ashraf to Mir jahangir and fayaz ah at sir syed colony Kadalabal Pampore (lane-II)	9.60	600/-	2% of Adv. cost	30 working Days	CEE, DEE	UT Sector	27/SE/PS of 2023-24 Daated. 12-08-2023	Ist call
2.	Construction of R-Wall on owasi colony road at Frestabal pampore.	9.62	600	2% of Adv. cost	20 working Days	CEE, DEE	UT Sector	27/SE/PS of 2023-24 Daated. 12-08-2023	Ist call

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

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice	17-08-2023
2. Bid downloading Start Date	17-08-2023 from 10:00 A.M
3. Bid submission Start Date	17-08-2023 from 10:00 A.M
4. Bid Submission End Date	28-08-2023 upto 04:00 P.M
5. Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	29-08-2023 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama
6. Submission of Performance Security (PS)	Within three (03) days of receipt of LOA. (The First lowest successful bidder has to provide 5% of allotted cost as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and EMD of 2% shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance security.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt as per Annexure - C (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama (The Date of Treasury Challan and EMD should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of the Executive Engineer R&B Div. Pulwama
- The normal deposits (deducted @ 10% from running bills) shall be released after the DLP of the work is over.
- The Contractors are advised to visit the site and to be aware of the conditions for launching at site of work before quoting the rates.
- The contractor shall also be responsible for any theft/ damage to any of the component at site and the cost of damage/ theft if any shall be deducted from the work done or CDR of the Contractor till completion of work and handing over.
- The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama within three (03) days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond DLP.

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Trained Scent Dogs May More Effectively Detect Covid Than RT-PCR tests: Study

Agenceis

Trained scent dogs exhibit a remarkable ability to detect COVID-19 infections with higher accuracy and efficiency compared to conventional RT-PCR tests, according to a review of studies. This innovative approach not only promises quicker results but also holds the potential to substantially reduce diagnostic costs, the researchers said.

A growing number of studies over the last two years has highlighted the power of dogs in detecting the stealthy virus and its variants, even when they are obscured by other viruses, like those from common colds and flu.

"It went from four papers to 29 peer-reviewed studies that include more than 400 scientists from over 30 countries and 31,000 samples," said Tommy Dickey, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of California (UC) Santa Barbara, US.

Dickey and collaborator Heather Junqueira from BioScent, Inc. noted that the collective research demonstrates that trained scent dogs are "as effective and often more effective" than the antigen tests we're keeping handy at home, as well as the gold-standard reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests

deployed in clinics and hospitals.

According to the study, published in the Journal of Osteopathic Medicine, not only can dogs detect the S-CoV-2 virus faster, they can do so in a non-intrusive manner, without the environmental impact that comes with single-use plastics.

Dogs have hundreds of millions of olfactory receptors, compared to roughly five to six million for humans, and a full third of their brains is devoted to interpreting smells, compared to a scant 5 per cent in human brains, the researchers said.

All these enhancements mean that dogs can detect very low concentrations of odours associated with COVID infections, they said.

"They can detect the equivalent of one drop of an odorous substance in 10.5 Olympic-sized swimming pools. For perspective, this is about three orders of magnitude better than with scientific instrumentation," Dickey said.

The researchers found that in some cases, dogs were able to detect COVID in pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic patients whose viral load was too low for conventional tests to work. Dogs can also distinguish COVID and its variants in the presence of other potentially confounding respiratory viruses, such as those of the common cold or flu, they said.



Luna-25 Prepares For Soft Landing On Aug 21 As Chandrayaan-3 Progresses

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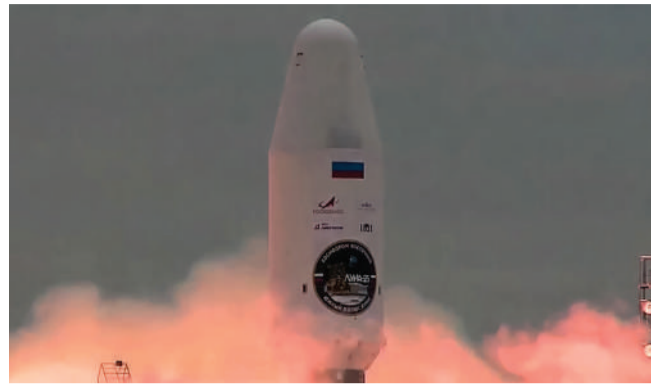
Russia's ambitious Luna-25 mission is poised to achieve a remarkable feat as it inches closer to the moon's south pole for an historic soft landing scheduled for August 21. The mission, undertaken by the Russian space agency Roscosmos, seeks to rekindle lunar exploration after a hiatus of nearly five decades.

