

## LG Seeks People's Help In Isolating 'Conflict Profiteers'

'Administration Is Determined To Create Fear-Free, Terrorism-Free; Corruption-Free And Future-Oriented Jammu And Kashmir'

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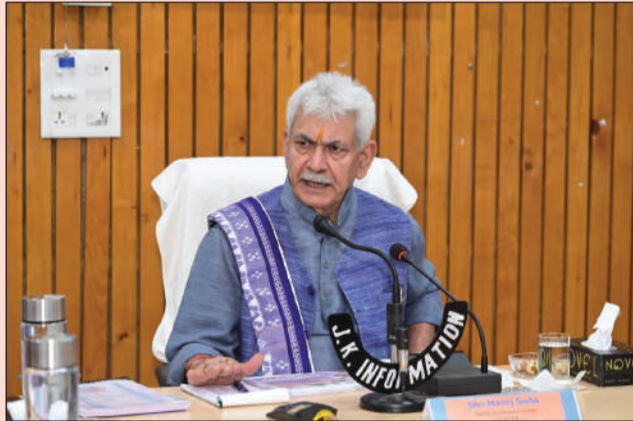
Budgam: Asserting that his administration is determined to create a fear-free, terrorism-free, corruption-free and future-oriented Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday called upon people to play their role in establishing a peaceful and prosperous Union Territory by isolating the conflict profiteers in society.

"The UT administration is determined to create a fear-free, terrorism-free, corruption-free and future-oriented Jammu and Kashmir. We salute our soldiers and police personnel who laid down their lives in combating terrorism. I assure the people that we will make J&K terror-free. This is our resolve," the LG said after laying the foundation stone of the 125-bedded district hospital here on Monday.

Sinha called upon the citizens to discharge their duties and contribute to the development of J&K.

"Development should become a powerful people's movement in all 20 districts and the elements making efforts to disturb peace must be isolated by the society," he added.

Launching a scathing attack on mainstream parties, the LG said that the conflict profiteers who kept the people of J&K away from mainstream development, those who built



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their houses in foreign countries and sent their children abroad for studies think that they only have all the rights on government resources.

"We have been successful in breaking the backbone of the ecosystem of conflict profiteers and will strike the last nail in the coffin of these subversive forces," he said.

Addressing a huge gathering, the LG highlighted the efforts of the administration to establish transparent and responsive governance.

"We have traveled a long distance in the last three years

in terms of speedy execution of projects within the stipulated period and eliminated the gap between the aspirations of people and the delivery by administration with dedication and commitment," he said.

He said the UT administration, under the guidance of the Prime Minister, is working diligently to ensure there is no scope for discrimination and corruption.

"Our policies have been formulated with the objective of ensuring living standards of the common man are improved and [More On P10](#)

## 'Explore Opportunities For Pvt Investment'

The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday asked the district administration Budgam to explore new opportunities for private investment in the hospitality sector so as to provide a boost to tourism and to facilitate new industries. Chairing a high-level meeting here on Monday to review the developmental scenario in the Budgam district, Sinha appraised the sector-wise implementation progress of [More On P10](#)



## LG Meets Family Of Slain DySp Humayun Bhat

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday visited the residence of Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat who was killed in an encounter with terrorists in Anantnag district last week and assured the family

members of all assistance. Besides Bhat, Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer, 19 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Ashish Dhonchak, and a soldier were killed by the terrorists last Wednesday. The operation to flush out terrorists holed up

in the Gadole forest area of Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district entered the sixth day on Monday with security forces using drones to pinpoint the hideouts for carrying out attacks on the militants. "Visited Humhama, [More On P10](#)

## Govt To Set Up Mental Health Authority

All Professionals, Establishments To Be Registered With It; MD NHM To Be Chief Executive

Agencies

Srinagar: The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has decided to establish a Mental Health Authority and all the mental health establishments for which the concerned professions in the Union Territory will be registered with it.

As per a notification issued by the Health and Medical Education Department, the Mission Director National Health Mission J&K shall be the Chief Executive of the Mental Health Authority.

The rules for the new Mental Health Act have also

been framed and these rules may be called "The Jammu and Kashmir Mental Healthcare (Mental Health Authority) Rules, 2023", and shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette.

The Mental Health Authority shall have its Chairperson, while the Head of the Department of Psychiatry, Government Medical College Srinagar/Jammu and Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K as members for the selection purpose. As 'Selection Committee', they shall be [More On P10](#)

## KOKERNAG ENCOUNTER

### Missing Soldier's Body Found On Day 6

Srinagar: The body of a missing soldier on Monday was recovered from Gadole forest area of Anantnag district, even as the operation to flush out terrorists entered the sixth day on Monday with security forces using drones to pinpoint the hideouts for carrying out attacks on the militants.

The body of Army man Pradeep, who had been missing alongside Major Ashish on Wednesday last week, was recovered on Monday and is being transported back, a local news agency KNO reported while quoting unnamed officials. With Pradeep's killing, the toll in the ongoing encounter, including the recovery of a charred body, has reached six.

According to officials here, drone footage had shown a charred body lying near one of the hideouts destroyed during the anti-terror operation over the past five days. Any further information [More On P10](#)

## Police Files Case Against Punjab's Desh Bhagat University

DBU Administrators Booked For Fraud, Assault On Female Kashmiri Students



Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Punjab police have booked the administrators of Desh Bhagat University (DBU) for illegal transfer of Kashmiri students to an unapproved college and the assault on female students during a protest demonstration held against the move on Thursday last.

Reliable sources told Kashmir Observer that a case FIR No. 135 of 2013 under

IPC sections 420, 406, 354 B, 323, 341, 427, 506, 148 and section 149 has been registered against 16 persons including the Vice-Chancellor of DBU at Amloh police station on September 16.

The case against DBU was filed days after an FIR was registered against some Kashmiri students, following their protest against unlawful transfer to Sardar Lal Singh College (SLSC), a college located [More On P10](#)

## HC Sets Guidelines For LAC Reservations

M Ahmad

Jammu: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has set guidelines for any person for claiming the benefit of reservation on the ground that he or she belongs to an identified area near Line of Actual Control.

"...we say and hold, that for claiming the benefit of reservation by a person on the ground that he belongs to identified area near Line of Actual Control, a person is required to establish ....i) He/she belongs to an area identified near Line of Actual Control (before SRO 321 of 2019 dated 27.05.2019 a person claiming the benefit was to establish that he was a resident of an area near Line of Control)", said a bench of Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Puneet Gupta.

The other stipulations are: ii) That he or she has resided in the area for a period not less than fifteen years prior to the date of

application;

iii) He or she is actually residing in the said area on the date of application;

iv) He or she shall not be disentitled from claiming the benefit only on the ground that his or her father or the person on whom he or she is dependent is living in a place outside such area identified as ALC are on Accounts of his (a) employment; or (b) business; or (c) other professional or vocational reasons; or (d) migration from one place to another. v) He or she shall not be entitled to issue of certificate of ALC, if his annual income from all sources would exceed the ceiling limit prescribed under Clause (ix) of Section 2(o). vi) He/she shall not be disentitled to seek the benefit of being a person belonging to socially and educationally backward classes on Accounts of income ceiling provided under Clause (ix).

The court set the guidelines while upholding [More On P10](#)

## Union Cabinet Meets Amid Buzz Over Imp Legislative Proposals



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New Delhi: The Union Cabinet met here on Monday, the first day of the special session of Parliament, amid speculation that it may clear some important legislative proposals.

There was no official word on the agenda items before the Cabinet, the meeting of

which is being chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Ever since it was announced that the Parliament session would be held from September 18-22, there have been speculation on various bills, including the women reservation bill, that may come up during the session.

## PM Leaves Everyone Guessing

Says Session May Be Short But Big On Occasion, Of Historic Decisions

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday that this Parliament session may be short in duration but is big on occasion, and is of "historic decisions". In his remarks to the media ahead of the five-day session, Modi noted that Parliament will move to the new building on Tuesday as he asked MPs to join proceedings with new enthusiasm while shedding old shortcomings, an apparent reference to frequent protests by opposition members during previous sessions, causing disruptions. He highlighted India's Chandrayaan-3 mission, the "unprecedented" success of its G20 presidency, the launch of 'PM Vishwakarma Mission', and [More On P10](#)

## Journalist Majid Hyderi Shifted to Kotbalwal

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Journalist and political commentator Majid Hyderi who was arrested last week by Jammu and Kashmir Police on charges of criminal conspiracy and extortion has been booked under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA), officials said on Monday.

Hyderi has been booked under the PSA and lodged at the Kot Balwal jail in Jammu region of the Union Territory, they said.

Hyderi, a resident of the city's Peerbagh area, was arrested late Thursday night after police lodged a case against him following orders from a court.



"FIR number 88/2023 under sections 120B, 177, 386 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered at the Saddar police station on the basis of an order issued by the JMJC court in Srinagar," police said on X on Friday.

He was arrested [More On P10](#)

## SHORT TAKES

### Bus Crushes Scooty Rider To Death

A scooty rider was on Monday killed after being hit by a passenger bus in Pattan area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district. Faizan Ahmad Wani, son of Ghulam Mohammad Wani of Nehalpora Pattan was critically injured when his scooty was hit by a bus in Tapper area along the Srinagar-Baramulla highway on Monday, officials said. Wani, they said, was rushed to a nearby health center for treatment. However, the [More On P10](#)

### LG Greets People On Ganesh Chaturthi

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday greeted the people on the eve of Ganesh Chaturthi. In his message, the Lt Governor said, "On the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, I convey hearty greetings and good wishes to all. The celebration of this festival which marks the birth of Lord Ganesha, supreme god of new beginning, intellect and wisdom, also symbolizes the cultural unity of our country bringing [More On P10](#)

### 3 OGWs Detained Under PSA

Three over-ground workers (OGWs) of the banned Hizbul Mujahideen outfit were detained under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Monday, officials said. Touseef-ul-Nabi, Zahoore-ul-Hassan and Reyaz Ahmad were taken into custody under the law that allows detention without charge or trial for up to two years in some cases on the recommendations of the police, the officials said. [More On P10](#)

### Sarpanch Among 4 Held For Murder

Four persons including a sarpanch were arrested in connection with the murder of a youth last week here, police said on Monday. Sunny Saansiya was killed inside his house in the Bishnah area on September 14 by unidentified assailants, who were armed with a pistol and sharp edged weapons. Police have recovered two sharp edged weapons and a pistol, and also a motorcycle, which was used in the commission of the crime. [More On P10](#)

### Man Held With 560 Gelatin Sticks

A man was arrested after 560 gelatin sticks weighing around 70 kilograms were found in his car in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, a senior police officer said on Monday. The explosive substance used in road construction work was being transported illegally by the man and an FIR was registered against him, Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal said. He said a joint checking party of police and security [More On P10](#)

### Leopard Kills Minor In Handwara

A three-year-old boy was killed in a leopard attack in Rajwar area of Handwara in north Kashmir's Kupwara district this morning. News agency GNS reported that one Burhan Ahmad, son of Mohammad Kamal Mir of Marchwari Nichhama was pounced upon by a leopard outside his home this morning. The beast dragged the minor to some distance and upon being chased by the family and villagers, left the boy with critical injuries. The boy was evacuated to a nearby health facility at Behnpora. [More On P10](#)



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## 'Toxic 'Forever Chemicals' In Plastics, Dyes Driving Cancers In Women'

IANAS

Exposure to certain endocrine-disrupting chemicals like PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) and BPA (phenols) found in every-

day use products like plastics, nonstick cookware, dyes and may be playing a role in cancers of the breast, ovary, skin and uterus in women, suggests a study. PFAS is referred to as "forever chemicals" and has contaminated water, food and people through products such as Teflon pans, waterproof clothing, stain-resistant

carpets and fabrics, and food packaging. While it does not prove that exposure to chemicals like PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) and phenols (including BPA) led to these cancer diagnoses, researchers found that women who developed those cancers have significantly higher levels of these chemicals in their bodies.

The study, published in the Journal of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology, showed that women in particular who were more exposed to PFDE, a long-chain PFAS compound, were twice as likely to have a previous melanoma (form of skin cancer) diagnosis.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned intend to get the electricity connection (Consumer ID No. 020201000943), registered in the name of Hakim Ishtiaq Hussain S/o Late Hakim Ghulam Hussain R/o Gogji Bagh, Srinagar, transferred in her name. Any one having any objection, if any, may file the same before PDD Sub-Division Raj Bagh, Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.  
Batool Sarwar  
R/o Hakim Ishtiaq Hussain  
R/o Gogji Bagh, Srinagar

### Government OF JAMMU & KASHMIR Office Of The Executive Engineer REW Division Bandipora NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

E- NIT No. 108 /2023-24 Dated: 08/09/2023

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

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (In Lacs)	Tender Fee (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	EMD (In Rs.)	Major Head	Panchayat/Gram Sabha	TYPE OF TENDER
1	C/O Tile Path at Different Spots at Ward No. 01	1.00	200	60 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	UT & District Capex	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-BALHAMA	Halqa Level
2	Fencing Of 02-No. Graveyards at Ward No. 03	2.30	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-ARIN A	Halqa Level
3	Upgradation of Kocha from main road to H/O Mohd Ramzan Lone	1.51	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-ARIN A	Halqa Level
4	C/O P-WALL with Tile path at Ward No. 05	2.30	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-ARIN A	Halqa Level
5	C/O Tile Path and Drain at Different Spots at Ward No. 02	2.00	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-ARIN A	Halqa Level
6	Upgradation of Tile path with Drain Cover at Ward No. 06	2.30	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-ARIN A	Halqa Level
7	C/O Tile path with Filling at Ward No. 07	1.50	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-ARIN A	Halqa Level
8	C/O Crate Bund at Different Spots at Khundri Nallaha Ward No. 01	2.50	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-BALHAMA	Halqa Level
9	C/O Tile Path from Cement Bridge to H/O Ab Aziz Hajam Ward No. 07	1.00	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-BALHAMA	Halqa Level
10	C/O Culvert and P-wall near H/O M Rafiq and Others at Ward No. 04	2.50	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-CA KHAN	Halqa Level
11	Upgradation of CFC Building at DARDPORA	2.00	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-DARDPORA	Halqa Level
12	Upgradation of CFC Building at GUNDI KAISER	2.00	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-GUNDI KAISER	Halqa Level
13	Upgradation of CFC Building at T.A.SHAH	3.50	300	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-T.A.SHAH	OPEN
14	Upgradation of SEMEN TESTING LAB ( SBF ) AT KUNAN	2.00	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-KUNAN	Halqa Level
15	C/O Zamindari Drain from main road onwards Via Orchard of Gh Mohammad Wani and others at Malikpora	1.10	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-SUMLAR A	Halqa Level
16	C/O Drain from Masjid Sharief to Nallaha at ward No.02	2.00	200	30 Days	DEE OTHERS	3% of Adv Cost	PRI	Block:- ARIN Halqa:-SURINDER	Halqa Level

Position of A/A: Accorded Position of T/S: Accorded  
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.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	13-09-2023
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	13-09-2023 from 04:00 PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	20-09-2023 up to 04:00 PM
4.	Date & time of opening of Online Bids	21-09-2023 at 11:00 AM or any convenient day in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Bandipora

5. Note: Hard copy of original Tender Document, Fee Receipt and EMD shall be deposited after the financial bid is opened. In case the original Tender Document Fee Receipt and EMD is not Deposited within 5 days after the Financial Bid is Opened for all responsive bidders Who have participated online, the Department shall serve the Notice as per Rules.

Sd/- Executive Engineer  
REW Bandipora

NO:-XEN/REW/BPR/15042-48  
DIPK-8993/23 DATED:-18-09-2023

### Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT. Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS  
e-NIT No:- 89/6872-81/2023-24/RnB/Bla Dated 12.09.2023

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

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest money. (In Rs.)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Project Authority	Position of AAA	Position of funds
1.	Construction of Health and Wellness Centre Sultanpora Kandi	38.61	77220/-	1100/-	90days	A&B	SSY	District Development Commission- Baramulla	Accorded (95/06.07.2023)	Available

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 the scheduled date given below.

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	12.09.2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 13.09.2023 to 25.09.2023 4:00PM
3.	Bid submission Start date	14.09.2023
4.	Bid Submission End Date	25.09.2023 upto 4:00PM
5.	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	26.09.2023 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla

2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 mentioning there in the name of work/ NIT No. in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender 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 Division Baramulla. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Baramulla.

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

6. The bidder shall be debarred for tendering process if:-  
a) Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

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

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

7. The tender/ bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill requirements as laid down in NIT.

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

No. 6872-81  
DIPK-9032/23 Dated 18.09.2023

Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Baramulla

### G20 NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date- 10/10/2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FOR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
15.09.2023	26.09.2023	10.10.2023 / 15:00 Hrs.

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1.	214-2023-24-UHP-DRM-FZR	AT welding of 60 Kg/60E1 - R260 grade Rail 152 Kg - 90/72 UTS Rail rails in situ with single shot crucible fitted as per RDSO specifications in the section of Sr. DEN-IV/FZR.
		Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of offer Period of completion
		39,34,015.01/- 78,700.00/- 60 Days 06 Months
2.	215-2023-24-JHP-DRM-FZR	TWR (Through Weld Renewal) at loop lines no. 1, 2, 3, 5 at UHF, loop line no. 1, 3 & 4 at SVDK, loop line no. 1 & 2 at CRWL, loop line no. 1 & 3 at SGR, loop line no. 1 & 3 at BLA, loop line no. 1 & 3 at RUMJK, loop line no. 1 & 3 at MNVL on JAT-SVDK section & at loop line no. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, ART siding, Diesel shed siding, HA siding, Parcel siding, Shunting neck, Turn Table Siding & Wheel Lathe Siding no. 1, 2 and 3 at BDGM, loop line no. 4, Saloon cum Parcel siding, Goods line & HAS siding at ANT, loop line no. 1, 3 & HAS siding at CG, loop line no. HAS siding at PTTN, loop line no. 1 & HAS siding at HME, loop line no. HAS siding at KAPE, loop line no. 1 & HAS siding at PJGM, loop line no. 1 & 3 SDUA, loop line no. 4 at ATPA, loop line no. PS siding at SINA, loop line no. ORLS BRML end at SXZM, MZMA stations on BAH-BrML section by using Road cum Rail Mobile, Flash Butt Welding plant in jurisdiction of Sr. DEN-IV/FZR.
		Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of offer Period of completion
		3,30,72,037.73/- 3,15,400.00/- 60 Days 12 Months

Note : 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. No. : 214 & 215-2023-24-UHP-DRM-FZR Date: 18.09.2023  
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### G20 NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEE/G/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders (www.ireps.gov.in) against below titled Tenders Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids up to closing date and time only.

