



IMD Predicts Heavy Rain, Snowfall In J&K

Majid Nabi

New Delhi: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Saturday issued an "orange" alert, warning of heavy rain and snowfall in parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, west Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Rajasthan during this period.

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experience heavy rainfall on Monday under the influence of the western disturbance. Thunderstorms and lightning are predicted in parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, west Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Rajasthan during this period.

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ANOTHER WESTERN DISTURBANCE IS LIKELY TO HIT J&K from October 14 to October 17. As a result, there will be unfavourable weather conditions in J&K. Plains in Kashmir may have light snowfall in addition to light to moderate rainfall."

5 Day Army Huddle to Discuss India's Security Challenges

J&K, Situation Along Borders With China & Pakistan On Agenda

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New Delhi: Top commanders of the Army will carry out a comprehensive review of India's national security challenges along the borders with China and Pakistan and ways to enhance the combat capability of the force at a five-day conference beginning Monday.

The commanders' conference, to be chaired by Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande, is also expected to deliberate on a range of issues including the ongoing reform process, officials said on Saturday.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to address the conference on October 18.

Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan and Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari are among those who will address the Army commanders.



Ajay Kumar Sood, the Principal Scientific Adviser to the government, will also deliver a talk on "Leveraging Technology for National Security".

"The apex leadership will brainstorm current/ emerging security scenarios besides reviewing the operational preparedness of the Indian Army," the Army said.

"They will also delve into pivotal subjects including

day's deliberations will be in hybrid mode while rest of the on the conference will be held in a physical format.

The regional security situation and geopolitical developments including the Hamas-Israel conflict and the Russia-Ukraine war may also figure at the conference.

The situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China as well as a long the frontier with Pakistan will be discussed, the officials said.

The Army Commanders' Conference is an apex-level biannual event that is held in April and October every year. The conference is an institutional platform for conceptual-level deliberations, culminating in making important policy decisions for the Indian Army.

The anti-terror operation in Jammu and Kashmir as well as the overall >> More On P10

India Tounce Pakistan in Ahmedabad

PM Modi Leads Wishes For Men In Blue

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Ahmedabad: India fired on all cylinders in what was supposed to be war minus the shooting, blowing away arch-rivals Pakistan by seven wickets in a World Cup face-off that ended in a damp squib after causing unbridled hysteria and logistical hassles.

In what is seen as the pinnacle of cricket by fans in the sub-continent, Indian captain Rohit Sharma emerged as the undisputed star of the match, scoring a 63-ball 86 to power his team to the modest target of 192 with as many as 19.3 overs to spare here on Saturday.

Jasprit Bumrah was a tiger on the prowl and Mohammed Siraj displayed wolf-like aggression before skipper Rohit completed the annihilation as India produced a near-perfect performance in one of the most lopsided World Cup games between the arch-rivals.

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Power Crisis Hits Kashmir's Industries, 65% Drop In Production

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Despite purchase of additional electricity from Uttar Pradesh, Kashmir continues to experience frequent power cuts leading to a decline of over 60 per cent in the Valley's industrial sector.

Shahid Kamili, president Federation Chamber of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) complained that the ongoing power crisis has badly hit the industrial sector in the Valley.

He said that the insufficient power supply has not only mounted losses worth crores to the industrialists but has also led to a steep decline of production by 65 per cent since last month.

"Even though we have limited hours of work, the industrial sector doesn't get the desired power supply. The situation is such that the production has gone down by 65 per cent, which means a big loss to the sector," he said.

Among the industries hit by power shortage, Kamili



said, includes cold storage, apple grading and packaging industries besides furniture industries.

"These are some of the industries, which require uninterrupted supply of electricity. The machines used in these industries are automatic, which require constant supply of electricity. Our members are constantly saying that these industries are suffering due to the non-availability of abundant electricity during peak hours," he said.

Echoing similar views, President Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries (KCCI) Javid Ahmad Tenga said that the trade body was receiving SoS calls from various industrialists about the impact of the poor electricity supply.

"Handicraft artisans and dealers have been constantly telling us about the suffering of the sector due to the current power crisis. The tourism sector has also started facing problems now. >> More On P10

Sky No Limit For India's Space Journey: Singh

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The "sky is not the limit" for India's space journey, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Saturday and added that the country's "space economy" is projected to grow beyond USD 40 billion by 2040.

The Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office was delivering the inaugural-cum-keynote address at Central University of Jammu's Campus Dialogues on Chandrayaan-3

under the theme "Viksit Bharat @2047"

"After the successful Chandrayaan-3 mission and the unlocking of the space sector by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the sky is not the limit for India's space journey," Singh said.

Singh is also the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Union Ministry of Science and Technology.

He said India's quantum leap in space research, with the country's

PMJAY-SEHAT Scheme Govt Dismisses Allegations Of Rs 500 Cr Losses

Allegation Of A Loss Is Unsubstantiated As The Insurance Company Incurred A Monetary Loss Of Rs. 93.82 Cr: Secretary H&ME

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Saturday dismissed allegations of financial irregularities in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana - SEHAT (PMJAY-SEHAT) scheme in the Union Territory.

Addressing a press conference here, the Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar also rubbished claims of Rs 500 crore losses due to the ambitious healthcare scheme.

Kumar said that the total premium paid to Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company (BAGIC) during the policy period from December 26, 2020, to



March 14, 2022, was Rs. 304.59 crore, while the total claims payout to hospitals (both public and private) by BAGIC was Rs. 398.41 crores.

"Consequently, the allegation

of a loss is unsubstantiated as the insurance company incurred a monetary loss of Rs. 93.82 crore," he said.

He also slammed misinformation about >> More On P10

In Jammu, RSS Chief Calls For Social Harmony

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Jammu: RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Saturday exhorted members of the Sangh and affiliated groups to work for the protection of the environment, cementing social harmony and strengthening the traditional family system in the country.

He was addressing Samanvah Baihath of various organisations affiliated with RSS here, the organisation said in a statement. Over 100 swayamsevaks of 38 organisations of the Sangh Parivar attended the meeting in which various social issues were discussed.

Bhagwat, who reached Jammu on a three-day tour on Friday, emphasised the need for further spreading organisational networks so as to reach

out to every home with the message of the RSS.

He especially focussed on spreading the organisation's network ahead of the centenary celebrations of the foundation of RSS to be observed in 2025.

In the Samanvah Baihath, the RSS chief reviewed various projects initiated by the local units for the development of villages and rural economy, the statement said.

He gave some suggestions to the members who have taken projects for village development and social harmony in the society.

Bhagwat also interacted with the students of the hostel of Sewa Bharti at Keshav Bhawan in the city.

He is scheduled to address volunteers in Kathua district on Sunday. >> More On P10

Have Not Come To J&K To Contest Elections: LG

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday ruled out contesting elections in Jammu and Kashmir, saying he has not come to the Union Territory to take part in the polls.

"I have not come here to contest elections. I have contested elections in the past and will contest in the future too," Sinha told reporters on the sidelines of a function.

He was replying to questions about some political parties asking if he had come to Jammu and Kashmir to



contest elections.

In reply to another question about his reported remarks that 80 per cent people would vote in favour of the current >> More On P10

'DySp Left No Stone Unturned To Help Anti-Nationals'

M Ahmad

Srinagar: Prosecution has said that police officer Adil Mushtaq Sheikh, who was arrested recently and now granted bail by an anti-corruption court, left "no stone unturned" in helping the accused persons involved in anti-national activities and booked by Police Station Nowgam in case under IPC sections of 120 B, 121, 121-A, 13, 18, 39, 40 ULA (P) Act.

The case (FIR 20/2023) was filed against three "anti-national" — Umer Adil Dar of Soiteng, Bilal Ahmad Sidiqi of Kursoo, Rajabagh and Salik Mehraj of Soiteng — on February 7 after they were arrested during naka-checking duty at Lasjan Crossing on Jammu-Srinagar Highway here.

During the checking of a kit-bag carried by Umer Adil Dar, police said, Rs. 31,65,200 (thirty one lac, Sixty five thousand and two hundred rupees), one Mobile Phone, and three pages of the banned terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Toiba were recovered. On personal search

of the other two persons namely Bilal Ahmad Sidiqi and Salik Mehraj five pages each of LeT were recovered, police said in a report filed before a Special anti-corruption court.

"The accused persons were arrested on 07-02-2023 and their remands were obtained from time to time. The then IO (DySP Adil Mushtaq) has seized 4 mobile phones along with SIM cards from the said accused which were sent

for forensic analysis on 02-03-2023 to FSL Srinagar which has been received on 26-07-2023," it said, adding, "The CDR/IPDR/CAF of the 4 mobile numbers were sought by DySP Sheikh Adil Mushtaq from concerned service providers through proper-channel."

During the investigation, police said, the accused Umer Adil Dar in his disclosure statement recorded on 09-02-2023 stated that he was earlier working with Hurriyat Conference (G), a secessionist organization, and after abrogation of 370, he was approached by an unknown >> More On P10

SHORT TAKES

Army Repatriates Pak Teenager

A mentally challenged teenager was handed over to Pakistani authorities along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, an official said.

Irshad Ahmad (17) was intercepted and arrested by the Army while crossing the border on Friday, the official added.

The teenager was handed over to the Pakistani Army by the Indian troops at the Chakan Da Bagh border crossing >> More On P10

Agniveer Dies Of 'Self-Inflicted Injury'

An Agniveer died of "self-inflicted gunshot injury" along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, the Army said on Saturday. Recently inducted Agniveer Amritpal Singh was found dead with a bullet injury in a forward post on October 11.

"In an unfortunate incident, Agniveer Amritpal Singh died while on sentry duty in Rajouri Sector, due to a self-inflicted gunshot injury. A Court of Inquiry to >> More On P10

Pistol, Bullets Seized In Poonch

Security forces Saturday recovered a bag containing a pistol and some ammunition during a search and cordon operation in the Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said.

The operation was jointly carried out by police and the army in Darghooon area in the Mendhar sector following specific input, the officials said. They said a bag was spotted lying near a natural cave and its search led to the recovery of a 9-mm pistol with >> More On P10

Two Dead In Zojila Accident

Two persons were killed after a truck they were travelling in fell into a deep gorge on Zojila Pass in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Saturday. An official said that the truck that was on way from Kargil to Sonamarg skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge near Mandir Mode on Zojila.

He said that in the accident two persons died and their bodies were recovered and shifted to PHC Sonamarg by >> More On P10

Drug Peddler's SUV Seized

Police on Saturday confiscated an SUV of an alleged drug peddler in a case registered against him under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in North Kashmir's Bandipora district.

"Confiscation order has been issued U/S 68F against one drug peddler namely Amir Rashid Sheikh S/o Ab Rashid Sheikh R/o Shilvat Sumbal. Vehicle CRETA used for the commission of offence valuing >> More On P10

197 More Indians Fly Out From Israel

The third batch of 197 Indian nationals wanting to leave Israel amidst the Israel-Hamas conflict left for home on a special flight on Saturday, hours before the Israeli military said it is ready for a "coordinated" offensive in the Gaza Strip. The special flights are part of 'Operation Ajay' launched on October 12 to facilitate the return of those Indian nationals who wish to return home following the brazen attacks on Israeli towns by Hamas militants from Gaza on October 7. >> More On P10



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How Working Night Shifts Messes Up Appetite And Food Habits, Study Reveals

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Scientists reveal how working night shifts interferes with appetite, hunger and food habits, sometimes resulting in weight gain. The disruption in the body's biological clock, or circadian misalignment, brought about by working night shifts affects the hormones which regulate appetite, the team of scientists, led by the University of Bristol, UK, said. Circadian misalignment is also commonly associated with the phenomenon of 'jet-lag'. The team focussed on the ad-

renal gland, situated near the kidney, which produces hormones that control many physiological functions including metabolism and appetite, called glucocorticoid hormones. A misalignment between light and dark cues led to a disturbance in the functioning of these hormones that then affected the appetite of the jet-lagged group of animals, driving an increased desire to eat significantly more during the inactive phase of the day, the scientists said in their study published in the journal Communications Biology. They said that their findings

reveal how circadian misalignment can profoundly alter food habits much to the detriment of metabolic health and that they could help the millions of people that work through the night and struggle with weight gain. The glucocorticoid hormones in the adrenal glands directly regulate a group of brain peptides controlling appetitive behaviour, with some increasing appetite (orexigenic) and some decreasing appetite (anorexigenic). In this study, the jet-lagged group's orexigenic hypothalamic neuropeptides (NPY) became dysregulated, which the authors say

may be promising targets for drug treatments adapted to treat eating disorders and obesity. Further, the team discovered that while the control rats ate about 90 per cent of their daily intake during their active phase and only 11 per cent during their inactive phase, the jet-lagged rats consumed about 54 per cent of their daily calories during their inactive phase, with no increased physical activity in this time. This was roughly five-times more than what the control rats consumed during the inactive phase, suggesting that it was the timing of calorie consumption that

was affected, the scientists said. "For those who are working night shifts long-term, we recommend they try to maintain daylight exposure, cardiovascular exercise and mealtimes at regulated hours. "However, internal brain messages to drive increased appetite are difficult to override with 'discipline' or 'routine' so we are currently designing studies to assess rescue strategies and pharmacological intervention drugs," said senior author Becky Conway-Campbell, Research Fellow at Bristol.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
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As reported by the Naib Tehsildar Harwan Srinagar Vide No:- 329/NTH/23 Dated: 07/08/2023 land measuring 19 marlas under survey No. 915/656 in estate Harwan are recorded in the name of Hamida Liaqat W/o Liyaqat Ali Khan R/o Arabal Shalimar Srinagar. This certificate is issued without any cutting.
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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 10th session Annual Regular 2019 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars
Name: Mubeena Banoo
S/o: Ab Razaq Lone
Roll No: 264189
Year & Session : 2019 Annual Regular
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

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Wular Conservation and Management Authority Kashmir
e- NIT NO:- 07 of 2023-24 DATED: 14/10/2023
For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders are invited from registered, from registered, reputed and resourceful contractors/firms/companies registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt./Central Govt. for the below mentioned work:

Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs in Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) INR	Cost of Tender Document INR	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Shoreline Development of Vantage Dyke by way of Construction of Toe Wall, Pitching etc and 2 Nos. Ghats at SK Payeen Bandipora.	279.635	5,60,000/-	5500/-	AAY Class Contractor/ Firm/ Company	150 Calendar Days

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:	14/10/2023
Download Start Date :	16/10/2023 from 06:00 PM
Bid submission Start Date:	16/10/2023 from 06:00 PM
Bid submission End Date:	02/11/2023 Up to 06:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	03/11/2023 01:00 PM
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened (Online) after technical evaluation is completed. Date will be notified separately.

