

J&K Polls Will Be Held At 'Right Time': EC



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Election Commission of India (ECI) Monday announced the schedule for assembly elections in five states but skipped Jammu and Kashmir again. Announcing the poll dates for five states including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Telangana, the Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar told reporters that the polls in J&K will be held at the right time depending on the security situation prevailing there. However, the ECI didn't

clarify when asked about reasons that are holding the ECI back in announcing Assembly polls in J&K. Jammu and Kashmir has been under Central rule since June 2018 following the collapse of the PDP-BJP coalition. On August 5, 2019, the Central government abrogated Article 370 and Article 35A and bifurcated Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories, Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh. While J&K will have a legislature, Ladakh was carved out as a UT without a legislature. Announcing **▶ More On P6**

Spell Out Factors Delaying Polls: Omar to EC

National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah on Monday said the Election Commission not announcing the poll schedule for the Jammu and Kashmir assembly can push people to take to the streets for their right to have an elected government. "It seems like we are being pushed to a situation where we have to protest even for our democratic rights," Omar told reporters here. **▶ More On P6**



KO Photo: Abid Bhat

I HAVE SEEN THAT HE IS FASCINATED with figure of 80. I have noted he sees 80 in everything. When he was giving numbers of his popularity, why did he give a discount of 20 per cent? He can have 100 per cent."

Israel Orders 'Complete Siege' On Gaza, Cuts Off Food, Water

KO Web Desk

Israel Monday ordered a "complete siege" and an "immediate" cut to water supply to the Gaza Strip as it continued to pound densely populated enclave forcing panic stricken residents to flee for their lives. Since Saturday's surprise operation by Palestinian fighters, Israeli aircraft have been pounding Gaza while its ground forces have struggled to retake control of villages and towns overrun by Palestinian fighters.

Expanding the theatre of operation Israeli warplanes on Monday bombed a densely populated neighbourhood at the Jabalia refugee camp in the occupied West Bank.

The Gaza Health Ministry said on Monday the death toll from the Israeli attacks had reached 510, including 91 children and 61 women, with 2,751 others injured.

In a statement, the Israeli air force said it had dropped some 2,000 munitions and more



than 1,000 ton bombs on Gaza in the last 20 hours.

Minister of military affairs Yoav Gallant said on Monday Israel is escalating measures against the Gaza Strip to a "total blockade" including a ban on admitting food and fuel, describing this as part of a battle against "beastly people".

"We are putting a complete siege on Gaza... No electricity, no food, no water, no gas -- it's all closed," Gallant said in a

video message, referring to the enclave that is overcrowded with 2.3 million people.

Israel's chief military spokesperson said the regime has drafted a record 300,000 reservists as it is "going on the offensive".

The latest onslaught on Gaza started on Saturday immediately after Palestinian fighters in a stunning move breached military fence and launched an unprecedented strike inside

Israel leaving more than 700 Israeli's dead besides abducting over hundred, including some top generals.

Analysts say the government of hardline prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu was resorting to harsh measures like cutting off water, electricity and food supplies to the Gaza strip in order to deflect criticism for the humiliation his military suffered at the hands of a ragtag militia. The attack caught Israel's vaunted military and intelligence services off guard as Israel's border with Gaza is considered one of the most heavily fortified in the region.

On Monday, fighting was still raging at seven or eight locations inside Israel captured by the fighters.

"It's taking more time than we expected to get things back into a defensive, security posture," Israeli Lt. Col. Richard Hecht told journalists.

Gallant meanwhile said he had ordered a total siege of the Gaza Strip. **▶ More On P6**

Snowfall, Rains Dips Mercury In Kashmir

Agencies

Srinagar: The higher reaches of Jammu & Kashmir received a fresh snowfall while rains lashed plains on Monday, bringing down the mercury in the Union Territory.

According to reports, Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort in Baramulla and several parts of the neighboring Kupwara district as well as Banihal area received fresh snowfall.

However, after cloudy weather conditions throughout the day, the rains lashed plains of Kashmir, bringing down the temperature.

Pertinently, the weatherman has predicted two-day wet spell from today while the main activity will be in the intervening night of Monday-Tuesday.

Director Meteorological department (MeT), Sonum Lotus said that there is a possibility of more intermittent rains in J&K parts and snowfall at isolated places.

He added the weather conditions would start improving from Tuesday morning. Deputy Director MeT, **▶ More On P6**

President Murmu's Maiden Kashmir Visit Top Brass Police, Army Officials Discuss Security Plan

DGP Directs Night Domination, Random Checkpoints To Keep Eye On Anti-Nationals

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Two days ahead of President Draupadi Murmu's first visit to Srinagar, the Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Monday directed security forces to carry out night domination, create random checkpoints,

besides conducting joint patrolling to keep an eye on movement of anti-nationals.

Chairing a joint meeting of senior officers of Police, CRPF, Army and intelligence agencies at the Police Control Room here on Monday, Singh also stressed for optimum use of resources and utilization of technology & security gadgets including CCTV cameras as part of deployment, a police spokesperson said Monday.

President Murmu will be on maiden visit to Kashmir

on October 11. She will be the chief guest at the 20th convocation of Kashmir University. Over 400 students will receive gold medals and MPhil and PhD degrees during the event.

In the high-level meeting, the spokesperson said, security arrangements put in place for the President's visit including detailed deployment enroute and in & around the venues were deliberated upon.

He said deployment of man-power from different forces and **▶ More On P6**

LG Chairs Meet To Reviews Preparations

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday chaired a meeting to review the arrangements ahead of the visit of President of India, Draupadi Murmu to the UT of Jammu Kashmir. The LG appraised the preparations for the convocation of the University of Kashmir to be graced by the President, an official spokesperson said. Sinha, he said, also reviewed the security arrangements and directed for implementation of a meticulous traffic plan in view of the President's visit. The meeting **▶ More On P6**

J&K Bank Makes Account Opening Facility Online We Have Taken An Important Step In Our Digital Journey: MD & CEO



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Adding yet another prominent product to enrich its digital portfolio, J&K Bank on Monday rolled out its Online Account Opening Facility with Video KYC for enabling New-to-bank customers to open accounts digitally.

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash e-inaugurated the digital product from Zonal Office Jammu

in presence of Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar, DGMS and other officers of the Bank.

Executive Director Sudhir Gupta chaired the launching ceremony here at Corporate Headquarters in which all top executives and other officers were present. Other Divisional Heads and Zonal Heads also participated in the launch event virtually through VC. Speaking on **▶ More On P6**

LAHDC-KARGIL WIN NC, Cong To Hold CEC Post In Rotation: Omar

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Monday said his party had a pre-poll understanding with the Congress about holding the chief executive councillor post in the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council-Kargil in rotation.

The National Conference and the Congress together won 22 of the 26 seats in the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council-Kargil that had gone to polls on October 4. The administration nominates four



members with voting rights to the 30-member council.

According to the officials, the National Conference won 12 seats, making it the single largest

party, while its ally Congress registered victory in 10. The BJP won two seats, while two independent candidates also registered victory, they said.

"It was decided before the polls that we will have rotational chief executive councillor in Kargil for two and a half years each. It has not changed after the results and it would not have changed even if we had 16 seats and the Congress had only six," Abdullah told reporters here.

Asked which party would have the first go at the post, he said, "Being the **▶ More On P6**

Allies Celebrate Win, CPI(M) Welcomes Verdict

The National Conference and Congress on Monday celebrated the victory of their alliance in the elections to Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC)-Kargil at their party headquarters here, while the CPI(M) said the result created a hope for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The NC-Congress combine swept the hill council polls in Kargil, winning 22 of the total 26 seats that were up for grabs, while the BJP and independents managed victory in two seats each. The alliance dubbed **▶ More On P6**

Speed Up Work On All Projects: LG To Officials



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Monday directed officials to speedup work on the construction projects, including the transit accommodation for Prime Minister Package employees coming up in the city outskirts.

The LG passed these directions on Monday during inspection of ongoing construction

projects, including the transit accommodation for PM Package employees at Zewan.

Sinha reviewed ongoing construction work and directed for timely completion and strict monitoring of the progress of under-construction blocks.

Later, he visited the construction site for the office and Yatri Niwas of Amarnath Shrine Board and inspected the progress made on the prestigious project. **▶ More On P6**

Compensation On Valuation Done Yrs Ago Arbitrary: HC Orders Reassessing Compensation To Be Paid To Camas Of Rakh-i-Gund Akashah

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Monday directed authorities to reassess the amount of compensation to be paid to camas (labourers)

of leftover land of 3760 Kanals transferred to the Srinagar Development Authority for setting up of a Smart Satellite Township at Rakh-i-Gund Akashah at Bemina Srinagar.

"Paying of compensation/improvement charges to camas on the basis of assessment/valuation done years ago, i.e., in the year 2001, is arbitrary," a bench of Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal said, adding, "As such, I am of

the considered opinion that the Respondents (authorities) have to reassess the amount of compensation/improvement charges to be paid to camas (petitioners herein) based on the parameters/formula to be taken into count as per rules.

As a necessary corollary, Respondents are directed to reassess the payment of improvement charges to be paid to the camas including petitioners within a period of two months."

According to the petitioners, Srinagar Development Authority, through an advertisement notice dated 15-02-2023, has invited applications from the general **▶ More On P6**

SHORT TAKES

10 Arrested For Assaulting Woman

Ten people were arrested on Monday allegedly for assaulting women in four separate incidents, police said. The incidents were reported in Samba, Bari Brahmana, and Purmandal areas of the district, they said. Six of the 10 arrested have been identified as Latif Mohd, Manzoor Ahmed, Miyan, Saroj Kumar, Lalu, and Yougeshwar Kumar. On the directions of Samba Senior Superintendent of Police Benam Tosh, a total of **▶ More On P6**

Mortar Shell Defused Near LoC

Arrested mortar shell was found buried in a forward village in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Monday, police said. The shell was dug out by an earthmover engaged by a villager to build some structures at Kalsai in the Nowshera sector, he said. The official said the villagers informed the police and a bomb disposal squad was rushed to the area to defuse the explosive substance. The shell is believed to have landed in the village **▶ More On P6**

Govt Sacks W&W LC For Graft

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir, keeping with its avowed policy of zero tolerance for corruption and misconduct by the employees, ordered removal of Ruquiya Akhter, Watch and Ward Woman of the erstwhile J&K Legislative Council presently under the control of the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, from service. The employee has been removed from service in terms of Clause (vii) of Rule-30 of **▶ More On P6**

I-T Dept Conducts Raids In Sopore

The Income Tax department on Monday raided multiple business units in Kashmir. Reports said that "Income tax department Delhi raided Arco textile (DTA) Dawar Textile Agency at Lal-Mandi Srinagar owned by Jameel Aiman, a resident of Sopore A/P Shah Anwar Colony Hyderabad. Another team headed by Sudeep Dabas raided Kashmir Glass industry owned by Adil Magray and Modern Steel owned by Nisar Ahmad. Both the **▶ More On P6**

Woman Crushed To Death

An elderly woman died on Monday after being hit by an unknown vehicle in Delina area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district. Shameema Begum of Rawathpora village was hit by an unknown vehicle on Monday afternoon in Delina area of the district, officials said. Shameema sustained serious injuries in the accident. She was rushed to Government medical college (GMC) Baramulla for treatment. **▶ More On P6**

Soldier Killed In Ladakh Avalanche

A soldier was killed while three others were missing after an avalanche took place near Mount Kun, Ladakh, officials said Monday. Defence sources told a local news agency KNO that a contingent of approximately 40 army personnel from the High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS) and the Army Adventure Wing of the Army were involved in routine training activities near Mount Kun (Ladakh). "Such exercises are standard practice during this **▶ More On P6**



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Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)

JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT (P.H.E)

Office Of The Executive Engineer PHE Division Sopore

Land Mark Iqbal Market Sopore Phone No/Fax: 01954 – 222482 E.Mail: phesopore@gmail.com
 SHORT TERM E-NIT 18/PHE/SPR OF 10/2023, DATED: 09-10-2023 ISSUED UNDER
 NO: 7076-94, DATED:09-10-2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, J&K Union Territory e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on **percentage basis** from the registered /Reputed/experienced technical Agencies/consultants/firms for the below mentioned job.