Tender No.:	251-Elect-T-27/2023-24
Name of Work	Electrical Work for One-time repair of Tunnel-07, 23 & 25 electrical assets like SCADA system and associated Sensors in JAT-SVDK section.
Approx. Cost (In Rs.)	5196956.00
Earnest Money (In Rs.)	103900.00
Completion Period	04 Months
Opening of Tender	09.10.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.
Website Particulars	www.ireps.gov.in
251-Elect/T. Notice No.-19-Elect/2023-24 Dated :-	18.09.2023 2885/23

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### G20 NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.-219-2023-24-ADEN-1-ASR Dated: 18.09.2023  
Sr.DEN-III/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date- 10/10/2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
16.09.2023	26-09-2023	10-10-2023 15:00 Hrs

S.No. : 1	Tender No. 219-2023-24-ADEN-1-ASR
Details of Tender :	Augmentation of heat treatment shop along with flooring in different shops at ASRW for safe working of staff at Amritsar.
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money Validity of Offer Period of Completion
92,96,099.05/-	1,85,900/- 60 Days 06 Months

Similar nature of work :- "Any Civil work other than track work".  
Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. 2. If there is any mistake in Hindi than English will be accepted. 2894/2023  
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## DIRECTORATE OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY KASHMIR YEARS ACHIEVEMENTS / CONTRIBUTION TO DAIRY & POULTRY SECTOR During last three years (2020-2023) under various schemes

**01 Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS)**

- 5.9% Increase in milk production
- 3066 Employment Generation under IDDS
- 3147 Dairy units established
- 435 additional components distributed
- RS. 3,948.76 lac subsidy disbursed

**05 Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM)**

- Female bovines covered under Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme (NAIP) increased from 45% to 77%
- TO increase the number of Milch herd 7411Sex Sorted semen straws used for birth of female calf under Accelerated Breed Improvement programme-Sexed semen (ABIP-SS)
- TO deliver Artificial Insemination services at farmers door step,178 unemployed educated youth trained as Multipurpose AI Technicians for Rural India(MAITRIS)
- TO involve women folk for providing primary services to Dairy farmers,100 female trained as A-HELP (Accredited Agent Health and Extension livestock Production) and in addition 200 females currently undergoing training.

**02 Integrated Poultry Development Programme (IPDP)**

- # 633 employment Generation under IPDP
- # 203 Commercial Broiler units established
- # 491 additional component distributed
- # Rs. 499.507 lac subsidy disbursed

**03 Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP)**

- Dairy Development, Poultry Development & Fodder Development project being taken up
- Orientation and trainings at UT, Divisional & District level already completed

**04 Animal Husbandry INFRASTRUCTURE Development Fund (AHIDF)**

- 1 Silage manufacturing unit established

**06 National Livestock Mission (NLM)**

- A total of 19,232 Equines and 30,420 Dairy animals insured to prevent accidental losses to farmers.

**07 Livestock Health & Disease Control(LH&DC)**

- 25 Mobile Veterinary Clinics (MVC's) a "Hospital on Wheels" and
- 12 ambulances commissioned with Toll Free "Animal Help Line"196
- 100% vaccination of bovines against FMD&BRUCELLOSIS
- 79.28 lac doses of cattle vaccines& 605.28 lac doses of poultry vaccines administered

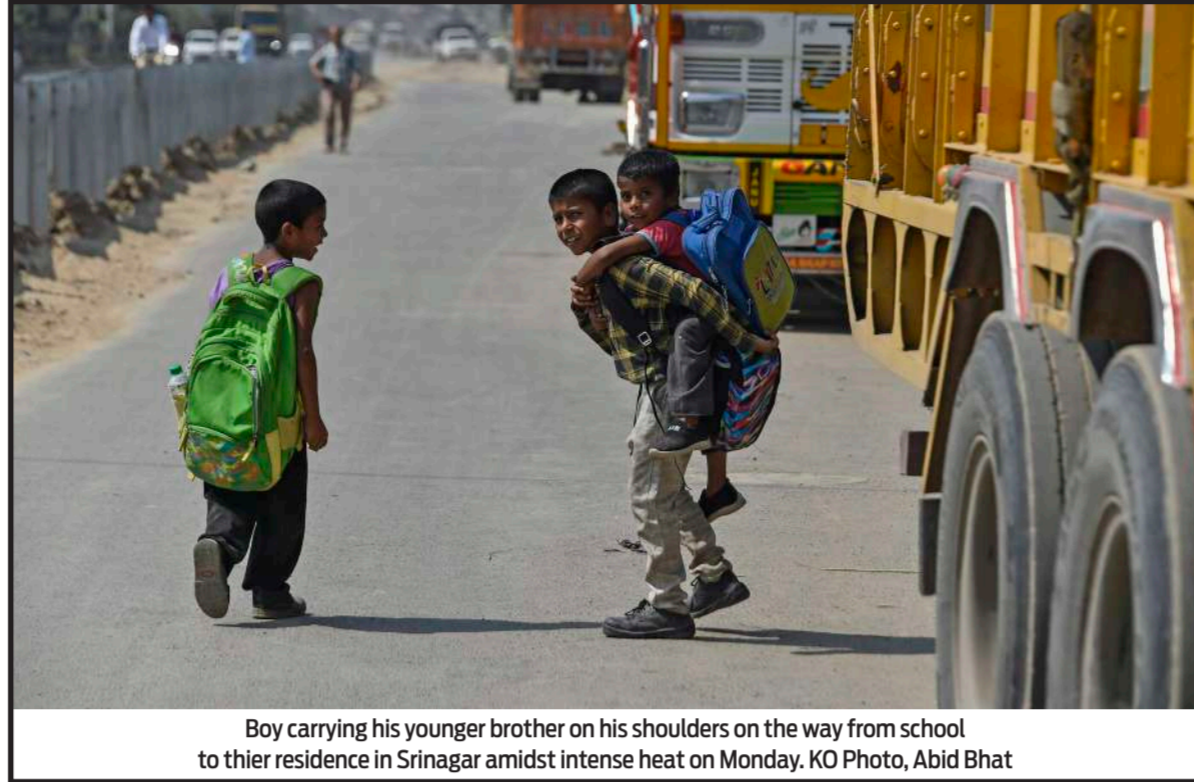
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## Arrangements For Smooth Conduct Of JKSSRB Exams Finalized

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In connection with the JKSSRB OMR based written examination scheduled to be held in the month of September and October 2023, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex. At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner discussed the arrangements to be put in place for the smooth conduct of the SSB forthcoming examination. The examination is being held at various centers in the District in which over 5000 candidates are appearing. During the meeting the police department

was directed to ensure adequate deployment of Police personnel. Similarly, the Traffic Department was directed to ensure proper traffic arrangements in and around the designated examination centre's. While proper Escort be provided to the JKSSB for transportation of material to the exam centres through the Vehicles of RTO for transport of the material. Likewise, PDD was asked to ensure uninterrupted power supply at the Centers. During the meeting, it was decided that section 144 Crpc shall be imposed around the examination centers. While supervisors and duty magistrates were also deployed to ensure smooth and hassle free conduct of examination.



Boy carrying his younger brother on his shoulders on the way from school to their residence in Srinagar amidst intense heat on Monday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## RTO Srinagar Crackdown On E-Rickshaws Operating Without Registration

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In the wake of mounting complaints, the Srinagar Regional Transport Office (RTO), Srinagar has begun a crackdown on E-rickshaws operating without registration plates.

The RTO officials said that it is mandatory to register an E-rickshaw before being plied on the roads. They also said the number of vehicles operating without registration plates is a problem for the traffic police.

## Man Detained For Uploading Hateful Content Against Slain DySP

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK), on Monday detained a social media user for uploading hateful/abusive content against slain DySP Humayun Muzammil. CIK in a statement issued here said, "one Instagram user was found posting hateful /abusive posts against Martyred Dy. SP of J&K Police Humayun Muzammil

who among other army officers lost his life while fighting with terrorists in an encounter at Koker-nag in Anantnag on Wednesday, 13.09.2023. On preliminary analysis of his social media handles it is found that the user is also uploading content glorifying terrorism, threatening security forces and calling names etc," The user has been identified as Irfan Malik (43) operator in Just-Dial son of Abdul Rashid Malik, a resident of Chotta Bazar Srinagar.

The social media user has been booked and detained under relevant provisions of law in FIR No. 07/2023 of Police Station CID CIK. The FIR is under investigation into the acts of abusing social media, threatening members of security forces and glorifying terrorism etc. Sources said that many such users are under the scanner of CIK and more arrests are expected on the identification of such users. Further investigation in the case is in progress.

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092, 2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488, 245222, 2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
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SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311 ✈

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- BIJHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

**HIGHWAY STATUS**  

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



**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
02 Rabi-ul-Awwal 1445

PRAYERS	
FAJR	4:53
ZUHR	12:36
ASR	4:50
Magrib	6:39
ISHA	8:58

## This Day In History

- 335- Dalmatius is raised to the rank of Caesar by his uncle Constantine I
- 634- Muslim forces led by Khalid ibn al-Walid capture Damascus, 1st major city of Eastern Roman Empire taken by the Rashidun Caliphate
- 1356- English forces under Edward the Black Prince defeat French at the Battle of Poitiers and capture the French King John II during the Hundred Years' War/1523- Emperor Charles I & England sign anti-French covenant
- 1559 Five Spanish ships sink in storm off Tampa, about 600 die
- 1642- Perpignan surrenders to French troops
- 1656- Treaty of Labiau: Sweden gives Prussia, Brandenburg
- 1657- Brandenburg & Poland sign Treaty of Wehlau
- 1755- Great Britain & Russia sign military agreement
- 1848- Hyperion, moon of Saturn - the first non-round moon - discovered by William Cranch Bond, his son George Phillips Bond and William Lassell
- 1863- Battle of Chickamauga, GA (near Chattanooga) begins; Union forces retreat after a couple days of fighting
- 1864- Third Battle of Winchester, Virginia [Opequon], large bloody battle with the Union army defeating Confederate force with over 9,000 casualties
- 1865- Atlanta University founded
- 1870- Siege of Paris by Prussian Forces begins (lasts until January 28 1871)
- 1879- The Blackpool Illuminations are switched on for the first time.
- 1879 Thomas Ray becomes youngest to break a world track & field record pole-vaulting 11' 2½" at age 17 years & 198 days
- en the right to vote
- 1896- Beginning of the Bombay plague epidemic when Dr. Acacio Gabriel Viegas detects the first case in Mandvi. Goes on to spread and kill 12 million in India.
- 1903 - King Leopold II denies Belgian cruelty in Congo
- 1911- Red Tuesday; 20,000 Spanish protest for universal rights
- 1916- Belgian troops conquer Tabora, German East Africa
- 1916- First landing at Schiphol Airport, Netherlands (Farman F-22 of Soesterberg)
- 1922- Queen Wilhelmina assumes Dutch throne with 119 word speech
- 1931- Japanese troops conquer Mukden, South Manchuria
- 1937- Seven convicts take Folsom Prison Warden Clarence Larkin hostage in escape attempt, the warden, a guard, and 2 inmates are killed in ensuing stand-off; 5 remaining prisoners convicted of murder and executed by newly introduced gas chamber in California
- 193-9 British Expeditionary Force reaches France
- 1940- Nazi decree forbids gentile woman to work in Jewish homes
- 1941- 1st meeting of partisan leaders Tito & Draza Mihailovic in Yugoslavia
- 1943- Liberator bombers sinks U-341
- 1944 - Armistice between Finland and Soviet Union is signed. (End of the Continuation War)
- 1950 - Great Three acknowledgement Bond government as only German government
- 1950 - UN reject membership of China's People Republic
- 1974 - Hurricane Fifi hits coast of Honduras; about 5,000 die
- 1974 - The KGB begin a large-scale operation to discredit Russian novelist Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and cut his communications with Soviet dissidents
- 1975 - Indonesia sends troops to Portuguese East Timor
- 1981 - Satellites China 10 & 11 launched into Earth orbit by B-1 rocket
- 1984 - Britain & China complete a proposed agreement to transfer Hong Kong to China by 1997
- 1985 - 8.1 earthquake in Mexico City kills an estimated 10,000 and leaves 250,000 homeless
- 1988 - Israel launches 1st satellite, for secret military reconnaissance.
- 1989 - French DC-10 crashes near Niger, 171 die
- 1992 - UN Security Council votes 12-0 (3 abstentions) to dump Yugoslavia

## Dr Showkat's Book "Bache, Bache Doctor Te Bache Doctory" Released

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The book launch of "Bache, Bache Doctor Te Bache Doctory" by Dr. Showkat Hussain Tali was held today at Tagore Hall, Srinagar. The book was released by JKAACL. The event was presided over by Rafeeq Raaz, Ayaz Rasool Nazki, Prof. Shad Ramzan, Ali Shaidda, Dr Nazim Mushtaq and Dr Farooq Anwar Mirza. Dr Gulzar A Rather anchored the event and Dr Javid Iqbal presented the vote of thanks.

Dr. Nisar Nadeem read a detailed paper on the book, and Riyaz Anzoo, Yousuf Jangir, Shabir Ahmad Shabir and Shakeel Ur Rehman provided their in-depth analysis of the book. SSP ACB South Kashmir Shri Rakesh was also present at the event as guest of honor.

**From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar**  
Present : Mr. Jawad Ahmad

Mst Amina W/o Abdul Majeed Khan R/o Iqbal Abad Lane No 2 near Masid Mehraj Bemina Sgr V/S

1 Imtiyaz Ah Khan S/o Abdul Majeed Khan R/o Iqbal-abad Bemina Sgr  
2 Inam ul Haq Khan S/o Abdul Majeed Khan R/o Mo-minabad Batmaloo Sgr  
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 484103 as debits and securities in name of Deceased Namely: Late Late Abdul Majeed Khan S/o Fajer Din R/o Iqbalabad Lane 2 Bemina Srinagar who died on 26-06-022. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 09-10-2023

Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the drom of this proclamation that at any anyone 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 09-10-2023. 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



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Impaired Assets Portfolio Management Department (IAPMD)  
Zonal Office Anantnag  
Bakshiabad, Anantnag-192101  
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**E-AUCTION/SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
E-AUCTION/ SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO THE BANK UNDER SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST (SARFAESI) ACT 2002 AND SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower, Mortgagor and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Yaripora (hereinafter referred to as the Bank/ Secured Creditor), the Possession of which has been taken by one of the Authorized Officers of the Bank/ Secured Creditor in exercise of powers conferred under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (the Act) and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the Rules), will be sold on "As is where is, As is what is, Whatever there is and Without recourse basis", as per the particulars given hereunder.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)	(i) Mr. Arshid Ahmad Bhat S/O Abdul Gani Bhat R/O Machewa Yaripora Kulgam(Borrower); Proprietor of M/S Sharafat Fruit Co. (ii) Nazir Ahmad Bhat S/O Ghulam Muhammad Bhat R/O Machewa Yaripora Kulgam(Guarantor) (iii) Mohammad Altaf Malik S/O Mohammad Ismail Malik R/O Machewa Yaripora Kulgam(Guarantor) (iv) Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat S/O Muhammad Yousuf Bhat R/O Machewa Yaripora Kulgam(Guarantor). (v) Abdul Gani Bhat alias Gani S/O Ghulam Rasool Bhat alias Rasool R/O Machewa Yaripora(Mortgagor)
Amount in Demand Notice (excluding interest and other expenses from 01-02-2021)	Rs.66,12,728.35/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lac Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Eight and Paise Thirty Five Only)
Amount Due on 31-08-2023 (Excluding interest from 01-09-2023).	Rs. 88,30,447.35 (Rupees Eighty Eight Lac Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Forty Seven and Paise Thirty Five only.)
Legal and other Charges Due as on 31-08-2023	Rs.1,26,200.00/- ( Rupees One Lac Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred only)
Description of the mortgaged Property/ Secured Asset (Put on sale)	Land measuring 12 Kanals 15 marlas falling under Khasra No.49-min (0815M), Khata No.42, Khevat No.09; khasra no. 172-min(04K), khata no.42 and khevat no.9 of situated at Mouza Machewa Tehsil Yaripora District Kulgam
Reserve Price	Rs.1,000,350.00/- (Rupees One Crore and Three Thousand Five Hundred Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.10,00,350/- (Rupees Ten Lacs and Three Hundred Fifty Only)
Bid Increase Amount	Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
Name of the Branch	Branch office Yaripora
Authorized Officer/Designation	Juneed Ahmad Wani Designation Chief Manager Authorised officer Contact No.01932222440/ 7006277328
Last Date & Time of submission of Bid, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Documents	09-10-2023 up to 04.00 P.M
Date and Time of e-Auction	10-10-2023 between 12:00 P.M to 04:00 P.M
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Other Remittance/s detail/s by RTGS to Account Number	Account No. 0437070700000003 Account Name : E Auction Account (Sundry Pointing) IFSC CODE: JAKA0YARPUR

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link - "https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net") of our auctioning agency M/s e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction tiger). The interested bidders shall submit their offer through website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net. The EMD 10% of RESERVE PRICE shall be payable through NEFT/RTGS/DD on or before 04:00 PM of 09-10-2023. For any Clarifications regarding to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of bids etc kindly contact Jammu and Kashmir bank Ltd Branch office Yaripora, Anantnag or the Authorised Officer. The Authorized Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer and the Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. For detailed terms and conditions of the Auction/sale please visit https://www.jkbank.com or https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net.

**STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (6) READ WITH RULE 9 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002**  
The borrower/ mortgagor/guarantor(s) are again hereby notified to pay the outstanding sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-auction and get the property redeemed, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and costs.

Dated : 15.09.2023  
Place: Anantnag  
Juneed Ahmad Wani  
Authorized Officer

Registered office : Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India  
CIN: L65110JK19385G000048 ; T : +91 (0)194 2481 930-35 ; F : +91 (0)194 248 1928 ; E : info@jkbmail.com ; W : www.jkbank.com

DIPK-NB-3247/23 dated: 18-09-2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wrongly spelled in my ward's (Tawheed Iqbal Wani) school records as Mohamad Iqbal Wani while my correct name is Mohammad Iqbal Wani which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Tyndale Biscoe And Mallinson Tangmarh within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mohammad Iqbal Wani  
F/o Tawheed Iqbal Wani  
R/o Kharpora Kawrhama  
Kunzer bmg

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have lost the Number Plate of my vehicle bearing Regd No: JK22A- 1783. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the ARTO Shopian within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Abdul Rehman Malik  
S/o Gh Mohd Malik  
R/o Dangam Shopian fko

**NOTICE**

I Shubeena Akhter D/O Gh Nabi Bhat R/O Rangil Ganderbal want to obtain Discharge Certificate of 9th Class (Year 08/11/2007) Admission No:- 722 from Govt.Hr.Sec.School Khamallullah Ganderbal. Regard this, if anybody having any objection may file the same to the Office of the Principal (Govt.Hr.Sec.School Khamallullah Ganderbal) within a week at the most after that no objection will be accepted.

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## Iran, US Complete Landmark Prisoner Exchange Deal



Agencies

Iran and the US on 18 September completed a long-awaited prisoner exchange deal brokered by Qatar that also saw the transfer of \$6 billion in frozen Iranian funds held by South Korea.

Ten prisoners were released: five US citizens detained in the Islamic Republic under espionage charges and five Iranians held in the US for allegedly violating Washington's sanctions regime.

According to Reuters, the five detainees released in Tehran were accompanied by Qatar's ambassador to Iran to the airport, where they flew out of the country in a Qatari jet.

Iran's foreign ministry said on Monday that two Iranians freed by Washington would remain in the US, and one would fly to a third country to join his family. The two others are set to return home.

"One of them, as he has family in another country, will be moved to join them in that third country, and apparently, two of our citizens imprisoned in the US have said they wish to remain there due to their history of staying there," foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani told reporters.

The two released detainees arrived at Doha airport on Monday evening, according to Iranian officials. "Simultaneously, the three other Iranian prisoners who lived in the US have been freed," Nournews

reported.

The prisoner swap got underway after Qatar confirmed that previously frozen Iranian funds worth \$6 billion were transferred to Iranian bank accounts in Doha.

Central Bank of Iran (CBI) chief Reza Farzin confirmed on Monday that the Iranian banks that received the unfrozen billions in their Qatari accounts are Keshavarzi, Shahr, Pasargad, Gardeshgari, Karafarin, and Saman. He also revealed that the transfer was conducted by the international agents of two Qatari banks, Ahlibank and Dukhan Bank, through the SWIFT system.

A sanctions waiver provided by Washington earlier this month is reportedly how the Iranian banks were allowed to receive funds via SWIFT.

Despite claims to the contrary by US officials, Iranian authorities maintain that the unfrozen funds will be used to acquire "whatever the Iranian people need."

"This money belongs to the Iranian people, the Iranian government, so the Islamic Republic of Iran will decide what to do with this money... Humanitarian means whatever the Iranian people need, so this money will be budgeted for those needs, and the needs of the Iranian people will be decided and determined by the Iranian government," President Ebrahim Raisi said last week during a televised interview with NBC News.

## Saudi Arabia Ditches Allies In Favor Of Direct Talks With Yemeni Resistance: Report

Agencies

According to an 18 September report by Lebanese daily Al-Akhabar, Omani-mediated negotiations to end the war in Yemen have been taking place directly between Riyadh and the Ansarallah-led Sanaa government, without the participation of the parties loyal to the Saudi-led coalition.

The report also suggests that Saudi Arabia is looking to disregard US pressure on the negotiations.

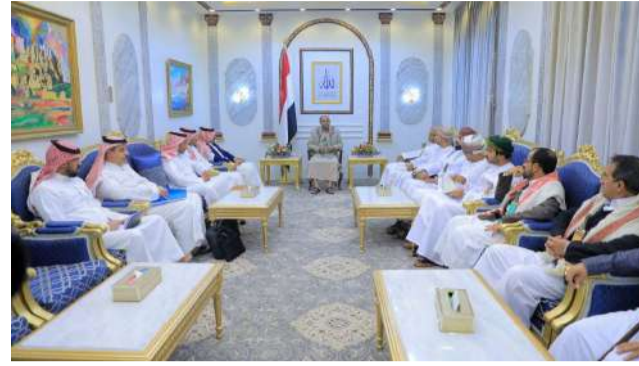
Citing informed sources, it states that the Saudi-appointed Presidential Leadership Council (PLC) and Saudi and UAE-backed forces in Yemen "appear to have no role in the negotiations."

The report claims that Saudi Arabia is ignoring the secessionist aspirations of the UAE-backed Southern Transitional Council (STC) government and has rejected its demands to be included in the negotiations.

The talks have so far "achieved great progress," particularly in relation to humanitarian issues, the sources say.

These negotiations are almost at a "final" stage, the sources go on to reveal, adding that the role of coalition-backed groups, namely the Saudi-appointed PLC and UAE-backed STC, "will not go beyond signing and attending the [upcoming] ceremony."

Khaled Salman, editor of Yemeni newspaper Al-Thawri, said via social media that "Saudi Arabia is seriously seeking a long-term peace with Sanaa on its own path, away from American pressure, to deprive Washington of any cards that may be used against it in the future." He added that there is an



"overwhelming" Saudi desire to withdraw from "the American mantle."

Early last month, it was announced that Omani-mediated peace talks were in motion once again after being suspended due to what the Ansarallah resistance movement referred to as US interference. At the time, the group accused Washington of trying to obstruct the payment of the salaries of public servants in Yemen, one of the Sanaa government's leading demands for peace.

On 14 September, an Ansarallah official announced the departure of its delegation to Saudi Arabia in order to resume Omani-mediated talks. Two days later, Sanaa's chief negotiator, Muhammad Abdul Salam, said while in the kingdom: "We are always optimistic... Peace is our basic demand and the first option we are working on."

According to Al-Akhabar, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) held a recent meeting in Muscat with a delegation from the Sanaa government. The main topics discussed were "the state's general budget, movement of funds from provinces, and lifting the blockade on ports."

As part of the Saudi-led blockade against Yemen, heavy restrictions remain imposed on the country's main port of Hodeidah, as well as Sanaa International Airport.

"Bin Salman provided guarantees to Sanaa regarding all points of disagreement, including the American position opposing peace," the report cites two sources - one of them being a Saudi foreign ministry advisor - as saying.

Tawfiq al-Humairi, information ministry advisor in the Sanaa government, said on 17 September: "Riyadh has accepted the terms that it had refused in the previous period to give space for discussion in all rounds."

This includes a full lifting of the blockade and the return of "looted funds," which Humairi said have been confiscated and held in the Saudi National Bank. These funds will be used to pay the salaries of all civil servants, he added.

"The pressures directed towards Saudi Arabia from Sanaa today outweigh the American pressures on Riyadh," Humairi said, referring to Ansarallah's threats of missile attacks against Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

## Need To Get Over "West Is The Bad Guy Syndrome": S Jaishankar

Press Trust of India



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday said the West was not the "bad guy" as it was not flooding Asian and African markets with goods on a massive scale and that there was a need to get over the "syndrome" of seeing it in a negative way.

Mr Jaishankar, in an interview to Malayalam news channel Asianet, also made it clear that he was not batting for the West. He was in Thiruvananthapuram as part of the launch of the PM Vishwakarma scheme.

"It is not the West which is flooding Asia and Africa with goods on a massive scale. I think we need to get over the syndrome of the past that the West is the bad guy and on the other side are the developing countries. The world is more complicated, the problems are much more complicated than that," the minister said.

Former Indian diplomat T P Sreenivasan interviewed the minister for the channel.

On being asked whether Chinese President Xi Jinping did not attend the G20 summit in New Delhi because it did not want India to be seen as leader of the Global South, Mr Jaishankar said the reasons were up for speculation.

He said the issue today was the building up of a strong sense, over the last 15 to 20 years, over the inequities of globalisation where countries saw their products, manufacturing and employment come under

stress due to their markets being flooded by cheap goods - an indirect reference to the Chinese trade and economic policies.

The minister said this underlying resentment and pain of those countries regarding the global economy was building up for the last 15 to 20 years and the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukraine conflict resulted in prices of energy and food items going up.

So there was a sense of anger building up in countries about them being used as an extractive resource to fuel the economy of another nation and added that the West was not to be blamed for that.

He made it clear that he was not batting for the West and said that in today's globalisation there was a concentration of manufacturing that was being leveraged and subsidised and was affecting economies of various nations.

However, India's manufacturing, agriculture, scientific achievement like the Chandrayaan-3 mission, ability to vaccinate, etc all of that has created a sense among the Global South, which includes the African Union, "that one of us has the ability to stand, grow and progress".

## Wilful Denial Of Sexual Relationship By Spouse Cruelty: Delhi High Court

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Wilful denial of sexual relationship by a spouse amounts to cruelty, especially when the parties are newly married and this itself is a ground for grant of divorce," said the bench, also comprising Justice Neena Bansal Krishna, in an order dated September 11.

"In the present case, not only did the marriage between the parties subsist for barely 35 days but failed completely on account of deprivation of conjugal rights and non-consummation of marriage," the court said referring to the period the woman spent at her matrimonial home.

It cannot be overlooked that such deprivation over a period of more than 18 years itself amounts to mental cruelty. The court recorded the couple got married according to Hindu customs and rites in 2004 and the wife soon went back to her parental home and did not return. The husband later approached the family court for divorce on the grounds of cruelty and desertion.

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## SC Trashes Plea Seeking Single 'Constitutional Religion' for Entire Country

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Monday dismissed a plea seeking a single "constitutional religion" in the country, asking the petitioner can he prevent people from following their respective religious faiths.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia asked the petitioner from where did he get the thought of filing such a petition.

"You say there should be one constitutional religion. Can you prevent people from following their own religions? What is this?" the bench told the man who appeared as petitioner-in-person.

Petitioners-in-person are individuals or lawyers appearing in their individual capacity before a court. They have to obtain permission from the court's registrar before



appearing as a petitioner-in-person. The instant petition was filed by Mukesh Kumar and Mukesh Manveer Singh.

"What is this? What do you want in this petition?" the bench asked one of them who was present before it.

The petitioner, who said he is a social activist, told the bench he has filed the public interest litigation (PIL) under Article 32 of the Constitution on behalf of the people of India seeking "one constitutional religion".

"On what basis?" asked the court.

The bench said the petition sought quashing of a constitutional order of 1950. It, however, did not mention which constitutional order it was referring to. The court then dismissed the petition.

Article 32 of the Constitution extends to the citizens of the country the right to approach the apex court through appropriate proceedings if they feel their fundamental rights have been violated.

## 'It's Now Becoming Clear...': Shashi Tharoor On Need For Special Session

Agencies



NEW DELHI: Congress Member of Parliament Shashi Tharoor has said that they were all a bit confused as to why this special session was called as bills that the government have been talking about could have been introduced later.

Shashi Tharoor told ANI "We were all a bit confused as to why it was necessary because in many ways, a lot of bills they have been talking about could have been introduced later. But it is now becoming clear, the government wanted to make a special moment out of shifting from one building to another. They have tried to do it in a special way. We can understand the objective there."

Further, speaking on the last day of Parliamentary proceedings in the old building, Congress MP Tharoor said that it is always an emotional moment to leave an institution which is so full of history and memories.

"Well this building is full of memories as the PM also said, it is full of history. It will be a sad moment. Let's hope that the new building has better facilities, new technology and more

convenience for the members of the Parliament. But still, it is always an emotional moment to leave an institution which is so full of history and memories," Shashi Tharoor added.

The five-day special session of the Parliament began at 11 am on Monday. The session is being held in the old Parliament building, and MPs will move into the new building on Tuesday, the second day of the special session.

Earlier in the day, while addressing media persons outside Parliament, PM Modi said that several important decisions will be taken during this special session of Parliament. The Prime Minister called on MPs to pledge to work towards making India a developed country by 2047.

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## JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FOR THE UT OF J&K AND UT OF LADAKH)

Objections/ comments invited from various stakeholders for Draft JERC Regulations, 2023 for the UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Subject: Draft JERC Regulations, 2023 for the UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh.**

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section 5 of section 83 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (No. 36 of 2003), the central Government has constituted a Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh vide notification dated 18.06.2020.

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 86 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (No. 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling, it, the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh hereby makes the following draft Regulations:

- Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Distribution Code), Regulations, 2023.
- Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (State Grid Code), Regulations, 2023.
- Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Compliance Audit), Regulations, 2023.
- Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Demand Side Management), Regulations, 2023.
- Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Procedure for filing appeal before the Appellate Authority), Regulations, 2023.
- Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Transmission Performance Standards), Regulations, 2023.

The Commission has decided to seek comments/suggestions/objections from the consumers and other stakeholders in the matter, before finalizing the same.

- The Draft Regulations are available on the website of the Commission (<http://www.jercikl.nic.in/>).
- Suggestions / comments / objections are invited from the stakeholders which may be submitted in Urdu, Hindi or English, through E-Mail/in person or by post within 21 days from the date of publication. Suggestions/comments/objections should carry the full name, postal address and E-mail address.

Contact details are mentioned below:

Secretary,  
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- Public hearing, if required shall be held in the office of JERC for UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh. Date for the same shall be intimated to all concerned separately through mail, if needed.

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Sd/-  
Secretary, Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission,  
J&K and Ladakh

## SP Sandeep Choudhary To Join NIA On Deputation Basis

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Sandeep Choudhary, SP, Cyber Crime Investigation Centre for Excellence (CICE) of Jammu and Kashmir Police, was on Monday relieved from his post to enable him to join the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on deputation basis for a period of five years, an official order said.

Chief Secretary, J&K home department, Raj Kumar Goyal said.

The order said Choudhary, a 2012-batch AGMUT cadre IPS officer, is relieved from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to enable him to take up the new assignment in the federal agency, consequent upon the approval of the competent authority for his induction as SP in NIA on deputation basis.



Superintendent of Police (SP), Special Crime Wing, Jammu, Anuj Kumar was given the additional charge of the post of SP, CICE till further orders, the order issued by Financial Commissioner-cum-Additional

The deputation of the officer will be for a period of five years from the date of the assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier, the order said.

## CUK's Department Of Law Holds Workshop On Legal Journalism



Observer News Service

**GANDERBAL:** Department of Law, School of Legal Studies, Central University Kashmir on Monday held a daylong workshop on 'Legal Journalism & Judgment Report Writing' at Tulmulla campus.

The workshop was organized to imbibe in students the knowledge about legal journalism and basic knowledge about judgment report writing.

The workshop started with an event introduction and felicitation by workshop convenor Dr. Mudasir Ahmad Bhat, Assistant Professor Law and Legal Advisor, CUK. Head & Dean, School of Legal Studies, Prof (Dr) Farooq Ahmad Mir welcomed the attendees and gave his special remarks on the theme of the workshop.

Dean Academic Affairs, CUK, Prof (Dr) Shahid Rasool delivered the inaugural address on the eve.

The workshop started formally with the Training Session presided over by Mohammad Ibrahim Wani, Former Principal District & Sessions Judge; the following Session was presided over by Marouf Ahmad, Senior Consulting Editor, the penultimate session by D.A Rashid Senior Legal Correspondent and the final session by Ahsan-ul-Shafi, Associated with Bar & Bench.

The presenters of the training sessions thoroughly delved into the theme of the workshop and also actively engaged with the students to answer their queries.

The valedictory address and certificate distribution was presided over by Prof (Dr) Mohd Afzal Zargar, Registrar, Central University of Kashmir.

A Vote of Thanks was delivered towards the end by Bilal Ahmad Ganai, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Central University of Kashmir.

## Nehru Yuva Kendra Pulwama Celebrates Hindi Diwas

Mushtaq Ul Islam

**PULWAMA:** Nehru Yuva Kendra Pulwama Celebrated Hindi Diwas at Patalbagh Pampore.

Hindi Diwas is celebrated on September 14 every year to commemorate the adoption of Hindi as the official language of India by the Constituent Assembly of India on this day in 1949.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the

first prime minister of India, officially declared 14 September as the Hindi Diwas.

"The purpose of Hindi Day, which is being celebrated across the country on this day is to not impose this language on non-speaking states and people."

"The importance of this day is just to promote the language in the non-speaking and also Hindi-speaking areas."