TERMS & CONDITIONS
01. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: - https://jktenders.gov.in
02. The date for opening of Technical & Financial bids online shall be as per time schedule mentioned.
03. Bids uploaded must be accompanied with Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Coordinator WUCMA for the amount shown against work to be deposited in Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Earnest Money/Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR for the amount shown against work above pledged to Coordinator, Wular Conservation & Management Authority Rajbagh Srinagar Kashmir
04. The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and surroundings before submission of bid.
05. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
06. The successful bidder has to produce a performance security of 3% of the advertised cost or above in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Coordinator WUCMA before issuance of contract allotment.
07. 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.
08. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e:-
(i) Valid Registration Card duly renewed for the current year 2023-24, along with Verification Certificate from Concerned Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer of Enlistment registration card wherever applicable. Non submission of the same shall render the bid Non-Responsive.
(ii) PAN Card with ITR/TDS certificates
(iii) Valid GST Registration with latest returns and clearance certificate
(iv) Earnest Money/Bid security in the shape of CDR/FDR &
(v) Treasury receipt/Challan (Cost of Tender Document)
09. The successful bidder shall submit original Treasury Challan (Cost of tender document) and CDR/FDR (earnest money/bid security) of the relevant bid to tender opening authority by registered post or by hand before issuance of the award of contract.
10. The contractor shall have to follow all labour laws/acts/codes which are in vogue in the Union Territory of J&K for all purposes.
11. The Department shall not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
12. 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.
13. The Tender Opening Committee shall reserve the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
14. Bidders are advised not make any change in BOQ (Bill of quantities) contents, in no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved in the same name as it contains.
15. The unit rate and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rate quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto the completion of work physically/financially. The deduction of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill prevailing at the time of recovery.
16. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed tender document.

Sd/
Coordinator Water Management
WUCMA
No: WM/WUCMA/2023-24/ 928-29
DIPK-NB-3681/23
Dated: 14/10/2023.

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Subject: Conduct of Mop Up Round (upgradation/ allotment) of (Physical) counselling for admission to NEET MDS Courses 2023 in various Government Dental colleges of UT of J&K.

Reference: i) Notification No. 087-BOPEE of 2023 dated 25.09.2023.
ii) Notice No. 030-BOPEE of 2023 dated 27.09.2023

Notification No. 092-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 13-10-2023

In pursuant to Notice No. 030-BOPEE of 2023 dated 27.09.2023 read with Notification No. 087-BOPEE of 2023 dated 25.09.2023, after lowering the cut by National Board of Examination (NBE) New Delhi, the updated new rank wise merit list is annexed as Annexure-A to this Notification, therefore, the Board has decided to conduct Mop Up Round of counselling on 15.10.2023 as per the following schedule:

S.No.	Updated UT Rank From	To	Date/Day of Counselling	Remarks
1	01	71	15 th October, 2023 (Sunday)	1. All candidates including reserved category candidates

It is further notified for information of all the concerned candidates that the upgradation/allotment of seats during the Mop Up Round of Counselling shall be purely on provisional basis and shall not confer any preferential right upon the selected candidates and shall be subject to the outcome of writ petition, if any, subjudice in any competent court of law on the subject.

1. The seats available for MDS course-2023 for Mop Up Round of counselling are as:

Name of college	Name of discipline	Seats available
IGGDC, Jammu	Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics	01(PSP) category
GDC Srinagar	Oral Pathology & Micro Biology	01 (SC) category

The Board shall first call the category candidates whose seats are available during Mop Up Round of Counselling Process and if the candidate(s) under that category are not available, then the same seat(s) shall be converted into OM as provided under Section 09 (2) of J&K Reservation Act, 2004 and shall be allotted on the basis of merit cum preferences.

Note -I:
The following procedure shall be followed during the Mop Up Upgradation/Allotment Round of Physical Counselling.

- The eligible and willing candidates have to report at the BOPEE offices Jammu / Srinagar for Registration/Attendance & fulfillment of other formalities, from 8.30 am to 9.30 am on the day/date of counselling for MDS Courses.
- It is enjoined upon all the eligible candidates that they shall visit/ attend counselling only after checking the Seat Matrix available on the official website of the Board.
- Those candidate(s) who have been allotted seat(s) during the Second Round of Counselling and have joined against the said seat/College, if, interested for upgradation are eligible to participate in the Mop Up Round of Physical Counselling with the condition that he/she shall have to produce his/her fee deposition receipt of the concerned allotted College at the time of Registration/Attendance on his/her day/date of counselling.
- The Candidate(s) who have not been allotted any seat during the First or Second Round of Counselling are also eligible to attend the Mop Up Round of physical counselling for allotment of seats in MDS Courses-2023 on their respective day / date of counselling.
- The candidates whose names are figuring in the Provisional UT Merit List annexed to the Notification No. 044 -BOPEE of 2023 dated 25-07-2023, but have failed to participate in the First Round of online counselling or in Second Round of counselling due to one or the other reason shall also be eligible to participate in the counselling subject to the condition that they shall have to deposit counseling fee of Rs.2000/ physically, through POS Machines kept available at the BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar on their day/date of counselling. Further the candidates who have become now eligible after reducing the qualifying percentiles by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI, New Delhi dated 21.09.2023 shall also be eligible to participate in the counselling subject to the condition that their names are figuring in Annexure-A to this Notification with the condition that they shall have to deposit counseling fee of Rs.2000/ physically, through POS Machines kept available at the BOPEE offices Jammu/Srinagar on their day/date of counselling.
- The candidate(s) who have been allotted Seat(s) during the Second Round of counselling, but have failed to join or have resigned against the said allotted seat/College, he/she shall not be eligible to participate in the Mop Up Round of counselling.
- The candidate(s) who have been upgraded during the Second Round of counselling, shall not be eligible to participate in the Mop Up Round of counselling.
- The Board reserves the right to notify such changes as may become necessary in view of any technical difficulty or the reasons beyond its control.

Note -II:
The Seat Matrix for Mop Up Round of counselling which is also annexed as Annexure-B to this Notification and shall be uploaded on website of the Board for information of the candidates.
The other Terms and Conditions shall, however, remain the same as notified by the Board in the e-Information Brochure and Notifications/Notices issued from time to time in this regard.

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Sd/
Controller of Examinations
J&K BOPEE
DIPK-NB-3679/23
dated: 14-10-2023
No. BOPEE/Exam-10/2023

Before the Hon'ble Court of Executive Ist Class Magistrate Panthachowk Srinagar
of
In the Case:
Ghulam Mustafa Dar F/o Mesam Ali Dar R/o Balhama Srinagar Applicant
VERSUS
Registrar Birth & Deaths Block Development Officer Khonmoh Srinagar Non Applicant
May it please your honour;
The application is submitted as under
1 - That the date of Birth of the below named child/person has not sofar been recorded in the records of Block Development Officer Khonmoh Srinagar N.O.C to this effect issued by non applicant is enclosed b herewith
2. That the applicant wishes to get the date of Birth of below mentioned child/person be recorded in record of Block Development Officer Khonmoh Srinagar and solicits application accordingly.
4 That this application is supported by duly sworn affidavit.
IN THE PREMISES IT IS THEREFORE prayed that the non-applicant be directed to record the following particulars of the below named child/parson.

Name	Masam Ali Dar
Sex	male
Father's Name	Ghulam Mustafa Dar
Mother's Name	Dilshada
Date of Birth	01-06-2020
Residence	Balhama Srinagar
Place of Birth	at home

From the office of Advocate Shabir Ahmad Bhat
In the case of Arsheeda Akhtar wife of Imtiaz Ahmad Dar R/o Natipora
Caveator
Vs
Public at Large
Non Caveator
In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A
The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap- peal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seek in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.
Sd/advocate

مٹا خانداں کو صدمہ
یہ خبر انگلہارا نگھوں سے مشہور کی جاتی ہے کہ فیاض احمد ولد مرحوم حاجی حبیب اللہ مٹا سا کڈ بربرشاہ سرینگر حال موئن آباد متصل بابا سٹیل علی جان روڈ سرینگر بروز جمعرات صبح 2 بجے بمطابق 12 ماہ اکتوبر 2023ء حرکت قلب بند ہونے سے اس جہاں فانی سے کوچ کر کے خالق حقیقی سے جا ملے۔ انا اللہ ونا ایہ راجعون۔ موت ایک حقیقت ہے اس سے کسی کو انکار نہیں ہے۔ حکم خداوندی کے سامنے تمام مخلوق سرخم ہے۔ اللہ تعالیٰ مرحوم کو کروت کروت جنت نصیب کرے۔ مرحوم ایک شریفک انفس، خوش اخلاق اور صوم صلوات کا پابند تھا۔ مرحوم کی اجتماعی فاتحہ خوانی بروز اتوار بمطابق 15 ماہ اکتوبر 2023ء صبح 10 بجے ان کے آبائی قبرستان واقع بیٹان صاحب گوجوارہ سرینگر میں انجام دی جائے گی۔
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SKUAST-K Holds Session On Agri Robotics, Automation At Shalimar Campus

Observer News Service

Srinagar: SKUAST-K Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Centre (SKIEE) Organized a session on Agri Robotics and Automation in the university's College of Agricultural Engineering Campus Shalimar.

The session was conducted by the robotics expert Aditya Marathe, Founder and CEO of Nugenix Robotics, a pioneer in the robotics field in the country.

Aditya gave a detailed overview of the various ways in which robotics is transforming the lives for the better, particularly in the field of agriculture. He talked

about the job opportunities and the entrepreneurship opportunities in this fast-growing Robotics field.

More than 50 students and a few startups working on AI and automation in the Agriculture and Horticulture sectors participated in the session and brainstormed with the industry experts.

Associate Dean COAE&T, Prof Rohitashw Kumar, CEO SKUAST-K Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Centre, Naveed Hamid, and various Heads and Faculty members of the College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology attended the session.

Srinagar Food Safety Department Organizes One Day Training Program

Observer News Service

Srinagar: With a view to make all Food Business Operators (FBOs) of Srinagar District well versed about Food Safety Standards Act, a one-day training program under Food Safety Training and Certification (FoS-TaC) was organized here today by the Srinagar Food Safety Department.

The Training program was organized on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad in Boulevard, Dalgate and other adjoining areas with an objective to make Food Business Operators of Srinagar District well versed with Food Safety and Standards Act and ensure that no unhygienic food is cooked and served to consumers.

The Training program was held under the supervision of As-

sistant Commissioner Food Safety, Yameen ul Nabi in which more than 50 Food Business Operators (FBOs) especially dealing with Hotel Industry and Dhabas participated in the training program with the concept to avoid any mishandling of food items while manufacturing. The participants were given training on how to maintain the highest standards of Hygiene in the manufacturing plants.

Meanwhile, a special drive was carried out by the Team Food Safety Srinagar along with Intelligence cum legal cell of Drug and Food Control Organization in Jawhar Nagar, Rajbagh and adjacent areas during which a Mobile Food Testing Van was put in place to check quality food being sold in the City markets and about 60 samples were analyzed on spot.



With Zabarwan hills in the background, Dal Lake also known as jewel in the crown of Kashmir presents a mesmerizing view amid intermittent light rainfall on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Erasing Tattoos: Srinagar Chiropractor Takes On Mission For Free

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A Srinagar native Basit Bashir has taken it upon himself to help individuals remove unwanted tattoos, all free of charge.

This compassionate mission has touched the lives of many and is earning him recognition throughout the region.

Tattoos, often inked as expressions of emotions or life events, can sometimes become a source of regret. But for those who cannot afford the costly tattoo removal procedures, hope comes in the form of Basit Bashir, a kind-hearted resident of Hazratbal in Srinagar.

The young chiropractor and owner of Valley Care Centre said the idea to remove tattoos free of cost stuck in his mind while continuing his daily practice at a clinic in Karan Nagar Srinagar.

"As I attended my daily patients, I realized that tattoo removal is a costly process, and one has to invest around 5 to 6 thousand, and

the tattoo gets removed in about 5 to 6 sittings, depending on the ink and the texture of the tattoo," said Basit adding, I decided to get the



equipment and use my skills to help people remove their tattoos. "Till now, I have removed more than 900 tattoos, and the count is getting bigger. Over the

last year, I have helped many individuals erase tattoos that served as painful reminders of their pasts," added Basit.

As word of Bashir's mission spread, people from all walks of life have reached out to him, seeking assistance in tattoo removal, as his waiting list continues to grow.

Teachers Forum Stage Protest In Srinagar, Seek Release Of GP Fund

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Teacher Forum held a protest in Srinagar on Saturday to press for the release of GP fund.

The protesters gathered in Srinagar's Press Enclave, holding banners and placards, and raising slogans against the administration.

"We have continuously raised our concerns and demands for the past 2 months regarding the release of our pension, but our GP

fund remains unaddressed, and we feel neglected," said the protesters.

"Our GP fund payments have been pending for an extended period, and since March 31st, numerous individuals have retired without receiving their final GP fund amounts. Therefore, we are compelled to return to Srinagar's Press Enclave to reiterate our protest, which we are urgently appealing to the authorities to address this matter."

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore

Sub: Extension of e-tenders.

Ref: This office E-NIT No. PHE/MDNS/NIT/E-48 of 2023-24, S. No. 05, 06, 07, and 11 issued under No. PHE/MDNS/DB/4164-71, dated: 28-08-2023.