S.No	Name of Work	Consultancy Charges	Cost of T/Doc (In Rupees)	Earnest money /performance security	Time of Completion	Date and time of bid opening
01	Preparation of Architectural plan, section and elevation, 3D perspective plan, structural and electrical design including BOQ of all the items of work and detailed drawing for construction of residential accommodation for Executive Engineer PHE Division Sopore/Assistant Executive Engineer PHE Sub Division Watlab at sangria Muqam under WSS Sangri Muqam JJM (within the project cost of Rs. 75.00 lacs).	Rs.35000/-	Rs 200/-	Rs2000/-	10 days	17-10-2023 at 12:30 PM

The N.I.T of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

Bids must be uploaded on Jktenders.gov.in with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE Division Sopore (tender inviting authority)

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

01	Date of Issue/Uploading of Tender Notice	09-10-2023
02	Start of Downloading	09-10-2023
03	Bid Submission Start Date	09-10-2023
04	Bid submission end date	16-10-2023
05	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	17-10-2023 at 12:30pm

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process:

- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in ENIT.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides original/Photocopies of documents related to the bid to be submitted by L-1 after opening of financial bid.
- The ENIT No, advertised ceiling and S.No. of the work shall be written on the e-challan/treasury receipt and date of e-challan/treasury receipt shall be after date of issuance of tender notice without which no tender document shall be accepted and is liable to be rejected.
- The bidders who do not qualify as per above terms their price bids would not be opened up and would be declared as disqualified one.
- The successful bidder are bound to attend the divisional office of the opening authority after opening of financial bid within two days positively for issue of necessary allotment order and fulfillment of other codal formalities laid down in the said NIT.
- The successful bidder if fails to adhere the instructions within the stipulated time as are given to him for fulfillment of the contract, the work will be allotted in favour of the next lowest bidder at his risk and cost and has to bear cost differentiation and he has to face blacklisting.
- The intending tenders are advised to visit and acquire knowledge about the sites/Water supply schemes under the jurisdiction of PHE Sub Division Sumbal/PHE Sub Division Sopore/PHE Sub Division Watlab of this Division before casting the tender to avoid any kind of offside later on.

No. PHE/CIVIL/SPR/7076-94
 DIPK-10113/23
 Dated: 09-10-2023

Sd/- Executive Engineer
 (J/S)PHE Division Sopore

BEFORE THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU, KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT SRINAGAR

Caveat Application No.: _____/2023
 In The Case Of -
 Iqbal Mission High School, Kral Sangri Brein Srinagar Kashmir
 Through its Chairman Khazir Mohammad Mir, S/o: Late Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Mir, R/o: Brein Nishat.

...Caveators
 Versus
 Public At Large
 ...Non-Caveators

In The Matter Of - Caveat application Under Rule 26 of J&K High Court Rules 1999.

May it please your Lordships,
 The caveators most respectfully submits as under:

1. That the caveators apprehend that any person whose particulars are not known to the caveators may challenge the Judgment passed by the Hon'ble Court in WP(C) No. 399/2022 in case titled The Staff Members Association of Iqbal Mission High School, Kral Sangri Brein Srinagar Kashmir versus UT of J&K and ors.

2. That as the particulars of non-caveators are not known to the caveators, thus the caveat application is being filed against Public at large, therefore by virtue of any further litigation it will be the caveators whose rights will get prejudiced.

In the premises, it is humbly prayed that in case any petition challenging the Judgment passed by the Hon'ble Court in WP(C) No. 399/2022 in case titled The Staff Members Association of Iqbal Mission High School, Kral Sangri Brein Srinagar Kashmir versus UT of J&K and ors, by any person(s) before this Hon'ble court through the medium of any legal proceedings, LPA, writ petition, the caveat application be listed along with LPA, writ petition and the caveators may kindly be heard through their counsel before passing any exparte order/direction against the caveators; same shall be consonance with law and justice.

CAVEATORS THROUGH COUNSEL
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ازنیابت پاپان

عنوان:- مناب غلام نبی موہی ولد عبدول جبار موہی ساکن اندراگام تحصیل پش پش براد OBC سرٹیفکیٹ تحت SRO 126/294 /144 بجق خود

اشہار ہرخاص و عام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بھری حصول OBC سرٹیفکیٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پڑاری حلقہ سے پورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل موصوع اندراگام کاسکولت دار ہے سائل کاسکولتہ بذیل ہے۔

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رقبتہ گتہ گرام	61 سال	گھریلو کام
نصیر احمد موہی ولد غلام نبی	30 سال	تیار
روینہ بیگم زونہیر احمد موہی	26 سال	گھریلو کام
سابقہ نصیر ولد نصیر احمد	8 سال	زیر تعلیم
محمد عاسم ولد نصیر احمد موہی	6 سال	زیر تعلیم

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DEMISE

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform that the wife of **Shiekh Ab. Gani of Shiekh Mohalla, Mumkhan, near Badamwari Gate Srinagar passed away on 9th October 2023 (22, Rabi ul Awwal, 1445). May Allah (SWT) bestow you a place in Jannat-ul-Fordous (Ameen).**

Her Fateh Khawani will be observed on (Wednesday) 11th October 2023 at our ancestral graveyard at Shiekh Mohalla, Mumkhan, near Badamwari Gate at 10:00 a.m

LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO BRING ANY FRUIT ETC.

BEREAVED FAMILY | 7889886455

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Before The Hon'ble Court Of Principal District Srinagar

Letter Of Administration No of 2023

In the matter of
 Noreen Badar W/o Zubair Jalal D/o Badar Mohiuddin
 R/o Peer Bagh Bridge Hyderpora
 2. Ahmreen Badar W/o Badar Mohidin
 R/o Hyderpora Noorani Colony Peer Bagh Srinagar
 3. Osma Badar D/o Badar Mohiuddin W/o Shahid Aziz
 R/o Baghi Magaral Srinagar
 4. Samreen Kureshi D/o Badar Mohiuddin
 R/o Hyderpora Srinagar

Petitioners

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General Public
 UT OF J&K
 Through SDM South Concerned

Respondents

Amended Petition Under Section 218 Of The Indian Succession Act For Grant Of Letter Of Administration In Favour Of Noreen Badar In Respect Of Locker Of Badar Mohi Ud Din Bearing No. 47, Key No. 0089 Bearing Account Number 088400100000526 In Punjab National Bank Batmaloo Branch MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH: The Petitioners begs to submit as under

i. The place, date & Time of the death of deceased.

BADAR MOHIUDDIN S/o Brigadier Khuda Baksh died instestate on 20.03.2022 at Noorani Colony Srinagar

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The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 12th session Bi Annual 2022 issued by the board of School Education under below mentioned particulars
Name : Malik Zeeshan
S/o: Ghulam Ahmad Malik
Roll No: 32602523
Year & Session 2022 Bi-Annual



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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary
 Board Of School Education
 Sub Office Bandipora

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my 9th pass Discharge Certificate bearing admission No: 1922 Dated: 09-03-1994 somewhere. 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 Principal Govt Higher Secondary Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Amina Bano
 D/o Mohd Abdullah Bhat
 R/o Aripallan

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(GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)
 (UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR)

Office Of The Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar.

RESH NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
 NIT No: E-NIT/11/CRD/SMC/SGR/2023-24 DATED: 07-10-2023.

For and on behalf of the Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders (in Single cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments.

S.No	Name of Work	Advt. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit @2% of Adv. Cost	Completion days	Class of Contractor	M.H of A/C
1	Improvement/ Upgradation of Hyderia Colony Upper Soura lane No. 6 from Posh House to Masjid Tawheed with allied links by way of providing and laying of 75mm thick compacted WMM, 50mm thick compacted BT, 25mm thick compacted semidense with premixed seal coat.	17.80	800/-	35600/-	7 Days	BEE/ CEE Class	Capex Budget 2023-24

AAA: Accorded.
 The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, specification, 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 schedule of dates given below:-

Scheduled Dates & Time of Online Tenders.	
1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice Online	09-10-2023
2. Period of downloading of Bidding documents	FROM 09-10-2023 10:00 A.M TO 16-10-2023 10:00 A.M
3. Bid submission Start Date	FROM 09-10-2023 10:00 A.M TO 16-10-2023 4:00 P.M
4. Bid Submission End Date	UPTO 16-10-2023 4:00 P.M
5. Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	17-10-2023 at 10:00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of introducing Bank Receipt as a tender fee paid in the Municipal Account No: 0216010200000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch Dood Ganga Balgarden, Srinagar payable at Srinagar (With NIT No. and S.No. of work mentioned) by simply uploading a copy of necessary Bank Receipt.
- Bids must be accompanied with Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) @2% of the advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar which shall be deposited with the tender documents at the time of tendering. The same shall be released after receipt of 5% of performance security by the successful Bidder.
- 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 Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain Valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The lowest bidder (L1) also called the successful Bidder has to produce a performance security amount equal to 5% (five percent) of the contract value in the shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG immediately after the opening of financial bids, but prior to fixation of contract. The validity period of the FDR/ BG for requisite amount shall be upto DLP. Any FDR/ BG having less validity period shall not be entertained. The CDR/ FDR/ BG shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period (DLP). In case of unbalanced bid, the successful bidder shall have to deposit an additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar before award of contract & the following scale shall apply there to:-

S.No.	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz-a-viz Adv. Cost	Additional Performance Security to be deposited on quoted bid by L-1
1	Upto and including 15% below	Nil
2	>15% upto and including 20% below	5%
3	>20% upto and including 25% below	10%
4	>25% upto and including 30% below	15%
5	>30% below	20%

- If any bidder / tenderer withdraws/ modified his bid during the period of validity etc, the Department is at liberty to suspend the bidder for one year or as shall be deemed suitable by the tender inviting Authority. Same shall hold good if the bidder fails to produce performance security within the specified time.
- The successful bidder (L1) shall have to furnish hard copy of the uploaded documents viz Registration card duly renewed, Valid GST Registration, PAN Card, GSTR-3B etc alongwith Treasury Challan Receipt.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**
 - Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
 - To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
 - Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on PHE e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload the clear scanned copies of all necessary documents with the bid.

DOC-1	DOC-2	DOC-3	DOC-4
CLEAR SCAN COPY OF CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION CARD DULY RENEWED. (2023-2024)	CLEAR SCAN COPY OF BANK RECEIPT/ Earnest Money Deposit. Note: The Date of Bank Receipt/ Earnest Money Deposit should be between the bid submission dates of the NIT, any Bank Receipt/ EMD which is before the bid submission date of the published NIT shall summarily be rejected.	Scanned Copy of:- 1. PAN Card 2. Copy of GSTIN Registration GSTR-3B Return of previous Quarter to the issued date of NIT upto June 2023 or after that.	Self-certified performance declaration as per annexed format (Refer condition No.9). Affidavit (Refer para 21 (W) General Conditions.

Note - The bidder should upload all the necessary documents details given above in One "01" No. PDF file.
 Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

- Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (as per Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Bitumen Macadam Works executed by the agency during the year 2022-23.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate / (%) percentage rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- Price escalation and Taxes:-** The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder (item rate basis or %age rate basis whatever the case may be) entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- The participating bidders shall have to quote the %age rates against the BOQ given which includes all carriages / lifts / leads and all kinds of taxes relevant from time to time. The rates cannot be modified after bid submission date.
- Any discrepancy regarding specifications, units, quantity of items in the BOQ shall be read in accordance with the PWD sanctioned Schedule 2022.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines/ standard bidding document shall be followed.
- All bidders shall upload the information and documents with their bids such as Copies of original documents defining constitution / legal status, place of registration and Principal place of Business, GST Registration and PAN Card.
- The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held to clarify any issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage by the bidders. However participation in the pre-bid meeting shall not be binding on bidders.
- All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English language.
- The bidders shall have to quote the rate percentage in the prescribed rate percentage column in case of percentage based BOQ and in case of item rate based BOQ if the bidder does not quote rate for any item or items of the BOQ, cost of such item /items shall be deemed to be part of overall / total contract value and no rate shall be allowed for such item / items in the allotment of contract.
- The execution of works falling under the jurisdiction of LAWDA shall be subject to NOC from LCMA (LAWDA) Department.

NIT/11/CRD /SMC/SGR/2023-24/e-tendering/
 DIPK-10057/2 DATED:-09-10-2023.

Executive Engineer,
 City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar.

Patients Face Difficulties, Seeks Overhead Footbridge Near Children Hospital

Observer News Service
Srinagar: The lack of an overhead footbridge near Bemina Children Hospital is leading to severe difficulties for patients and their attendants who have to navigate the busy traffic to reach the medical facility. Bemina Children Hospital serves as a crucial healthcare center for children and infants here in Srinagar city; however, the absence of a footbridge has created a hazardous situation for those seeking

medical care. "Patients, especially those with children, elderly attendants, face a daunting challenge when attempting to cross the road to reach the hospital. The busy traffic and the absence of a safe pedestrian crossing exacerbate the situation, putting lives at risk," says a father, who had to cross the road with his 5-years-old ill son in lap. The other patients alleged that attendants and family members accompanying patients also endure the same hardships.



Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) workers and activists celebrating the party's grand victory in LAHDC Kargil elections at PCC head office in Srinagar on Monday. - KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Mirwaiz To Preside Over Anjuman Seerat Conference On Oct 14

Observer News Service
Srinagar: A grand Seerat Conference by Anjuman Nusrat-ul-Islam which was scheduled to be held on October 11 (Wednesday) has been postponed to October 14 (Saturday), at the historic Auditorium Hall of Islamia Higher Secondary School, Rajouri Kadal, Srinagar, at 10 am. The Seerat Conference titled "Wa Maa Arsalnaaka Illa Rehmat Lail Aalameen (And We have sent you (O Muhammad SAW) not but as a mercy for the mankind) is being organised to promote the message of the

Last Prophet of Islam Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) and to find solutions to the serious social issues and problems faced by the young generation, a statement issued here said. President of Anjuman Nusrat-ul-Islam Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Dr Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq will preside over the Seerat Conference after a gap of 4 years while the talented students of various renowned private educational institutions will participate and express their thoughts on the above-mentioned topic, reads the statement.

Harissa Delicacy Returns To Valley As Autumn Signals Winter Arrival

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As the golden hues of autumn have started sweeping across Kashmir, people eagerly embrace the tradition of savouring steaming bowls of Harissa, a mouth-watering delicacy that warms both body and soul. Harissa, a slow-cooked dish that boasts a unique blend of flavors and textures, typically consists of tender, slow-cooked meat—often mutton—melded with a creamy mixture of rice and wheat. For generations, the people of the valley have shared a deep affection for Harissa. As the tem-

peratures steadily drop and winter inches closer, the Harissa craze gains momentum in the valley. Likewise, in the bustling markets of Srinagar and other towns, the Harissa stalls are attracting locals and tourists alike. The sight of these fragrant stalls, where Harissa is ladled into clay pots and served with traditional flatbreads, is a quintessential part of the Kashmiri autumn experience. Sharing their memorable experiences, locals and Harissa sellers said "The preparation of Harissa is an art in itself, requiring patience and skill, where mutton is slow-cooked overnight

in large copper pots, stirred meticulously to achieve the desired consistency. The rice and wheat are added gradually, turning the mixture into a creamy, porridge-like dish that is nothing short of a culinary masterpiece," said Sameer Dagloo, a Harissa seller at Rambagh Srinagar. Another Harissa seller from Srinagar's downtown said: "Harissa is not just a dish; it's a labor of love and tradition. The slow cooking process allows us to infuse the warmth of Kashmir into every bowl, making it a symbol of our culture and the changing seasons."

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

PRAYERS

FAJR	5:08
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ASR	4:25
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ISHA	7:27

HIJRI CALENDAR
23 Rabi-ul-Awwal 1445

This Day In History

- 1902 - American outlaw Tom Horn's murder trial begins, and he is eventually found guilty and sentenced to death
- 1903 - The Women's Social and Political Union was formed by Emmeline Pankhurst to fight for women's rights in Britain.
- 1911 - Sun Yat-sen's revolutionaries overthrow Manchus (Taiwan National Day)
- 1911 - Robert Borden becomes the 8th Prime Minister of Canada
- 1935 - League of Nations denounces Italian invasion of Abyssinia
- 1943 - US bombers accidentally strike Enschede, Netherlands, causing 151 deaths.
- 1960 - Cyclone hits coast of Gulf of Bengal; about 4000 die
- 1962 - Indies assault up Chinese positions in North-India attack
- 1970 - Fiji gains independence from Britain (National Day)
- 1975 - Israel formally signs Sinai accord with Egypt
- 1981 - Anwar Sadat's funeral service held in Cairo
- 1982 - US imposes sanctions against Poland for banning Solidarity trade union
- 1986 - Shimon Peres resigns as Prime Minister of Israel
- 1990 - US 67th manned space mission STS 41 (Discovery 11) returns from space

From KO Archives

Rs 4 Cr Spent Over 20-Yrs To Build 1-Km 'Road' Stretch!

Rajinder Singh

RAJOURI: History of sorts was created in this far-flung border district when the state government last year handed over a major road construction project to the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) after having squandered an astro-nomical Rs four crore on 'creating' just a kilometre of an improvised fair-weather path- over a period of 20 years. In sharp contrast, the BRO's Project Sam-park had completed 20 km stretch of the road, by September 10 this year. According to reports, the park's very own public works department (PWD) had taken up the construction of 35-km Ghambir Tarkundi road in Rajouri district in 1980 while its physical execution went on at a snail's pace, the department displayed a mad haste in the booking of expen-diture It spent a near Rs four crore till the time the project was finally entrusted to the BRO last year. Locals told Observer News Service that road proved to be a goldmine for the executing agencies. It was first entrusted to the PWD and subsequently to its 'notorious cousin', the rural development department. With politi-cal blessing, the "worthies" of the two hyper-active' state outfits managed an apology of a small 1-km stretch which defies the description of road. Even light motor vehicles cannot ply-on it. Sources alleged fictitious draws were made, on a massive scale to swindle the crores provided by the government. Apprehending cognizance of the huge scam, all the records pertaining to the road project were al-legendly consigned to flames in a mysterious- fire. With the entire evidence destroyed thus, they alleged, the sea matters managed their escape from the vigilance dragnet. Construction of the road had been conceived to provide connectivity to 20 villages in areas close to the line of control (LoC). Even after 53 years of independence, nearly 80 per cent of population in the isolated villages remains landlocked for want of roads. Absence of roads has also retarded the overall development of the chronically back-ward areas. As a result, the funds provided for them under various welfare programmes have allegedly been swindled by officials and their political patrons. Fictitious draws are believed to be common in most development departments in the twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri. Sources alleged various PWD and rural development offices had drawn bills for bridge paths and other works executed by the security forces. Likewise, works executed by one agency were charged by more than one department defrauding the state exchequer to the extent of crores of rupees. The state vigilance organisation (SVD) had, in 1988, es-tablished a case pertaining to construction of a water tank at Sari in Poonch district. It had been built by the public health engineering (PHE) department. However, two more departments - PWD and rural development - also have allegedly drawn bills for the scheme even after 12 years, no action has been taken against the accused. (Kashmir Observer, October 10, 2000)

مناسبت آیات

موت کی آغوش میں بھی کب سکون پاتی ہے ماں
جب پریشانی میں ہوں پتھر توپ جاتی ہے ماں

دنیا میں ماں جیسی مہربان کا داروغہ مطلق اور ادا کے لئے ایک عظیم صدمہ ہوتا ہے۔ اولاد زندگی کے کسی بھی پڑاؤ پر کیوں نہ ہو ماں کی جہانی آغوش میں روئے جھٹکتے ہوئے سہارا بننے کی ماہر بنتی ہے۔ بیٹیاں انسان تراور مشیت کے لحاظ سے کتنا ہی بڑا ایک ماں کی آغوش میں آ کر یک ایک اس کا بچپن لوٹ آتا ہے۔ اس لئے وہ بچی بھی مائیدار سے مرکز ہے نہایتیں ہو سکتا ہے۔ عطا-افغانی نے بجا فرمایا ہے۔

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صحت ماں میں مطلق سا دروہ جاتے ہیں

دوسری جانت آغوش ماں کو بجا طور پر ہی آدم کے لئے اولین درگاہ کہا گیا ہے۔ اس لئے ماں صرف ایک کمزور ہونا توں و جو کو پرورش و پرداخت کے ذریعے تو انار اور غنیمت عطا کرتی ہے۔ بلکہ تربیت کے سائے میں وہ حال کر گوش کے ایک لہڑے کو عظیم شخصیت میں تبدیل کرتی ہے۔ اس ماں کی آغوش کی وسعت کے کیا کہنے جس نے ایک جانب ماں کے فرشتے بھی انجام دیئے ہوں اور دوسری جانب ایک استاد کو راہی بخش خوبی نبھایا ہو۔ ہماری ماں محترمہ نے بھی اپنی پوری زندگی ان ہی دو عظیم فرشتوں کا انجام دینے میں صرف کر دی۔ جن کا نام ام ایمن تھا۔ آپ الحاج مرحوم سید باقر شاہ رضوی شنگری محلہ غانیاری پتھر تک اتھراور مرحوم الحاج سید سحاق احمد پھول اسلام آباد کی ایک برت المیہ تھیں محترمہ عطا کے بعد ۲۰۲۳ بر ۲۰۲۳ رڈ روائیں داغ مفارقت دے گئیں۔ مرحوم کے ایصال ثواب کے لئے ۱۱ اکتوبر ۲۰۲۳ بر ۲۰۲۳ ہر دو ہدہ ہمارے آبائی علاقہ پھول اسلام آباد میں اجتماعی فاتحہ خوانی ہوگی۔

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer Mechanical And Hospitals Division Srinagar
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Subject: - i. Relocation of air handling unit from waiting hall of modular theatre and repairs/ servicing of AHU at Govt LallaDed Hospital Srinagar.
ii. Repairs/upgradation of nitrous oxide manifold at Govt LallaDed Hospital Srinagar.
iii. Repairs/ replacement of spares of 36 kW and 18 kW PTSS (pressure type high speed steam sterilizer) of CSSD section of Govt LD Hospital Srinagar
iv. Servicing and repairs of chiller units for modular operation theatre along with allied works at Govt LD Hospital Srinagar

Ref : i. This office e- NIT no: M&HDS/TS/2023-24/91/e-tendering
Dated 08.09.2023

CANCELLATION

In view of no response the above referred e-NIT is hereby cancelled and shall be issued afresh shortly.

No: MHS/TS/ 5964-67 Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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POSSESSION NOTICE

Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas Mr. Nazir Ahmad Bhat, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices dated 11.02.2022 thereby calling upon 1) Mr. Zahoar Ahmad Sheikh S/O Gh. Hassan Sheikh R/O Kuchmulla, Tral, Proprietor of M/s Zahoar Ahmad Sheikh (Borrower/ Mortgagee) to repay an amount of Rs.2,35,52,879.06/- (Rupees Two Crores Thirty Five Lac Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Nine and Paise Six only) being the balance outstanding as on 02.12.2021 in the account of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon. Copy of the said notice was served upon the Guarantors namely 1) Mr. Farooq Ahmad Sheikh, 2) Mr. Zahoar Ahmad Matoo, 3) Mr. Gh. Hassan Bhat, 4) MR. Abdul Rashid Malik, 5) Mr. Abdul Rashid Shah and Mr. Ashiq Hussain Sheikh.

The said borrower/mortgagee/guarantors having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower/mortgagee and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 04th day of October 2023.

The said borrower/mortgagee in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount aggregating to Rs. 2,75,86,828.84. (Rupees Two Crores Seventy Five lacs Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Eight and paise Eighty Four Only only), being balance outstanding in the borrowers loan accounts as on 30.09.2023 together with future interest thereon from 01.10.2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

The attention of the said legal heirs of the borrower is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property
Two storied residential house along with the land underneath and appurtenant measuring 01 Kanal and 7 1/2, Marlas falling under Khasra No 900/770, Khata No 463, Khawat No 99 situated at Kuchmulla Tral standing in the name of Zahoar Ahmad Sheikh S/O Ghulam Hassan Sheikh R/O Kuchmulla Tral Pulwama.

Place: Tral, Pulwama **Authorized Officer**
Dated: 04.10.2023 **Nazir Ahmad Bhat**

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AUCTION CUM-SALE NOTICE
(For Sale of Secured asset under the SARFAESI Act, 2002)

Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower/Mortgagee/guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 27.10.2023, for recovery of Rs. 46,61,604.97 being balance outstanding as on 30.09.2023 due to The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. (Secured Creditor) from Mr. Mohammad Shafi Parray S/o Mohammad Ismail Parray R/o Lalpora, Kunzer, Baramulla (Borrower), Mr. Ghulam Nabi Parray S/o Mr. Mohammad Ismail Parray R/o Lalpora Kunzer Baramulla (Mortgagee cum Guarantor) and a). Mr. Mohammad Maqbool Wani S/O. Mr. Abdul Salam Wani R/O. Lalpora, Kunzer Baramulla b). Mr. Tariq Ahmad Sheikh S/O. Mr. Ghulam Hassan Sheikh R/O. Lalpora, Kunzer Baramulla (guarantors). The reserve price will be Rs. 49.09 Lacs and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 4,90,900.00.

Description of Property:-
Land measuring 03 Kanals falling under survey no. 6910/3413 min, Khata no.939 and Khawat no. 222 situated at mouza Lalpora, Tehsil Kunzer, District Baramulla (J&K) standing in the name of Mr. Ghulam Nabi Parray S/o. Mr. Mohammad Ismail Parray R/o Lalpora Kunzer Baramulla.

The tender document containing full details of the properties and all the terms and conditions can be had from JK Bank Branch Office Kunzer Baramulla during office hours on all working days against a payment of Rs.100/-. The completed tenders must be received in the said Branch latest by 25.10.2023. The tender should be accompanied by an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of not less than 10% of the Price Offered (which in any case should not be below the Reserve Price for the property concerned) in the form of a Demand Draft/ Pay Order payable at Sopore, Kashmir, issued by a commercial bank in favour of **The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd., Branch Kunzer Baramulla.**

This publication is also 15 days notice to the borrower/mortgagee of the above said loan account about holding of sale on above mentioned date/ place if the outstanding dues are not paid in full.