## 6 Gamblers Arrested In Kulgam

**SRINAGAR:** Police on Monday claimed to have arrested six gamblers in a raid in South Kashmir's Kulgam district.

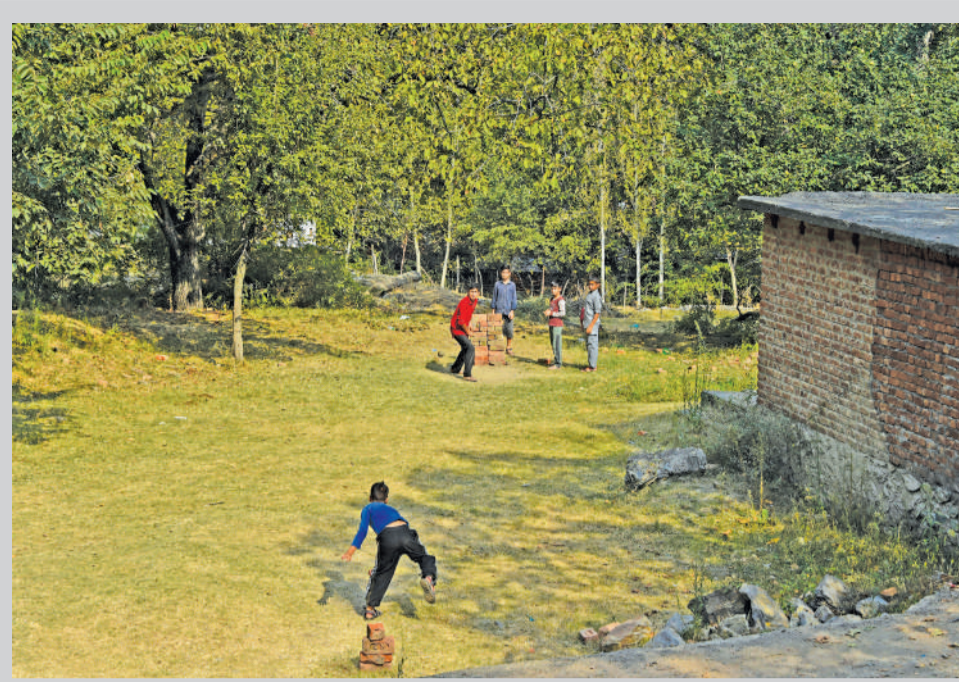
Acting on specific information about gambling activities at a public place at Akhran, a police party headed by IC PP Mirbazar raided the gambling site and arrested 06 gamblers on the spot, a police spokesperson said.

He identified the accused as Mohd Younis Machoo, Mohd Ishaq Shan, Lateef Ahmad Sofi, Altaf Ahmad Dar, Mushtaq Ahmad Wani and Ajaz Ahmad Shan. "Officers have seized stake money of ₹10,000/-, 06 Mobile

Phones and playing cards from their possession. They have been shifted to the police station where they remain in custody," the spokesperson said.

Accordingly, he said, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Qazigund and investigation has been initiated.

"People found indulging in criminal activities shall be dealt as per law. Community members are requested to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with the local police units," he added.



**CHILDREN ENJOYING GAME** of cricket on a bright sunny afternoon in a village in Central Kashmir's Budgam district on Monday.

KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

## 3 Dead As Dumper Plunges Into Gorge In Ramban

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Three persons were killed when a dumper skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Monday, officials said.

The accident occurred near remote Tanger village around 6.15 pm, they said.

The driver of the load carrier, which was on its way to Tanger from Sawlakote, lost control while crossing a blind curve and rolled down into a gorge, officials said.

A rescue operation was im-



mediately launched and all the three persons travelling in the vehicle were found dead, they said.

The deceased were identified as Bahar Din, Omkar Singh and Bhari Lal, all residents of Tanger.

## 4 Chargesheeted For Running Fake Employment Racket In Jammu

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Crime branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday filed a chargesheet against four persons for allegedly running a fake employment racket and swindling over Rs 41 lakhs from unemployed youth here, an official said.

The chargesheet against Abdul Rashid Pandit and Zahoor Ahmed Bhat from Baramulla, and Mohd Ayub and Mohd Azam Mellu from Poonch was filed in a local court in a case registered at Jammu crime branch in 2014, a spokesper-



son of the agency said.

He said the case was registered following a written complaint that a large number of youth from Poonch were duped on the pretext of arranging jobs in various government departments.

As per procedure in vogue, preliminary verification was

initiated and the allegations were prima facie established and subsequently, the instant case was registered for in-depth investigation, the spokesperson said.

He said relevant records and statements of witnesses were recorded and scientific, circumstantial and other material evidence was gathered, which revealed that 53 unemployed youth were duped of Rs 41.9 lakh.

However, investigation is continuing to get more leads for thoroughly busting this deep-rooted employment racket, the spokesperson said.

## 90,000 Devotees Visit Shankri Devta Temple In Udhampur

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** Over 90,000 devotees paid obeisance at the ancient temple of Shankri Devta during a three-day temple fair in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district, officials said on Monday. The Shankri Devta mela concluded on Sunday night in Panchari block.

"Over 90,000 people from different areas of the region flocked to the historic mela and paid obeisance at the Shiva temple," the officials said.

The Shankri Devta temple is situated on a hillock in Meer village in a scenic spot which is surrounded by meadows, lofty mountains and lush green forests.

While addressing the gathering, District Development Council Chairperson Lal Chand and Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai emphasised that such temple fairs



play a crucial role in exchanging cultural and traditional values and spreading the message of brotherhood, peace, and prosperity.

Stressing that these melas are an indispensable part of Jammu's culture, they said it is important to preserve them as they represent the region's rich culture and traditional values.

Visitors to the three-day mela witnessed exhilarating performances, including

folk music and dance besides theme-based skits depicting the cultural traditions the region enacted by students of local educational institutions and folk artists, officials said.

Numerous departmental stalls, temporary sweet shops, toy shops and other fun items set up by local and outside vendors were the main attractions for the general public visiting the fair, they added.

## AB-PMJAY SEHAT Scheme Emerging As A Boon For Public

Over 5.50 lakh patients avail treatment at a cost of nearly Rs. 1,225 Crores since Dec 2020

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The AB-PMJAY SEHAT scheme in Jammu and Kashmir has proven to be a tremendous benefit to the public. Since its launch in December 2020, over 5.50 lakh patients have received treatment, amounting to nearly Rs. 1,225 Crores in healthcare expenses covered.

This initiative, under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana SEHAT (AB PM-JAY SEHAT) scheme, aims to provide Universal Health Coverage to all the residents of Jammu

and Kashmir. Launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on December 26, 2020, it offers an annual health cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization across both public and private empanelled hospitals in India.

Remarkably, Jammu and Kashmir is the only state or UT in India to implement such a comprehensive scheme, ensuring healthcare access for all residents, regardless of their socio-economic status. The UT boasts a total of 235 empanelled hospitals, both public and

private, under the scheme. Additionally, national portability enables beneficiaries to receive treatment at nearly 28,000 empanelled hospitals across the country.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has diligently followed the guidelines of the National Health Authority (NHA), Government of India, for the scheme's implementation. This includes using the Model Tender Document issued by NHA for transparent selection of insurance companies and adopting Health Benefits Packages (2.2 version)

for implementation. The IT solutions developed by the National Health Authority are integral to the scheme's operation.

Since the launch of AB PM-JAY SEHAT scheme, the Government of J&K has paid Rs. 982.59 Crores in premiums to insurance companies. In return, insurance companies have disbursed a total of Rs. 1,226.68 Crores in claims to empanelled hospitals (Rs. 638.81 Crores to public hospitals and Rs. 587.87 Crores to private hospitals) for the treatment of beneficiaries. A total of around 5.50 lakh patients

have availed treatment for various conditions under the scheme which, inter-alia, include 20,940 Cancer patients (amounting to Rs. 171.01 Crores), 19,177 patients with Cardiac ailments (amounting to Rs. 160.87 Crores) and 9,710 patients suffering from Chronic Kidney Diseases (amounting to Rs. 90.57 Crores). In the absence of such a scheme, most of the patients suffering from these Life Consuming and Life Threatening diseases could not have afforded such treatments which required prolonged medical management.

Durga Puja Celebrations

## Tourism Players In Kashmir Witness Uptick In Number Of Bookings

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The valley is witnessing an increase in the number of tourist arrivals as the festive season is just around the clock in India.

Next month, Durga Puja will be celebrated across India, which will be followed by Chhath Puja and Diwali in the month of November.

The Puja holiday season, which typically falls in October, has historically been a peak time for tourism in the region. However, this year's bookings are witnessing an unprecedented uptick, with travel agencies and hoteliers reporting a surge in reservations and inquiries.

Travel agents told a local news agency KNO that the inquiries related to the bookings have gone up by 30 percent in the last two weeks as the festive season nears.

"We get a good number of inquiries from the tourist currently. Even though it is a kind of off-season for tourism right now but still travel agents get calls from clients in view of the festive season," said Farooq Ahmad Kuthoo, President Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK).

He said that travel agents re-

ceive the majority of inquiries from West Bengal, Maharashtra, Gujarat apart from other states where Durga Puja and Diwali are celebrated with fervour.

"We usually witness a good flow of tourists from West Bengal during the month of October. Tourists from Maharashtra, Gujarat mostly visit during the Diwali time. We expect the bookings by tourists will go up by 50 percent in coming weeks," Kuthoo said.

Travel agents said they have made special arrangements for the tourists visiting the valley during the festive season.

"We have included a religious tour for the tourists as well so that they can enjoy the festivals here while exploring the historic temples of the valley. Apart from that, other arrangements have also been made for making their stay very comfortable and enjoyable," said Umar Ahmad, another travel agent.

The government is also expecting the number of tourist arrivals to further go up in the remaining months of the year.

On Monday Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said that tourist arrivals in Jammu and Kashmir are expected to surpass 2.25 crores, with foreign tourist influx increasing by 59%.

## 25 Trucks Carrying 30 Nomad Families Leave From Anantnag



Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** In order to avoid traffic jamming on national highways due to the annual movements of the cattle during the autumn season from Kashmir to Jammu Division, Tribal Affairs Department in collaboration with Sheep Husbandry Department & JKSRDC began transportation of Tribal people along with their cattle to their destinations in Jammu division.

In this regard, 25 trucks carrying 1500 cattle along with 30 families were flagged-off today from Sarnal Anantnag by ADC

Anantnag, Gulzar Ahmad Bhat.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC said that the novel initiative has been taken to ensure that no animal flocks move on national highways during the autumn season, adding that the process shall continue for a month in the first initiative and would be extended for another 15 days if need arises.

District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Mohammad Rafiq Shah, who is designated as nodal officer said that 48k animals have been registered with the Sheep Husbandry Department Anantnag as on date for transporting to Jammu Division.

## Blood Donation Camp Organised At GMC Anantnag

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** As part of Ayushman Bharat campaign, a blood donation camp was organised at government medical college (GMC) in South Kashmir's Anantnag district, reports said Monday.

The camp was supervised by the nodal officer, Ayushman Bharat, Dr Irfan Gul, Assistant professor, department of medicine. Many doctors, paramedics

and attendants donated blood in the camp.

Principal GMC, Anantnag, Dr Anjuman Farhat on the occasion stressed on the importance of blood donation. "Donating blood by the healthy people saves many precious lives. It does not have any ill effects. Healthy ones should always come forward to donate blood. There is no better service to humanity than donating blood," Dr Anjuman said.



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## New Parliament, New Era

**O**n the first day of a special parliamentary session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reflected on the important decisions and nostalgic memories associated with the old Parliament building, setting the tone for a transition to the new building, and in turn, to a new era. The session, spanning five days, thus symbolizes more than just a change in location.

The Prime Minister in his address highlighted the "historic decisions" made during his government's tenure. He highlighted the abrogation of Article 370, a move that redefined the constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir within the Indian Union, and the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), a game-changing economic reform. He also praised the implementation of 'One Rank-One Pension,' a significant policy aimed at ensuring equitable retirement benefits for the armed forces. The achievements, he said, were a testament to the parliament's role as a catalyst for transformation.

Modi fondly recollected the old building's "bittersweet memories," including the 2001 terror attack on Parliament. He paid tribute to the security personnel who had sacrificed their lives in defence of the building, underlining that the attack was not merely on a building but on the "Mother of Democracy." The Prime Minister also took a personal journey down memory lane, reminiscing about his humble beginnings as a child from a poor family, who grew up on a railway platform.

As the parliament shifts to a new expansive building, it is a momentous occasion for the country. It is true that the old Parliament building in India holds significant historical importance, as it witnessed major milestones in the nation's history, such as the declaration of independence from Britain in 1947 and the adoption of the Constitution that established India as a democratic republic. However, due to the country's growing population, the old building no longer fulfilled the requirements of being the seat of government for the world's most populous country. One of the main challenges with the old Parliament building was its limited space to accommodate the 543 members of the lower house, known as the Lok Sabha.

As India's population continues to grow, the number of legislators is expected to increase in the coming years, further exacerbating the space constraints. Here's hoping that the new temple of democracy ushers in a more vigorous democracy which is inclusive and at the same time truly reflective of the diversity of India. The new parliament building will be witness to the debates, decisions and moments contributing to India's steady rise in the comity of nations.

### OTHER OPINION

## Testing times

**I**ndia's goods exports shrank for the seventh consecutive time and the ninth time in 11 months this August, while imports surged to hit the highest level since March this year. At \$58.6 billion, inbound shipments were still 5.2% below last August's levels, but exports fell by a relatively steeper 6.9%, leading to a \$24.2 billion trade deficit — the widest since October 2022. Goods exports are now down 11.9% so far this year and imports have dropped 12.1%. Services exports for last month will be known later, but Commerce Ministry extrapolations suggest that this engine that has been resilient so far through the global economic turmoil, is also beginning to feel the heat. For now, the 0.4% drop expected in services exports in August is minor and with intangible imports also likely dropping at a sharper pace, this will not exacerbate the trade balance yet. However, shrinking services exports imply that their ability to bridge the goods trade deficits that were up sharply last year, will be restricted, thus raising the possibility of wider current account deficits from this quarter.

With global commodity prices rising around 12% from June levels to hit a 15-month high this month, the pressure on the goods trade deficit is likely to escalate, especially as oil and gems and jewellery imports have fallen less than their exports so far in 2023-24. In the first four months of this fiscal, about half the decline in outgoing shipments has been fuelled by petroleum despite volumes rising 6%, as prices fell 27%. This may change if global oil prices, which crossed \$90 per barrel over the past week for the first time since November 2022, stay elevated. Export volumes of as many as 13 major items rose between April and July, but their value had declined owing to lower prices. That is a good omen about demand for Indian goods amid the gloom, and the government believes rising commodity prices will help trade tallies. But they could also be a double-edged sword for India as its strategic gambit to import more Russian oil has turned less lucrative. Moreover, sticky inflation could further dampen demand, especially in key markets such as the European Union, which just hiked interest rates to a record high. Inflation reheated in the United States last month, but not enough yet to dent festive demand that may lift order books in coming months. That engineering goods, which account for a quarter of India's exports, clocked their first uptick after eight months in August, with half of the 14 key segments of exports growing — the best performance in nine months — is a welcome sign. India needs to do all it can to nurture precious green shoots and support exporters.

*The Hindu*



# New Delhi Walked A Tightrope Between The West's Demands And Russia's Expectations

RIYAZ WANI

**The G20 declaration was a best example of India playing a deft hand in international affairs: it ensured that the declaration didn't come down hard on Russia and the world including the west went along**

**A**s was expected, the G20 summit turned out to be a loud, flamboyant gabfest that brought India and prime minister Narendra Modi's leadership into global focus. Most of the spotlight was of a favorable kind. The western powers led by the US were more than willing to acknowledge India's arrival on the global stage - of course, more as a power that could act as a counter-vailing force to China, now effectively the world's No 2 power vying to take over as the No 1. And to that end, the summit made quite a statement. More so, with Chinese president Xi Jinping and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin choosing to give the summit a conspicuous miss.

But New Delhi has made it clear through its diplomacy that it doesn't want to be seen as taking sides between the US and China - albeit, in recent years, the country has grown far more closer to the US than it ever was before. China's 2020 incursions at five points along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh made India acutely aware of its need to secure its flanks. West's support came thus handy. But it is not that only India needs the west. The west, in a sense, needs India more than vice versa. The reason is that while India only needs west's cooperation to create space for its geopolitical maneuvering in the teeth of China, the west led by the US faces an existential situation vis-a-vis China and desperately needs allies in the fight. And what better than India, a subcontinental size country with a 1.4 billion population. What is more, by the current official estimates, India is also a fastest growing economy. The alliance with New Delhi thus not only offers a decisive geopolitical advantage but also a large market to boot.

As it has turned out, India has stayed well short of allying with either of the emerging cold

war blocks. It has acted in its core national interest and zealously guarded its strategic autonomy. The country has now accumulated enough military and economic muscle to act largely independently and wherever possible even throw its weight around: for example, in its relations with Pakistan, or for that matter even against Canada, as the lukewarm approach towards Canadian president Justin Trudeau at the G20 summit underlined.

The G20 declaration was a best example of India playing a deft hand in international affairs: it ensured that the declaration didn't come down hard on Russia and the world including the west went along. So, once again, India effectively asserted its strategic autonomy by walking a tightrope between the west's demands and Russia's expectations. This approach also doesn't pit India against the emerging China-led bloc as Russia is its most powerful member after China. So, whichever side wins or loses in Ukraine - West or Russia - India won't be the loser.

Another geopolitical factor that goes to the advantage of India is that the US-led unipolar world birthed by the break-up of the USSR in 1989 is giving way to a multilateral world - the continuing pre-eminence of the US notwithstanding. This has given New Delhi a greater diplomatic heft in regional and global affairs. And it is apparent in current geopolitical order: India is no longer equated with Pakistan, something the West was wont to do earlier. The country is now seen as a rival to China despite the large power gap between the two. Earlier this year, a report by Center for a New American Security said that a potential India-China conflict was now a bigger worry for the West than India-Pak tension. Over the past two decades, India has incrementally left Pakistan behind in terms of conventional military and

economic advancement. But it has yet to gain a decisive advantage over its longstanding adversary. The centre of gravity of regional power equation between the two countries is still far from shifting in favour of New Delhi.

Similarly, in the case of China, while India is now amply qualified to be a geopolitical rival it is still short of measuring up to Beijing's military and economic might. Result of this is that there is a complex geopolitics in operation regionally even as the new global cold war takes shape. India faces formidable challenges in navigating a non-aligned relationship between the West and China, but it is also aggressively wooed by the two. This has strategically located the country in a geopolitical sweet spot.