Due to poor response the above referred e-NIT is hereby extended as under:

S. No.	Particulars	Dates
1.	Last date for online submission of bids	19-10-2023 (06:55 pm)
2.	Date of online opening of tender	20-10-2023 (02:00 pm)

All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

No.: PHE/MDNS/DB/5910-12
DIPK-10376/23
Dated: 14-10-2023

Sd/-
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Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North)
Sopore

Government OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
Office Of The Executive Engineer Rew Division Bandipora

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
FRESH E-NIT No. 131/2023-24 Dated: 09/10/2023

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

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (In Lacs)	Tender Fee (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	EMD (In Rs.)	Major Head	Project/Block	TYPE OF TENDER
1	C/O Drain near L/O Mohd Hussain and Others at Wanpora	2.93	200/	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	IWMP	GUREZ 2.0/ Gurez	OPEN
2	C/O Drain near L/O Mohd Mukhtar Chackat and Others at Wanpora Project	3.44	300/	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	IWMP	GUREZ 2.0/ Gurez	OPEN
3	C/O Drain near L/O Mohd Mukhtar and Others at Wanpora	2.99	200/	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	IWMP	GUREZ 2.0/ Gurez	OPEN
4	C/O Field Channel at Khaker Koul at Wanpora	2.99	200/	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	IWMP	GUREZ 2.0/ Gurez	OPEN
5	C/O Field Channel from L/O Akbar Lone to Others at Kanzalwan	3.91	300/	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	IWMP	GUREZ 2.0/ BAGTORE	OPEN
6	C/O Irrigation Drain from H/O Rehman Bhat to Others	1.00	200/	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	IWMP	GUREZ 2.0/ BAGTORE	OPEN
7	C/O Field Channel from L/O Haleem Bhat and Others at Kanzalwan	4.87	300/	30 Days	DEE	3% of Adv Cost	IWMP	GUREZ 2.0/ Bagtore	OPEN
8	C/O Water Harvesting Tank in L/O Tariq Ahmad Mir at Bagtore	1.50	200/	30 DAYS	DEE/	3% of Adv Cost	IWMP	GUREZ 2.0/ Gurez	OPEN
9	C/O P-Bund near Helipad at Kanzalwan	5.00	500/	30 DAYS	DEE/ CEE/	3% of Adv Cost	IWMP	GUREZ 2.0/ Gurez	OPEN
10	C/O YAB Koul at Wanpora	6.85	500/	30 DAYS	DEE/ CEE/	3% of Adv Cost	IWMP	GUREZ 2.0/ Gurez	OPEN

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

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10-10-2023
2.	Online Bid submission Start Date	10-10-2023 from 06:00 PM
3.	Online Bid Submission End Date	17-10-2023 up to 04:00 PM
4.	Date & time of opening of Online Bids	18-10-2023 at 11:00 AM or any convenient day in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Bandipora

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

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- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS

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

PRAYERS

FAJR 5:10
ZUHR 12:18
ASR 4:23
Magrib 6:06
ISHA 7:25

HIJRI CALENDAR
28 Rabi-ul-Awwal 1445

This Day In History

- 533 - Byzantine General Belisarius makes his formal entry into Carthage, having conquered it from the Vandals
- 1522 - Emperor Karel I names Hernán Cortés governor of Mexico
- 1552 - Khanate of Kazan is conquered by troops of Ivan Gzoryn.
- 1756 - Saxon army surrenders to Prussia
- 1815 - Napoleon Bonaparte arrives on island of St Helena to begin his exile
- 1842 - Karl Marx becomes editor-in-chief of Rheinische Zeitung
- 1888 - German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche decides to write his autobiography "Ecce Homo" on his 44th birthday
- 1904 - The Russians are driven back by the Japanese in the Battle of Shaho; both sides suffer high casualties: Japanese (16,000) and Russians
- 1914 - Battle of Warsaw begins (ends Oct 21)
- 1924 - US President Calvin Coolidge declares Statue of Liberty a national monument
- 1932 - Tata Airlines (later to become Air India) makes its first flight.
- 1940 - Heavy German air raid on London, 400 killed

From KO Archives

Matric Exams Postponed; Teachers Threaten To Sabotage Govt Move

Observer News Service

Srinagar- The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education BOSE, this evening announced its decision to postpone the examinations of 10th class soon after the day long negotiations failed to resolve the crisis raised by the teachers boycott of the examinations duty. The Board authorities while announcing the decision to post-pone the examinations said that the fresh date sheet would be sued next week.

Earlier representatives of the Teachers Forum and Lecturers Association held negotiations with the Government to resolve the crisis. The Government was represented by the Commissioner Secretary Education and the Director Education besides Minister of State of Education, Muhammad Sharief Tariq.

Sources said that teachers remained adamant as they demanded that Government should accept all their demands in black and white before they would call off their strike. The Government today showed willingness to re-solve the crisis by assuring teachers that their genuine demands will be fulfilled at the earliest. But sources said, the teachers remained adamant saying that their past experience has been bitter. The promises made with them in the past had been hollow as Government backtracked from its decision, the teachers representative reportedly told the Government during the meeting.

The representatives of the Government told the teachers that the decision involving financial implications has to be taken by the Cabinet as nobody from the Government has authority to pass such orders. The Minister of Education, Muhammad Sharief Tariq, earlier in the day appealed the teachers to defer their strike upto October 26 so that the teacher's demands would be decided in the cabinet.

The Government later passed an order asking the Chairman of the State Board of School Education to conduct the examination immediately. The Chairman of the BOSE, Prof Ali Muhammad Charu told Observer News Service that the examinations would commence from October 20 as they have to recruit employees from other departments.

The Chairman said that the Board needs 4405 employees to conduct the exams. The staffers to be taken from the department of Revenue, Agriculture, Engineering, said the Chairman. As the conduct of the examinations is a technical job the recruits have to be imparted the necessary training, he said. The new staff will be given training in the district head-quarters on October 17, 18 and 19 and the examination would start from October 20, Chairman hoped.

Meanwhile a statement issued by the Joint Co-ordination Committee of Teachers Forum has advised the state government to shun the rigid attitude and issue orders for the implementation of demands put forth by teachers forum so that precious time of the students is not wasted.

The statement said that the government is pursuing a policy of delaying tactics and is trying to nullify some demands of the Forum. But this time teachers community will not compromise on any of its demand, the statement added.

Statement condemned the rigid attitude of government and made it clear that Teachers Forum will boycott the house examinations of 8th and 11th class as well. If the Government goes ahead with the examination process all the schools in the valley will be locked, adds the statement justified the boycott of teachers and appealed the people and students misunderstand the strike issue. Statement appealed all trade unions to support the Teachers demands.



Iran's Foreign Minister Warns Israel From Beirut It Could Suffer 'A Huge Earthquake'

Agencies

Iran's foreign minister on Saturday called on Israel to stop its attacks on Gaza, warning that the war might expand to other parts of the Middle East if Hezbollah joins the battle, and that would make Israel suffer "a huge earthquake."

Hossein Amirabdollahian told reporters in Beirut that Lebanon's Hezbollah group has taken all the scenarios of a war into consideration and Israel should stop its attacks on Gaza as soon as possible.

Israel considers Hezbollah its most serious immediate threat, estimating it has some 150,000 rockets and missiles, including precision-guided missiles that can hit anywhere in Israel.

The group, which has thousands of battle-hardened fighters who participated in Syria's 12-year conflict, also has different types of military drones.

Hezbollah fighters have been on full alert along Lebanon's borders with Israel following last Saturday's attack by the militant Palestinian group Hamas that left hundreds of Israeli civilians and soldiers

dead.

On Saturday, the Israeli military said an Israeli drone strike along the border with Lebanon killed a "cell" that was trying to infiltrate into Israel.

On Friday, Hezbollah said its fighters fired several rockets at four Israel positions along the border.

Amirabdollahian said he met Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, who briefed him on the group's conditions in Lebanon.

"I know about the scenarios that Hezbollah has put in place," Amirabdollahian said. "Any step the resistance (Hezbollah) will take will cause a huge earthquake in the Zionist entity."

Amirabdollahian added: "I want to warn the war criminals and those who support this entity before it's too late to stop the crimes against civilians in Gaza, because it might be too late in few hours."

With an eye toward Hezbollah, US President Joe Biden has warned other players in the Middle East not to join the conflict and has sent American warships to the region and

UN Says Gaza Shelters 'Not Safe', Water Running Out



Agencies

Thousands of Palestinians fled the north of the Gaza Strip on Saturday from the path of an expected Israeli ground assault, while Israel pounded the area with more air strikes and said it would keep two roads open to let people escape.

Israel had given the entire population of the northern half of the Gaza Strip, which includes the enclave's biggest settlement Gaza City, until Saturday morning to move south. It announced overnight that it would guarantee the safety of Palestinians fleeing the area on two main roads until 4:00 pm.

"Around the Gaza Strip, Israeli reserve soldiers in formation (are) getting ready for the next stage of operations," Israeli military spokesperson Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Conricus told a video briefing early on Saturday.

"They are all around the Gaza Strip, in the south, in the centre and in the north, and

they are preparing themselves for whatever target they get, whatever task."

In Gaza City's Tel Al-Hawa neighbourhood, part of the area Israel has ordered evacuated, warplanes bombed a residential area during the night, hitting several houses, according to residents who posted appeals on social media platforms.

Hundreds of residents of the area took refuge at the nearby Quds hospital and planned to join those fleeing to the south in the morning.

"We lived a night of horror. Israel punished us for not wanting to leave our home. Is there brutality worse than this?", a father of three told Reuters by telephone from the hospital, declining to give his name for fear of reprisals.

"I was never going to leave, I prefer to die and not leave, but I can't see my wife children die before my eyes. We are helpless."

In Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, Israeli planes struck a four-storey

building, killing and wounding several people. Dozens of Palestinians were rushing there to help rescue people trapped in the rubble.

"This is a genocide, not a war, it's genocide. And it's an attempt to displace the people of the Gaza Strip, but this will not happen," said neighbour Mohammad Sadeq. "Martyrs are stuck under the rubble and until now neither us nor the medics nor civil defence were able to take them out."

"This is only the beginning" Israel has vowed to annihilate the Hamas militant group that controls Gaza in retaliation for a rampage by the group's fighters, who stormed through Israeli towns a week ago, killed 1,300 people, mainly civilians, and seized scores of hostages.

Israel has since put the Hamas-run Gaza Strip, home to 2.3 million Palestinians, under a total siege and bombarded it with unprecedented air strikes. Gaza authorities say more than 1,900 people have been killed, a quarter of them children.

Reuters Videographer Killed In Southern Lebanon By Israeli Shelling Is Laid To Rest

Agencies

Dozens of journalists and Lebanese lawmakers attended the funeral.

Abdallah was killed on Friday evening near the village of Alma al-Shaab in south Lebanon when an Israeli shell landed on a gathering of international journalists covering exchange of fire along the border between Israeli troops and members of Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group.

Lebanon's Foreign Ministry asked Beirut's mission to the United Nations to file a complaint against Israel over Friday's shelling calling it a "flagrant violation and a crime against freedom of opinion and press". The statement was carried by the state-run National News Agency.

Israeli military spokesperson Lt. Col. Richard Hecht told the Associated Press in Jerusalem on Saturday: "We are aware of the incident with the Reuters journalist and we are looking into it."

Hecht did not confirm that the journalists had been hit by Israeli shells, but called the incident "tragic", adding, "we're very sorry for his death".

Reuters said in a statement that two of its journalists, Thaer Al-Sudani and Maher Nazeh, were wounded in the



same shelling while Qatar's Al-Jazeera TV, said its cameraman Elie Brakhya and reporter Carmen Joukhadar, got wounded as well.

France's international news agency, Agence France-Presse, said two of its journalists were also wounded: photographer Christina Assi, and video journalist Dylan Collins.

AFP reported on Saturday that photographer Christina Assi was in need of blood donations at the American University Medical Centre in Beirut where she was hospitalised.

The Lebanon-Israel border has been witnessing sporadic acts of violence since Saturday's surprise attack by the militant Palestinian group Hamas on southern Israel.

Journalists from various countries have been flocking to Lebanon to monitor the situation as tensions have been escalating between Hezbollah and Israel.

Syria Hands Over Yemen Embassy To Pro-Saudi Govt

Trans Asia News

AL-MUKALLA: The Syrian government has handed over control of the Yemeni embassy to representatives of the Saudi-appointed government in Aden; an official revealed this week.

An official in Aden said that the Syrian government accepted a request from the internationally recognized government of Yemen to expel the Houthis from the embassy building and that the Yemeni government is considering re-establishing diplomatic relations with Syria and dispatching its own ambassador.

"I was officially informed today by the Syrian Foreign Minister that they removed the Houthis from the Yemeni embassy building in Damascus," Ahmad Awad bin Mubarak, Foreign Minister of the Saudi-appointed Presidential Leadership Council (PLC), told The Independent.

"This matter came as a result of our recent meetings with the Syrian brothers in Egypt and Saudi Arabia."

Mubarak confirmed that his government is "immediately prepared to appoint a diplomatic mission there in the coming period."

The National Salvation Government (NSG) in Sanaa has



yet to officially comment on the replacement of its diplomatic representation in Syria. Damascus has also refrained from commenting so far.

However, Khaled al-Arassi, director general at the Finance Ministry, said in a social media post that the "decision to close the embassy is not an easy or normal decision, and the issue constitutes a tragedy because it means that we have failed within the framework of diplomatic representation."

Representatives were asked to leave the country, Yemeni media said. Abdullah Sabri, Sanaa's ambassador to Syria, had departed days earlier.

The NSG, led by the Ansarallah resistance movement, also has diplomatic representation in the Iranian capital. Ashraf al-Awsat cited predictions that "a similar step could come from Tehran."

Saudi Arabia Puts Israel Deal On Ice Amid War, Engages With Iran: Report

Agencies

Saudi Arabia is putting United States-backed plans to normalise ties with Israel on ice, two sources familiar with Riyadh's thinking told Reuters news agency, signalling a rapid rethink of its foreign policy priorities as war escalates between Israel and Palestinian group Hamas.

The conflict has also pushed the kingdom to engage with Iran. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman took his first phone call from Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi as Riyadh tries to prevent a broader surge in violence across the region.

The two sources told Reuters there would be a delay in the US-backed talks on normalisation with Israel which was a key step for the kingdom to secure what Riyadh considers the real prize of a US defence pact in exchange.

Until Iran-backed Hamas sparked a war on October 7 by launching a devastating attack on Israel, both Israeli and Saudi leaders had been saying they were moving steadily towards a deal that could have



reshaped the Middle East.

Saudi Arabia, the birthplace of Islam and home to its two holiest sites, had until the latest conflict indicated it would not allow its pursuit of a US defence pact to be derailed even if Israel did not offer significant concessions to the Palestinians in their bid for statehood, sources had previously said.

But an approach that sidelined Palestinians would risk angering Arabs around the region, as Arab news outlets broadcast images of Palestinians killed in Israeli retaliatory air strikes.

Hamas fighters killed more than 1,300 Israelis in their October 7 attack and more than 1,952 Palestinians had been killed

by Friday in Israel's continuing strikes on Gaza in response.

The first source familiar with Riyadh's thinking said talks could not be continued for now and the issue of Israeli concessions for the Palestinians would need to be a bigger priority when discussions resumed - a comment that indicates Riyadh has not abandoned the idea.

The Saudi government did not respond to Reuters' emailed requests for comment. 'Considered taboo'

The Saudi rethink highlights challenges facing Washington's efforts to deepen Israel's integration in a region where the Palestinian cause remains a major Arab concern.

Six Labourers Gunned Down By Separatists In Pakistan's Restive Balochistan Province



Press Trust of India

KARACHI: Armed separatists stormed a house and shot dead six labourers and injured two others on Saturday in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province, a senior police official said.

The incident occurred in a house in the satellite town area of Turbat city -- about 606 kilometres south of Quetta.

"Armed men entered the house where the labourers were staying and opened indiscriminate firing, killing six of them on the spot and leaving two others injured," the police official said. The injured have been transferred to the nearby hospital.

He said the initial investigation suggested the labourers were from outside Balochistan and worked at a private construction project in the city.

This is not the first time that labourers who come to Balochistan to work on various

projects have been targeted by separatist groups.

No group has so far taken responsibility for the attack. Separatist groups which are outlawed by the government have in the past frequently targeted migrant labourers, government and security installations and officials.

For nearly two decades, Balochistan has been the scene of a low-level insurgency by the Baluchistan Liberation Army and other separatist groups demanding independence from the central government in the capital, Islamabad.

Baluch separatists also often target people from Punjab province.

Punjabi and Sindhi workers were previously targeted.

Although the government says it has quelled the insurgency, violence in the province has persisted.

Islamic militants also operate in the region.