Date: 06.10.2023
Place: Amargarh, Sopore

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Fresh Middle East crisis

The Israel-Palestine conflict has once again ignited, sending shockwaves through the Middle East and the world. The cycle of violence we witness today is tragically familiar. But this time, Hamas took both Israel and the world by surprise by staging a massive sea, land and air incursion inside Israel. Hamas also fired around 5000 missiles into Israel which hit civilian and security installations. The world must confront this crisis with a sober understanding of the key players and the urgent need for solutions.

Israel currently grapples with its most right-wing government in history, led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. In order to maintain his grip on power, Netanyahu must appease extremist elements within his coalition. This has resulted in promises to expand illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land, a blatant disregard for international law.

Meanwhile, the international community, including major world powers like the United States and China, is preoccupied with pressing global issues such as the Ukraine conflict, China-West tensions, and economic concerns. While there is rhetorical support for a two-state solution for the lingering Israel-Palestine crisis, there is a glaring lack of action to hold Israel accountable for undermining the prospects of a Palestinian nation-state. This inaction has left the region vulnerable to recurrent escalations.

The international community's failure to address this crisis effectively is a glaring indictment of its negligence. Substantive peace talks have been absent for over a decade, and previous attempts, such as Donald Trump's "deal of the century," only exacerbated tensions. Now, the current efforts to engineer a ceasefire in a spiraling conflict amount to mere band-aids on a deep, festering wound.

This neglect has played into the hands of extremists on both sides who prioritize victory over peace. It imperils the future of both Israel and Palestine and threatens regional stability. The fresh war has pushed the prospect of a lasting settlement even further out of reach.

It remains to be seen how soon the growing international diplomatic effort will influence the two parties to end the latest round of hostilities. Most Arab countries, including the countries across the world, support an independent Palestinian state. But after the recent recognition deals with several OIC members called Abraham Accords, Israel can hope for a subdued condemnation for its response to Hamas attack.

Once again, the biggest loser in the ongoing conflict has been the image of the US. It has stayed short of asking Israel to stop the use of disproportionate force. The world's lone superpower which only has the power and influence to broker a peace between Israel and Palestine has already dented its credibility to act as an honest mediator, perhaps irreparably so, by moving its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The Israel-Palestine conflict has rekindled with deadly consequences, underlining the international community's failure to address this crisis effectively. The region's volatile situation poses a grave threat to peace and stability. It is imperative that the world takes immediate action to pave the way for a lasting two-state solution. Ignoring this crisis is no longer an option.

OTHER OPINION

Tightrope Walk

The decision of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to leave interest rates unchanged even as the central bank warned of the major risk that 'high inflation' poses to macroeconomic stability is a clear sign that monetary authorities find themselves caught in a cleft stick. After a relatively benign first quarter, when headline retail inflation averaged 4.63% as against the RBI's projection of 4.6%, price gains measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) accelerated sharply in the last quarter with July and August seeing readings of 7.44% and 6.83%, respectively. In a tacit acknowledgment of its misjudgment of inflationary trends, the MPC last week raised its projection for average second-quarter inflation by 20 basis points, from the August forecast of 6.2% to 6.4%. And even this projection appears overly optimistic if one considers that the headline number will need to have slowed drastically to less than 5% in September for the RBI's prognosis to be validated. For now, the MPC is hoping that the recent reduction in domestic LPG prices combined with a lowering of vegetable prices would provide some near-term respite to price pressures. Governor Shaktikanta Das underlined the RBI's willingness to resort to Open Market Operation sales of securities to suck out excess funds from the system if it sees reason to believe that liquidity may be rising to a level where it could undermine the overall monetary policy stance.

The RBI's unwillingness to walk the talk and raise interest rates further, even while reiterating the threat to overall economic stability from unmoored inflation expectations, reflects an unstated concern that the growth momentum still remains rather tenuous. The recent debate on the integrity of the NSO's data on economic growth estimates, and concern that the methodology used to posit 7.8% real GDP growth in the first quarter may have given rise to an overestimation, have to be seen in tandem with economic forecasters' increased caution over India's GDP growth outlook for the current fiscal year. Mr. Das acknowledged the weakness in India's goods exports and the uneven monsoon, which has also led to a drop in kharif sowing of crucial oilseeds and pulses, as key risks to the RBI's projection for 6.5% GDP growth in FY24. With the rupee already having weakened by about 0.7% since the last policy meeting in August, the RBI also runs the risk of importing inflation and adding to the external sector vulnerabilities if it fails to raise interest rates.

The Hindu

As of now, the U.S. might be forced to directly engage in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, working to ensure that regional stability is restored to keep the normalisation process started between Arabs and Israel at its behest on the tracks

Asad Mirza

Israel's 'War' Against Hamas: A Bugle for Changing ME Politics?



Israeli howitzer on a highway near the southern city of Sderot/ AP

Indeed the wheel of time never stops for anyone and metaphorically it also unfolds completely unthinkable or unfathomable events. Similarly, history also has a peculiar way of repeating itself. It was repeated once again after fifty years plus one day, when Hamas launched a well-coordinated and bold land, sea and air invasion into Israeli territory.

Fifty years and one day later, Jerusalem was jolted once again as Hamas launched a surprise attack against Israel. The fighting is still ongoing, and the number of casualties is rising, but political statements calling for a unity government in Israel are already being heard.

In addition, within a day of the attack, western media was replete with analysis and comments comparing the 6th October 2023 onslaught with the Yom Kippur War (also known as the Ramadan War, the October War, the 1973 Arab-Israeli War, or the Fourth Arab-Israeli War) and drawing parallels with Palestinians not honouring the Yom Kippur Day of the Holy Month of Ramadan in 1973 and timing of the attack this time with the joyous celebration of the Torah, which marks the concluding holiday of the Feast of Tabernacles.

These articles claim that in both cases, the "enemy" (Palestinians and Arabs) chose one of God's appointed holidays for the assault; a time when people are typically enjoying the festivities with their families, so most of the Israeli and western newspapers described the attacks as inhuman.

They further tried to justify the supposed Israeli unpreparedness saying that religious and traditional Jews gather in synagogues for prayer, where they are forbidden

to bear arms, and their electronic devices, television and radio are turned off. Public transportation is halted, and communication with reservists and their mobilisation becomes problematic.

the common Arab, or for that matter, every Muslim is more concerned with the Israeli repression in the occupied territories, besides their hostile attitude to the faithful visiting the Al Aqsa mosque for prayers. How the fully armed and heavily reinforced Israeli soldiers treat the common Palestinians and faithful from elsewhere, is not unknown.

In just two days, videos of Israelis kidnapped by Hamas gained huge traction on various social media platforms, and their traction completely outranks the traction, which the video of a deaf Palestinian girl being mistreated by Israeli soldiers is getting.

At the political level, the attacks also immediately led to calls from the opposition to exclude cooperation with far-right parties that are part of the Netanyahu government. Suddenly, a country that was badly divided over Netanyahu's judicial reforms reunited in the wake of the attacks. Yair Lapid has now called for an emergency unity government, one without Ben-Gvir and other extremist ministers, and Netanyahu seems amenable. At international level, except Iran and the PLA President lauding the attack, most of the "Islamic" nations and organisations have used the diplomatic route and have urged for caution and restraint by both the parties.

An adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei on 7th October congratulated Palestinian fighters, the semi-official ISNA news site reported. "We will stand by the Palestinian fighters until

the liberation of Palestine and Jerusalem," it quoted Yahya Rahim Safavi as saying.

This cautious attitude is perhaps due to the fact that after the signing of the Abrahams Accord, most of the Arab nations have shown their inclination to normalise their diplomatic relations and off course trade relations with Israel, including Saudi Arabia and UAE.

Meanwhile, the litmus test is for the Biden administration. As of now, the U.S. might be forced to directly engage in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, working to ensure that regional stability is restored to keep the normalisation process started between Arabs and Israel at its behest on the tracks.

Additionally, the question that concerns most now is how the current conflict will impact the middle-eastern politics and what transformation the relations between the U.S. and various Arab states may take place and how the international community is going to respond to Iran, and its supposed support to Hamas.

It's equally uncertain how this will end. How long this current crisis will last, whether and how the current Israeli and Palestinian leaders survive it, and what comes next for the Israeli and Palestinian people, are all mired in future tense. But one thing is certain; the latest conflict will hugely impact the Arab world and certainly a change is bound to happen.

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Bracing for the Upcoming Winters in Kashmir

As the chill in the air becomes more pronounced and the leaves begin to change their colors, it is evident that winter is fast approaching in the beautiful valley of Kashmir. With the memories of the previous harsh winters still fresh in our minds, it is imperative that we prepare ourselves adequately for the challenges that lie ahead.

Kashmir, with its stunning landscapes and rich cultural heritage, is no stranger to the harshness of winter. The freezing temperatures, heavy snowfall, and icy winds create an environment that can be both breathtaking and

unforgiving. It is essential for us, the residents of this remarkable region, to take proactive measures to ensure our safety, comfort, and well-being during this season.

First and foremost, it is crucial to focus on winterization of our homes. Proper insulation, heating systems, and weatherproofing can go a long way in keeping our houses warm and energy-efficient. It is also vital to check and maintain heating appliances to prevent any unfortunate accidents or carbon monoxide leaks.

Additionally, we must not forget the impact of winter on our physical health. Cold weather can lead to various illnesses, so it is essential

to adopt healthy practices like regular exercise, a balanced diet, and adequate hydration. Ensuring that we have a stock of warm clothing, blankets, and emergency supplies is equally important.

Moreover, our local authorities should be prepared to tackle the challenges posed by heavy snowfall. Timely snow clearance on roads and highways is essential for maintaining connectivity and accessibility, especially for emergency services. It is also crucial to have contingency plans in place for power outages and communication disruptions.

Lastly, let us not forget the spirit of unity and community that has al-

ways been a hallmark of Kashmir. Checking on our neighbors, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, can make a significant difference in their lives during the winter months. Small acts of kindness, such as offering assistance with snow removal or sharing warm meals, can foster a sense of belonging and support.

In conclusion, as we brace ourselves for the upcoming winters in Kashmir, let us approach this season with a sense of preparedness, resilience, and compassion. By taking these steps, we can ensure that our community thrives and continues to shine amidst the snow and cold.

Faheem Wani



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Mental Health A Universal Human Right

The Crucial Role of RCI Licensed Clinical Psychologists in Mental Health Advocacy

Wasim Kakroo

World Mental Health Day, observed on October 10th every year, serves as a reminder of the importance of mental health in our lives. In 2023, the theme "Mental Health as a Universal Human Right" underscores the fundamental principle that every individual has the right to mental well-being and access to mental health care. In this article, I discuss the pivotal role of clinical psychologists in advancing mental health awareness within communities. I have also tried to emphasize the importance of identifying licensed, authentic professionals for mental health services.

Mental Health as a Universal Human Right

Mental health is an integral part of our overall well-being. It encompasses our emotional, psychological, and social well-being, and is essential for leading a fulfilling life. Recognizing mental health as a universal human right is a critical step toward ending the stigma surrounding mental illness and ensuring that all individuals receive the support and care they need.

1. Equal Access to Mental Health Services:

One of the primary aspects of mental health as a universal human right is the equitable access to mental health services. This includes access to qualified clinical psychologists who can provide assessment, therapy, and support for individuals experiencing mental health challenges. No one should be denied this basic right based on their socioeconomic status, ethnicity, gender, or any other characteristic.

2. Destigmatization and Awareness:

Clinical psychologists play a pivotal role in destigmatizing mental health issues and raising awareness within their communities. By promoting open discussions about mental health and

actively challenging stereotypes, these professionals contribute to the creation of a more supportive and understanding society.

The Pivotal Role of Clinical Psychologists

Clinical psychologists are experts in assessing and treating mental health disorders. They possess the knowledge and skills necessary to help individuals cope with a wide range of psychological challenges, from anxiety and depression to more severe conditions like schizophrenia. Their role in advancing mental health awareness within communities cannot be overstated.

1. Providing Evidence-Based Treatment:

RCI licensed clinical psychologists are highly skilled in delivering evidence-based treatments, a cornerstone of effective mental health care. They draw from a rich toolkit of therapeutic approaches, including cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), dialectical-behavior therapy (DBT), and psychoanalysis, among others, to tailor interventions to the unique needs of their clients. CBT, for instance, focuses on identifying and challenging negative thought patterns and behaviors, equipping individuals with practical strategies to cope with distress. DBT, designed especially for individuals with emotional regulation difficulties, combines mindfulness and acceptance techniques with behavioral strategies to promote emotional stability. Psychoanalysis delves deep into the unconscious, uncovering hidden patterns and conflicts. By integrating these evidence-based therapies, clinical psychologists empower individuals to confront and manage their mental health challenges effectively. The utilization of these proven methods not only facilitates symptom management but also fosters lasting improvements in overall well-being, ultimately guiding individuals towards a healthier and more fulfilling life.