Where do we go from here? It could be more of the same in the near future. China and Russia's boycott of the G20 has added to the existing bitterness in the geopolitical affairs. Much will depend on the outcome of the ongoing war in Ukraine. America, despite its setback in Afghanistan, its failure to have its way in Syria, and its difficulties in pushing Russia out of Ukraine, remains the world's pre-eminent power. Its GDP and defense expenditure remains several times higher than its nearest competitor China. That said, we are at an interesting moment in history. The victor in Ukraine will determine the new global geopolitics if not the new superpower of the world. And as the G20 summit underlined, India won't be on the wrong side of the new order.

*Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer. The author is the Political Editor of Kashmir Observer*



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arises from our emotional responses when we read, speak or hear them. The words we write or speak to others can leave a huge impact and create a lasting memory, either good or bad. It is therefore very important to choose them wisely and use them properly. Words are like music - when played well, they can enchant and delight the whole environment. And, words

are free. But, if used in a wrongful and harmful manner, they even cost you a mountain. Words hold incredible power to shape our lives. Positive communication, rooted in empathy and understanding, can transform relationships, boost our physical and mental well-being, and inspire personal growth. By choosing our words carefully, we can harness the power

of language to create a brighter, more fulfilling life. So, let us embrace the power of words and use them to uplift, inspire, and transform the world. Said Mother Teresa: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

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# The Perils of Extravagant Vlogging

Bilal Gani

In an age where the digital realm has become an integral part of our daily lives, the phenomenon of vlogging has surged to the forefront, captivating the attention of the younger generation. The allure of sharing personal experiences, gaining online fame, and potentially reaping financial rewards has drawn countless youth into this vibrant and creative online world.

While vlogging offers a platform for self-expression and creativity, it is crucial to acknowledge the complex and often hidden dangers that lurk beneath the surface. In this write-up, we embark on a comprehensive exploration of the hazards associated with the burgeoning trend of youth vlogging.

In recent years, the phenomenon of vlogging has taken the digital world by storm, particularly among the youth. While vlogging can be a creative and entertaining medium, it is essential to recognize the potential dangers associated with this trend. Here, we explore some of the reasons why the growing trend of vlogging among young people can be perilous.

## Privacy Invasion and Mental Health Implications

One of the most significant concerns surrounding vlogging is the invasion of privacy. As young vloggers document their daily lives and experiences, they often inadvertently expose themselves and others to a wide audience. Sharing personal information, locations, and the daily routines of family and friends can make them vulnerable to privacy breaches, harassment, or even stalking.

Maintaining a vlog often demands a constant need for content, which can lead to the over-sharing of personal experiences. This constant exposure can put immense pressure on young vloggers, leading to stress, anxiety, and burnout. Additionally, the pursuit of likes, comments, and views can result in a dangerous obsession with online validation, affecting one's self-esteem and mental well-being.

Many vlogs tend to portray an idealised version of life, highlighting only



the exciting and positive aspects. This can create unrealistic expectations for both the vloggers themselves and their viewers. Young audiences may develop distorted perceptions of reality, believing that their lives should mirror the edited and curated content they see online. This can lead to feelings of inadequacy and dissatisfaction.

## Unhealthy Comparisons

The anonymity of the internet often brings out the worst in some individuals. Young vloggers are susceptible to cyberbullying, hate comments, and trolling, which can have severe emotional and psychological effects. Dealing with online harassment can be particularly challenging for young people who may not have the coping mechanisms to handle such negativity.

Excessive vlogging can lead to a reduction in real-world social interactions. Young vloggers may become so engrossed in their online personas that

they neglect essential face-to-face relationships and experiences. This can hinder their emotional and social development, potentially leading to feelings of isolation.

The allure of sponsorship deals and advertising revenue can tempt young vloggers to prioritise profit over authenticity. This commercialization of content can lead to a loss of creative integrity and authenticity, with content creators driven by the pursuit of financial gain rather than genuine expression. Constant exposure to the seemingly glamorous lives of successful vloggers can lead young viewers to engage in unhealthy comparisons. They may feel inadequate when measuring their lives against those portrayed in vlogs, potentially leading to feelings of depression, low self-esteem, and a sense of underachievement. Many young vloggers may not possess adequate digital literacy skills to navigate the online world safely. This includes understanding privacy settings, managing personal information,

and recognizing online scams or threats. This lack of knowledge can expose them to various online risks.

## Impact on Education

Vlogging can become time-consuming, potentially diverting young vloggers' attention away from their educational responsibilities. Striking a balance between vlogging and academics can be challenging, and neglecting one's studies can have long-term repercussions. In the pursuit of views and engagement, some young vloggers may engage in ethically questionable practices, such as staging pranks or exploiting sensitive topics for shock value. This can harm their reputation and influence viewers negatively.

Sharing personal information, daily routines, and locations can make young vloggers susceptible to online predators. These individuals may exploit the trust built through vlogs to manipulate or harm young content creators. The transient nature of online fame can be

especially perilous for young vloggers. Many achieve rapid success, but maintaining that level of popularity can be challenging. The pressure to stay relevant can lead to risky behaviours or a sense of desperation.

## The Way Out

The dangers associated with the growing trend of vlogging among youth are multifaceted and encompass issues related to privacy, mental health, education, and ethics. It is crucial for young vloggers and their guardians to approach this medium with caution, emphasising responsible content creation, digital literacy, and a healthy balance between the online and offline worlds. Moreover, society at large should promote critical thinking and media literacy to help young viewers navigate the world of vlogs safely and discerningly. Incorporate media literacy programs into school curriculums to teach young people critical thinking skills. This will enable them to discern between authentic content and manipulated or exaggerated narratives in vlogs. Encourage parents to engage in open conversations with their children about their online activities. Parents can play a vital role in guiding their children's online behaviour and ensuring they understand the potential risks involved in vlogging. Promote awareness of privacy settings and best practices for safeguarding personal information online. Young vloggers should be educated about the importance of protecting their privacy and the privacy of others in their content. Emphasise the importance of balancing online activities with real-world experiences, education, and physical health. Encourage young people to set boundaries on their screen time and prioritise face-to-face interactions. Platforms that host vlogs should enforce clear community guidelines that discourage cyberbullying, hate speech, and unethical content creation. Reporting mechanisms for harmful content should be easily accessible and effective.

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# The Secret to Staying Grounded Around Negative People

Homaira Kabir

We all have them in our lives—people who complain constantly, who are hyper-focused on everything that's wrong or about to go wrong, and for whom life plays out on a backdrop of doom and gloom.

It's very hard to be around such people because their negativity begins to color our world as well. Emotions are contagious, after all, and even if they don't express their misery in words (which they regularly do), we can feel the heavy weight of their emotions.

I remember during the peak of the pandemic a couple of years ago, I and my four teenage kids were locked down in a tiny apartment in downtown Toronto. It wasn't an easy time for anyone, but, for them in particular, being pulled out of university to live with Mom again wasn't exactly the life they wanted.

Their negativity was constant, and nothing was ever right. Someone spoke too much, someone typed too loudly. The radiator was too hot, the weather was too cold, the professor was a farce, the chair was stupid because it broke their back. And now they couldn't work because Amazon was too slow...Really??

I may have found the humor in it if not for the fact that the barrage of complaints left me drained, mentally and emotionally. I was unable to focus and was struggling to meet deadlines on my book *Goodbye, Perfect*. And I was harming my physical health because I couldn't turn off my mind at night: Why are they so ungrateful? Can't they see millions have it way worse? I've failed as a parent.

Two months in, and I felt I was losing my mind. Things needed to change. I told them their constant complaints, urghs, and other expressions of misery and anger had to come to an end. They had better keep their emotions to themselves so



we could have a relatively pleasant time together.

Little did I realize the far stronger force of unexpressed emotions. Even though the complaints fizzled, that heavy weight of negativity seemed to only get heavier. And there was no way I could ask them to

not feel. I'd arrived at the end of my locus of control.

It turned out to be a good thing after all because I was called to practice what I already knew from the science: When we're at the receiving end of someone's constant negativity, or when we're prone to pick it

up like sponges, we have to find the calm we seek within ourselves.

## Practicing Self-Compassion

I truly believe that life challenges us to grow in areas where we have the greatest

room for growth. This was certainly one for me. I'd learned over time to manage my inner critic and replace it with the voice of compassion and nonjudgment toward myself.

But when my inner world was rattled by someone else's actions, I didn't even think of turning inward. It never dawned on me that I was suffering, and, again, I needed that same inner presence of compassion to hold me in her embrace and let me know she could feel my pain.

The more I learned to extend grace and compassion to myself for what I was going through, the more I was able to open my heart to my kids. Instead of trying to force perspective down their throats, I could remind myself that suffering doesn't become easier when we compare our struggles with those of others. It simply adds a layer of guilt to it.

If you're living or working with someone whose negativity is affecting you adversely, begin with self-compassion. It could be in the form of a self-compassion meditation that you practice every morning or whenever you're struggling. Or it could be a loving presence you build inside yourself and bring to mind when your internal world is being rattled.

Either way, you're nurturing the safe space that is home to empathy, wisdom, courage, and every human virtue we desire. Because, yes, sometimes you do need to turn toward others when they're feeling negative and to feel their emotions with them. Self-compassion will give you the strength to do so. And sometimes you need to accept the limits of your control and let their negativity wash off of you like raindrops on a rain jacket.

Self-compassion will give you the wisdom to know the difference.

The article was originally published by Psychology Today

Apple Has Switched From Its Lightning Connector To USB-C

Find Out Which Is Better And Why They Did It

The Conversation

After many years of designing and selling a variety of different cables to power and charge its devices, Apple has slowly switched to USB-C chargers for all of its products.

The last device to swap is the iPhone, and it happened against Apple's will. In October last year, the European Commission requested all phones and laptop producers switch to the USB-C connector (which had earlier been agreed on as a common standard).

Apple could have chosen to ignore the request and stop selling in the EU, or to produce versions with USB-C for the European single market only. Instead, it chose to comply and follow the EU rules everywhere. The common charger for all devices is thus becoming a reality, at least until the world moves completely to wireless charging.

A better standard

The Lightning charger was introduced by Apple in 2012 and first featured on the iPhone 5. It was the successor to the 30-pin dock connector introduced in 2003 for the first iPods and iPhones. Arguably, the key visible innovation of the Lightning cable was reversible ends.

This enabled the user to insert the charger into the dock without having to wonder whether it was oriented in the right

way. It might seem trivial now, but this was not the case with any other charger. If you are using the standard USB port on your laptop now, you are likely to spend a lot of time plugging the cable in and taking it out in order to find the right orientation. You're probably also complaining about how inconvenient it is. At least, that's what I do.

The USB-C connector came out about two years after the Lightning. There was nothing particularly novel or remarkable about it compared to Apple's cable. However, one notable feature was that it borrowed the Lightning connector's reversibility.

USB-C is just the name of the connector, not the entire cable. The cable and connector are part of a bigger technical specification called USB-4. USB-4 outperforms Lightning in every technical dimension conceivable. It can transfer data much more quickly: up to 40Gbps (gigabits per second) for USB-4 versus 480Mbps (megabits per second) for Lightning. It also charges devices more swiftly, to the point that Apple started selling Lightning to USB-C adaptors.

The main difference between the two, however, is that USB-C is not proprietary. It was developed by a consortium called the USB Implementer Forum. This consortium is composed of companies such as Intel and Microsoft – and also Apple.

All of the USB standards can be used by any business. Apple, on the other hand, does not allow anyone else to use its proprietary accessories, unless they agree on a license. This means that USB-C is compatible with many more devices, including all recent Apple products, but not previously with the iPhone.

When it pays to be different

So, what's so special about the Lightning connection that made Apple stick with it for so long, despite repeated promises to join its competitors on a common standard? Why would Apple sabotage one of its own phones by keeping a substandard charging connection?

One possibility is that consumers are inattentive when they buy a phone, and do not directly factor in the cost of accessories such as chargers. If this is true, Apple would have needed these add-ons to remain proprietary and make sure no competitor could start offering them for a lower price. If so, forcing Apple to offer the better standard benefits all consumers.

The alternative explanation is that some consumers actually value the Lightning connection more. After all, the look is different, and Apple fans argue that it may be harder-wearing than other standards. It is also a signal of status and exclusivity.

We seem to have reached a stage in the market for smartphones where people who

care about everyday usage replace their device much less often. This is probably because technology is not evolving at the same pace it did in the past. Yet, it's also the case that demand for high end phones continues to increase.

This could be because they cater to a subset of consumers who either greatly value a marginally higher quality of camera or slightly bigger storage. But mostly, expensive phones are a way to signal social status.

People buy the latest phone not only because they want to own it, but also to be seen as owning one. This is certainly a factor that has helped Apple thrive because the company offers products that are visibly different from the cheaper alternative. And another sign of status for Apple users is having different accessories, including the proprietary chargers.

Apple has not always been so keen to reject common standards. Not only is it one of the participants in the USB consortium, but it is also the company that helped USB become the global standard by offering it on its first generation of iMacs.

At the time, however, Apple was the underdog in the market for personal computers, facing off against the tech giant Microsoft. And a big reason why many people did not buy Apple computers at the time was their fear they would not be compatible with Microsoft products.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office Of The Child Development Project Officer Poshan Project Uri

(PUBLIC NOTICE). Subject:Tentative Selection List of Sahikiyas (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project Uri.

In pursuance to Government Order No.103-JK(SW) of 2023 Dated: 29-04-2023, and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K, Srinagar vide No. MD/Poshan/Ur/128/194 Dated: 08-05-2023, 1561 posts of Sahikiyas (Anganwadi Helpers) have been advertised by this office vide advertisement notice No. 01-CDPO/URI of 2023, Dated: 31-05-2023 and advertisement notice No. 04-CDPO/URI of 2023, Dated: 14-07-2023 Published in Daily Newspaper "Rising Kashmir" on 15-07-2023 & Re-advertisement notice No. 05-CDPO/URI of 2023, Dated: 02-08-2023 Published in Daily Newspaper "Masud Kashmir Amn" on 04-08-2023. Re-advertisement notice No. 06-CDPO/URI of 2023, Dated: 17-08-2023 Published in Daily Newspaper "Amuz-e-Kashmir & Srinagar-Jung" on 18-08-2023 in response to said advertisement notices, 16 application forms were received against (11) Posts of Sahikiyas (Anganwadi Helpers) on the basis of wards within cut-off dates and merit list of candidates have been prepared as per criteria laid down vide Government Order No.103-JK(SW) of 2023 Dated: 28-04-2023 and No. SWD-CTPS-43/2022, dated-14-08-2023. The tentative selection list has been framed on the basis of merit list herewith in Annexure-A, comprising of 11 candidates tentatively selected as Sahikiyas (Anganwadi Helpers). The Merit List of candidates for (11) Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Uri is annexed herewith as Annexure-B. Both Tentative Selection List and Merit List are hereby published for information of general public and inviting appeal/objections, if any. The appeal/objection if any against the said Tentative selection list, shall be filed in the office of the Child Development Project Officer, Poshan Project Uri against proper receipt with in ten days up to 4:00 PM, from the date of publication of the said public notice, no appeal/objection shall be entertained after expiry of the last date for filing appeal/objections. (ANNEXURE-A)

Table with columns: S No, Index No, Name of the candidate, Parentage/W/o, Residence, Ward No, DOB, Highest Qualification, Marks in Matric (Obtained, Max Marks), %age, Weightage, Whether or any relation with retired AWW/AWH, Addition 2%, Total Merit, Marital Status.

Merit List of Candidates who have applied for the post of Sahikiyas (AWH) against the location AWC - Ward No.2/Hillan Phaltora.

Table with columns: S No, Index No, Name of the candidate, Parentage/W/o, Residence, Ward No, DOB, Highest Qualification, Marks in Matric (Obtained, Max Marks), %age, Weightage, Whether or any relation with retired AWW/AWH, Addition 2%, Total Merit, Marital Status.

Merit List Candidates who have applied for the post of Sahikiyas (AWH) against the location AWC - Ward-04 Rampora Kanspora.

Table with columns: S No, Index No, Name of the candidate, Parentage/W/o, Residence, Ward No, DOB, Highest Qualification, Marks in Matric (Obtained, Max Marks), %age, Weightage, Whether or any relation with retired AWW/AWH, Addition 2%, Total Merit, Marital Status.

Merit List Candidates who have applied for the post of Sahikiyas (AWH) against the location AWC - Ward-08 Uraunbuh-A.

Table with columns: S No, Index No, Name of the candidate, Parentage/W/o, Residence, Ward No, DOB, Highest Qualification, Marks in Matric (Obtained, Max Marks), %age, Weightage, Whether or any relation with retired AWW/AWH, Addition 2%, Total Merit, Marital Status.

Merit List Candidates who have applied for the post of Sahikiyas (AWH) against the location AWC - Ward-06 Lachpora-B.

Table with columns: S No, Index No, Name of the candidate, Parentage/W/o, Residence, Ward No, DOB, Highest Qualification, Marks in Matric (Obtained, Max Marks), %age, Weightage, Whether or any relation with retired AWW/AWH, Addition 2%, Total Merit, Marital Status.

Merit List Candidates who have applied for the post of Sahikiyas (AWH) against the location AWC - Ward-02 Noorkha Khan Mohalla.

Table with columns: S No, Index No, Name of the candidate, Parentage/W/o, Residence, Ward No, DOB, Highest Qualification, Marks in Matric (Obtained, Max Marks), %age, Weightage, Whether or any relation with retired AWW/AWH, Addition 2%, Total Merit, Marital Status.

Merit List Candidates who have applied for the post of Sahikiyas (AWH) against the location AWC - Ward-06 Salamabad Dachua A.