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Man Challenges High Court Chief Justice's "Defective Oath", Fined ₹5 Lakh

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has imposed a fine of ₹5 lakh on a man for claiming in a PIL that the oath taken by the Bombay High Court chief justice was "defective", and said it was a frivolous attempt to gain publicity.

A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud said the oath having been administered by the Governor and having been subscribed to after the administration of the oath, such objections cannot be raised.

The top court said this was only a frivolous attempt to use the PIL jurisdiction to propagate some publicity for the petitioner.

"The petitioner does not, as he possibly cannot, dispute that the oath of office was administered to the correct person. The oath having been administered by the Governor and having been subscribed to after the administration of the oath, such objections cannot be raised.

"We are clearly of the view that

such frivolous PILs occupy the time and attention of the Court thereby deflecting the attention of the court from more serious matters and consuming the infrastructure of the judicial manpower and power of the Registry of the Court.



Court," the bench also comprising Justice JB Padriwala and Justice Manoj Misra said.

It said the time has come when the court should impose exemplary costs in such frivolous PILs. "We accordingly dismiss the petition with costs of ₹5,00,000,

which shall be deposited by the petitioner in the Registry of this Court within a period of four weeks," the bench said.

The top court said that if the cost is not deposited within the aforesaid period, the same shall be collected as arrears of land revenue through the Collector and District Magistrate at Lucknow.

The top court was hearing a PIL filed by Ashok Pandey contending that he is aggrieved by what he described as a 'defective oath' administered to the Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay.

The petitioner stated that the Chief Justice did not use the expression "I" before his name while taking the oath, in contravention of the Third Schedule of the Constitution. He also contended that the representatives and administrator of the Government of the Union Territory of Daman and Diu and Dadar and Nagar Haveli were not invited to the oath ceremony.

Declared 'foreigner' in 2017, Assam woman is recognised as Indian citizen

Press Trust of India

A name mismatch in multiple voters' lists led to a woman in Assam being declared an illegal immigrant from Bangladesh in 2017, only for her to be acknowledged as an Indian citizen based on circumstantial evidence six years later, officials said.

Dulubi Bibi (50), a resident of Udharbond area in Cachar district, was declared a foreigner by the Foreigners' Tribunal-3 of Silchar on 20 March, 2017 during hearing of a 1998 case under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act (which was later re-registered under Foreigners' Tribunals Act in 2015).

Tribunal member BK Talukdar had observed in his order that Dulubi Bibi failed to prove that she and her father were born in India and resided in its territory prior to 1971, and as such the tri-



bunal was of the opinion that she had migrated to India illegally.

It found that she was identified by different names in various voters' lists and there were mismatches in the names of her father and grandfather, too.

The tribunal also ordered the police to arrest Dulubi Bibi

and keep her under detention. She was later released from the detention centre on bail following a directive of the Supreme Court and in May this year, she challenged the 2017 Foreigners' Tribunal order in Gauhati High Court.

The District Legal Service Authority (DLSA), Cachar provided her free legal support

and appointed advocate Mahitosh Das as her lawyer, who said the high court directed the tribunal to hear the case again.

"During the tribunal's hearings, Dulubi Bibi claimed she had adequate evidence to prove her connection with her grandfather, whose name appeared in multiple voters' lists before 1965," Das said.

She was declared Indian by the same tribunal member BK Talukdar, who had earlier declared her an illegal immigrant in 2017, he said.

Talukdar was convinced with the materials produced and arguments placed before him, and declared her as an Indian citizen, the lawyer said.

"... My considered opinion is the OP (Dulubi Bibi) is a citizen of India born out of Indian citizens living in Indian soil," Talukdar said in his order issued earlier this week and made available to her on Thursday.

Understanding Human Psychology Must For Advocacy Skills: CJ

Inaugurates Training Programme On Advocacy Skills For Young Lawyers Of Kashmir, Ladakh



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy at High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice N Kotiwar Singh on Saturday inaugurated two day training programme on Advocacy Skills for Young Lawyers of Kashmir and UT of Ladakh organised by J&K Judicial Academy in association with Indian Institute of Legal & Professional Development (IILPD).

"Understanding the human psychology was an essential trait of the young advocates to be successful lawyers", observed the Chief Justice observed while addressing the event.

The event has brought together the enthusiastic participants i.e. young lawyers with the eminent jurists of the country and successful lawyers who got trained decades back and have rich experience in the field.

Delivering the inaugural address, Chief Justice emphasized the importance of advocacy skills in the legal profession and underlined the importance of organising such training programmes which help in gaining the advocacy skills by the young and emerging lawyers.

Chief Justice also highlighted the importance of lawyers and judges working together in close collaboration for achieving the common goal delivering justice to the people.

Chief Justice emphasised that there were many training programmes organised for the benefit of judicial officers at state Judicial Academies as well as National Judicial Academy Bhopal but no such training programmes were organised for the new entrants into the profession. He further observed that in given circumstances, the present Training Programme is poised to empower the young legal professionals with the knowledge, skills, and techniques which are essential for effective advocacy.

In his special remarks, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Judge Delhi High Court, highlighted the significance of Advocacy Skills and critically dwelt over the different facets of advocacy. He observed that it is easy to get a case and client but it is difficult to hold him back, so that he comes back happily to the same advocate. He further emphasized that a good advocate needs to develop a case concept or theory so that he knows how to present the case to the court effectively.

Director J&K Judicial Academy, Yash Paul Bournay, in his welcome address, underscored the importance of organising such programmes for the benefit of one and all.

Priya Hingorani and Rajeev Virmani set the tone for the programme by giving a succinct overview of the Indian Institute of Legal & Professional Development and various training programmes conducted by the Institute across the country and their relevance.

Eviction Drive In J&K Unlawful: Azad

Vows To Bring Back Roshni Scheme If Voted To Power

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party president Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday said the eviction drive to retrieve government land was "unlawful" and claimed he will bring back the Roshni Scheme if his party is voted to power in the next assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Everyone, including government officials, who used the scheme to usurp large chunks of land will face the law, he said. On November 1, 2020, the Union Territory administration cancelled all land transfers that took place under the JK State Land (Vesting of Ownership to the Occupants) Act, 2001 - also known as the Roshni Act - under which 2.5 lakh acres of land was to be transferred to existing occupants.

Over 10 lakh kanals of land was retrieved by the government after the Revenue department directed all deputy commissioners to ensure 100 per cent removal of encroachments from state land including the land meant for grazing that which came under Roshni Act on January 7 this year.

The Act, popularly called as Roshni scheme, initially envisaged conferment of proprietary rights of around 20.55 lakh kanals (1,02,750 hectares) to the occupants. Of this land, only 15.85 per cent was approved for vesting of ownership rights.

The scheme was finally repealed by then governor Satya Pal Malik on November 28, 2018.

"The eviction drive was unlawful, so we staged over 85 protests across the UT. When there was no impact of the pro-



tests, I met the Lt Governor and the Home Minister and raised the issue forcefully," Azad told a group of Gujjars who joined his party here.

The Gujjars community members led by DPAP leader and JMC corporator Sobat Ali met Azad at his residence and informed him that they were being constantly harassed by the government officials who kept saying that they were living on forest land and their houses and shops would be razed.

Azad said everyone in Jammu & Kashmir is facing this problem. "After 1947, people occupied land in plains for their resettlement. In Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad and Kolkata, we saw governments regularising such colonies. I was in Congress when our government passed a law to provide rights over forest land to the inhabitants but this law was not implemented in J&K due to Article 370.

"We did a wrong by not implementing the law as we were of the notion that they will not face any eviction drive. However, when Article 370 was abrogated in August 2019 the forest land act got automatically extended to J&K but instead of implementing it, the administration started an eviction drive

which was unlawful," Azad said. Defending the Roshni scheme, he said it was meant to benefit the landless poor in the villages and also regularise the land in the cities to generate revenue.

"The scheme was passed by the J&K cabinet headed by me and the assembly. The landless were provided land by Maharaja (Hari Singh, the last Dogra ruler), Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah (NC founder) and later my government," he said.

Azad said there were complaints of wrong-doing by some people, including members of the government and police. "If voted to power, we will bring back the Roshni scheme and also launch an inquiry against the officials against whom there are complaints of wrongdoings," he said.

Later talking to reporters, the DPAP leader said he will regularise the daily-wagers working in different government departments for over two decades.

"Hundreds and thousands of daily-wagers met me, they are getting Rs 5,000 to Rs 9,000 and are not being regularised. They have got married and are over-age (to look for other jobs). It will be my first priority as they have a right," he said.

2 Kashmiris Held In Punjab On Terror Charges

Press Trust Of India

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Police on Saturday said it has busted a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) module after arresting two residents of Jammu and Kashmir.

Two improvised explosive devices, two hand grenades, a pistol, two magazines, 24 cartridges, a timer switch, eight detonators and four batteries were seized from them, police said.

The operation was conducted by the State Special Operation Cell-Amritsar police along with a central agency,

Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said.

"In a major breakthrough, State Special Operation Cell -Amritsar in a joint operation with a central agency busted a LeT module and arrested two persons who are residents of Jammu and Kashmir," the Punjab Police chief posted on X.

Yadav said the terror module was handled by one Firdaus Ahmed Bhat, an active member of the Lashkar-e-Taiba and described the arrests as a "major blow to terror module attempting to disturb peace in Punjab".

Bukhari Leads Apni Party Delegation To Meet LG Sinha

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A delegation of Apni Party leaders led by President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Saturday met Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan here.

Their primary agenda was to advocate for enhanced infrastructural development in the region, and the delegation presented their demands for infrastructural development in the area and handed over a memorandum to LG Sinha, a party spokesperson said.

Besides Bukhari, the delegation members included party's Vice President and former Minister Chowdhary Zulfiqar Ali, Party's Provincial Senior Vice President Chowdhary Qamar Din, District President Rajouri Manzoor Ahmad Bukhari, Sarpanch Chowdhary fazl Chohan, Sarpanch Chowdhary Mir Hussian, and Sarpanch Sofi Aalam Din.

The delegation, the spokesperson said, apprised the LG of the public concerns and grievances stemming from the infra-

structural deficit in the Pir Panjal region. Also, they presented a comprehensive memorandum outlining their demands.

Their demands encompassed several critical issues, including the delimitation of Panchayat segments, renaming specific areas, the establishment of a degree college in Kotranka, the inception of new degree colleges at Peeri and Khawas, restoration of the ANAS irrigation canal, creation of tourism infrastructure, encompassing an Eco-tourism park at Kotranka and an amusement park at Patli Qila, the establishment of a Poly-technic college in Kotranka, a Gujjar Bakerwal hostel in Kotranka, a fire service station in Kotranka Budhal in Khawas, the installation of a 400 KV receiving station in Rajouri, and a 33 KVA receiving station in Kotranka, the establishment of a Crime Police post in Gai-bas Narla, the establishment of an Ekalavila Residential Model School in Kotranka, a GAI BAS in Tehsil Khawas, the opening of JK Bank branches at various locations in Rajouri, the establishment of PHE centres, and the construction of essential roads, and so on.

World Migratory Bird Day 'Cleanliness Drives' & 'Awareness Programmes' Held At RAMSAR Sites

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Under 'Swachhta Pakhwada' campaign, being organized across the country from 2nd to 15th October 2023 and in view of the World Migratory bird day, celebrated every year on 14th of October, Wetlands Division of Wildlife Protection department organized 'Cleanliness Drives' and 'Awareness programmes' at all RAMSAR sites viz. Hokersar, Shallabugh and Hygam wetland conservation Reserves and also at Pampore wetlands.

Field staff of the division, students of different colleges/schools, Sarpanchs, wildlife Mitras and people living on peripheries of these wetlands participated in the events.

During these cleanliness drives, huge quantities of solid wastes were removed from different spots of all Ramsar sites and the participants pledged to keep these wetlands solid waste free.

Further, during awareness programs students and other stakeholders were acquainted about the importance of wetlands and the flora/ fauna therein.

The main aim of these programmes was to spread the swachhta message to the general public and raise awareness among students/stakeholders about the importance of habitats of migratory birds.

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today addressed the 'Manak Mohatsav' organized by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) here at National Institute of Technology (NIT) on the eve of World Standards Day.

Addressing the faculty, students and other participants of the event, the Chief Secretary maintained that the event is important step towards sustainability. He observed that the period up to 2030 is very crucial during which the people across the globe should adopt changes in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as we have only one earth.

He stated that each of us have the responsibility to safeguard our environment for future. He noted that the population of this planet is soon going to reach around 9 billion and if suitable measures are not taken forthwith to ensure sustainability, the earth is not going to be able to support this huge population.

Dr Mehta mentioned that the job of BIS is in sync with the SDG framework suggested by the United Nations Organization (UNO). He said that each of the 17 goals and 169 targets are inter-related in one way or other. He made out that the humans need to understand the limitations of each system and should not exploit it beyond its resilience. He also sensitized about the benefits of having an eco-friendly lifestyle for the earth is home not only to humans but millions of other life forms.

Regarding J&K, the Chief Secretary elucidated that the UT has taken dozens of measures to conserve its environment and cut carbon emissions. He gave the examples of construction of around 2000 AmritSarovars, 200 e-buses, planting of nearly 1.5 Cr saplings previous year besides making efforts to cut use of 'Single Use Plastics' in the UT.

BJP Will Be 'Wiped Out' Whenever J&K Polls Are Held: Wani

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief Vikar Rasool Wani said on Saturday that the people in the Union Territory and across the country want a change as they have been put to difficulties by the BJP-led government at the Centre.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function where some politicians from the city joined the Congress, Wani said they would invite senior leaders, including party president Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, to address various programmes in Jammu and Kashmir.

On the party's recent win in the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) polls, he said the Congress-National Conference (NC) alliance fared very well and asserted that whenever the Assembly polls are held in Jammu and Kashmir, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its allies will be "wiped out".

"When the polls take place, people will go out to vote and express their anger against the BJP through it," the Congress leader said.

He also expressed confidence that the Congress will emerge as the single-largest party in Jammu and Kashmir.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE AT SRINAGAR
Caveat Application No. /2023

IN THE CASE OF:
1. Neelofar W/O Sarfaraz Ahmad bhat R/O Rainawari Srinagar at present Bagat Barzulla Srinagar ...Caveator

VERSUS
1. Public at Large ...Non-Caveator

IN THE MATTER OF: Application seeking exemption from dispatching a copy of the caveat application to the Non-Caveator

May it please your Honour,
The Applicant humbly submits as under:
1. That the application has filed the above titled caveat petition before this Hon'ble Court wherein Public at Large has been arrayed as Non-Caveator.
2. That it is not practicable for the caveators to dispatch a copy of the caveat petition upon the non-caveator/s, as such, the Caveators have issued a public notice in a local newspaper, copy whereof has been placed on record alongwith the caveat application.
3. That in view of above mentioned circumstances the applicant seeks exemption from dispatching copy of the caveat application upon the non-caveator and in lieu thereof publication of notice in the newspaper may be treated as compliance of the statutory requirement.
4. That the application is supported by a duly sworn affidavit.