2. Educating Communities:

These professionals are also responsible for educating communities about mental health issues. Through workshops, seminars, and public talks, clinical psychologists can disseminate valuable information about recognizing the signs of mental illness, seeking help, and promoting mental well-being.

3. Early Intervention:

Clinical psychologists are invaluable in the realm of mental health due to their role as frontlines in early intervention efforts. They possess the expertise to detect subtle signs of mental health concerns at their inception, enabling them to intervene promptly and effectively. This proactive approach to addressing mental health issues can prevent conditions from escalating to more severe states, reducing suffering and improving overall outcomes.

Early intervention by clinical psychologists can be a game-changer for individuals grappling with mental health challenges. It allows for timely support and tailored interventions, often before the condition disrupts daily life significantly. As a result, individuals are more likely to experience a smoother path to recovery and experience a better quality of life.

Moreover, early intervention can mitigate the long-term impact of mental health disorders, reducing the risk of chronicity and the need for more intensive treatments. By identifying and addressing mental health concerns in their infancy, clinical psychologists play a pivotal role in enhancing the prognosis for many individuals, ultimately contributing to a society that values and prioritizes mental well-being.

Identifying Authentic Professional Clinical Psychologists

While clinical psychologists play a crucial role in mental health care, it is essential to distinguish between

licensed, authentic professionals and self-proclaimed or unlicensed individuals who claim to offer psychological services. Ensuring that you are receiving care from a genuine clinical psychologist is vital for your well-being.

1. RCI (Rehabilitation Council of India) License:

In India, the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) is the regulatory body responsible for certifying professionals in the field of rehabilitation and mental health. Authentic clinical psychologists should possess an RCI license, which serves as evidence of their qualifications and adherence to ethical standards.

2. Academic Credentials:

Licensed clinical psychologists in India typically hold advanced degrees in psychology, with a strong emphasis on completing a Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) program in clinical psychology from a recognized RCI (Rehabilitation Council of India) registered medical college. This specialized academic training equips them with the necessary knowledge and skills to understand, diagnose, and treat a wide range of mental health conditions.

The M.Phil program involves a rigorous curriculum that includes coursework, practical clinical experience, and research, all under the guidance of experienced faculty and professionals. This comprehensive training ensures that licensed clinical psychologists possess a deep understanding of psychological theories, assessment methods, and evidence-based therapeutic techniques.

Furthermore, clinical psychologists often engage in supervised clinical training and practical placements, where they work with real clients under the guidance of experienced mentors. This hands-on experience is invaluable in honing their clinical skills and developing the ability to provide effective mental health services.

In essence, the academic credentials of licensed clinical psychologists reflect

their dedication to their profession and their commitment to acquiring the expertise required to support individuals in need of mental health care.

3. Ethical Practices:

Authentic clinical psychologists adhere to strict ethical guidelines that prioritize the well-being and confidentiality of their clients. They maintain professional boundaries and prioritize evidence-based practices in their work.

4. Referrals and Recommendations:

Referrals and recommendations serve as valuable compasses when navigating the landscape of mental health care. Seeking guidance from trusted sources, like healthcare professionals or those who have benefited from the expertise of a RCI licensed clinical psychologist, can be a beacon of assurance. When a healthcare practitioner vouches for a clinical psychologist, it often signifies that they have witnessed the practitioner's competence firsthand and trust their capabilities. Moreover, recommendations from friends and family carry a personal touch, offering insights into the practitioner's ability to establish rapport and deliver effective care.

These referrals and recommendations can be instrumental in ensuring that you are not only connecting with a licensed professional but also with someone who genuinely cares about your well-being. They provide a sense of security in the often overwhelming process of seeking mental health support. By leveraging these trusted voices, individuals can take a significant step toward finding a clinical psychologist who will be a source of guidance and support on their journey to improved mental health.

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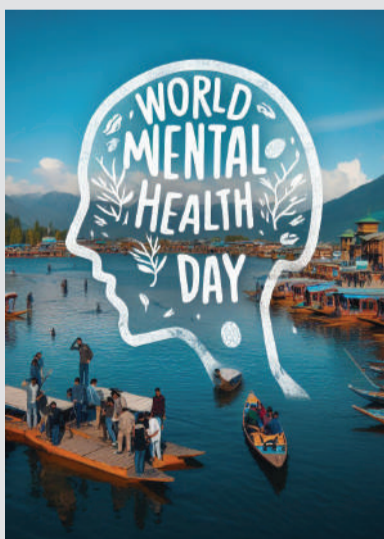
Tales of Therapy

KO Web Desk

We asked our readers to share their experiences with seeking professional medical help for mental health issues. These anonymous testimonials demonstrate the transformative power of mental health therapy and how it can positively impact various aspects of a person's life, from self-discovery and relationships to healing from trauma and achieving personal goals.

1. From Stress to Self-discovery: Initially, I was really reluctant to visit a therapist. I thought I was weak and just needed a positive outlook towards life. However, I soon realised that no matter how much I tried, I would fail. I thought I knew everything about myself. I thought I knew my triggers, my responses and had little left to learn. I was wrong. Looking back, I wish I had sought therapy sooner. Therapy has been a journey of self-discovery for me. My therapist helped me understand my past traumas and how they were affecting my present. Through their guidance, I've learned coping strategies that have allowed me to take control of my life and find happiness again. Therapy changed my life by giving me the tools to heal and grow.

2. From Reluctance to Relief: I knew I was not doing well. I was also aware enough to know that I needed to seek professional help. However, I did not have the means for it. Moreover,



I assumed that given Kashmir's societal makeup, I would be judged by my therapist. However, one of my friends had sought treatment from one psychiatrist at IMHANS. Her experience was positive. This encouraged me to seek help. I was surprised at how welcoming and non-judgmental the staff was towards me. I admit that this may not be everyone's experience but mine was positive. One should seek reviews of mental health professionals and then seek their treatment. Therapy was my lifeline during a particularly challenging period. I had lost interest

in everything, but my therapist helped me regain my enthusiasm for life. Through our sessions, I've learned to manage my anxiety and depression, and now I wake up looking forward to each day. Therapy has given me a newfound appreciation for the beauty in everyday moments.

3. From Internet Gurus to Mental Health Professionals: I was addicted to youtube "life coaches" and would take their word for things. I had been warned once by a friend that youtube life coaches aren't professionals and could only help so much. However, I was content at finding whatever help I could as long as I didn't have to face anyone. Even though I got some clarity from such videos, they made no change in my life. Their effect was brief. I would read about attachment styles online but had little-to-no knowledge about how to navigate through them. Before therapy, my relationships were strained, and I often pushed people away. Through therapy, I gained insight into my behaviors and how they were rooted in my past experiences. With newfound self-awareness, I've been able to mend relationships and build stronger, healthier connections. Therapy has helped me become a better partner, friend, and family member.

4. From Normalising Anxiety to Kicking it Out: When I started feeling mentally better after therapy, I would

often say to myself, "Is this how mentally healthy people live? They're so lucky. People can really do anything when they're fit." I had this realisation because for years, I had normalised feeling heavy in my chest. I had normalised feeling dizzy and startled. I had heard about mental health and would watch instagram reels which only told me, "It was ok to cut yourself some slack". However, they weren't entirely helpful. I had to realise that healing is active and only professional therapy could help me take those actions. We cannot control our mind through our mind. Only professionals can help us use ways to help us out of that mental slump and heaviness we so often feel.

I was carrying the weight of past trauma for years, and it was affecting every aspect of my life. Therapy provided a safe space to confront and process these painful memories. It was far from easy, but the healing and relief I've experienced are immeasurable. I now live with a sense of freedom and lightness that I never thought possible. My therapist not only helped me with my mental health but also supported me in achieving my personal and professional goals. Through their guidance, I've developed the confidence and resilience to pursue my dreams. Therapy has been instrumental in helping me become the best version of myself.

READER'S LOVE FOR 'MINDFUL FRIDAYS'



Mindful Fridays is Kashmir Observer's weekly column meant to discuss mental health issues. It is over two-years-old now and has been a hit among our readers. Written by Clinical Psychologist Wasim Kakroo, the column has addressed sensitive topics like Jinn's, relationships, child abuse, sex, parenting, personality disorders, substance abuse and relationships among other issues. Over the years, many readers have written to us to tell us how they sought help after being encouraged to do so through the column. Some have even found their issues verbalised through these columns.

One such email read as follows:

"Since therapy isn't easily accessible to all, it's great to have some of this information available in open source. Your column, Mindful Fridays, has helped me learn so much about human psyche, behavioural patterns and habits! What's more, Wasim's articles have truly helped me navigate through my life. His articles are quite insightful and educational. I'm grateful for Kashmir Observer for taking this initiative and doing so responsibly through the help of licensed professionals."

Taqwa Q
22nd January, 2023

Meenakshi Lekhi Flags Off "Meri Maati Mera Desh Yatra" From Border Block Of Ramgarh Visits Border Outposts, Takes Stock Of Government Schemes

Observer News Service

Samba: Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi, embarked on a significant public outreach visit to Samba district as part of Union Government's ongoing efforts of connecting with people at grassroots level besides assessing government initiatives.

During her visit, Meenakshi Lekhi conducted a thorough review of various government departments with focus on understanding their performance and impact on local community.

She initiated her visit with a tour to the historic Bamuchak Temple in Ramgarh. She inspected the ongoing restoration

works being executed there. She underlined the importance of preserving region's rich cultural heritage and legacy.

Union Minister met with the PRI members including DDC members, BDC members, Sarpanchs, Panchs and prominent members of the local community. The PRIs commended the government for its developmental works and took the opportunity to raise important issues before the Union Minister for resolution.

Continuing her tour, Meenakshi Lekhi paid obeisance to the revered Baba Chamliyal Shrine in Ramgarh. She also visited various border outposts in Ramgarh area.

On the occasion, she also

distributed sanction letters among the beneficiaries of different government schemes.

Meenakshi Lekhi also met a delegation of PRI members comprising DDC members, BDC members, Sarpanchs, Panchs and prominent members of local community from Ramgarh area.

She flagged off the "Meri Maati Mera Desh Yatra" from the border block of Ramgarh, Samba, paying homage to the martyrs who had made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation.

Union Minister appreciated the progress made in the border regions and commended the efforts undertaken by the district administration to advance development initiatives.

She emphasized that "Yahan Se Bharat shuru hota hai khatam nahi hota," signifying the significance of border areas.

She stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Border Samridhhi" would be realized in all its forms.

She emphasized the need to promote calico printing and bamboo usage in the region. She further praised the accelerated pace of development in J&K since 2014.

DDC Chairman, Keshav Dutt Sharma, DDC Vice Chairman, Balwan Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Abhishek Sharma and other senior officers were present during the outreach programme.

IIM Celebrates 82nd CSIR Foundation Day

Observer News Service

Jammu: The 82nd foundation day of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), was celebrated Monday at CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), Jammu.

CSIR is the largest R&D organization in India having a pan-India presence with a network of 37 national laboratories, across the country. Padam Shri Professor Vinod K. Singh, Rahul and Namita Gautam Chair Professor, IIT Kanpur, a distinguished luminary of Indian Science was the Chief Guest on the occasion and delivered CSIR Foundation lecture, "Towards Excellence in Science & Technology".

While addressing the audience, he lucidly dealt with the various opportunities, challenges and the way forward to achieve the quality and excellence in the science

and technology. Complimenting the work of CSIR through last more than eight decades in various domains & specialties, Prof. Singh underscored the importance of good governance and the role of management, heads of institutions, young professionals. On this occasion, chief guest also presented the mementos and "Samman Patra" to ex-employees who superannuated during last one year and who completed 25 years of service in CSIR.

The retired employees who were presented the mementos and Samman Patra were Vikram Abrol, Anzreg Chand, Rajinder Kumar, Saudagar Lal, Kuldeep Singh, Umid Singh Thapa, Ram Lal, Sodagar Lal, Tara Chand, Bhushan Lal, Sat Paul and Girdhari Lal. Vinod Meena on completion of 25 years of regular service was also honoured during the event.

Earlier, Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director of CSIR- IIIM, presented

welcome address and introduced Prof Vinod K Singh to the audience as Scientist of international repute who is one among the Indian Science Policy makers, recipient of Padma Shri, TWAS, Italy-CASAREP Award for Building Scientific Institutions, Samman Patra by UP Government, Distinguished Alumnus Award, BHU, Vigyan Ratna Award of UP, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award and Swarnajayanti Fellowship. He is fellow of all Science Academies of India (FNA, FASC, FNASC).

Giving the detail of day long programme conducted as part of CSIR Foundation day, celebrations, Director, CSIR-IIIM informed that an exhibition cum poster presentation session for scholars and startup was organized besides competition of Artificial Intelligence Model Preparation under Jigyasa by various school children were held.

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J&K Polls Will

the decision Union Home Minister Amit Shah had stated in Parliament that statehood would be restored to Jammu and Kashmir after the completion of the delimitation exercise and elections.