Table with columns: S No, Index No, Name of the candidate, Parentage/W/o, Residence, Ward No, DOB, Highest Qualification, Marks in Matric (Obtained, Max Marks), %age, Weightage, Whether or any relation with retired AWW/AWH, Addition 2%, Total Merit, Marital Status.

Merit List Candidates who have applied for the post of Sahikiyas (AWH) against the location AWC - Ward-02 Zamborpartan Shaker Mohalla.

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Merit List Candidates who have applied for the post of Sahikiyas (AWH) against the location AWC - Ward-04 ZAMBORPARTAN CHANDAN MOHALLA A.

Table with columns: S No, Index No, Name of the candidate, Parentage/W/o, Residence, Ward No, DOB, Highest Qualification, Marks in Matric (Obtained, Max Marks), %age, Weightage, Whether or any relation with retired AWW/AWH, Addition 2%, Total Merit, Marital Status.

Merit List Candidates who have applied for the post of Sahikiyas (AWH) against the location AWC - Ward-11 Dhaniydan-A.

Table with columns: S No, Index No, Name of the candidate, Parentage/W/o, Residence, Ward No, DOB, Highest Qualification, Marks in Matric (Obtained, Max Marks), %age, Weightage, Whether or any relation with retired AWW/AWH, Addition 2%, Total Merit, Marital Status.

Merit List Candidates who have applied for the post of Sahikiyas (AWH) against the location AWC - Ward-04 Dhaniydan Haja Mohalla.

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Merit List Candidates who have applied for the post of Sahikiyas (AWH) against the location AWC - Ward-03 Dhaniydan Khan Mohalla.

Table with columns: S No, Index No, Name of the candidate, Parentage/W/o, Residence, Ward No, DOB, Highest Qualification, Marks in Matric (Obtained, Max Marks), %age, Weightage, Whether or any relation with retired AWW/AWH, Addition 2%, Total Merit, Marital Status.

DIPK-9038/23 dated:18-09-2023

NORTHERN RAILWAY Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 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 12.10.2023 at 15:00 Hrs only.

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)

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

Subject: Provisional Merit List of the candidates who had applied for admission to the DNB Courses- 2023: Removal of deficiencies thereof. Reference: Notification No.053-BOPEE of 2023 dated 10.08.2023.

Notification No. 081-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 18-09-2023

Pursuant to Notification No.053-BOPEE of 2023 dated 10.08.2023, the Board invited offline applications from the willing and eligible NEET- PG qualified In-Service Candidates/Doctors of UT of J&K/Ladakh for admission to Post MBBS DNB seats, Post Diploma DNB seats & Post MBBS Diploma seats (Broad Specialty) the DNB Courses – 2023. The Board has prepared the Provisional Merit Lists of eligible candidates, who have applied for the said courses/category, for removal of deficiencies/objections, if any, as mentioned against their name(s) physically at the BOPEE Offices Jammu/Srinagar within three days of publication of this Notification on website of J&K BOPEE during the working days only, failing which no claim whatsoever shall be entertained on this account under any circumstances.

Note:

- 1. The candidate(s) who fails to submit his/her deficient document(s) as shown against their name in the Annexures upto the specified time as mentioned in the Notification due to obvious reasons, he/she shall, however, still be provisionally allowed to participate in the counselling process on his/her own risk and responsibility which shall further be subject to the condition that if he/she is Provisionally Selected in that case he shall have to mandatorily produce all the documents including the deficient documents in the respective allotted Colleges at the time of admission, otherwise the admission of such candidate(s) shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio.
- 2. The NEET score of 17 candidate(s) mentioned in the Annexure-A to this notification have been found below the cut off score prescribed by the Competent Authority i.e. (NBE) hence the candidature of such ineligible candidates shall be deemed to have been rejected.
- 3. In case of tie in the NEET Score between the candidates, the same has been resolved on the basis of the All India Ranks in the Annexure-A, whereas the tie between the candidates has been resolved as mentioned in Annexure-B on the basis of Specialty Specific Marks assigned by the NBE.
- 4. No deficient documents shall be accepted by the Board through the E-mail or WhatsApp.
- 5. The Annexures A & B to this Notification shall only remain available on the official website of the Board viz. www.jkbopee.gov.in
- 6. All the eligible candidates are advised to remain in touch with the J&K BOPEE website for day to day updates/counseling schedule on the subject as no E-mail or SMS message(s) or telephonic calls shall be sent by the Board in this regard.

The other Terms and Conditions shall, however, remain the same as notified by the Board in the Notifications/Notices issued from time to time in this regard.

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Sd/- Controller of Examinations J&K BOPEE

DIPK-NB-3255/23 Dated 18-09-2023

No. BOPEE/Exam-22/2023

The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education New Campus Bemina Srinagar Notice for General Public The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:- Roll No: 40225 Class 12th (Higher Secondary Part-II Year & Session Annual 2012 Registration: N09460570079 Name : Hamad Ul Islam Bhat Father's Name: Gh Mohi Ud Din Bhat Mother's Name : Waheeda Kabir Date of Birth:- 11-08-1995 Residenc:- Ward No 13 Kaloosa Bandipora According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 12AKTR-238540 be treated as "CANCELLED") No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)/KD/23 Dated Assistant Secretary Certificates, KD.



## India's Direct Tax Collection Surges By 23.51% To Over INR 8.65 Lakh Crore



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The net direct tax collection increased 23.51 per cent to over Rs 8.65 lakh crore till mid-September on higher advance tax mop-up from corporates, the Finance Ministry said on Monday.

The net collections have reached 47.45 per cent of the full-year budget estimates (BE) of Rs 18.23 lakh crore.

The steady growth in tax collection was helped by a 21 per cent growth in advance tax mop-up. September 15 was the last date for paying the second instalment of advance tax for 2023-24.

In a statement, the ministry said the net direct tax collection includes corporate income tax (CIT) at Rs 4,16,217 crore and personal income tax (PIT), including Securities Transaction Tax (STT), at Rs 4,47,291 crore.

The net direct tax collection of Rs 8,65,117 crore for the current fiscal as of September 16

grew at over 23.51 per cent, the ministry said.

The advance tax collection stood at Rs 3.55 lakh crore till mid-September, a 21 per cent growth against Rs 2.94 lakh crore mopped up in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year.

The advance tax collection of Rs 3.55 lakh crore as of September 16 comprises CIT at Rs 2.80 lakh crore and PIT at Rs 74,858 crore.

Refunds of about Rs 1.22 lakh crore have been issued up to September 16.

On a gross basis, the direct tax collection for the financial year 2023-24 stands at Rs 9.87 lakh crore, an 18.29 per cent growth over Rs 8.34 lakh crore in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year.

The 2023-24 budget has pegged the direct tax collection at a little over Rs 18.23 lakh crore, a 9.75 per cent higher than Rs 16.61 lakh crore mopped up last fiscal.

## CBI Files Case Against Infra Firm In ₹3,847 Crore Bank Fraud Case

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has booked Mumbai-based Unity Infraprojects Ltd, its then CMD Kishore Krishnarao Avarsekar and others for allegedly defrauding a consortium of banks to the tune of ₹3,847.58 crore, officials said on Monday.

The CBI took action on a complaint of the SBI, one of the consortium members which alleged that the fraud took place at its Commercial Branch in Mumbai where the accused persons siphoned the "Bank's funds by doing fictitious transactions, manipulated and fudged books of accounts with an objective to defraud and cheat the bank and to gain unlawfully at the cost of the Bank's funds".

The account of the 44-year old infrastructure company, which had taken ₹3,800 crore from 23 lenders against moveable and non-moveable assets besides personal and corporate guarantees, had become a non performing asset on June 24, 2014. Five years later it was



declared a fraud after forensic audit pointed irregularities.

The bank alleged that the fraud came to light in a forensic audit conducted by BDO India LLP, which submitted its report on September 25, 2019.

The report found fictitious transactions, improper adjustments passed to accommodate fictitious accounting entries to defraud the bank by fudging the data, diversion of funds through non-consortium accounts among others.

It also cited unexplained excess pay-outs with intentions to siphon off bank funds and related party transactions to divert borrowed fund.

## Govt To Roll Out Credit, Insurance Packages For Farmers Today

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar will on Tuesday inaugurate the 'Kisan Rin Portal' to help farmers avail subsidised loans under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC).

A door-to-door KCC campaign and a manual of the Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS) portal will also be launched at an event to be held at the Pusa complex.

According to the agriculture ministry, the Kisan Rin digital platform offers a comprehensive view of farmer data, loan disbursement specifics, interest subvention claims, and scheme utilisation progress, fostering seamless integration with banks for more focused and efficient agricultural credit.

There are about 7.35 crore KCC accounts as of March 30 with a total sanctioned limit of Rs 8.85 lakh crore, it said in a statement.

As per the official data, the government has disbursed agricultural credit of Rs 6,573.50 crore at subsidised interest rate during April-August this fiscal.

To extend the benefits of KCC, the door-to-door campaign will reach non-KCC



holders of beneficiaries of the central scheme PM-KISAN, under which Rs 6,000 per annum is given to each identified beneficiary farmer's bank account.

In the case of the WIND portal, the ministry said the manual extends the impact of the Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS) initiative.

The portal -- launched in July -- leverages advanced weather data analytics to provide stakeholders with actionable insights on weather for informed decision-making in agriculture.

This comprehensive manual also provides stakeholders with an in-depth understanding of the portal's functionalities, data interpretation, and effective utilisation, empowering farmers, policymakers and various agricultural entities to make well-informed choices.

It also caters to the parametric crop insurance scheme of the ministry, in addition to non-scheme parametric insurance programmes for crop risk mitigation and disaster risk reduction and mitigation being run by the insurance industry, the statement said.

## Finance Ministry Approves Welfare Measures For LIC Agents, Employees

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Finance Ministry on Monday approved a series of welfare measures, including enhancement of the gratuity limit and family pension, for the benefit of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) agents and employees.

The welfare measures are related to the amendments to LIC (Agents) Regulations, 2017, Enhancement of Gratuity Limit, and Uniform Rate of Family Pension, among others, the finance ministry said in a statement.

Sharing the details, the statement said the ministry has enhanced the gratuity limit from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh for LIC agents aimed at bringing substantial improvements to the working conditions and benefits for them.

It has also enabled the re-appointed agents to be eligible for renewal commission, thereby providing them with increased financial stability.

Currently, LIC agents are



not eligible for renewal commission on any business completed under the old agency.

The term insurance cover for the agents has been expanded from the existing range of Rs 3,000-10,000 to Rs 25,000-1,50,000, it said, adding this enhancement in term insurance will significantly benefit the families of deceased agents, offering them a more substantial welfare benefit.

With regard to LIC employees, the ministry has also ap-

proved family pension at a uniform rate of 30 per cent for the welfare of the families.

More than 13 lakh agents and more than 1 lakh regular employees, who play a pivotal role in the growth of LIC and deepening of insurance penetration in India, will benefit from these welfare measures, it said.

Incorporated in 1956 with an initial capital of Rs 5 crore, LIC has an asset base of Rs 45.50 lakh crore with a life fund of Rs 40.81 lakh crore as of March 31, 2023.

## Indian Economy Gaining Strength Amid Weakening Global Prospects: RBI Article

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** Amid weakening global prospects, the Indian economy is gaining strength led by domestic private consumption and fixed investment with strong public sector capital expenditure, said an article published in the latest RBI bulletin.

The outlook for the global economy remains ambivalent, driven by a dichotomy in macroeconomic conditions across regions, the article on 'State of the Economy' stated.

While expectations of a 'Goldilocks' soft landing in the US are strengthening, concerns about slowdowns in China and Europe are rife, it said, and added that the impact of aggressive monetary tightening is spreading, with the services sector joining housing, bank lending and industrial production in a loss of momentum.

The article authored by a team led by RBI deputy governor Michael Debabrata Patra also noted that India's G20 Presidency and its outcomes with the ethos of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' as the vision of global progress assume significance in an environment where global economic activity is experiencing a loss of momentum with a dichotomy in macroeconomic conditions across regions.

"Amidst weakening global prospects, the Indian economy is gaining strength led by domestic drivers - private con-



sumption; and fixed investment with strong public sector capex.

"Supply responses are improving and headline inflation has softened in August from the previous month's peak," it said.

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

The article further said India's space efforts are significant for the country's socio-economic development. The space industry plays a key role across several application areas, including weather forecasting, geological and oceanographic studies, disaster management and agriculture, to name a few.

It has also played a crucial role in the country's defence and security. Currently, India accounts for about 2 per cent of the global space economy, but this share is set to grow exponentially with rising private participation.

Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya L1 will boost India's capability to undertake complex space missions that contribute to the advancement of space technology for the betterment of humanity, the authors said.



## Walliwar In Ganderbal Gets J&K Bank ATM

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Extending automated banking services to people belonging to rural areas, J&K Bank Monday dedicated an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) for public at Chunt Walliwar in Ganderbal taking the total number of such machines in the district to 36.

DDC Chairperson Nuzhat Ishfaq inaugurated the ATM in presence Bank's Zonal Head (Budgam) Saadut Husain . LDM (Ganderbal) Shabir Ahmad amid a good gathering of valuable customers, senior citizens and rural residents.

While hailing efforts of J&K Bank in serving the people of rural areas, DDC Chairperson also commended the critical role of the Bank in the economic upliftment of the people through its financial services and the schemes sponsored by the Government.

On the occasion, Zonal Head urged the people to avail the banking services and financial products of the Bank as per their requirements.

People of the area thanked the Bank's management for commissioning of ATM, which they said, will meet their cash needs on holidays besides beyond duty hours of the Bank.

## Rupee Hits All-Time Low Of 83.29 Against US Dollar

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The rupee depreciated for the fourth straight day to settle 13 paise lower at its lifetime low of 83.29 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, mainly due to risk aversion in global markets and rising crude oil prices.

Besides, a strong American currency against key rivals overseas and a negative trend in domestic equities weighed on investor sentiments, according to forex traders.

At the inter-bank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 83.09 against the dollar and traded in the range of 83.09 to 83.30 against the greenback.

The rupee finally closed at the record low of 83.29 against the dollar, registering a fall of 13 paise from its previous close.

On Friday, the rupee fell 13 paise to settle at 83.16

against the US dollar.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell marginally by 0.11 per cent to 105.20.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, were trading 0.42 per cent higher at USD 94.32 per barrel.

Ahead of the holiday, the rupee closed at another record low following risk-averse sentiments and a rally in crude oil prices, said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, at HDFC Securities.

"This week will remain highly volatile following a series of central bank policy meetings across the developed and emerging market economies. The baseline of it is the dollar to hold onto its strength through the week," Parmar said.

In the near term, spot USD/INR is expected to cross the record high and may see a level of 83.50 to 83.70

while it could hold the support of 83, Parmar added.

On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex closed 241.79 points or 0.36 per cent lower at 67,596.84 points, while the broader Nifty declined 59.05 points or 0.29 per cent to end at 20,133.30 points.

Forex traders said the depreciation in the rupee can be attributed to several factors, including elevated crude oil prices, strong US dollar, foreign fund outflows and a widening trade deficit.

India's exports declined by 6.86 per cent to USD 34.48 billion in August this year as against USD 37.02 billion in the same month last year, government data showed on Friday.

Imports too declined by 5.23 per cent to USD 58.64 billion as against USD 61.88 billion recorded in August 2022.

Meanwhile, India's forex reserves dropped by USD 4.992 billion to USD 593.904 billion for the week ended September 8, the Reserve Bank of India said on Friday.

In the previous reporting week, the kitty rose by USD 4.039 billion to USD 598.897 billion.

## Tata Motors To Hike Commercial Vehicles Prices By Up To 3% From Oct



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Tata Motors on Monday said it will increase prices of its commercial vehicles by up to 3 per cent from October 1, 2023.

The price increase is to offset the residual impact of the past input costs and will be applicable across the entire range of commercial vehicles, Tata Motors said in a statement.

The company increased prices of commercial vehicles by up to 5 per cent from April 1 this year.

## Sensex Falls 242 Pts, Snaps 11-Day Winning Run

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** Snapping its record 11-day winning run, Sensex declined by around 242 points on Monday as profit taking in metal, banking and telecom shares amid weak global trends dragged down the benchmark index from record high levels.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell by 241.79 points or 0.36 per cent to settle at 67,596.84 in a volatile trading. During the day, it declined by 305.8 points or 0.45 per cent to a low of 67,532.83.

Retreating from its all-time high, the broader Nifty closed at 20,133.30, down by 59.05 points or 0.29 per cent, as 26 of its constituents closed in the red while 24 advanced.

BSE Sensex closed at a life-time high of 67,838.63 after 11 straight days of gains while Nifty settled at record 20,192.35 on Friday following positive macro data.

Among the Sensex firms, HDFC Bank fell the most by 1.98 per cent. Bharti Airtel (1.71 per cent), Infosys (1.4 per cent), Tata Steel (1.21 per cent), UltraTech Cement (1.19 per cent), Wipro (1.17 per cent), Kotak Mahindra Bank (1.02 per cent), Reliance Industries, Tech Mahindra and JSW Steel were the major laggards.

Power Grid, Titan, Mahindra & Mahindra and NTPC were among the gainers.

"Markets finally reversed the 11-session winning streak as profit-taking came into play in banking, realty, IT and telecom stocks. Along with concerns over rising global crude oil prices and uptick in dollar index and US treasury yields, investors trimmed their exposure ahead of the outcome of the US FOMC meeting on interest rates on Wednesday,"

Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd.

Other than global headwinds, higher domestic index valuations after the recent upsurge is making investors nervous, which may lead to some more profit-taking in the near term, Chouhan said.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said, "Domestic markets relinquished their momentum as they anticipated a raft of policy rate decisions due this week."

"The investor's confidence was also impacted by the expectations of a demand resurgence in China, combined with crude supply cuts. With the Fed rate hike fears back on the cards, as reflected in the elevated US bond yields, the markets await clarification from major central banks."

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge fell 0.60 per cent and the midcap index declined 0.27 per cent.