PRAYER:
In the premises it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to allow the instant application and exempt dispatching of copy of the caveat application upon the non-caveator through Registered post.

FRO Applicant through Counsel

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PHE MECHANICAL RURAL DIVISION,
SRINAGAR, KASHMIR.

CORRIGENDUM

For E-NIT No. PHE/MRD/TS/ 90 of 10/2023 DT: - 04-10-2023 issued vide this office No: PHE/MRD/TS/3109-13 DT: - 04-10-2023 and published vide No: 2023_PHE_231916_1 is hereby extended due to poor response, new closing and opening dates as under:

S.No.	Description	Date	Time
1.	Closing date	17-10-2023	11:00 AM
2.	Bid opening date	17-10-2023	12:00 PM

No: PHE/MRD/3317-21 Sd/-
Dated: 14-10-2023 Executive Engineer,
DIPK-10390-23 PHE Mechanical Rural Division,
DT: 14/10/2023 Srinagar.

(GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)
(UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CITY ROADS (SMC) DIVISION SRINAGAR.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No:- E-NIT/12/CRD/SMC/SGR/2023-24 DATED: 12-10-2023.

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	Adv. 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 road surface damaged due to UEED road cut by way of providing and laying of GSB/ Khak-Bajri, WBM Grade 2 nd , 75mm thick compacted WMM, 50mm thick compacted BT, 25mm thick compacted semidense with premixed seal coat at KooliporaKhanyar.	20.99	800/-	41980/-	12 Days	BEE/ CEE Class	Internal Resources

AAA: Accorded.

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

Scheduled Dates & Time of Online Tenders.	
1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice Online 12-10-2023.
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents FROM 13-10-2023 10:00 A.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date 13-10-2023 FROM 10:00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date 18-10-2023 UPTO 4:00 P.M
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) 19-10-2023 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: 021610120000007 payable to J&K Bank Branch Dood Ganga Balgardeen, Srinagar payable at Srinagar (With NIT No. and S.No. of work mentioned) 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 uploaded 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.
- a. 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.
- b. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
- c. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- d. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- e. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- f. 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 within 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	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.

- 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/12/CRD/SMC/SGR/2023-24/e-tendering/ Dated: 12-10-2023. DIPK-10422-23 DT: 14/10/2023

Executive Engineer, City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar.

Wasting Food A Centuries-Old Kashmiri Tradition - 136 Years and Counting

Farooq Shah

“The food we discard could nourish countless individuals in need. Embracing austerity in our consumption not only addresses local concerns but also allows us to play a crucial role in the global effort to combat hunger. It's a collective responsibility, emphasizing the importance of sustainable and compassionate food consumption to make a real difference in the lives of the world's most vulnerable populations

During a recent wedding we both attended, a friend of mine, originally from Kashmir but living abroad, casually asked, "Do you believe Kashmiris will eventually stop squandering food on such a massive scale, allowing them to channel their hard-earned money into more meaningful pursuits?"

In response, I decided to share a story with him, leaving him to draw his own conclusions about whether Kashmiris had a chance to change for the better.

In 1888, J. Hinton Knowles, the author of "Folk Tales of Kashmir," which is a collection of stories based on local folklore, included a chapter titled "Man from Shiraz."

This story narrates the experience of a Shirazi man who visited a Kashmiri friend and stayed with him for three nights. The Kashmiri friend, proud of his hospitality, prepared a lavish feast for his guest.

During the dinner, the Kashmiri eagerly awaited some words of approval from the Shirazi, but the Shirazi, feeling obligated to say something complimentary, only mentioned that the dinner was good, though not comparable to the feasts in his homeland.

The host was so disheartened by this lukewarm response that he couldn't sleep that night. He spent the entire night suppressing his disappointment and planning an even more extravagant dinner for the following day. He even replaced his chef and gave meticulous instructions to ensure the guest's satisfaction. However, the Shirazi's response remained the same – he found the feast inferior to those in Shiraz.

The Kashmiri, suspecting that his chef was the issue, hired another chef and promised a generous reward if the dinner met the Shirazi's standards. Yet, the response remained unchanged. The Kashmiri was frustrated that he couldn't please his guest with his hospitality.

Years later, the Kashmiri, now a traveller like his friend, visited Shiraz and stayed with him for three days. He eagerly anticipated the dinner to see how Shirazi feasts surpassed Kashmiri ones. To his surprise, the Shirazi served a simple meal of boiled rice with a few vegetables each day.

The Kashmiri couldn't believe his eyes and wondered if this was some kind of joke. He realized that



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the Shirazi's feasts were indeed plain and modest, unlike the extravagant ones he had prepared for his friend.

The Shirazi explained that they lived a simple life in Shiraz, and their daily meals reflected that simplicity. They couldn't sustain the lavish feasts he had experienced in Kashmir.

My friend was puzzled by this story, written over 136 years ago.

"I doubt that Kashmiris have any chance of changing," he remarked as he struggled to finish his meal, piled high with rice and countless meat dishes on a wide copper plate.

What set this wedding apart was the weird condition set by the groom's family: they decided not to distribute polybags to the guests, a tradition aimed at preventing the wastage of the delectable food, with the intention that it would be enjoyed at home later.

However, the girl's family anyway decided to serve the baraat guests with an excessive amount of meat, not less than six kilograms per plate, exceeding what the regular guests normally receive.

Even close relatives of the girl's parents expressed their disapproval in private while the guests wasted food inside an expensive tent.

"I've never served like this in my life," even the waza chef noted.

The story took an even worse turn the next day.

It is customary for selected guests from the inner circle of the girl's parents to visit the bride's

home to see the girl if she has adapted to the new setting. A lavish meal follows.

"Why should we request polybags when they didn't?" What this implied was even more distressing: another batch of expertly prepared meat going to waste down the drain.

The act of squandering such significant quantities of food, particularly meat from young animals, was perplexing and challenging to fathom. It appeared to border on a grave form of irresponsibility, particularly considering the dire needs of numerous individuals in the local community.

"Not only does a tremendous amount of food go to waste at Kashmiri weddings, but it appears our prayers suffer a similar fate," commented a social media user. "The time spent in mosques, fervently reciting 'zidni rizqi ya razaq' (increase my sustenance, O Provider) at the top of our lungs, seems like a squandered effort."

Moreover, it's important that we recognize the pressing issue of global hunger, particularly in the Third World, with Africa facing significant challenges. Global hunger indices consistently highlight the plight of millions dealing with food insecurity. By practicing restraint and avoiding excessive food waste, we can contribute significantly to addressing this global hunger crisis.

The food we discard could nourish countless individuals in need. Embracing austerity in our consumption not only addresses local concerns but also allows us to

play a crucial role in the global effort to combat hunger. It's a collective responsibility, emphasizing the importance of sustainable and compassionate food consumption to make a real difference in the lives of the world's most vulnerable populations.

The repercussions of this wasteful behaviour extend beyond just its social and humanitarian aspects. From an ecological perspective, the consequences are stark. Consider that it takes approximately 1,500 liters of water for a single kilogram of rice to journey from the field to the dining table, and a kilogram of lamb meat demands an astounding 9,000 liters of water in its production process.

When we recklessly dispose of these resources, we are not only squandering water but also contributing to the severe strain on our planet's resources. Water is a finite and precious resource, and the extravagance of discarding such food translates into a colossal and unjustifiable waste of water, exacerbating the global water scarcity issue.

This cycle of excessive consumption and waste ultimately perpetuates environmental degradation, making it crucial for us to reconsider our actions in light of their far-reaching consequences.

As we stand at the precipice of a world filled with hunger and suffering, we must confront the unsettling truth that our heedless squandering of food is not merely a benign act. It is a destructive force that casts a long shadow of despair upon those less fortunate.

Every morsel discarded is a silent cry from the hungry, every wasted meal a testament to our indifference. If we do not change our ways, if we continue to revel in abundance while others languish in want, we will, in the end, reap what we sow.

A world that disregards the value of sustenance is a world that risks its own destruction – a judgment of conscience that we must not ignore. It is time to heed the call of compassion, to cherish each morsel, and to strive for a world where no one goes to bed hungry. For in the battle against waste, the stakes are nothing less than our shared humanity.

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

What Happens When a Woman Chooses Career Dominance Over Her Relationship

Jessica Grose

In 2020 the economist Robin Ely and the sociologist Irene Padavic wrote an article for Harvard Business Review titled "What's Really Holding Women Back?" exploring "why women remain so dramatically underrepresented in the senior ranks of most companies." The pair interviewed more than 100 employees from a global consulting firm over 18 months and found that the main culprits holding women back are an unyielding, 24/7 culture of work and gendered assumptions about how women – and particularly mothers – should behave.

When women had children, the expectation, from their co-workers (and society), was for them to put their families first. For many, this meant taking the superficially well-meaning accommodations of part-time or internal-facing roles that ultimately prevented them from reaching the upper echelons of corporate power, Ely and Padavic found.

For women who didn't want to take a step back, there were two additional barriers to success. One was "the pressure to give up what they saw as their relational style in favor of the hard-charging 'masculine' style the firm venerated in client interactions." The second was that the mothers who did make it to partner were "routinely" belittled by colleagues as bad mothers and bad role models.

Ely and Padavic interviewed one man who was, in their words, "resolute in his conviction that women's personal preferences were the obstacle to their suc-

cess." This left him "unable to account for such anomalies as childless women, whose promotion record was no better than that of mothers. In his calculation all women were mothers, a conflation that was common in our interviews." In earlier research, Ely, along with the Harvard Business School's Colleen Ammerman and the Hunter College sociologist Pamela Stone, found that another factor holding high-achieving women back at work was that in dual-earning couples, they allowed their husband's jobs to take precedence over their own.

I was thinking about all this research when I saw the new Netflix movie "Fair Play." It felt at times as if the writer and director, Chloe Domont, must have had a stack of dog-eared copies of Harvard Business Review in her desk drawer. In an interview with Leah Greenblatt for The Times, Domont said that she was inspired to make the film by her experience moving up the ladder in Hollywood and discovering that "my success didn't totally feel like a win, because of the kinds of men I had been dating – that me being big made them feel small."

"Fair Play" is about what happens when a woman declines to follow the expected script when it comes to work and life: She puts her career above her relationship, loses her soul in the process and is punished for her gender deviation. While there are no children involved in the story, there's definitely an implication among the characters that an ambitious woman is not wife material. (Some spoilers ahead, but I'm doing my best to leave enough mystery for those who haven't seen it.)

The movie tells the story of Emily (Phoebe Dynevor) and Luke (Alden Ehrenreich), who are co-workers at a financial firm with a brutal culture. They get engaged early on in the film, but their relationship is a secret; they have been carrying on behind everybody's back at the office. Emily pointedly takes her engagement ring off before she leaves their shared apartment.

At first, Emily and Luke have the same job title. They both expect that Luke will get promoted, and she is truly excited for him. They proceed as if that's the natural order of things and talk

about their plans. Instead, Emily – who is clearly more skilled and better liked by management – is promoted and becomes Luke's boss.

Luke can barely pretend to be happy for her; her other male co-workers suck up to her to her face and deride her behind her back. Luke becomes cold and distant and begins to undermine her. Emily's response is cringe-worthy: As Amy Nicholson explains in her review of the film for The Times, "There's nothing she can say, or do, to make her fiancé smile, and her disastrously obnoxious attempts to relieve the pressure just make things worse."

While her relationship is disintegrating and her fiancé turns into something of an incel, Emily tries to prove to her boorish co-workers that she's just one of the guys and partly succeeds. As the movie goes on, the overall mood feels increasingly sinister. In one heated moment, Luke tells Emily that she stole "his" job and that she couldn't have possibly earned it herself.

I won't spoil the climax; suffice it to say that no one comes out looking

particularly moral or decent. And yes, "Fair Play" is dramatized. I'm not suggesting that in real life, the tension that men and women experience between their work lives and their personal lives is quite as naked or ugly. The movie is an excellent thriller that has something smart to say about power; it's not a policy paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research.

But still, there is a deep and uncomfortable truth embedded in the film: Some men are happy to be equals with women but are very unhappy to be surpassed by them. And this truth has echoes in economic research like that of Claudia Goldin, this year's winner of the Nobel in economics. This week, in an interview about her award, she said, "We're never going to have gender equality until we also have couple equity."

Real equity would require more men to pull back from so-called greedy work with long inflexible hours as much as women do and to take an equitable share of domestic labor, parenting and caregiving. "Fair Play" at least understands that we're a long way from that happening.

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Kashmir's Nature Scan With Prof. Romshoo



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A glaciologist and earth scientist of international repute, Professor Shakil A Romshoo is currently serving as the Vice Chancellor of Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora Kashmir and was till recently Dean for Research, University of Kashmir. He is highly regarded for his scientific calibre within and outside India by the national and global scientific community. Having obtained his Ph.D in Civil Engineering (water resources) from the University of Tokyo, Japan and Master's Degree in Remote Sensing and GIS from the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok Thailand, Prof. Romshoo has a multidisciplinary academic and research background.

Previously, he has worked as a scientist at the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), Tokyo and Fellow at the Energy and Research Institute (TERI), New Delhi, India. Professor Romshoo has published more than 165 publications in peer reviewed national and international journals and book chapters as well. Besides academics, administration and consultancy, he is engaged in collaborative and sponsored research on hydrology, glaciology and climate change impact studies in the Himalayan region. This celebrated scientist from Kashmir is a member of scores of policy and decision-making committees and working groups related to environment, water, climate change and disaster management at the national and international level. Professor Romshoo has won several national and international awards for his academic achievements and notable among them are the Kasumigaura International Prize from Government of Japan in 2009, the National Geoscience Award from government of India conferred by the President of India on him in 2013 and the ISG President Appreciation Medal for the promotion of Geomatics in India in 2015. Last month, he was decorated with the Mahatma Gandhi Seva Puraskar Award by the Gandhi Global Family.

In an interview with Kashmir Observer's Parvaiz Bhat, Prof Romshoo spoke about the rapid depletion of glaciers, threats due to natural disasters and other issues.

Q. Could you tell us about your tryst with Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST). As the VC of IUST, what are your immediate and long term goals?

I am currently serving as the Vice-Chancellor of the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) in Awantipora, Kashmir. Since joining the university in August 2021, we have implemented a comprehensive five-year strategy aimed at enhancing academic excellence, research, outreach, innovation, and entrepreneurship among our students.

This strategy entails a strong emphasis on multidisciplinary teaching, research in cutting-edge science and technology fields, fostering a culture of start-ups and entrepreneurship, and a significant focus on skilling our students. Our long-term objectives include transforming the university into a carbon-neutral institution, evolving IUST into a multidisciplinary education and research university (MERU) in alignment with NEP 2023, operating the solar and biodiversity parks, AYUSH park, wellness centre, establishing two new campuses in addition to city office and enhancing sports infrastructure among other initiatives.