Delimitation and revision of electoral rolls were completed in 2022, but the elections continue to be postponed. The last Assembly elections in J&K were held in 2014.

On March 6, National Conference president Dr. Farooq Abdullah led a delegation of all political parties from J&K to the Election Commission of India, asking it to fulfill its constitutional obligation to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest.

Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana and Mizoram will go to polls on different days from November 7-30 and votes will be counted for the five states on December 3, the Election Commission said, setting the stage for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls semi-finals.

This will be the last set of assembly elections ahead of the Lok Sabha polls next year.

Spell Out Factors

The former chief minister was responding to a question about whether politics in Jammu and Kashmir has been reduced to a point where people have to take to the streets demanding to hold assembly elections.

"The Chief Election Commissioner in a press conference today said they will consider all factors before deciding on polls in Jammu and Kashmir. Earlier, he had said there was a vacuum in J&K that needs to be filled. We want to know what are these factors. Is the government not providing EVMs? Is the government not providing security? Is the situation worse than 1996 that elections cannot be held? Is it worse than the aftermath of the 2014 flood?" he asked.

Omar said that in the Supreme Court, during the hearing of Article 370 petitions, the Solicitor General had said that the government was ready for elections but the decision on it had to be taken by the Election Commission.

"Either they have lied in the SC or they are hiding behind EC....The only factor (for delay) I can see is the BJP fear factor. If there is any other factor, please let us know. Earlier, the BJP was hiding behind the Raj Bhawan. Now they are hiding behind the Election Commission," he added.

Omar Abdullah said the "resounding" defeat of the BJP in the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil polls might lead to further delays in holding assembly, panchayat, and urban local bodies elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

"I have always said that we are ready for elections but the Centre and the BJP are not ready as they are scared. Today there is evidence to it....The situation has come to a point where they would not even hold parliament elections if they could have it their way. After this result, we can say that our elections have gone away further from us," he said.

The NC leader said the Chief Election Commissioner should tell the people of Jammu and Kashmir whether they have the right to elections like people in other parts of the country.

"Do the people of Jammu and Kashmir not have the right to elect their government? Don't they have right like the people of MP, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram and Rajasthan," he added.

Abdullah said that after the 2019 abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories, the government had claimed that it was a long-pending demand of the people of Ladakh which had been fulfilled.

"But election results are evidence that it was not liked by the people of Ladakh. They were as much hurt by separation as were the people of Kashmir and Jammu, who are now protesting against it," he said.

"BJP will say that the result was due to Kargil being Muslim majority area. The question then arises: Was division of J&K on the basis of religion?" he asked.

Asked about the lieutenant governor's assertion that 80 per cent of the people in Jammu and Kashmir were happy with the present dispensation, Omar said Manoj Sinha seems to be fixated with the number 80.

"I have seen that he is fascinated with figure of 80. I have noted he sees 80 in everything. When he was giving numbers of his popularity, why did he give a discount of 20 per cent? He can have 100 per cent," he said.

Abdullah said if things were to be believed just like that, Prime Minister Narendra Modi might do away with elections.

"If things can be done like this, then Modi can say 80 per cent of people like him and there is no need for elections," he added.

Asked about the BJP charge that opposition parties were propagating dynastic politics, Omar said it was the people who decide through elections.

"I have been (in politics) for around 23 years. It is the people who decide. As far as leadership (of the party) is considered, I don't tell the BJP who should be their president. Similarly, they have no right to tell us who should be our leader. Our leader is elected by our party members. If they are so concerned, let them come and fight party election against us," he added.

Top Brass Police

intelligence agencies and coordination aspects were also discussed in the meeting.

DGP, the spokesperson said, also took a review of the overall security scenario of the Kashmir Zone.

Stressing for optimum synergy among different agencies and forces, being deployed for the security of anti-national elements especially on inter-district routes and in the periphery of Srinagar city," he said.

DGP, the spokesperson said, emphasized upon the officers to keep an eye on the activities of suspicious elements and enjoined upon intel agencies to share any intelligence on a real time basis.

"DGP stressed for optimum use of resources and utilization of technology & security gadgets including CCTV cameras as part of deployment. He said that a comprehensive communication network must be ensured to coordinate among the agencies involved in the security arrangements," he said.

Singh, he said, also discussed the traffic arrangements and directed for taking all necessary measures while keeping in mind that commuters do not face unnecessary hindrances due to security restrictions.

The officer, he said, briefed DGP about the security arrangements put in place in connection with the VIIIP visit. They also apprised him in detail about the security measures being taken in their respective jurisdictional areas.

Besides others, the security review meeting was also attended by ADG CRPF J&K Nalin Prabhat, ADGP Hqrs/Coord PHQ i M K Sinha, ADGP Kashmir Zone Shri Vijay Kumar, IGP CID Nitish Kumar, IGP Hqrs, CIV PHQ B S Tuti, DIG CRK Sujit Kumar, SSP Srinagar Rakesh Balwal, AIG CIV PHQ Dr G V Sundee Chakravarthy, Col.15 Core Prashant Daiya, SSP Security Kashmir Sheikh Faisal Qayoom, SSP PCR Kashmir Showkat Ahmad Shah, SSP SB CID Kashmir Aftab Ahmad, SSP Traffic Srinagar Muzaffar Ahmad Shah, SSP Traffic Rural Kashmir R. P. Singh, Joint Director Hqrs SSF Mushtaq Ahmad & SP Telecom

Srinagar Fayaz Yaseen attended the meeting.

LG Chairs Meet

was attending by Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Prof. Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor Kashmir University; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Sujit Kumar, DIG CKR Srinagar; Athar Amir Khan, Commissioner SMC; Mohammad Aijaz, DC Srinagar; Rakesh Balwal, SSP Srinagar and senior officers.

Israel Orders

cutting off food, fuel and electricity to the more than two million Palestinians living in the enclave. "I have given an order—Gaza will be under complete closure. There will be no electricity, food or fuel [delivered to Gaza]," said Gallant in remarks at Israel's Southern Command, according to a transcript released by the Israeli government.

Gaza depends on deliveries via Israel and Egypt for food, fuel, medicine and other essential goods. Israel imposed a blockade on Gaza after Hamas swept the elections there in 2007, banning almost all Palestinians from entering or leaving without special permission.

The territory's economy had been largely integrated into Israel following the 1967 occupation and remains dependent on imports of supplies, particularly food, through its border crossings with Israel and Egypt. Egypt, which has already signed a peace deal with Israel, has also severely limited Palestinians' ability to cross its border in the south of the enclave.

The tight blockade has caused a decline in the standards of living as well as unprecedented levels of unemployment and unrelenting poverty.

On Saturday Israeli's snapped power supply leaving hospitals and emergency services in a tight spot.

The relentless Israeli strikes have also led to the displacement of more than 123,000 people in the Gaza Strip since the weekend, according to the United Nations.

"Over 123,538 people have been internally displaced in Gaza, mostly due to fear, protection concerns and the destruction of their homes," the UN's humanitarian agency, OCHA, said on Monday.

More than 73,000 are sheltering in schools, some of which have been designated emergency shelters.

Meanwhile, Hamas spokesperson Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades today claimed that four Israeli hostages were killed in the retaliatory bombing by Israel in the Gaza Strip.

"The occupation's bombing tonight and today on the Gaza Strip led to the killing of four enemy prisoners and the martyrdom of their captors, the Qassam Mujahideen," Abu Obeida was reported as saying.

"The Zionist enemy's military targeting and bombing of homes inhabited by women and children, mosques and schools in Gaza amount to war crimes and terrorism," Hamas official Izzat Reshiq said in a statement.

The US meanwhile has extended full support to Israeli military action with Pentagon chief Lloyd Austin saying that he has ordered the Ford carrier strike group to sail to the Eastern Mediterranean to be ready to assist Israel.

Snowfall, Rains

Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that the maximum as well as the minimum temperature will go down from now onwards significantly.

In Srinagar, the mercury settled at 26.5 degree Celsius, which was 2.6 degree Celsius lower than yesterday. The mercury settled at 16.2 degree Celsius at Gulmarg while 23.9 degree Celsius was recorded at Pahalgam, which is 0.9 degree Celsius and 3.0 degree Celsius lower than Sunday respectively.

In Kupwara, the mercury settled at 24.1 degree Celsius today. Deputy Director MeT further

informed there is a possibility of another wet spell from October 14 in Jammu & Kashmir. "The weather would remain mostly cloudy from October 14 while the rains as well as snowfall are also expected till October 17," he said.

Notably, J&K recorded prolonged dry spell in the month of September while the previous two months—August and September recorded a deficient rainfall of 25 per cent as against the normal precipitation of 280.6 mm, UT received 209.6mm rainfall—(KNO)

J&K Bank Makes

the occasion, Prakash said, "Today is a momentous day as we have taken an important step in our digital journey to make this Bank digitally powered financial institution. Customer data privacy and security has been ensured as trust of clients remains our top priority."

"Creating a unified platform for online on-boarding of customers is a testament of our commitment to embrace complete digital transformation. The platform will also expand our operational geography virtually providing more and more people easy and affordable access to competitive financial services irrespective of their location or status", he added.

While appreciating the efforts of the team involved in the implementation of the solution, MD & CEO further said, "It is a commendable job done by the team of professionals. And as we move ahead in this digital journey, we remain committed to integrating innovative technology to enhance our online services and adapting robust security measures to offer customers an enriched, personalized and secure banking experience."

In his remarks, the Bank's ED Sudhir Gupta said, "With rapidly changing landscape of banking and finance in the country, wherein advanced technology continues to provide an edge to companies, it is a moment of pride for us that our Bank is also at the forefront of this huge digital transformation."

Earlier, welcoming the participants, General Manager (Strategy & IT) Imtiaz Ahmad Bhat termed it as a milestone in the Bank's digital offerings. He said, "The facility will be a huge success amongst our younger generations which are tech-savvy and digitally smarter."

On the occasion, DGM (BPR & IT) Mohammad Muzaffar Wani gave an over-view of the digital product and called the roll-out an important milestone for the Bank. He said that the platform will bridge critical gaps between our digital services across the product spectrum and the New-to-Bank customers.

The function concluded with a vote of thanks presented by DGM (BPR & IT)

Notably, with just a few clicks from the comfort of their homes, customers can now open accounts in a hassle-free manner from the comfort of their home saving themselves from the time-consuming branch visits and other paperwork. While enhancing the efficiency, the facility will transform the customer experience by making it Omni channel, personalized and available round the clock.

Other features of the online platform include its user-friendly interface that allows customers to navigate through the application smoothly, secure verification and online Video-enabled Know Your Customer (VKYC) procedure, for which the slot booking can be done as per customer convenience besides enabling digital documentation.

The customer-journey takes 5 to 10 minutes and provides seamless integration with third-party systems like UIDAI, NSDL, Fintechs and internal systems like CBS, debit Card switch, mPay, SMS, email, etc.

NC, Cong To Hold

bigger partner, the National Conference should be the first. That will also be in line with the coalition dharma."

"I do not think the Congress would want to set the precedence for the INDIA alliance. If the Congress emerges as the single largest party (in the Lok Sabha polls), will it forego the prime minister's post for a smaller partner?" the National Conference leader posed.

Asked if his party was ready for a pre-poll alliance with Congress in other elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah said the National Conference was open to discussions on the issue.

"We are ready for the discussions. However, the seat-sharing discussions have not begun in the INDIA alliance," he added.

Allies Celebrate

the results as a "referendum" against the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision of abrogation of Article 370 and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir.

NC workers led by provincial president Rattan Lal Gupta and former minister Ajay Sadhotra assembled at Residency Road party headquarters in Jammu and danced to the tunes of drums to mark the victory of the alliance.

"The BJP is afraid of holding (assembly) elections in Jammu and Kashmir and the Kargil poll victory vindicated its fear," Sadhotra claimed, adding the Kargil poll results will work as a booster dose for the party cadre and "we are sure of forming the next government in J&K".

Targeting BJP for its failure to hold assembly polls in J&K for the last five years, he said though the country is the largest democracy in the world, but "we do not know why democracy is stopped when it reaches Lakhanpur (the gateway to Jammu and Kashmir)".

He claimed that the people of J&K are fed up with the BJP and its "false promises" as they suffer on account of inflation, unemployment and water and power crisis.

Jammu and Kashmir Congress activists led by working president Raman Bhalla also marked the Kargil poll victory by distributing sweets and bursting crackers, while chanting slogans in praise of Rahul Gandhi and the party for "Bharat Jodo Yatra".

"Whenever assembly elections are held in J&K, a similar result is in store for the BJP. The victory of the Congress candidates is the outcome of the Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Gandhi who visited both Kargil and Leh districts in August," Bhalla said.

J&K Congress chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma congratulated the people of Kargil and the leadership of opposition bloc INDIA for the thumping victory of the Congress-NC alliance in Ladakh.

"Despite having a friendly contest on the majority of the seats, the Congress-NC alliance achieved full majority, while the BJP got only two seats which shows the impact of the Bharat Jodo Yatra," he said.