Among the indices, telecommunication fell by 1.86 per cent, realty declined 1.27 per cent, commodities (0.96 per cent), teck (0.92 per cent), metal (0.89 per cent) and services (0.74 per cent).

Consumer Discretionary, FMCG, utilities, auto and power were among the gainers.

In Asian markets, Seoul and Hong Kong settled lower, while Shanghai ended in the green.

European markets were trading lower. The US markets ended in negative territory on Friday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.39 per cent to USD 94.30 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were buyers on Friday as they bought equities worth Rs 164.42 crore, according to exchange data.

# SEC Notifies Schedule For Preparation Of 2nd Supplement To Panchayat Electoral Roll, 2023

Observer News Service

Jammu: The State Election Commission Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday notified the schedule for preparation of 2nd supplement to the Panchayat Electoral Roll, 2023 with 01-01-2023 as the qualifying date.

According to a public notice issued here in this regard stated that the electors of the area can accordingly submit (File) claims and objections regarding additions, deletions, corrections and transpositions of entries in the existing Panchayat Electoral Roll to concerned EROS with effect from 20.09.2023 to 29.09.2023.

The notice said that the Electoral Registration Officers (EROS) shall get Panchayat Electoral Roll, 2023 displayed at prominent locations in Halqa Panchayat on 20-09-2023 (Wednesday) along with public

notice. Besides, special camps would be held at the Polling Booth Locations on 23.09.2023 (Saturday) and 24.09.2023 (Sunday). The Panchayat Election Booth Officials (PEBO i.e., VLVW/MPW/GRS) along with the Assembly BLOS shall remain available at the Polling Booth Locations with the requisite Forms and Panchayat Roll, 2023 for guidance of the electors.

The document further added that disposal of claims and objections by ERO would be done with effect from 30.09.2023 (Saturday) to 06.10.2023 (Friday). Again, publication of voter list with the supplement will be done on 10.10.2023 (Tuesday).

The notice stated that as per sub rule 4 of Rule 4 of the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996 (SRO 690 dated 25.10.2019), the Electoral Roll of constituencies of the Panchayat

Halqa shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of J&K Panchayati Raj Act 1989 and the procedure prescribed by the Election Authority.

The Panchayat Electoral Rolls have been updated/ revised with reference to 01.01.2023 as the qualifying date and the final Panchayat Electoral Rolls have been published on 10.02.2023. Likewise, the term of the present Panchayats is finishing on 09.01.2024 and as per section 42 of the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, the Elections to Halqa Panchayat shall be held one month prior to the expiry of the term.

The document added that the State Election Commission has, in view of the upcoming elections to constitute new Halqa Panchayats, decided to give one more opportunity to the left out voters/voters to get their names added, deleted, corrected,

transposed with reference to 01.01.2023 as the qualifying date.

Therefore the names in the last updated Electoral Roll published on 10.02.2023 with reference to 01.01.2023 as the qualifying date shall be put in public domain for preparation of 2nd Supplement to the Panchayat Electoral Roll, 2023. The qualifying date for the current updation of Panchayat Roll shall, however, remain same as 01.01.2023.

For any assistance in this behalf, the concerned District Panchayat Election Officer (DEPO), Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) and Panchayat Election Booth Official (PEBO) may be contacted. Their details are available in the offices of the concerned District Panchayat Election Officer and also on the official website of J&K, State Election Commission @ (secjk.nic.in).

# Army Inducts 600 Self-Neutralising Anti-Tank Mines

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Six hundred indigenously-manufactured self-neutralising anti-tank mines, known as "Vibhav", have been inducted into the Army to provide mobility kill against all enemy armoured vehicles, officials said on Monday.

The anti-tank mine is made of new-age plastic, which gives it adequate strength and durability to withstand the requirements of storage, handling and operating in varying field conditions, they added.

"It (the 'Vibhav' anti-tank mine) is already in production. It has been completed. It is now in demand. It has been inducted into the Indian Army. Six hundred mines have been inducted (recently)," an official of the manufacturing company told PTI.

Designed and developed completely indigenously in a joint venture with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in India, "Vibhav" is a point-attack anti-tank munition, the officials said.



They said the mines are designed to provide mobility kill against all enemy armoured vehicles.

"Made from new age plastic, the mines have adequate strength and durability to withstand the requirements of storage, handling and operating in varying field conditions," the official mentioned above said.

The munition can be laid both mechanically or manually, he added. A host of safety and actuation mechanisms have been incorporated in "Vibhav" to make it safe to handle, lethal against targets and reliable, the officials said.

The integrated explosive, mechanical and electronic

safety features ensure utmost operator safety, they added.

On the other hand, the lethality of the munition ensures effectiveness against all current and futuristic armoured vehicles, the officials said.

The munition also incorporates an electronic anti-handling and anti-lift device (EAHALD) that stays active for 120 days once armed, they said.

"We have made three changes in this mine. It has mechanical timers now. Due to this, after 120 days, it will be self-neutralised. It was not available in the earlier mines," one of the officials said.

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### LG Seeks People's

the deprived section of the society is empowered," he added.

Earlier, the LG congratulated the people of Budgam on the occasion after laying the foundation stone of the hospital that is coming up at a cost of Rs 49.32 crore at Reshipora area.

"Today is a historic day for all of us in terms of development. The 125-bedded Hospital will fulfill the long pending demand and dream of the people of having all the health facilities under one roof," he said.

"People's health is the top priority of administration and this project is a testimony to our commitment to bring better health facilities to small towns, strengthening public health service delivery, minimizing inconvenience and referrals to Tertiary health care centres in Srinagar," the Lt Governor said.

Speaking on PM Vishwakarma scheme launched by PM, Sinha said the scheme provides the benefits including toolkit incentive of Rs 15,000, training of artisans, Rs 500 per day during training, collateral-free credit support up to Rs 1 lakh (first tranche) and Rs 2 lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of 5%, incentive for digital transactions and marketing support, he said.

"J&K is the biggest beneficiary of the reformative schemes introduced by the Central Government in the last few years. We will make every effort to extend the benefits of this Scheme across the UT and transform the lives of the artisans and craftspeople of Jammu Kashmir working with their hands and tools," he said.

"It will be ensured that the eligible beneficiaries are being identified at panchayat level, their ID cards are prepared at District level and the final list will be notified at UT level," he added.

On the occasion, the LG lauded the public representatives and District Administration for commendable efforts to create smart facilities for the people and inspiring other districts as well to follow in their footsteps.

"I am confident very soon the dream of Smart City Budgam will be realized," he said, adding that the administration has also initiated the process of establishing Cluster University in Budgam.

"Deputy Commissioner Budgam has proposed the land for Cluster University in Budgam. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir is working on the proposal and I am hopeful that very soon we will lay the foundation of Cluster University Kashmir in Budgam," Sinha added.

He also paid homage to the martyrs of the Police and Security Forces.

Nazir Ahmad Khan, Chairman, District Development Council, Budgam expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor-led UT Administration for granting the sanction and approval for the establishment of District Hospital Complex at Budgam in a short period of time.

### 'Explore Opportunities

centrally sponsored and the UT government schemes and the developmental projects in the district. He directed the district administration to explore new opportunities for Private investment in the hospitality sector to provide a boost to tourism and to facilitate new industries.

"Youth engagement and education are another two key sectors which require dedicated focus by the district officials," Sinha said, while directing the Education department to prepare a roadmap to bring male-female literacy rate at par.

The Banks were directed to provide necessary financial assistance for employment and livelihood generation programmes for youth and women. The LG emphasized on promoting farmers producers organisation and exploring avenues for cooperatives in all the sectors.

He impressed upon the officers to adopt a proactive approach and make dedicated efforts to identify the eligible beneficiaries under PM Vishwakarma and other such schemes.

The LG also sought the progress of Transit Accommodation for the employees in Budgam, and passed explicit direction for the completion of the project by October 2024.

The meeting also discussed the arrangements being made by different departments

in view of Gandhi Jayanti. The LG called for active participation of officials and every section of the society in all the events.

Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam gave a detailed overview of the development scenario in the district. He also apprised the LG on the progress made under Nasha Mukht Abhiyaan, Jal Jeevan Mission, Multi Dimensional Poverty Index- Ambitious Plan, Restoration of Heritage Sites etc.

Earlier, the LG interacted with various public delegations and assured them of appropriate action on the genuine demands and issues projected by them.

### Meets Family

Budgam, today to meet the family of braveheart martyr DySP Humayun Bhat and expressed my condolences. Assured the family of all assistance and support from the UT administration. The entire nation stands in solidarity with the bereaved family," Sinha posted in his official handle on X.

The L-G spent some time with the bereaved family, including the slain officer's father Ghulam Hassan Bhat, retired IGP.

Addressing a function here late on Sunday evening, the Lieutenant Governor said every drop of the martyrs' blood will be avenged and the terrorist handlers will have to pay a heavy price.

"We have complete faith in our soldiers... The entire nation stands in solidarity with the jawans," Sinha said.

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### Missing Soldier's

about it can be made available only after security forces sanitise the area, they said.

The Union Territory's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has vowed to avenge the death of the three officers in the encounter.

Security forces are using drones and helicopters for surveillance of the dense forest area with several cave-like hideouts where terrorists are believed to be holed up since Wednesday after killing two Army officers and a deputy superintendent of police in the initial exchange of fire, the officials said.

The security cordon has been extended to the neighbouring Posh Kreeri area on Sunday as a precautionary measure to ensure that terrorists don't slip into civilian areas, they said.

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Top officials of the security grid in Kashmir, including the director general of police GP and General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Army's 15 Corps, have been monitoring the operation. The Northern Army commander visited the site of the gunfight on Saturday to take stock of the operational situation.

The police believe two to three terrorists are trapped in the forest area.

Additional Director General of Police (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar late Friday night said the operation was launched based on specific input and claimed "two to three trapped terrorists will be neutralised."

Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer, 19 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Ashish Dhonchak, Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police Humayun Bhat and a soldier were killed by the terrorists on Wednesday.

**Govt To Set Up** responsible for nomination/selection of non-official members of the J&K Mental

Health Authority.

Every non-official member selected/nominated under rule 6 shall hold his office for a period of three years and shall be entitled to sitting allowance, travelling allowance, daily allowance and such other allowances as are applicable to non-official members of similar commissions/committees of the J&K UT.

As per the rules, the Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K would be the Chief Executive Officer of the Mental Health Authority, while a senior MBBS doctor with a Masters in Health Administration or Master in Hospital Administration would be nominated as a Medical Advisor to CEO.

The Mental Health Authority with the approval of the government shall determine the number, nature and categories of the officers and employees required for the discharge of its functions.

According to the notification, every mental health establishment in the Union Territory, except the mental health establishment under the control of the Central government, shall be registered with the Mental Health Authority of J&K UT.

Every such establishment as referred to in sub-rule (1) shall apply for registration along with details given there in Form B, and a fee of Rs 20,000 by way of DD in favour of Chairperson, J&K Mental Health Authority. The provisional registration certificate granted under sub-rule (3) of rule 10 of the Act shall be valid for a period of 12 months from the date of such grant.

For renewal, one should apply within 30 days of the expiry of the period of validity. The renewal fee for the same will be Rs 5,000. The authority shall maintain a digital register of all such establishments and professionals, category-wise including clinical psychologists, mental health nurses and psychiatric social workers as mental health professionals.

The rules have been made for the proper implementation of the Mental Healthcare Act 2017 in J&K. Now the mental health establishments in J&K would be audited and inspected to ensure transparency, while the Mental Health Authority would maintain accounts of its income, expenditure, and online register as well.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in the exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (2) of Section 121 of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 (10 of 2017) has made the Rules.

The Authority shall also ensure/conduct an audit of registered Mental Health establishments in the UT or authorise one or more persons from the office of the concerned Deputy Commissioner, a representative from the Human Rights Commission of the JKUT or psychiatrists in government service or private practice for the purpose.

The Authority may conduct inspections and inquiries of any mental health establishment, suo-moto or on a complaint in respect of non-adherence to minimum standards as specified under the Act—(KNO)

### Police Files Case

within DBU campus in Fatehgarh district of Punjab.

The students had alleged that the SLSC was neither registered with Indian Nursing Council (INC) nor Punjab Nurses Registration Council (PNRC), forcing them to stage peaceful protests against the unilateral decision of DBU administration.

A senior Punjab police officer confirmed that DBU administration has been charged with fraud and criminal assault on female students. He said the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Fatehgarh has been in constant touch with the protesting students and that she has assured all possible help to them including their admissions at an approved college in Punjab.

"Yes we have registered a case against DBU administration under several sections of IPC and the accused will be arrested soon. The FIR registered against Kashmiri students has been cancelled as well," he told Kashmir Observer.

The protesting students said the police after the intervention of several opposition and farmers leaders have cancelled FIR registered against them.

The students said DBU has been shut while the administrators, including Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor have yet not been traced by the police.

"We are very thankful to the Chief Minister of Punjab Bhagwant Mann, farmer leaders and

the opposition leaders for their unwavering support to us. We cannot describe in words how sympathetic their approach towards us was. Our protest is continuing despite the fact DBU is shut," a student told Kashmir Observer over phone, on Monday.

The administration and the local police of Punjab, he said, had urged them to call off their strike after some representatives of the government assured that whatever issues they face at the moment will be addressed.

"We out rightly rejected the offer and decided to continue our protest. We don't know what will happen tomorrow," he said.

"Although most of the students have returned to Kashmir, we want a concrete solution to our issues as we were deceived by the DBU administration. We demand a concrete solution to our issues," he added.

At least 70 students, majority of them from Kashmir, were transferred to Sardar Lal Singh College without their consent.

The paramedical courses at SLSC, students said are not recognized by INC or PNRC as the college lacks approval of both the regulating bodies.

At least 25 students including 22 girls and 3 boys suffered injuries after being baton charged during their protest against the unilateral move on Thursday last.

### HC Sets Guidelines

an appeal by Abhishek Khajuria(25) was born in the year 1993 in village Samwan Pallanwala Tehsil Khour District Jammu, an area adjoining to the Actual Line of Control (ALC).

In the year 1999, due to disturbance on the border, Khajuria, who was six years old, was forced to shift and take temporary residence along with his parents in the township of Akhnoor.

It is where he was brought up and received education. At the time of shifting from Samwan to Akhnoor, both his parents were serving in the School Education Department and were posted in Akhnoor only.

Later Tehsildar, Akhnoor issued requisite category certificate in favour of Khajuria on 23rd September, 2008 for five years and it was later extended by 5 more years. However, a candidate for the area moved to the Deputy Commissioner upon Khajuria figuring in waiting list of an examination conducted by JKSSB, contending that the certificate of ALC category issued in favour of the appellant in the year 2008 and renewed in the year 2013 by the Tehsildar, Akhnoor was contrary to and in violation of Jammu & Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 and the J&K Reservation Rules, 2005.

Accordingly, vide his order dated 17.02.2018, the Deputy Commissioner, Jammu cancelled the certificate of ALC category issued in favour of Khajuria. Against this order, Khajuria had filed the plea before the High Court's single bench which came to be dismissed on 03.05.2019. Khajuria had filed an appeal against this order before the Division bench which dismissed the same.

### PM Leaves

inauguration of international convention centre Yashobhoomi, asserting that many developments which have inspired the country and filled it with pride have taken place.

There is an atmosphere of festivity and enthusiasm, and the country has been filled with renewed self-confidence, he said, asking parliamentarians to give maximum time to the short session.

There will be a lot of time left for "rona dhona" (whining), he said in a jibe at the opposition which has been criticising the government over the session, which is unusual for its timing.

The journey of 75 years will now continue from a new destination, the prime minister said, urging members to pitch in with a new resolve, energy and confidence.

The country has to become developed by 2047, and all new decisions for this will now be taken in the new building, he noted.

It will be a valuable session, he said, adding that the shift to the new building will happen on Ganesh Chaturthi and that Lord Ganesha is revered as the God which removes all obstacles.

There will be no obstacle in India's development journey and the country will fulfil all its resolves and dreams, the prime minister said.

Citing success of India's moon mission, he said it will bring innumerable possibilities and opportunities to the country's doorstep. It is a source of inspiration and pride, he added.

Referring to the success of the G20, he said it reflected India's true federal spirit as events were held in over 60 cities. It became a celebration of India's diversity, he said.

It will also give pride to India that it became the voice of Global South, with the African Union being admitted as a member. The Summit declaration was adopted unanimously, an indication of India's bright future, he asserted.

### Journalist Majid Hyderi

allegedly for criminal conspiracy, intimidation, extortion, giving false information, defamation etc, police added.

The journalist and political commentator who was regular on television news channels got bail on Saturday, but was immediately re-arrested in some other case.

Former J-K chief minister and National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah said Hyderi's PSA detention was deeply disturbing.

"Reports of #MajidHyderi's detention under PSA are deeply disturbing. If correct this is yet another instance of the current J&K administration proving how intolerant they are to any criticism."

"I don't think there is very much he & I would ever agree on being ideologically poles apart but this reported detention & shift to a jail in Jammu is cruel & unnecessary," Abdullah wrote in a post on X.

"If Majid Hyderi has said something someone else doesn't like then take recourse to the available defamation laws. He isn't a threat to public safety even if he does threaten a few reputations," the NC leader said.

### Bus Crushes

doctors there declared him dead. Meanwhile, Police have taken cognisance of the incident.

### LG Greets People

people of all walks of life together. May lord Ganapati remove all obstacles and sufferings and bless us with joy, prosperity and peace".

### 3 OGWs Detained

They said a dossier was prepared by police against the trio and submitted to the deputy commissioner of Kishtwar who approved their detention under PSA.

After getting the necessary approval, the three OGWs were detained and shifted to jail, the officials said.

### Sarpanch Among

from a canal, an officer said. The accused have been identified as Sukhdev Singh alias 'Makhan' and his associates Sarpanch Yuvraj Singh, Dushant Kumar, and Nasir Khan, police said. More arrests are likely as the investigation of the case progresses.