Q. Before assuming the charge of vice chancellorship at IUST, you were the Dean for Research at Kashmir University. Do you think our region has the potential to compete with other regions of the country and South Asia in the field of scientific research? What are our shortcomings in terms of resources and human capital?

Undoubtedly, Kashmir has the necessary talent, expertise, and infrastructure necessary for undertaking cutting-edge research in both societal and scientific domains. We have several premier institutes in the valley that have already made significant contributions in various fields such as earth and environmental sciences, climate change, biodiversity, and various other fields. IUST has also recently made substantial advancements in unconventional areas like machine learning, start-ups, immunology, molecular medicine, and phytochemistry.

There are ample funding opportunities available both nationally and internationally to support innovative ideas. However, I believe our collective efforts would yield even better results if researchers from various institutes came together and pooled their human and scientific resources for their optimal utilization for knowledge generation to address issues of societal concern.

Q. As an earth scientist, how do you perceive the threats to our region from disasters such as earthquakes and floods? It is generally believed that there are not enough preparations for dealing with disasters in our region. What are your thoughts about that perception? What are the adaptive and mitigation measures which need to be taken?

While our region is blessed with a magnificent landscape and breath-taking scenic beauty, it's an undeniable fact that we also face vulnerability to multiple hazards, including earthquakes, floods, avalanches, and landslides. Unfortunately, we have not yet fully embraced the concept of a disaster-conscious society. Our preparedness for such events remains alarmingly inadequate, and this lackadaisical approach is a cause for concern.

All of us, whether it be the government, society as a whole, or individuals, must recognize the seriousness of our vulnerability to disasters and take proactive steps to address it. It is imperative that we develop action plans at various levels, including our own homes, to minimize the adverse impacts in the event of a disaster.

Q. Going by the results of your own research and the studies which have been carried out under your guidance, land-use changes have happened in various regions of Kashmir on a

large scale especially in farmlands, wetlands and forests. Could you please briefly describe those changes and their present and future impacts?

Yes, we have observed substantial Land Use and Land Cover (LULC) changes in the valley, driven primarily by economic considerations and other anthropogenic needs. One notable shift has been the significant transition from paddy cultivation to horticulture (fruit orchards) due to the higher economic returns it offers, up to 5-6 times more. Additionally, the expansion of built-up areas has kept pace with the growing population's demands. Over the past four decades, there has been a significant loss of forests in the region.

These LULC changes have had adverse impacts on various land surface processes and other ecological processes, affecting nearly every sector of the economy and human life. For instance, while the expansion of horticulture has brought substantial economic benefits, it has also resulted in the extensive use of pesticides in the valley, leading to adverse effects on human health, a deeply concerning issue facing the society. Furthermore, the consequences of deforestation, such as increased landslides, flooding, and other disasters, raise significant concerns.

Q. Based on your research, you have been maintaining for several years that air quality in the Kashmir Valley deteriorates significantly during autumn, with the level of fine particulate hitting several times the permissible level. Why is it so and what are its impacts? What sort of remedial measures should be taken?

It is a fact that the air quality in Kashmir is typically pristine. However, during autumn and winter, there is a significant deterioration in air quality, attributable to both natural and anthropogenic factors. Natural factors include the geomorphic layout of Kashmir, where lofty mountains surround the valley. In winter, when the planetary boundary layer descend and envelop the valley like a lid, it traps pollutants within the valley, leading to an increase in pollutant concentration, particularly during the winter months. Temperature inversion phenomenon is also frequently observed during winters, further exacerbating the situation. The burning of woody biomass and hard coke for heating purposes in winter adds to the problem.

Moreover, the extensive expansion of horticulture in Kashmir has resulted in the burning of pruned twigs and fallen leaves during autumn, which significantly deteriorates air quality. Additionally, non-macadamized dusty roads, a large number of brick kilns, crushers, and the

growing transport and use of construction materials and dust all contribute to the bad air quality challenges faced in the region.

Q. As regards the status of glaciers in our region, you have published dozens of papers analysing different aspects of glaciers including the impacts of climate change on glaciers. What is the present status of our glaciers and what are the future projections? How do you see our region in terms of overall impacts of climate change in the next few decades?

The most important resource in Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh namely glaciers and the waters emanating from these glaciers, is bearing the brunt of rising temperatures attributed to climate change. The region is home to approximately 18,000 glaciers, which have experienced significant melting over the past few decades due to climate change. However, in the last few years, we have witnessed unprecedented glacier melting in the Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh Himalayas.

It is disheartening that this invaluable resource is depleting more rapidly than anticipated due to the increasing impacts of climate change. Without concrete global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we may lose up to 75% of our glaciers in the Kashmir valley by the end of this century. It is unfortunate that despite being among the least contributors to climate change, we are facing its most severe consequences.

The adverse effects of climate change, including extreme weather events and disasters, are expected to intensify further under the projected climate changes in the region, with significant implications for natural resources and livelihoods.

Q. As climate change impacts strengthen and water security becomes a growing concern in both India and Pakistan, the likelihood of reduced river flows related to climate change will have a significant impact on water-sharing between the two countries. How do you see this? India has proposed renegotiating the six-decade-old water sharing Indus Water Treaty with Pakistan, a move Pakistan opposes. What are your thoughts on this? Should the treaty be renegotiated?

We have already witnessed a substantial loss of glaciers in the catchment areas of the Upper Indus Basin (UIB), which feeds into the three major rivers of the Indus-Jhelum, Chenab, and Indus from Ladakh. Consequently, streamflows have exhibited a significant decline, particularly since the mid-1990s. The sharing of waters originating from the UIB is governed by the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) between India and Pakistan. Unfortunately, the treaty does not account for the impacts of climate change on water-sharing mechanisms.

In the face of ongoing glacier melt due to climate change, we anticipate a continued depletion of streamflows in the UIB, which will adversely affect the water-sharing arrangements between the two countries. The IWT does not consider several crucial factors, such as climate change, groundwater, and water pollution, which have recently emerged as significant areas of concern. Therefore, it is in the best interests of both nations to address these aspects. I firmly believe that science should inform water diplomacy when it comes to water-sharing agreements between the two countries.

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Scholarships This Week

Kashmir Observer in association with Buddy4Study.com presents scholarships available for the meritorious students of Jammu and Kashmir.

Scholarship Name 1: The Tata Capital Pankh Scholarship Programme

(whichever is less)

Description: An initiative of Tata Capital Limited aimed at providing financial support to students belonging to economically weaker sections of the society to help them fulfil their academic dreams.

Eligibility: Indian students who are currently studying in Classes 11, 12 general graduation (B.Com., B.Sc., B.A., etc.), diploma and polytechnic courses at recognized institutions are eligible. Applicants must have scored at least 60% marks in the preceding class. The annual family income of the applicants from all sources must be less than or equal to INR 2.5 lakh.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to 80% of tuition fees or an amount ranging from INR 10,000 to INR 12,000

- Last Date to Apply: 15-11-2023
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/TCPS23

Scholarship Name 2: Swami Dayanand Education Foundation Merit-cum-Means Scholarship 2023-24

Description: Swami Dayanand Education Foundation Merit-cum-Means Scholarship 2023-24 is an initiative of Swami Dayanand Education Foundation (NGO) to provide financial assistance to students pursuing professional courses including Engineering, Medical, Architecture, etc, and other undergraduate courses from government or private institutes in India.

Eligibility: Open for applicants



pursuing professional courses including Engineering, Medical, Architecture, etc. and other undergraduate courses in government or private Institutes in India. The applicants must have secured a minimum of CGPA 7.5/75% or above marks in Class

12. The applicants must have an annual income of less than INR 6 lakh.

- Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 50,000 per annum
- Last Date to Apply: 31-10-2023
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/SDM9

Scholarship Name 3: HDFC Bank Parivartan's ECSS Programme 2023-24

Description: HDFC Bank invites applications from students studying in Class 1 to postgraduation level. The scholarship supports meritorious and needy students belonging to underprivileged sections of society.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open

for Indian nationals only. The students must be studying in Class 1 to 12, diploma, ITI, polytechnic, undergraduate or postgraduate (including general and professional) courses. The applicants must have passed their previous qualifying examination with at least 55% marks and their annual family income must be less than or equal to INR 2.5 Lakh. Preference will be given to those applicants who are facing personal or family crises that have occurred during the past three years due to which they are unable to continue bearing the cost of education and are at risk of dropping out.

- Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 75,000
- Last Date to Apply: 31-12-2023
- Application mode: Online applications only
- Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/HDFC44

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER PWD(R&B)
DIVISION KULGAM**

**NIT No 125/2023-24/RnB/Kul/e-tendering/8961-81
dated 10-10-2023**

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

S. No	Stage Name	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Stage - 12	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
2	Stage - 13	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
3	Stage - 14	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
4	Stage - 15	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
5	Stage - 16	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
6	Stage - 17	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
7	Stage - 18	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
8	Stage - 19	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
9	Stage - 20	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
10	Stage - 21	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
11	Stage - 22	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
12	Stage - 23	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
13	Stage - 24	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
14	Stage - 25	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
15	Stage - 26	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee
16	Stage - 27	200	5000/-	3054 Snow	Aay, Bee, Cee & Dee

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

S. No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice.	10-10-2023
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 12-10-2023 (10:00AM) To 18-10-2023 (04:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 12-10-2023 (10:00AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 18-10-2023 (04:00PM)
6	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	19-10-2023 (11.00 AM)

In the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kulgam

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Demand Draft/ Treasury Challan / Receipt credited to MH 0059-Rev:Misc: and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR / FDR pledged to Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Kulgam (tender receiving authority). -Refer Govt: order No: O.M. No. A/24(2017)-651 Dated:- 07-06-2018.
- All bidders are required to submit bid security or earnest money for an amount of Rs.5000/= at the time of tendering in the form of CDRs, FDRs, or BGs pledged to the authority responsible for receiving bids, in this case Executive Engineer R&B Division Kulgam. In strict accordance with the Government's circular and other instructions as required, the successful bidder will be required to provide performance security in the amount of Rs.10,000/= at the time of contract award. Following the fixing of the contract in favour of the successful bidder, the unsuccessful bidders will receive the earnest money/bid security. The successful bidder's performance security will be released only af-

ter completed successfully performance of the Contract.

- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**
1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form documents like CDR/PAN/TIN/Demand Draft with the bid and all documents be submitted physically to Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Kulgam before date of opening of bid.
Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
4. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
5. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/ Receipt credited to MH 0059-Rev:Misc: must be uploaded with the bid.
6. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
7. All other terms and conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double Agreement Form)

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Executive Engineer
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**DIPK-10439/23
dated: 14-10-2023**

SNOW STAGES

Stage	Name of Road	Road Length in kms.	Road Length in kms.
12	Arigutnoo Reshipora Dar Kul Link road	1.00	13.85
	Banimullah Interior road	3.00	
	Banimullah to Kharpora road	0.50	
	Chambgund to Tatipora road	0.80	
	Drug Deaddiction center	0.30	
	Ganosargam link road	0.40	
	Gasrina Bongam Road	0.40	
	Gasrina Chitripora via Trengbal Road	2.00	
	Gudder Ziyarath Sharief road incld: Argatnoo	1.70	
	Malwan Kahloora road	1.25	
	Malwan link road	2.50	
13	Sheep farm checki badwani upto watihall road	2.50	10.25
	Road from Railway station bridge upto checki badwani chinar	1.00	
	Road from railway bridge upto wagey mohalla	0.75	
	Sarpanch link at checki badwani	0.30	
	Toll Post to Gulab Baagh Gujjar Basti road & WATI-HAL GANIE MOHALLA	1.50	
	Kurigam Shah Mohalla Ganiepora road	1.50	
	Kurigam salyaloo road	2.50	
	Kurigam Link	0.20	
14	Pandit Colony Vessu including Army Camp.)	1.00	14.00
	Bon manigam to chanderkoot	1.00	
	Lonepora link road	0.50	
	Peerpora link road	0.50	
	Link Road to Middle school Banghal from KM 4th of Vessu-Mundhole	0.25	
	Zradipora Baihama road	1.50	
	Chandarkoot to Tengpora Road	0.50	
	Chandernag link	0.50	
	Chandian Pajan including Chanderkoot Manigam	3.00	
	Mandhole to Reshipora road	5.25	

15	KilM Gund Road	3.00	14.05
	Tankipora to stadium road	0.50	
	Tankipora to new colony road	0.75	
	Tankipora to wagey mohall	0.75	
	Kilam to dangerpora	0.75	
	Kisrikhar Link	0.50	
	Agroo gundipath road	0.50	
	Agroo devsar	1.00	
	Zangalpora Habib Batapora road	1.50	
	Sports Stadium link road at Tankipora	0.50	
	Nowpora Malipora Road	1.25	
	Higher secondary school link kilam	0.10	
	Degree College Kilam	0.30	
	Kilam Bozgaam	1.00	
	KILAM Girls Hostel to Tankipora i/c Inner links at Tankipora	0.65	
	Hablsh to Danthredi road.	1.00	
16	Ahlihadees link at akhran	1.00	10.10
	Shah mohalla link at amanpora	0.10	
	Akhran link at Naibasti	1.00	
	Akhran Nowpora Road	2.50	
	Katran Link	0.50	
	FCI GODOWN AT MIR BAZAR	1.00	
	NH to Akhran Hanjipora	2.00	
	high school to ganie mohalla road	1.00	
	Akhran Hanjipora road	1.00	