Referring to the opposition protest in Jammu on October 10, he said, "We will press for early assembly elections to restore electoral democracy and constitutional rights to the people. We are sure that the BJP will be defeated by the INDIA alliance."

Senior CPI(M) leader and former legislator M Y Tarigami also congratulated the people of Kargil for the poll result and said "post August 2019 when Centre divided and virtually dismantled J&K, a new situation emerged wherein the BJP started claiming that they are enjoying massive support as it fulfilled the popular demand from the people of Ladakh."

"The Kargil poll result is quite contrary to what they have been claiming. The message from the people of Kargil is crystal clear that nobody should take the masses for granted," he said, adding "there is also a good message for us as well that the opposition needs to stand united to defeat this authoritarian regime."

Tarigami said the poll outcome in Kargil was on the expected lines and "it created a hope for all of us as well".

Speed Up Work

"It should be our mission to ensure speedier and quality construction of the ongoing projects to add more strength to socio-economic advancement," he added

Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B); Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and other senior officials were present.

Compensation On

public on the prescribed application, available on E-Portal on the J&K Housing Mission initiated by the SDA for advance registration of residential plots intended for construction of residential houses on the part of the land in possession of the petitioners. The advertisement notice shows that each plot of land which is slightly less than 1 Kanal in area, is priced at Rs. 83 Lacs and a smaller size of plot with 85x45 Ft. dimension, is priced at Rs. 64 Lacs and lesser size plot is priced at Rs. 42 Lacs having an area of 75x36 Ft. Further, they submitted that the advertisement notice and the project report shows that the Satellite Township is being constructed in Rakh-i-Gund Aksha on the land which is in possession of the Petitioners.

10 Arrested For

128 criminals have been arrested in nine months in different cases of murder, rape, attempt to murder, and violent assault.

Mortar Shell

during cross-border shelling many years ago and got buried, he added.

Govt Sacks

the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956, as the said official was found to have committed misconduct and gross violation of the provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Government Employees (Conduct) Rules, 1971.

It was proved in enquiry proceedings that while the official was deployed in the office of Advocate General, J&K, a fake appointment order was circulated and she received a huge sum of money in her account by luring innocent candidates with the promise of getting a government job.

The enquiry Officer concluded that the charges framed against the official have been fully established. This removal from service under aforesaid rule shall not entitle her for any pensionary benefits. The order of removal of the official shall be a deterrent for other employees who are indulging in corrupt practices.

I-T Dept Conducts

factories are situated at Phase 3rd SIDCO Khunmoh.

In Sopore, the sleuths of the Income Tax department raided the residence of Javid Ahmad Aiman of Arco business group.

A local news agency KDC claimed official confirmation of the raids.

Woman Crushed

However, the officials said that the doctors there referred her to Srinagar for advanced treatment. She succumbed to her injuries at Srinagar.

Meanwhile, a case FIR No. 204/2023 U/S 279,337, IPC has been registered at the police station Baramulla and further investigation taken up, officials told a local news agency KS.

Soldier Killed

season, aiming to provide realistic mountaineering training for HAWs participants as part of "Train the Trainer" concept," they said.

However, the sources added that during their training ascent on October 8, the group faced an unexpected avalanche. "Four of our dedicated personnel were trapped underneath. Immediate rescue operations were initiated and are still continuing," they said.

Mortal remains of one person struck by the avalanche have been recovered in a daring search operation underway, they said.

'Zero Tolerance Against Corruption'
35 Employees Sacked, 32 Prematurely Retired In J&K: MHA

Agencies

Srinagar: The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has said that 35 employees have been terminated, while 32 have been prematurely retired in accordance with zero tolerance towards corruption in Jammu and Kashmir.

The ministry's annual report for 2022-23 from April 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, states that transformations in the functioning of the government in terms of transparency and accountability have been the central theme of all government initiatives.

The report states that significant progress has been achieved from last three years on most development fronts. "Emphasis has been given on timely completion of projects and saturation of beneficiaries under Direct Benefit transfer (DBT) schemes."

It states that the government is observing zero tolerance towards corruption and under Article 311, 35 employees

have been terminated and under Article 226, 32 employees have been prematurely retired.

It added that financial transformation through BEAMS (Budget Estimates and Monitoring System), Pay-Sys (Payment System), 100% physical verification, mandatory administrative approval, technical sanction, e-tendering etc has enabled to complete the projects at a faster pace, which has led to larger public satisfaction.

On tourism sector, the reports stated that highest ever tourist footfall and air traffic has been received in 2022. The tourist footfall w.e.f. 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022 in J&K reached 1.80 crore. In order to boost the Tourism Sector the Department has notified Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Policy, 2020.

The report states that under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the department of Tourism is to develop 75 lesser known/off beat destinations and 75 festivals to be organized on each in these destinations. (KNS)

Rs 16000 Cr Spent On J&K's Security Schemes: MHA Report

Agencies

Srinagar: An official report of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Monday revealed that a whopping amount of Rs 16000 Crore has been released by the Centre to Jammu and Kashmir under Security Related Expenditure of (Police) and Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Relief and Rehabilitation.

The annual report of the MHA for year 2022-23 reads that to support the Government of UT of J&K in its initiatives, the Central Government has been making available Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) as and when necessary, has been helping to strengthen the J&K Police.

"The Ministry of Home Affairs reimburses the expenditure incurred by the UT of J&K on a variety of security related measures. These include expenditure on carriage of Constabulary, material supplies, rent of accommodation, honorarium to Special Police Officers (SPOs), Civic Action Programmes, air-lift charges, raising cost of India Reserve Battalions, transport, boarding and lodging, alternate accommodation for security forces etc," the report states. "The total amount reimbursed from 1989 till December 31, 2022 to the UT of J&K under Security Related Expenditure (Police) is Rs 10528.72 crore and Security Related Expenditure (Relief and Rehabilitation) [SRE- (R&R)] is 5348.68 crore."

The MHA report further stated that during the current financial year i.e. 2022-23, a sum of Rs 308.98 crore has been reimbursed to J&K Government under SRE (P) and Rs 198.62 crore has been reimbursed to J&K Government under SRE (Relief and Rehabilitation) till December 31, 2022.

The report reads that during the Financial year 2022-23 (till December 31, 2022), a sum of Rs 2.51 crore has been released under Security Related Expenditure (Security Environment) Scheme.

The report said that in view of the "serious militancy" in J&K, the Government of J&K has to incur more expenditure for maintaining peace and tranquillity. "For this purpose, a separate Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme in J&K was introduced in 1989-90. It provides for 90% and 100% reimbursement of expenditure respectively under: SRE (Police) for supporting the logistical requirements of the police force of J&K in order to combat militancy in the erstwhile State of J&K and (b) SRE Relief & Rehabilitation for supporting the relief and rehabilitation of the Kashmiri migrants who have been uprooted from the valley during the militancy period besides other relief rehabilitation measures—(KNO)

CBI Files 6 Charge Sheets In Patnitop Land Grab Case

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The CBI has filed six charge sheets in connection with alleged grabbing of forest and agricultural land by hotels and guest houses in collusion with former CEOs of Patnitop Development Authority (PDA) in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said Monday.

In its charge sheets filed before a special court, Jammu, the agency has named two former CEOs of PDA Rajinder Krishan Verma and Kamal Kishore Gupta, two Khilafwarzi inspectors Avesh Jasrotia and Zaheer Abbas, besides eight hotel owners, they said. The agency filed five charge sheets on Monday while one was filed on Saturday.

The agency has also named as accused owner of hotel Mount View Syed Mush-

taq Shah, hotel Dream Land Nazir Shah and Samina Shah, hotel Broadway Zubeida Begum, hotel Shahi Santoor Shakeel Shah, hotel Holiday Inn Koushal Magotra and Virender Kesar and hotel Hollywood Ameen Shah.

"Investigation revealed that accused public servants did not take steps to remove illegal constructions, etc. in conspiracy with other accused," a CBI spokesperson said.

The CBI had taken over investigation in 2020 on the directions of Jammu and Kashmir High Court where a public interest litigation was filed by the president of the Hotel and Restaurant Association, Patnitop, alleging glaring violations of the master plan of the Patnitop area. He had alleged that 70 per cent of hotels and restaurants have been constructed without permission.

Intake Capacity Of MBBS Courses Increased From 500 To 1100 In J&K

Agencies

Srinagar: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has announced an increase in the intake capacity of MBBS courses in Jammu & Kashmir from 500 to 1100. It also informed that Rs 881 crore has been spent on upgrading of health institutions in the Union Territory.

According to the MHA's Annual Report for the year 2022-23, the intake capacity of MBBS courses in the region has significantly increased from 500 to 1100 and a total of Rs 881 crore has been invested in upgrading and rebuilding 140 health institutions.

The report highlights the swift progress in the construction of the All India Institute

of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Jammu and Awantipora, underlining the government's dedication to providing advanced healthcare services.

Additionally, the establishment of seven new government medical colleges and 15 nursing colleges is underway, the report says.

As per the report, Jammu & Kashmir has achieved remarkable milestones in the vaccination drive, with 100% coverage for both doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the age group of 15-17 years and 18 and above. Vaccination for the 12-14 years category was initiated on March 16, 2022, with 93% of this population receiving the first dose and 85% completing their second dose by October 31, 2022.

Third Round Of Mission Indradhanush 5.0 Begins In JK
"70000 Children Vaccinated Under IMI During Last Two Phases"

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The third phase of Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) began here on Monday with its launching at UPHC Harwan, Srinagar.

Director Family Welfare MCH, and Immunization, Dr Tabasum Jabeen, informed that more than 70000 children have been vaccinated under IMI 5.0 during the last two phases.

Dr Tabasum Jabeen said that the department is intending to complete the target of vaccination of one lakh children during the third phase that will run for six days. "We have vaccinated more 70000 children in addition to the pregnant women who were partially or never immunized. We will soon complete the target of vaccinating 1 lakh children," she said.

While launching the campaign, Director said the Mission Indradha-

nush 5.0 is a vaccination program aimed to cover all those children and pregnant women who remain unvaccinated or partially vaccinated.

She said that the primary focus of the campaign is on ensuring that every child receives life-saving vaccines. She added that the initiative is also intended to be the big leap for achieving Measles and Rubella elimination in the country by ensuring that every child under 5 years of age has completed the two-dose schedule of

Measles and Rubella Containing Vaccine (MRCV).

Director further elaborated that the campaign is now being fully supported by U-WIN portal through which all the entries including registration, vaccination and digital immunization certificate generation will be done by entering the phone number of beneficiaries. This will help health staff as well as parents of the children to know about their due doses, she asserted.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Divisional Forest Officer
J.V FOREST DIVISION Baramulla

e- NIT No. 25 of 2023-24 Dated 06-10 -2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) INR	Cost of Tender Document	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion
4	Construction and installation of Boundary pillars at different Forests of Boniyar Range, J.V Forest Division No. of Pillars=367 Scheme-CAMPA	25.08	50160	1100	A,B	40 days
10	Construction and installation of Boundary pillars at Jabla Sukhdar Forest, Uri Range, J.V Forest Division No. of Pillars=211 Scheme-CAPEX	14.56	29120	600	B,C,D	30 days

The position of codal formalities in respect of above work(s) is as under:

Position of Funds	Budgeted
Position of AA	Accorded
Position of TS	Accorded

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

Publishing Date:	07-10-2023
Download Start Date :	07-10-2023 from 09:00 am
Bid submission Start Date:	07-10-2023 from 09:00 am
Bid submission End Date:	20-10-2023 from 4:00 pm
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	21-10-2023 at 11:30 am in the office of the office of Conservator of Forests Kashmir North Circle Sopore.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened (Online) after technical evaluation is completed. Date will be notified separately.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>.
- Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security in the shape of EMD for requisite amount and pledged to Divisional Forest Officer J.V Forest Division Baramulla.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e BSD Form, Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2022-23, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document).
- The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
- As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
- The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
- The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
- The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

No. DFO/JV/Accts/2022-23/e-Tendering/125-28

Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer
J.V FOREST DIVISION Baramulla

e- NIT No. 26 of 2023-24 Dated 06-10-2023

(Retender)

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S.No	Name of Work	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) INR	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of Completion
01	Procurement and Transportation of Broadleaved saplings (Multipurpose trees) like Ulmus, Pear, Apple etc upto distribution Site falling in Baramulla /Boniyar/Doabgah/Uri Ranges of J.V Forest Division 140000 Nos	6.538	13076	C,D Forest B	300	15 days

The position of codal formalities in respect of above work(s) is as under:

Position of Funds	Budgeted
Position of AATS	Accorded

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

Publishing Date:	07-10-2023
Download Start Date :	07-10-2023 from 09:00 am
Bid submission Start Date:	07-10-2023 from 09:00 am
Bid submission End Date:	12-10-2023 up to 4:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	13-10-2023 at 11:30 AM in the office of the Conservator of Forests Kashmir North Circle Sopore.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened (Online) after technical evaluation is completed. Date will be notified separately.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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No. DFO/JV/Accts/2022-23/e-Tendering/129-32

Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer
J.V FOREST DIVISION Baramulla
dated: 09-10-2023

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J&K Lose 2-1 To Gujarat In Santosh Trophy Opener

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K lost 2-1 to Gujarat in their Santosh Trophy opening match at SAG Benaulim Football Ground in Benaulim, Goa. The team is placed in Group A in the 77th Senior National Championship.