According to police, Saansiya himself was a notorious drug peddler and was twice detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA).

He was an accused in over a dozen cases filed under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act at different police stations.

### Man Held With

forces intercepted the car following specific inputs at Zelna village on Sunday and seized the gelatin sticks.

A preliminary investigation suggested that the material was being transported by a contractor involved in road construction from Gadigarh to Paddar, the official said.

"There is a set procedure for transporting such materials to avoid its pilferage. We have taken a serious note of the illegal transportation of the gelatin sticks and registered an FIR for a thorough investigation," the SSP said.

He said appropriate action would be ensured against the contractor.

### Leopard Kills

where he succumbed shortly after. With several such incidents reported from the area in the recent past, the locals have demanded from the authorities to take necessary measures to avoid any such incident in the future.

## Determined To Win World Cup For Fans, Says Kohli



Press Trust of India

**CHENNAI:** Celebrated Virat Kohli says he and his teammates are ready to give their best in the upcoming ODI World Cup at home to make the dreams of Indian fans come true once again.

The Men in Blue won the World Cup twice, with their last success coming in 2011 when the competition was jointly hosted by India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

India defeated Sri Lanka by six wickets at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, under the leadership of Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

But Kohli is now eager to end their 12-year-long wait for the title, having missed out on winning the 2015 and 2019 editions in Australia-New Zealand and England, respectively.

"The passion and unwavering support of our fans is what fuels our determination to win the World Cup," Kohli told Star

Sports. "The memories of past World Cup victories, especially the iconic 2011 win, are etched in our hearts, and we want to create new memories for our fans."

"I am thrilled to be a part of this incredible campaign, which perfectly captures the emotions of our fans, and we're ready to give it our all to make their dreams come true," he added.

Kohli's thoughts were echoed by all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja.

"As a cricketer, there's nothing more motivating than knowing that millions of fans are standing behind you, cheering for your success," he said.

"This campaign reflects the deep passion and obsession of our fans to see Team India win."

"It's a journey we're embarking on together with the entire nation, and we're determined to make our fans proud with our performances on the field."

India will their World Cup campaign against Australia in Chennai on October 8.

## India Name Team For Australia ODIs



Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Seasoned spinner R Ashwin on Monday made a comeback to the Indian ODI team for the three-match series against Australia while senior players, including skipper Rohit Sharma and senior batter Virat Kohli, were rested from the first two games.

Ashwin, who last played an ODI back in January 2022 in South Africa, could be drafted into the Indian team for the World Cup if Axar Patel doesn't get fit before the September 28 deadline set by the ICC. Axar has sustained a quadriceps tear

during the recently held Asia Cup in Sri Lanka.

Off-spinner Washington Sundar has also been included in the squad for all three games and is another back up option for the World Cup.

KL Rahul will lead the side in the first two games before Rohit returns to lead a full strength squad in the third and final ODI ahead of the World Cup beginning October 5.

The first ODI will be played in Mohali on September 22, second in Indore on September 24 and third in Rajkot on September 27.

**Squad for the first two ODIs:** KL Rahul (captain), Ra-

vindra Jadeja (vice-captain), Rituraj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Ishan Kishan (wicketkeeper), Shardul Thakur, Washington Sundar, R Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Shami, Mohd. Siraj, Prasidh Krishna.

**Squad for third ODI:** Rohit Sharma (captain), Hardik Pandya, (vice-captain), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, KL Rahul (wicketkeeper), Ishan Kishan (wicketkeeper), Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Axar Patel (subject to fitness), Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, R Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Shami, Mohammed Siraj.

## LG Opens PSPB Inter-Unit Golf Tournery At RSGC

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday inaugurated the 44th PSPB Inter-Unit Golf Tournament at Royal Springs Golf Course here.

The tournament is being organised by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC).

The LG welcomed golfers to J&K and asked them to carry the message of new Jammu Kashmir across the country and beyond.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor shared the transformational journey of J&K over the past few years.

He also appreciated the ONGC for its contribution and support to the UT Government in various endeavours. Eight teams of petroleum and oil companies comprising of various national and inter-



national golfers are participating in the tournament.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG; Ranjan Prakash Thakur, CVO ONGC; Manish Patil Direc-

tor HR ONGC; Lalit Watts, Advisor, Petroleum Sports Promotion Board, members of PSPB, golfers and senior officers were present on the occasion.

## Jammu & Kashmir Open From October 4: PGTI

Agencies

**JAMMU:** The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) on Monday announced that the third edition of the Jammu and Kashmir Open will be held at the Jammu Tawi Golf Course in Jammu from October 4 to October 7 this year. The total prize purse for the event has been enhanced to Rs 50 lakh this year. The Pro-Am event will be held on October 8.

The tournament is part of J&K Tourism's initiative to promote golf tourism in the region. Jammu and Kashmir has prominent golf courses such as Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Royal Springs Golf Course (Srinagar), Pahalgam Golf Course (Lidder Valley) and Gulmarg Golf Club and these courses provide a rich experience to golfers, a release said.

Indian professionals participating in the event include Udayan Mane, Rashid Khan, defending champion Yuvraj Singh Sandhu and former champion Honey Baisoya. The foreign challenge will be led by Bangladeshis Jamal Hossain and Badal Hossain as well as Sri Lankans N Thangaraja and Mithun Perera. (ANI)

## Srinagar Premier League: Two Matches Played



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Two matches of the Srinagar Premier League took place on Monday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

In the first game, Kashmir Avengers FC played Jhelum FC. It was a hard-fought contest, with the Avengers taking the lead via Abid in the 24th minute. Leading 1-0 at half time, Kashmir Avengers doubled their lead through Farhan,

who found the back of the net in 61st minute. Abid was awarded player of the match for leading Kashmir Avengers FC to a 2-0 win.

In the second game of the day, Ali Jana FC locked horns with J&K Police XI. The Police side lead through Ishfaq in the 33rd minute. Ali Jana had chances to equalise, but failed to convert their opportunities. J&K Police held on to their slender 1-0 lead, before Faisal made it 2-0 in the 80th minute. Faisal was awarded player of the match for his decisive goal.

Per the fixtures list released by DFA Srinagar, Galaxy FC will play JK United FC at 4 pm today, Tuesday, September 19. In the second game, a 7 pm kick off, FC1 will take on Novelty FC.

## Sports Department's Water Sports Activities Begin In Srinagar

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Department of Youth Services & Sports kick started its Inter-School District Level selection trials in swimming for boys of different age groups on Monday at Nehru Park here.

The event was inaugurated by Joint Director Kashmir YSS Waseem Raja.

Hundreds of youths from different government and private schools of Srinagar participated in the trials on day one. The trials will continue till September 20 at Nehru Park.

A contingent of girl students will also participate in the trials on the concluding day of the camp.

JD Kashmir Waseem Raja while



sharing his good wishes with the participants assured that the Department

would put in all the possible efforts to involve maximum number of youngsters in various activities of water sports in coming days.

Raja appreciated In-Charge Water Sports Excellence Centre Nehru Park, Bilquees Mir, and her team for being a helping hand in organising the camp. JD YSS and other officers paid a visit to different sections of Water Sports Excellence Centre and expressed happiness over the establishment of such a great and state of the art facility.

District Youth Services & Sports Officer Srinagar Ghulam Hassan Lone, and other senior officers of the department were also accompanying the chief guest on this occasion.



## Cristiano Ronaldo Arrives In Tehran With Saudi Team

The Associated Press

**TEHRAN:** Hundreds of soccer fans stormed into a hotel in Tehran on Monday, hoping



for a glimpse of star player Cristiano Ronaldo after he arrived with his Saudi team-

mates ahead of a game.

Chanting "Ronaldo, Ronaldo," the fans pushed past police, filling the corridors and public spaces of the Espians

football club Al Nassr, which is set to play Iran's Persepolis in Tehran on Sept. 19. The return game will be played in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, on Nov. 27.

Ronaldo was the first of several big-name players to accept lavish contracts to play for Saudi teams. The oil-rich kingdom is spending billions of dollars to try to transform itself into a sports and entertainment powerhouse.

The Asian Champions League games are made possible by the restoration of diplomatic relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia following an agreement brokered by China earlier this year. The longtime rivals had severed ties in 2016 after an angry crowd stormed Saudi diplomatic missions in Iran to protest Saudi Arabia's execution of a popular Shiite cleric.

The 2015 Asian Champions League edition was the last time Saudi and Iranian teams faced each other on home turf in the group stage or knockout rounds.

## Milan Happy To Focus On Newcastle In Champions League After Derby Defeat



Reuters

**MILAN:** AC Milan will look to put Saturday's humiliating 5-1 derby defeat by Inter Milan behind them when they host Newcastle United in their opening group game of the Champions League on Tuesday. Manager Stefano Pioli is happy that they now have the chance to move on from that loss in a different competition.

"It hasn't been easy, we had a great deal of expectation surround-

ing the derby, there was a lot of positivity and confidence, and it went how it went, badly," Pioli told reporters on Monday. "It was a huge disappointment but we have the Champions League now, thankfully, because it's the only way we can actually try and switch our focus."

Milan went out of last season's Champions League to their rivals Inter at the semi-final stage, and the league defeat on Saturday means they have now lost all five derby games in 2023. "I'm in debt to the

fans because last season when we played really badly they always got behind us," the manager said.

"I also owe them something because I've become the Milan coach who has lost the most derby games in a calendar year, but we will do everything in our power to make sure this season can still be a very positive campaign."

Along with Newcastle, Milan will also face Paris St-Germain and Borussia Dortmund in Group F of the Champions League.

## Sweet reminder: SBI to send chocolates to borrowers who are likely to default



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The nation's largest lender, State Bank of India, is adopting a novel way to ensure timely repayments, especially by its retail borrowers, by greeting those likely to default on monthly installments with a pack of chocolates.

According to the bank, it has been found that a borrower who is planning to default will not answer a reminder call from the bank. So the best way is to meet them at their homes unannounced.

The move, aimed at ensuring better collections, comes amidst rising level of retail lending in the system coupled with increasing delinquency levels on the back of the upward movement in the interest rates.

SBI's retail loan book grew over 16.46 per cent to Rs 12,04,279 crore in the June 2023 quarter from Rs 10,34,111 crore in the year-ago period, making it the largest asset class for the lender whose total book stood at Rs 33,03,731 crore, growing at 13.9 per cent on-year.

In fact for the entire system, the double-digit loan growth of around 16 per cent has been led by retail loans only.

"With two fintechs which use artificial intelligence, we are piloting a novel way of reminding our retail borrowers of their repayment obligations. While one is doing conciliation with borrowers, the other is alerting us on the propensity of a borrower to default. And to

such borrowers who are likely to default, the representatives from this fintech will visit them, carrying a pack of chocolates for each of them, and remind them of the forthcoming EMIs," Ashwini Kumar Tewari, managing director in-charge of risk, compliance and stressed assets at SBI, said here over the weekend.

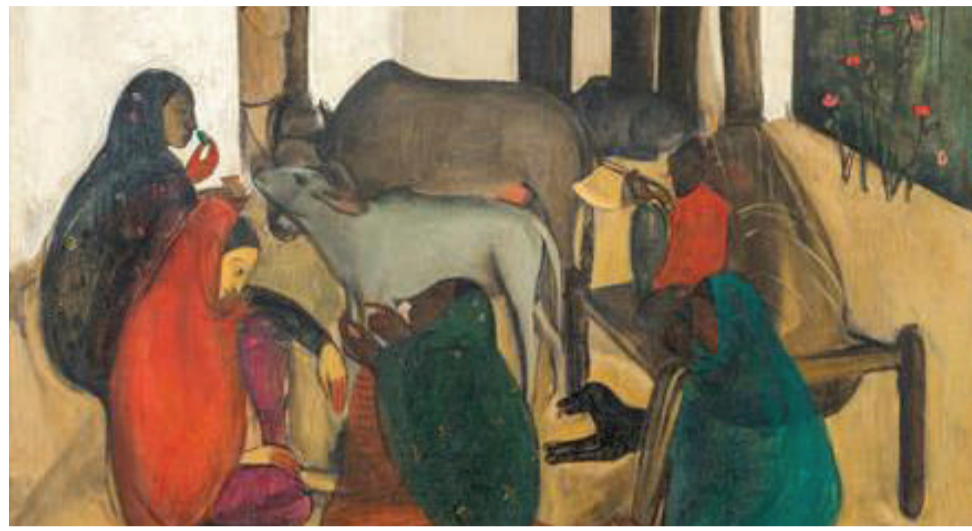
According to Tewari, this novel method of carrying a pack of chocolates and personally visiting them is adopted because it has been found that a borrower who is planning to default will not answer a reminder call from the bank. So the best way is to meet them at their own homes unannounced and surprise them. And so far, the success rate has been overwhelming, he said.

Tewari refused to name the fintechs saying the move is just at the pilot stage and has been put into place just about 15 days back and "if successful, we will formally announce it".

"We are also talking to a few other fintechs to improve our collection efficiencies and hopefully by the end of the year, we will have formally tied up with at least half of them," he said, adding, "we want to continue the pilot for at least four to five months."

SBI's over Rs 12 lakh crore of retail book consists of personal, auto, home and education loans. With a home loan book of over Rs 6.3 lakh crore as of June, SBI is the largest mortgage lender too.

## At Rs 61.8 crore, Amrita Sher-Gil's 'The Story Teller' Becomes Most Expensive Work By Indian Artist Ever



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New Delhi: Fetching a whopping Rs 61.8 crore, avant-garde artist Amrita Sher-Gil's oil on canvas "The Story Teller" has unseated Sayed Haider Raza's "Gestation" in becoming the most expensive work of Indian art sold at auction worldwide.

The 1937 artwork, sold here on Saturday at Saffronart's 'Evening Sale: Modern Art', was among the 70 plus art pieces by eminent artists including MF Husain, VS Gaitonde, Jamini Roy and FS Souza, featured in the auction.

It was only last month that Raza's 1989 "Gestation", also an oil-on-canvas painting, was sold at Rs 51.75 crore by Pundole's auction house in Mumbai, becoming the most expensive Indian artwork ever sold at auction.

"We are delighted to have set multiple artist records at our Evening Sale in New Delhi this September. Most significantly, the record price achieved by Amrita Sher-Gil's 'The Story Teller' is an important milestone in the Indian art market and testament

to the artist's immense skill and enduring legacy as one of India's art treasures," said Dinesh Vazirani, CEO and co-founder of Saffronart.

"The Story Teller", touted to be among the 12 works selected by Sher-Gil herself as her most important works, is widely considered an example of the artist's most honest and expressive compositions.

The dominant subjects for the eminent artist are women, primarily because she could lend her empathetic self most easily to their condition. The painting was first exhibited at Sher-Gil's successful solo exhibition at Faletti's Hotel, Lahore, in November 1937.

Her other well-known portraits of women include "Three Girls", "Women on the Charpai", "Hill Women", and "Young Girls".

Born to Indian father and Hungarian mother on January 30, 1913 in Budapest, Hungary, Sher-Gil came to be known as one of the greatest avant-garde women artists for her oeuvre.

From the early age of five, Sher-Gil immersed herself in

drawing and painting with watercolour. Her early works consisted of vibrant illustrations of Hungarian fairy tales with captivating characters. In 1921, the Sher-Gil family returned to India and settled in Shimla.

It was there that she honed her observational skills, capturing the essence of those around her through meticulous sketches. She died at the young age of 28 in 1941.

In 1976, she was declared one of India's nine 'National Art Treasure' artists by the Archaeological Survey of India.

Besides Sher-Gil, the auction smashed a few other records as well. For instance, renowned painter and art educator KK Hebbar's 1959 untitled work, sold for Rs 2.64 crore -- more than seven times its higher estimate -- made a world record for the highest price achieved by the artist globally.

It also witnessed sale of Raza's monumental work "Earth" for Rs 19.2 crore, early expressionist Tyeb Mehta's "Red Figure" for Rs 9 crore and FN Souza's "Caribbean Palm" for Rs 4.56 crore.

## Bystanders Less Likely To Give Life-Saving CPR To Women Having A Cardiac Arrest In Public: Study

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Bystanders are less likely to give life-saving CPR to women having a cardiac arrest in public than men, potentially leading to more women dying from the common health emergency, according to a study.

The research, presented at the European Emergency Medicine Congress in Spain, also shows that in private locations older people, especially older men, are less likely to receive cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). CPR combines mouth-to-mouth breathing and chest compressions to pump blood to the brain of people whose hearts have stopped beating, potentially staving off death until medical help arrives.

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"In an emergency when

someone is unconscious and not breathing properly, in addition to calling an ambulance, bystanders should give CPR. This will give the patient a much better chance of survival and recovery," said Alexis Courmoyer, an emergency medicine physician at the Hopital du Sacre-Coeur de Montreal, Canada.

"We carried out this study to try to uncover factors that might discourage people from delivering CPR, including any factors that might deter people from giving CPR to a woman," added Sylvie Cossette, a Ph.D. nurse researcher at the Montreal Heart Institute research center, Canada.

The yet-to-be peer-reviewed study used data from records of cardiac arrests that happened outside of hospital in Canada and the US between 2005 and 2015, including a total of 39,391 patients with an average age of 67.

They looked at whether or not a bystander performed CPR, where the emergency took place, and the age and gender of the patient. The team found that only around half of patients received CPR from a bystander (54 per cent). Overall, women were slightly less likely to be given CPR (52 per cent of women compared to 55 per cent of men).

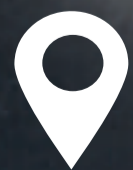
However, when the researchers looked only at cardiac arrests that happened in a public place, such as the street, the difference was greater (61 per cent of women compared to 68 per cent of men). These lower rates of CPR in public were found in women regardless of their age, according to the researchers.

When they looked at cardiac arrests that happened in a private setting, such as a home, the data indicated that with every ten-year increase in age, men were around 9 per cent less likely to be given CPR during a cardiac arrest.

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