17	Brinal Baba Dawood Khaki to Khargund	1.00	11.95
	Lammer reshipora road	1.35	
	Malikpora road	0.25	
	Lammer parraypora road	0.50	
	Brinal Bonpora road	0.50	
	Dangorpora road	0.50	
	Sheilbuth arward road	1.25	
	Shehilbuth Kulinarad Road	3.00	
	Ziyarat Shareef Nawa road	0.30	
	Nawa Ganie mohalla link	0.50	
	Jaibal Link at Lammer	0.50	
	Mir masjid brinal to bonibuth road	1.80	
	GMS link at bonibuth	0.20	
	Link road from main road to Masjid Sharief of vil-lage NAWA (Bunpora) road	0.30	
18	Nawa babapora road upto berigam	1.25	10.70
	Nawa Babapora incl yarhole teng	1.75	
	Chowgam Wober Road	1.25	
	Berigam Syed Salah Road	1.75	
	Dardgund to tasar road	1.75	
	Maldar muskhaud upto gangdaar	2.00	
	Muskhaud upto JEJU	0.95	
19	Babapora to mohalla bala babapora upto yarhole road	1.00	12.15
	Babapora to teng road	0.50	
	Churat Krakcheck road	2.00	
	Baihama school link	0.75	
	Yarhole to wani mohalla teng	1.25	
	Baihama bhat mohalla	0.50	
	khargund Jamia masjid link	0.50	
	Khargund Sheikh Mohallah	1.00	
	Chowgam link upto Temple	0.75	
	Babapora Berigam	0.75	
	Chowgam Berigam /mulberry road	0.65	
	Bonigam Baihama	2.50	
20	Link road from Nai Basti Sopat to Masjid Sharief	0.35	9.75
	Muqdam Mohala Sopat Qazigund road.		
	Sopat Tangpora road	0.75	
	Sopat Gujjarbasti to Vedikhvad	3.00	
	Gangdar to vedikhvad	2.00	
	Baba Dawood khaki link road at sopat	0.40	
	Sopat Rathermohalla (Muqdam Mohalla) road.	0.75	
	Sopat Berigam	1.50	
	Gundipora Inner Link road	1.00	
21	SHAHU TO PATHAN ROAD	3.00	17.25
	Shahu Sathan upto Pahloo	3.75	
	PAHLOO Lankar Pumbay	3.25	
	Devsar Lankar Pumbay to Khaloora	6.00	
	Darkhan Gujjar Basti road	1.25	
22	Akhal Lammer	0.50	5.00
	Khulshan hilmitru road	0.75	
	Hassan Khan Link	0.35	
	Dardgund to masnadi road	0.40	
	Snow clearance at various places on the evevt of Republic Day 26 January 2024	3.00	
23	cheyan to wani mohalla	0.50	7.83
	Cheyan Hardandar Road	1.50	
	Devsar Nadi (Tajdaren) road.	2.00	
	Gundipora Anward road	0.60	
	Habib Batpooro Shahoo road.	1.50	
	Berigam Dankard road	0.35	
	Rather mohalla road at devsar	0.30	
	Waghay mohalla road at devsar	0.25	
	Darbar mohalla road at devsar	0.23	
	Shah Mohallah at devsar	0.20	
	TEHSIL LINK at devsar	0.10	
	MASJID LINK at devsar	0.15	
	MUSKAK LINK at devsar	0.15	
24	Waltengoo-Vasaknag Road	0.75	10.40
	Koka Basti Link at Nigeenpora	1.00	
	Kanchloo to Zaedran road	0.20	
	Hakaraden Link	0.75	
	Gujjar Colony at Nowbugh	2.50	
	Razloo Chittergam Upto Nigeenpora	0.25	
	Peertakiya link	0.20	
	Urill Inner link	1.00	
	Nagrass naseerpora road	0.75	
	Waltengoo to Halenu Mohallah	0.50	
	Ziyarat shareef at waltengoo to mantoo mohalla	2.50	
25	Khrewan upto wanpoh road	0.50	5.90
	lassipora road	2.00	
	khrewan ganjipora road	1.00	
	Palpora check road	0.50	
	Sakloo link road	1.90	
26	Tarigam Dahwato road	2.00	8.50
	Khudwani Rehpora Ganjipora road incld: Bilal colony	3.50	
	SDH/ Higher Secondary School/ Police Station/	3.00	
	Wangund road at Qaimoh		
27	interior roads at Chawalgam	2.50	28.97
	Bugam Srandoo Kulpora Ashmuji road	6.50	
	Noonmia Zaban road	2.00	
	kadder Katrasoo link	1.50	
	Areh Awhatoo Batpora road	2.00	
	Areh Awhatoo Padderpora Nowpora road	2.62	
	Tongdon Sempora road	2.60	
	Tongdon Tantraypora	1.25	
	Awgam Zazripora road	1.00	
	Shalipora Kharbrari	2.00	
	Ramgrah Batsargam Khandipora road	3.50	
	Okay Hadigam	1.50	

10-Day EDP Concludes At JKEDI Kupwara

20 Women pass out for self-employment under Tejaswini scheme



Observer News Service

KUPWARA: The 10-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) under Mission Youth's Tejaswini (The Radiant) livelihood scheme concluded Saturday at District Centre, Kupwara of the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute.

The EDP was organized by JKEDI for the aspiring female entrepreneurs of district Kupwara. During the 10-day EDP, the candidates were appraised about basic business concepts like business plan formulation, marketing plans, accounts management and record keeping, customer management, and other topics of relevance. The program was coordi-

nated by JKEDI District Centre, Kupwara while the training was imparted by a team of trainers including Ishfaq Ahmad Mir, District Nodal Officer, EDI Kupwara and Mohsin Abrar, Assistant Faculty, EDI Kupwara.

Officials from the J&K Bank, District Employment and Counselling Centre, Kupwara, Labour Department, Kupwara, among others, were also invited as guest faculty to brief the trainees about different facets of the livelihood generation scheme.

In his address, District Nodal Officer, JKEDI Kupwara, highlighted the scope of entrepreneurship and self-employment and its contribution to the economic development of J&K.

Bumper Paddy Crop In Kashmir This Year: Official

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Kashmir has witnessed a bumper rice crop this year even after the land under paddy cultivation decreased by nearly 10 per cent over the past few years.

Farmers and officials of the agriculture department were also worried about the paddy yield this year, due to incessant rains and cold weather during the sowing season in May-June this year.

"In the month of March, April and May there were heavy rains because of which we were also fearing about the fate of staple food crop (paddy) but simultaneously we tried our best and also did sowing a second time," Director Agriculture Mohammad Iqbal Chaudhary said.

Chaudhary said the department launched a campaign for transplanting seedlings even in June.

"... more than 5 to 10 per cent extra productivity per hectare



is expected as more than 90 per cent crop has already been harvested," he added.

The director said the bumper crop has boosted the morale of farmers, as the rate of rice in the local market has crossed Rs 50 per kilogram.

"We are trying to boost the morale of the farmers community as local market rates of rice have already crossed 50 rupees per kg and also musk-budhi that also got GI tag.

"Our farmers sold Musk-budhi at Rs 260 per kilogram in the recently held GI mahotsav. The rate last year was Rs

130 per kilogram," he said. AC Chaudhary said the rise yield has increased even though the acreage under Paddy cultivation has decreased.

"The seed quality alone plays a vital role in the productivity of the crop, which can increase 20 to 25 per cent. At present, around 1.29 lakh hectares is under paddy cultivation. As per revenue records, it was 1.40 lakh hectares just a few years back," he added.

Chaudhary said the policy of 33 per cent seed replacement every year has helped in increasing the yield.

G20 Ministerial For Swift Implementation Of Roadmap To Deal With Crypto Assets

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The finance ministers of the G20 nations have called for swift and coordinated implementation of the G20 roadmap to deal with the issues related to crypto assets.

The G20 Roadmap on Crypto Assets adopted by the G20 Finance Ministers was spelt out in a Synthesis Paper prepared jointly by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Financial Stability Board (FSB).

"We adopt the roadmap proposed in the Synthesis Paper as a G20 Roadmap on Crypto Assets... We call for swift and coordinated implementation of the G20 Roadmap, includ-

ing implementation of policy frameworks; outreach beyond G20 jurisdictions; global coordination, cooperation and information sharing; and addressing data gaps," said a communique issued during the fourth meeting of the FMCBG on Thursday.

The Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) of G20 nations met on the sidelines of IMF-World Bank annual meetings in Marrakesh, Morocco.

However, the communique made no mention of the ongoing Israel-Hamas war. At least 2,800 people in Israel and Gaza have been killed in the conflict, with thousands of others injured since October 6.



IIM Jammu Holds International HR Conference, HR Conclave 6.0

Observer News Service

JAMMU: The first day of HR Conclave 6.0, the signature event of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, was a resounding success, with industry experts sharing their insights on a plethora of topics related to the theme of the Conclave, "HR in a Dynamic Business Environment."

The Chief Guest of the event was Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. The day began with an inaugural ceremony presided over by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu; Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Academics and Chairperson, Placements at IIM Jammu; and Dr. Baljeet Singh Sani, Co-Chairperson, Placements at IIM Jammu, Dr. Guangpuanang Kahmei, Conference Chair, IIM Jammu,



Mr. Deepak Taduru, Northern Trust VP Talent Acquisition and Dr. Roy Kshemendra Sharma, Head of Communications & Customer Centricity, Tata AIA Life Insurance

Dr. Baljeet Singh Sani, Co-Chairperson (Placements), IIM Jammu, welcomed the audience to the HR Conclave 6.0 and introduced the theme of the Conclave, "HR in a Dynamic Business Environment." He highlighted the importance of HR in helping

organizations navigate the ever-changing business landscape and achieve their business goals.

He affirmed that HR Conclave 6.0 is an exceptional forum where human resources professionals from the industry convene to share insights, teach students how to navigate the challenges they will inevitably encounter on their path through the dynamic corporate world, and exchange ideas.

Timely Settlement Of Insurance Claims Relieves Families Of J&K Bank Customers



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a major relief to the affected families, J&K Bank facilitated the swift settlement of five MetLoan & Life Suraksha (MLLS) insurance claims of its deceased borrowers who had their accounts in different branches of the Bank. The claims worth Rs 71.67 Lacs were paid to the family members of deceased customers in Anantnag and Srinagar.

In Anantnag, Bank's Zonal Head (Anantnag) Khurshid Muzaffar handed over the symbolic cheque worth Rs 55 Lacs to the nominees/Legal Heirs of four deceased customers in presence of Bank's Cluster Heads Shaista Khan and Junaid Ahmad Wani, Zonal Head (Credit Life - PNB MetLife) Irfan Ali Zargar, Zonal Insurance Coordinator Ayman Ali Malik and other officials of the Bank and PNB MetLife. In Srinagar, Cluster Head (Srinagar)

Asmat Ara handed over the symbolic cheque worth Rs 16.67 Lacs to the Vice Chancellor (SKAUST) Professor Nazir Ahmad Ganai in presence of senior functionaries of the university besides Zonal Head (Credit Life - PNB MetLife) Irfan Ali Zargar, Zonal Insurance Coordinator Manzoor Ahmad and other officials of the Bank and SKUAUST.

Expressing gratitude to the Bank and its Insurance partner PNB MetLife, claimants described settlement of claim as a big relief for the families amid tough times.

Speaking on the occasion, both the officials from Bank and Insurance highlighted the significance of insuring the loans. "With a single-premium option alongside the bank funding available for the customers, we can safeguard the families of borrowers in case of such unforeseen eventualities", said Zonal Head (Anantnag).

Sitharaman Pitches For Strong, Quota-Based And Adequately Resourced IMF

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday made a case for a strong, quota-based and adequately resourced IMF at the centre of the global financial safety net and climate action.

The 16th General Review of Quotas (GRQ) is expected to provide greater say to developing economies in the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

As per an IMF resolution, the 16th GRQ should be concluded by December 15, 2023. Any adjustment in quota shares would be expected to result in an increase in voting rights of emerging countries in line with their relative positions in the

world economy. Participating in a breakfast meeting of the IMF Board of Governors on the theme of 'Dialogue on Policy Challenges' in Marrakesh, Morocco, Sitharaman expressed concerns with regard to slowdown in global growth.

However, she said, India continues to be the fastest growing large economy with a growth of 7.8 per cent during the first quarter of 2023-24.

With regard to escalating global debt vulnerabilities, she highlighted the importance of the Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable to foster cooperation on debt issues and reforms in IMF policy to engage with members in debt distress.

Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECHANICAL

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

GIST of e-NIT No. 25 of 2023-24 Dated: 14-10-2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir online e-tenders are invited in Single Cover System on item rate basis from registered and experienced contractors/firms whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules and are active for execution of the following Works:

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost Rs.	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Rs)	Time of Comp	Class of Contractor	Programme/Accord No/ Tech. Sanction No.
1	Electrical & Mechanical works to be carried out at Water Supply Scheme Kisrigam Katlibugh Pulwama.	7.50 Lac	15,000/-	200/-	45 days	Electrical / Mechanical contractors / SSI Units with GST registration.	PMKKKY AA No.: DDCP/PMKKKY/ 2023/3526-32 Dated: 26-09-2023. T.S No.: 28 of 10/2023

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

S.No	Particulars	Date
01	Publish Date on Tender Portal	14-10-2023 (02:00 PM)
02	Start of downloading of tender documents	14-10-2023 (02:00 PM)
03	On line bid uploading start date	14-10-2023 (02:00 PM)
04	Last date of uploading of bid	25-10-2023 (04:00 PM)
05	Date and time of opening of Tech bids (online)	26-10-2023 (13:00 PM)
06	Date and time of opening of Price bid	To be notified

Note: - CDR & Treasury Receipt/e-Challan mentioning NIT No and Work shall be pledged to Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora as per the format annexed, Head 0215 - Revenue & Miscellaneous. All other details can be had from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in

No.: JSD/PHE/MDSA/3796-98
Dated: 14/10/2023
DIPK-10378-23
DT: 14/10/2023

Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti PHE Mechanical Division
(South) Awantipora

SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RIGHT RIVER WORKS DIVISION

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FRESH SHORT TERM

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER No. 24 of 2023-2024 Dated: 09.10.2023

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders are invited on a percentage basis (as per the J&K PWD Engineering Manual 2020) from approved registered eligible Civil Contractors/ Self Help Groups for the below mentioned works.

S. No.	Name of the Work	Adv. cost in lacs	Cost of T/ Doc. in Rs.	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time of Completion	Head of Account	Class of contractor	AA order No	T.S. Order No. dated
1	Renovation of Toilet Block near Bus stand Hazratbal ward no. 66	3.92	210	7840	3 weeks	Internal Resources	DEE	Order No. 1079 of 2023 dated: 29.08.2023	Order No. 72 dated: 08.09.2023
2	Beautification of Mehjoor Memorial fountain at PanthaChowk	0.89	200	1780	2 weeks	Srinagar Smart City	DEE	Order No. 391-SSCL of 2023 dated: 29.08.2023	Order No. 73 dated: 08.09.2023
3	Development of park at AstanSharief at kalashpora KK Mohalla Ward No. 38	9.85	600	19700	6 weeks	City grants	CEE/DEE	Order No. 1152 of 2023 dated: 18.09.2023	Order No. 74 dated: 26.09.2023

Position of AAA: Accorded, Technical Sanction: Accorded
The NIT consists of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the date schedule given below:-

S. No.	Particulars	Date from to
1	Date of publication of e-portal	09.10.2023
2	Date of Downloading of bid documents for said NIT	09.10.2023 from 02:00 PM
3	Date of uploading of bid document / bid submission starts	09.10.2023 from 03:00 PM
4	Date of uploading of bid document / bid submission Ends	17.10.2023 at 06:00 PM
4	Date of Bid opening	18.10.2023 at 11:00 AM
5	Date of Submission of Uploaded documents (Hard Copies) by Successful Bidder including Bid Security (CDR/FDR), Tender document fee.	19.10.2023 up to 04:00 PM

Note: - (The Date of EMD/Challan must be from the date of start of bid upto Bid Submission End date.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The intending tenders should attach a call deposit receipt equivalent to 2% of the advertised cost / total cost of the work shown against each work pledged to the Executive Engineer Right River Works Division, SMC, drawn from any scheduled Bank without which no tender will be entertained.
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in the shape of Bank Receipt / challan as a tender fee paid in the Municipal Account No. 021601020000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch Dood Ganga Balgarden, Srinagar payable at Srinagar (with NIT No and Serial No of work mentioned) and Earnest Money/ bid security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Bank Receipt/ Challan and earned money/bid security should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date). The tender fees is non-refundable and can also be paid through online mode via NEFT/RTGS in favour of F./A/ Chief Accounts officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation with Bank Details as given below:-
Name of the Bank: - Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd.
Branch: - Balgarden, Srinagar
Bank Account No: - 021601020000007
IFSC code: - JAKA0GARDEN
MICR CODE: - 190051008
- For one particular work, only one bank Receipt / challan (not more than one) of the exact amount of tender fees (neither lesser nor greater) as shown against that particular work must be paid and uploaded with the tenders. The same tender fees paid and uploaded for a particular work should not be again used/ uploaded for any other work in the NIT (i.e. one Bank Receipt / Bank Challan for one work only)
- Tender Fee and other relevant documents including Bid Security (CDR/FDR) duly filled up, if found uploaded, with any ambiguity or un-attested correction/ over writing for any work such tender /bid shall be considered as invalid bid and shall be out rightly rejected and action under rules shall be initiated.
- Further use of pencil in writing (NIT No and S. No) on tender fees and EMD must be avoided.
- The participating agencies/ contractors are advised in their own interest not to resort to any cheating while submitting and uploading the tender document Fees or any other document.
- The bidders are requested to upload following documents:
Tender fees.