Coached by Zahid Shafi Mir, the J&K team fell behind in the 41st minute after Gujarat winger Chunsaba Bariam found the back of the net.

J&K was reduced to 10 men in the early morning game, when midfielder Shahmeer Tariq was shown a straight red

in the 62nd minute. Gujarat doubled their lead ten minutes later, as Seigoumang Thangminlen Doungle made it 2-0. J&K midfielder Adnan Ayub gave his side a fighting chance by reducing the deficit in the 81st minute. However, Gujarat held on and won the game 2-1.

J&K next play Chhattisgarh on October 11 at the same ground. The game kicks off at 4:00 PM.

J&K Playing XI vs Gujarat: 22 Umair, 2 Zubair, 4 Arun, 5 Dimple, 12 Farhan, 13 Faisal, 20 Urfan, 11 Adnan, 17 Shahmeer, 7 Abdul, 10 Akafif.

District Level Athletic Meet Begins In Ganderbal



Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Ganderbal kick-started its Inter Zonal District Level Athletic Meet for boys and girls at Qamaria Stadium here on Monday. All four zones of the district participated in the competition.

DYSSO Ganderbal, Sheikh Shafiq Iqbal visited the venue and personally monitored all the events and also interacted with the student athletes. The

officer also showed his personal interest in various track and field events of this meet and keenly observed the techniques of student athletes.

He also encouraged the athletes as well as rectified their minute mistakes. The meritorious athletes of this mega meet were felicitated with their well-deserved medals by the senior officials of the department.

Today, on the second day of the meet, various track and field events for girls will be held as per the schedule.

Baramulla Wins U-14, 17 & 19 Provincial Kho-Kho C'ships



Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: In a remarkable display of talent and determination, Baramulla district has clinched the coveted titles in the Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19 Boys' Inter-District Provincial Level Kho-Kho Championships.

This impressive achievement comes on the heels of Baramulla's recent hat-trick of wins in the Under-14, U-17 and U-19 girls' categories in Shopian last week. These victories underscore Baramulla's dominance in the field of

Kho-Kho at the Provincial Level. The Inter-District Provincial Level Kho-Kho Competitions were organized by the Youth Services & Sports Department of Jammu & Kashmir, and the event took place at Pulwama.

Jatinder Singh, the District Youth Services & Sports Officer of Baramulla, extended his heartfelt congratulations to all the winning teams from Baramulla district. Singh also expressed his appreciation for the unwavering dedication and hard work of the department's field staff, whose tireless efforts contributed significantly to this triumphant achievement.

Saudi Arabia 'Favourites' To Host 2034 World Cup

The Associated Press

GENEVA: Saudi Arabia formally informed FIFA of its wish to host the men's World Cup in 2034 on Monday in a bidding contest that increasingly looks designed for the kingdom to win.

The Saudi Arabian soccer federation said it "submitted a letter of intent and signed declaration to FIFA to bid" in a vote that is open only to members of the Asian and Oceania soccer governing bodies.

FIFA fast-tracked starting the 2034 contest last week after its ruling body also agreed to accept only one candidate for the 2030 World Cup — now an unprecedented six-nation, three-continent co-hosting plan in Europe, Africa and South America that removed those continents from bidding to get back-to-back tournaments.

The Spain-Portugal-Morocco-Argentina-Paraguay-Uruguay project in 2030 will follow the inaugural 48-team, 104-game tournament in 2026 in the United States, Mexico and Canada. That allows the 2034 edition to return to Asia 12 years after Qatar hosted the 2022 World Cup.



Last week, FIFA set tight deadlines of Oct. 31 to formally express interest in hosting and Nov. 30 to return a signed bidding agreement that requires the support of national governments.

Australia also may be short of the FIFA-demanded seven existing stadiums on a minimum slate of 14 soccer-suitable venues of at least 40,000-seating capacity.

Saudi Arabia, which is preparing to host the 2027 Asian Cup, meets that FIFA criteria.

FIFA members will have the final rubber-stamping decision on picking the 2030 and 2034 World Cup hosts late next year,

ODI WORLD CUP

Problems Galore As Pakistan, Sri Lanka Face Off



Press Trust of India

HYDERABAD: The win against the Netherlands wasn't the most convincing but an inconsistent and mercurial Pakistan will still fancy their chances against a bruised and battered Sri Lanka in the World Cup match here on Tuesday.

If their batting against the Associate nation was any indication, then Pakistan will need to do a lot more in the coming weeks, starting with the clash against Sri Lanka, whose spinners have the ability to cause damage in the opposition ranks.

Pakistan are traditionally good against spinners but Babar Azam and Co. would take the likes of promising Dunitz Wellalage and company lightly at their peril.

Sri Lanka will be closely monitoring the fitness of spinner Maheesh Theekshana, who missed their first match against South Africa in New Delhi. Lanka had lost that match by 102 runs.

Theekshana had suffered a hamstring injury during the Asia Cup. Stationed in the city for over 10 days now and having already played a few matches, including the two warm-up games, Pakistan are aware of the conditions at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Uppal.

But still, they were

troubled by the bowlers from the Netherlands in their tournament opener, at one stage being reduced to 38/3 before Mohammad Rizwan and Saud Shakeel joined forces to steady the innings and lift them to 286 all out with an over to spare.

Had it not been for handy knocks from Mohammad Nawaz and Shadab Khan, the Pakistanis wouldn't have crossed even 280. These are among the things the 1992 champions would not like to repeat against the Sri Lankans who are expected to offer stronger resistance than the Dutch.

Even as their top-order failed against an Associate nation, Pakistan must be quite happy with the manner in which Shakeel went about his task in his first World Cup game.

In the company of senior partner Rizwan, Shakeel showed clarity and calmness as they rescued the team after the top-order failure in a match that will be remembered more for Bas de Leede's all-round heroics than any other performance.

Pakistan arrived in India after an Asia Cup campaign that exposed the chinks in their armour, but playing in the land of their arch-rivals is an opportunity for their players to become national heroes overnight, and they must be motivated by that thought.

Having done just enough

to get the better of the Netherlands, Pakistan would be keen to raise their game against the Islanders, who are plagued by problems of their own.

The 1996 winners are coming off a thrashing at the hands of South Africa who created a plethora of records with the bat the other day.

What could stand Sri Lanka in good stead is that, unlike the Pakistanis, a lot of their players are familiar with the Indian conditions, having played matches in this part regularly, and they would look to use that to their advantage.

Teams (from): Pakistan squad: Babar Azam (c), Shadab Khan, Fakhar Zaman, Imam-ul-Haq, Abdullah Shafique, Mohammad Rizwan, Saud Shakeel, Iftikhar Ahmed, Salman Ali Agha, Mohammad Nawaz, Usama Mir, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Shaheen Afridi, Mohammad Wasim.

Sri Lanka Squad: Dasun Shanaka (c), Kusal Mendis (vc), Kusal Perera, Pathum Nissanka, Lahiru Kumara, Dimuth Karunaratne, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Charith Asalanka, Dhananjaya de Silva, Maheesh Theekshana, Dunitz Wellalage, Kasun Rajitha, Matheesha Pathirana, Dilshan Madushanka, Dushan Hemantha.

Match starts: 2:00 pm.

Pakistan Presenter Leaves India Amid Backlash

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Pakistani presenter Zainab Abbas, part of the ICC digital team covering the ODI World Cup, on Monday left India after facing backlash on social media over her alleged anti-India posts in the past but the sport's governing body insisted that she left the country due to personal reasons.

Zainab left India from Hyderabad where she was deputed to cover Pakistan's three World Cup games in the city. The 35-year-old was present at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad for Pakistan's World Cup opener against the

Netherlands on October 6. Posts from her unverified X account, formerly Twitter, had gone viral after she announced that she would be covering the ICC mega event in India.

As speculation on social media intensified over her departure from India in the middle of the tournament, the International Cricket Council clarified that Zainab was not deported from the host country.

"Zainab has not been deported, she has left for personal reasons," an ICC spokesperson told PTL.

The presenter, who arrived in Hyderabad last week, was supposed to travel to cities where

Pakistan are scheduled to play, including Bengaluru, Chennai and Ahmedabad.

Former Pakistan players Rameez Raja and Waqar Younis are in India as part of the commentary panel for the ODI showpiece, which began on October 5 and will end on November 19.

The Pakistan cricket team got a rousing reception at the Hyderabad airport on September 27, marking its arrival to the country after seven years.

The cricketers, including skipper Babar Azam, have acknowledged the overwhelming support they have been getting in India since their arrival.

Majority Of J&K Schools Lack Playground Facilities: Report

Agencies

SRINAGAR: With the government's effort to consider sports as a part of curricular activity in educational institutes, 'majority of the public schools in Jammu and Kashmir are without playground facilities.'

Top officials familiar with the issue of non-availability of playgrounds in government-run schools told news agency KNO, "School Education Department was working hard in providing space to the students for extracurricular activities."

"The department is aware about the non-availability of playgrounds in most of the government schools. We are working on the issues and I

hope very soon, every public school will have their own playground and sports infrastructure too," the official.

On asking about the figures of such schools without playground facilities, the official said that he has to check the figures.

Meanwhile, Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) Monday said that nowadays extra-curricular activities are being treated as part of the curriculum.

Earlier, the Ministry of Education (MoE) had asked the Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department to tag those government institutions that lack playground facilities with the neighbouring schools having existing playgrounds.

Bilal Rah Secures 1st In Mr. J&K Body Building C'ship



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Renowned body-builder of Kashmir Valley, Bilal Rah, has secured first position in the 3rd Mr. J&K Body Building & Men's Physique Championship 2023. Srinaag-born Bilal came first in the above 59 kg category.

"This is just the start," Bilal

Rah told Kashmir Observer. "I can assure you there are many more to come."

The championship was organised by United Intercontinental Body Building Fitness Federation at Tagore Hall on Sunday, October 8. The organisers billed the tournament as the 'First Elite Pro-Qualifier Championship in J&K'.

UEFA Postpones All Upcoming Games In Israel

The Associated Press

NYON: European soccer's governing body UEFA has postponed all matches scheduled to take place in Israel over the next two weeks after Hamas' surprise attack.

"In light of the current security situation in Israel, UEFA has decided to postpone all matches scheduled in Israel in the next couple of weeks with new dates to be confirmed in due course," UEFA said in a statement on Sunday.

That includes Israel's match against Switzerland in 2024 European Championship qualifying, which had been scheduled for Thursday at Tel Aviv's Bloomfield Stadium.

"UEFA will continue to closely monitor the situation

and will remain in contact with all teams involved before making decisions on new dates and on potential changes to other upcoming fixtures," UEFA said.

Israel's Euro 2024 qualifier at Kosovo on Oct. 15 could also be affected with UEFA saying it "reserves a few more days to assess" whether the match can take place on that date "or requires postponement."

Israel's European Under-21 Championship qualifiers against Estonia

and Germany on Thursday and Oct. 17, respectively, have also been postponed. An U17 mini-tournament involving Israel, Belgium, Gibraltar and Wales, scheduled to run from Wednesday until Oct. 17, was also postponed.



Cricket Set To Be Included In Olympics, ICC 'Delighted' After LA28 Recommends Sport's Inclusion

Agencies

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has stated that they were overjoyed that the organisers of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics have decided to recommend cricket for inclusion in the Games. After a two-year process in which the ICC collaborated closely with LA28, cricket was added to the list of sports to be added in LA, which will now be submitted to the IOC for approval.

Cricket was played at the Olympics only once, in Paris in 1900, when England and France competed for the gold medal. However, at the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles, there will be a women's and men's tournament that could tap into the lucrative Asian subcontinent commercial market.

ICC Chairman Greg Barclay said: "We are delighted that LA28 has recommended cricket for inclusion in the Olympics."

"Whilst this is not the final decision, it is a very significant landmark towards seeing cricket at the Olympics for the first time in more than a century.



"I'd like to thank LA28 for their support during the new sport evaluation process over last two years and we look forward to the final decision being taken at the IOC Session, in India, during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup next week."

Flag football has taken a

significant step towards becoming an Olympic sport in 2028, a victory for the NFL and Los Angeles organisers who will bring a uniquely American sport to the world's largest sports festival.

According to two people familiar with the Los Angeles organising committee's proposal,

the committee delivered its proposal to the International Olympic Committee on Monday, setting it up for a vote later this month at the IOC's meeting in Mumbai, India. The individuals did not want to be identified because the LA committee planned to release the information later Monday.