"All Luna-25 systems are functioning normally; communication with it is stable. Sessions are being taken to measure the current navigational parameters," Roscosmos said in a Telegram post.

Roscosmos has shared the initial images captured by Luna-25. These images provide a striking view of the spacecraft against the backdrop of both Earth, a planet left behind, and the Moon, the mission's imminent destination. The imagery also features the emblem of the Luna-25 mission and the bucket of the onboard manipulator, showcasing the craft's advanced capabilities.

"These pictures show the structural elements of the «Luna-25» apparatus against the background of the Earth, from which we have forever flown away, and against the background of the Moon, to which we will very soon fly. In the third picture you can see the emblem of the mission and the bucket of the onboard manipulator," said a statement from Roscosmos.

Luna-25 embarked on its journey on August 10, 2023, launching atop a Soyuz rocket from the Vostochny Cosmodrome. This mission has a specific objective –



to land at the moon's south pole, an area believed to harbor vital ice resources. These resources could play a pivotal role in facilitating future space missions by enabling the extraction of oxygen and fuel.

The last Russian lunar mission predates the modern era of space exploration, with Luna-24 being launched back in 1976. Luna-25 stands as Russia's first lunar lander in nearly 47 years, marking a significant milestone for the nation's space program. The mission aims to surpass its predecessor's achievements by delving deeper into lunar exploration and research.

As Luna-25 orbits the moon, Roscosmos reports that scientific instruments on board have been activated, providing valuable data on the mission's progress. The project's scientific team has commenced the processing of this data, contributing to a growing pool of lunar knowledge.

While Luna-25's journey is reaching a crescendo, the Indian Chandrayaan-3 mission is also making steady strides. Launched

on July 14, Chandrayaan-3 is currently in the final lunar-bound orbit maneuver. This maneuver brought the spacecraft closer to the moon's surface in preparation for its much-anticipated landing attempt.

Remarkably, Luna-25 could potentially touch down on the moon's south pole before Chandrayaan-3. Despite launching nearly a month later, Luna-25's trajectory and route could enable it to achieve a soft landing sooner than its Indian counterpart. Roscosmos plans to finalise Luna-25's lunar orbit on August 16, aiming for a soft landing attempt on August 21 or 22, just ahead of Chandrayaan-3's targeted landing on August 23.

On Wednesday, the spacecraft accomplished its fifth and final lunar-bound orbit manoeuvre, bringing it closer to the Moon's surface. It has now finished all the necessary manoeuvres to reach the Moon and will begin preparing to detach the lander module, which includes the lander and rover, from the propulsion module.

How Maternal Mental Health Influences Children's Well-Being

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In a groundbreaking study published in the American Journal of Biological Anthropology, UC Berkeley Anthropology Professor Andrew Wooyoung Kim has unveiled transformative insights into the intergenerational effects of maternal mental well-being in rural Uganda. The study, titled "Maternal adverse childhood experiences, child mental health, and the mediating effect of maternal depression: A cross-sectional, population-based study in rural, southwestern Uganda," delves into the complex relationship between mothers' adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and the mental well-being of their children, shedding light on the role of maternal depression as a mediating factor.

UC Berkeley study has illuminated a profound connection between maternal mental well-being, adverse childhood experiences, and their impact on the mental health of their children. The findings underscore the need for prioritizing mental health support, especially in areas with histories of societal oppression and elevated psychiatric morbidity rates. By understanding and addressing

the intergenerational effects of maternal mental well-being, researchers hope to pave the way for healthier outcomes for both mothers and their children.

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) encompass a wide range of potentially stressful or traumatic events that an individual has encountered before the age of 18. These experiences can include violence, abuse, experiences, child mental health, and the mediating effect of maternal depression: A cross-sectional, population-based study in rural, southwestern Uganda, delves into the complex relationship between mothers' adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and the mental well-being of their children, shedding light on the role of maternal depression as a mediating factor.

Professor Kim's research focused on rural Uganda, where historical post-colonial societal oppression and elevated rates of psychiatric morbidity provided a unique backdrop for the study. The findings were striking: a significant correlation was established between maternal ACEs and child mental health problems. Furthermore, the research highlighted the role of maternal depression as a potential mechanism through which maternal childhood adversity influences the mental well-being of the next generation.



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