EMD in the shape of CDR and FDR.
Registration card and its latest renewal.
Verification of Registration Card from competent Authority
Latest GST clearance.
PAN Card.
Correspondence Address of the Agency with active Mobile No.
Bank Account details (16-digit Bank Account No, Branch office, IFSC code)
Any other document required to be uploaded as per the NIT.
The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an E-mail message on their email address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the office of the Executive Engineer, Right River Works Division, SMC (Regal Lane, Lal Chowk, Srinagar) or in the office of the Informatics officer, SMC (Karan Nagar Srinagar). In case of holidays/ offices happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, or there is any Net problem the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
The lowest successful bidder has to furnish 5% of the contract value/ allotted cost as performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR. The performance security required as per NIT conditions shall be released after DIP is successfully over. Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR shall be released after performance security is received. The earnest money in favour of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Bank Receipts/ challans.
The earnest money shall be forfeited, if -
a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any Modifications to the terms and conditions of the bid.
b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
c) Failure of unsuccessful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process
No: SMC/EERRWD/1610-1616
Dated: -09.10.2023
DIPK-NB-3674-23
DT: 14/10/2023

SD/-
Executive Engineer
Right River Works Division
Srinagar Municipal Corporation

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SHEEP HUSBANDRY OFFICER ANANTNAG

Tel/Fax No. 01932-222542 Email: dshoa.sheep@gmail.com

NOTICE FOR INVITATION OF QUOTATIONS

Sealed quotations affixed with revenue stamp of Rs 2/= are invited from interested persons/parties for development of land (clearing, digging, filling, levelling and terracing), at FDF Ganeshpora, so as to make it suitable for cultivation. The rates must be quoted per hours of work for JCB and tractor (inclusive of all duties and taxes) and labour charges. The quotations must reach this office by or before 4 Pm on 20.10.2023. The quotations shall be opened by the designated committee on the next working day.

Terms and conditions:

- The rates must be quoted inclusive of all Taxes / Duties.
- The rates must be quoted for District Sheep Husbandry Officer Anantnag clearly without any cutting / correction/ over writing. No extra charges shall be paid on any account viz. carriage etc.
- The successful tenderer will have to execute the work in the stipulated time as per the directions of the undersigned.
- The rates quoted be valid for at least one year.
- The committee framed for opening the quotations reserves the right to reject any quotations in part or full incase the instructions /terms & conditions laid down for the purpose, are not met.
- Payment shall only be released after proper inspection of the work, to the best satisfaction of the department.
- In case the successful tendered fails to execute the work as per the agricultural procedures, within stipulated time period, a penalty of 30% of the total value of the work shall be imposed upon him besides blacklisting him for the next ten years.

No: DSHOA/Stores/2023-24/3687-90
Dated: 14-10-2023

SD/
District Sheep Husbandry officer
Anantnag

DIPK-10442-23
DT: 14/10/2023

DC Kupwara Reviews Preparations For Conduct Of Swachta 3.0



Observer News Service

Kupwara: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan on Saturday convened a meeting of all district and sectoral officers to review the preparations for conduct of Swachta 3.0 in the district.

The DC impressed upon the officers that the cleanliness should not be confined to ceremonial exercise but should be impactful on the ground. She asked the officers to ensure cleanliness of their respective offices and share the photographs of pre and post cleanliness drives with the AC Panchayats on a daily basis.

The District Officers were asked to conduct inspection of sub offices of their respective departments to monitor the status of cleanliness and were directed to also initiate a process for weeding out of unnecessary physical files and closing of e-files. The DC said that the scrap material including machinery and old records should be disposed-off as per the circular directions of the Government.

It was given out in the meeting that every department

shall designate a Nodal Official for coordinating with ACP Kupwara regarding Swachta 3.0 activities to be undertaken.

She impressed upon all the officers to initiate the process of switching over to e-office as soon as possible and also ensure the quality disposal of pending grievances on priority. She asked the BDOs to make monitoring of Swachta activities a regular part of their duty in their respective jurisdiction. They were also asked to sensitize the people for inculcating etiquettes for promoting a healthy and hygienic environment in rural areas.

Earlier, the AC Panchayats briefed the meeting about the plan for implementation of Swachta 3.0 Campaign which includes cleanliness at campaign sites, space management and beautification of offices, disposal procedure of scrap and redundant items, public grievance and appeals, record management etc.

ADDC Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan; ADC Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir; SDM Lolab, SDM Karnah, ACP, besides all other District and Sectoral officers were present in the meeting.

Union Secretary Interacts With Tribals In Shopian Assesses Impact Of Govt Initiatives On Community's Development, Welfare

Observer News Service

Shopian: Union Secretary, Tribal Affairs, Anil Kumar Jha on Saturday conducted an extensive tour of Shopian villages to assess impact of tribal development and welfare schemes of the government on the community.

Union Secretary, accompanied by Union Joint Secretary, Dr. Navaljeet Kapoor along with other officers of tribal affairs department and district administration visited Heerpora, Dubjan and Peer Ki Gali.

Union Secretary interacted with tribal migratory population there and listened to their issues and suggestions for more holistic tribal welfare. He sought feedback on ground impact of schemes and programmes of the Ministry towards the goal of inclusive development of tribal population.

Scores of tribal pastoralists apprised the Secretary of their issues and concerns seeking an early redressal to the same.

At Heerpora, Union Secretary met students, admitted in seasonal school for tribals, and enquired about the status of education they are being provided there. The students put forth various demands concerning further streamlining of education facilities in these schools.

At Dubjan, Anil Kumar interacted with tribal population and also visited Veterinary Mobile Camp established for livestock. At other places en route, tribal representatives projected various development issues concerning welfare of the tribal population. Their issues inter alia included establishment of Government



Degree College at Keller and establishment of Girls hostel.

Winding up his tour of higher reaches of Peer Panjal, Union Secretary visited Per Ki Gali, a mountain pass where he took stock of under construction transit accommodation for Tribal Pastoralist who transhumance between Kashmir and Jammu Pastures during the winter and summer seasons.

He was informed that the Transit Accommodation being constructed for the stay of migratory Pastoralists shall come up with an approved cost of Rs 1.21 crore for almost 200 people consisting of 2 dormitory units.

Anil Kumar visited Gujjar and Bakerwal Hostel, Shopian, where he inspected the boarding and lodging facilities being extended there by the Tribal Affairs Department. He inspected the Smart Class room, library there and took stock of functioning of the hostel.

Union Secretary also visited Government High School, Shirmal, where he interacted with the tribal students. On the occasion, students presented various artistic performances and exhibited their talents.

Union Secretary, while interacting with the students at the centre, stressed upon them to study with passion, set goals for career development, and take part in sports activities.

He asked them for availing 100 percent benefit of scholarship schemes of the government. Union Secretary said the department is making all efforts to ensure socio economic development of tribal population. Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb, Director Tribal Affairs, J&K, Musheer Ahmad, Secretary, Advisory Board for Development of Gujjars and Bakerwals, Mukhtar Ahmad Choudhary and other district officers accompanied the visiting officers

Louvre Museum and Versailles Palace evacuated after bomb threats with France on alert

Paris, Oct 14 (AP) The Louvre Museum in Paris and Versailles Palace evacuated visitors and staff on Saturday after receiving bomb threats, police said. The French government started deploying 7,000 troops to increase security around the country after a fatal school stabbing by a suspected Islamic extremist.

The evacuations of two of the world's most-visited tourist sites come amid heightened vigilance around France following Friday's school attack, and global tensions linked to the war between Israel and Hamas. President Emmanuel Macron's government is worried about fallout from the war in France.

Alarms rang out through the Louvre when the evacuation was announced, and in the underground shopping center beneath its signature pyramid. The Louvre communication service said no one was hurt. Paris police said officers searched the museum after it received written bomb threats.

Police cordoned off the monument from all sides, and the underground access, as international tourists and other visitors streamed out. Videos posted online showed people leaving, some hurriedly and some stopping to take photos, others apparently confused about what was happening.

The Louvre, home to masterpieces such as the Mona Lisa, welcomes between 30,000 and 40,000 visitors per day and several million annually.

The former royal palace at Versailles also received bomb threats, and the palace and its sprawling gardens were being evacuated while police examine the area, according to national police. A major Paris train station, Gare de Lyon, was being evacuated after the discovery of a possible bottle

explosive, police said. Earlier Saturday, Macron's office announced the mobilization of 7,000 soldiers by Monday night, after the government heightened the national threat alert in the wake of the school attack in the northern city of Arras. The "attack emergency" threat posture allows the government to temporarily deploy extra troops to protect public places, among other measures.

Counterterrorism authorities are investigating the Arras stabbing, and the suspected assailant and several others are in custody, prosecutors said. The attacker's exact motive remains unclear, and he is reportedly refusing to speak to investigators.

The suspect had been under recent surveillance by intelligence services for Islamic radicalization. He was detained Thursday for questioning based on his phone conversations in recent days, but investigators found no sign that he was preparing an attack, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said. He said French intelligence suggested a link between the war in the Middle East and the suspect's decision to act.

Court documents viewed by The Associated Press show the suspect, identified by prosecutors as Mohammed M., is from the Ingushetia region in Russia's Caucasus Mountains, which neighbours Chechnya.

Some schoolchildren, parents and personnel returned to the Gambetta-Carnot school Saturday, as police stood guard outside. Classes were cancelled, but the school reopened for those who wanted to come together or seek support.

Trauma specialists described the importance of addressing the emotions and revisiting the scene soon after horrific events.

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IMD Predicts

leading to an increase in rainfall intensity and distribution over northwest India during the same period.

Dry northwesterly winds from the Himalayas are likely to prevail over northwest India in lower tropospheric levels after the passage of the western disturbance. As a result, temperatures are likely to fall by 2 to 4 notches from October 17 over the region.

The IMD uses four colour codes for weather warnings -- green (no action needed), yellow (watch and stay updated), orange (be prepared) and red (take action).

Director Meteorological Department, Sonam Lotus said that another Western Disturbance is expected to strike Kashmir valley from October 14 to October 17, with the possibility of light to moderate rainfall in the plains and snowfall in the upper reaches.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, Lotus said Jammu and Kashmir had overcast weather, especially in Jammu, where the average temperature plummeted by 9 to 10 degrees Celsius, while Ladakh recorded 4 to 5 degree drop in normal temperature.

"Another western disturbance is likely to hit J&K from October 14 to October 17. As a result, there will be unfavourable weather conditions in J&K. Plains in Kashmir may have light snowfall in addition to light to moderate rainfall," he added.

Meanwhile, the higher reaches of the Valley on Saturday experienced a fresh spell of snow, while plains received rainfall, leading to a significant drop in the maximum temperatures.

The higher reaches of Gurez Valley, including Razdan Pass experienced fresh snowfall prompting the authorities to close Bandipora-Gurez road

The authorities also closed Sinthan Top and Margan Roads for traffic movement due to snowfall and heavy rainfall. (With PTI inputs)

5 Day Army

situation in the Union Territory will also be deliberated upon at the conference, the officials said.

India Troupe

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the Indian team's victory over Pakistan in the cricket World Cup, saying it was a great win powered by all round excellence.

In a post on X, Modi said, "Team India all the way! A great win today in Ahmedabad, powered by all round excellence."

"Congratulations to the team and best wishes for the matches ahead," he said.

Sky No Limit

space economy currently standing at USD 8 billion, was made possible by Modi's "courageous decision" to unlock the sector from the "shackles of the past".

Singh said, "India's space economy is projected to grow beyond USD 40 billion by 2040 and, according to the ADL (Arthur D Little) Report, it has the potential to go beyond USD 100 billion by 2040 -- which is going to be a gigantic jump."

He also spoke on the Chandrayaan-3 mission and India successfully conducting the G20 Summit in New Delhi.

"India today is at par with countries such as the US, which commenced their space

journeys decades before us," he said

India has made a quantum jump in its space journey in the past nine years, the minister said, adding that the Modi government has created a supportive ecosystem.

Comprising the lander (Vikram) and the rover (Pragyan), the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Chandrayaan-3 touched down on the lunar south pole in August, propelling the country to an exclusive club of four and making it the first country to land on the uncharted surface.

Singh said the space sector has been opened for public private participation, with a swift increase in the number of start-ups.

The central government has embarked on a mission to open space technology teaching centres in higher education institutions, he said and pointed to the ISRO Teaching Centre established at the Central University of Jammu and NIT-Agartala.

Enumerating the salient features of the new National Education Policy, Singh said India's youth are no more "prisoners of their aspirations" as the policy now empowers them to choose or change subjects freely, depending on their aptitude, skill and interest.

Power Crisis

There is a massive drop in production by industries currently," he said.

The power shortage, Tenga said, was also leading to the cost escalation to the industries.

"Everything currently works on generators which leads to the cost escalation to the industrialists. We recently approached the government with the demand to ensure uninterrupted power supply but nothing has happened so far," he said.

The KCCI has demanded the establishment of a fact-finding committee to delve into the underlying factors responsible for the ongoing power crisis in Kashmir--(With KNO inputs)

Have Not Come

system of central rule if a survey is conducted in Jammu and Kashmir, he said, "I have not said anything like this."

One media house told him that people say this, he said.

Govt Dismisses

the termination clause and contract renewal that have surfaced.

"According to the contract between BAGIC and the State Health Agency, the maximum term was fixed for three years and renewable every 12 months. The continuation of the contract beyond the first year was to be based on mutual agreement, and the insurance company decided to exit after the first year due to incurred losses," he said.

To avoid service interruption, Kumar said, the State Health Agency of J&K entered into an interim arrangement with BAGIC on a Stop Loss basis until a new insurance company was selected.

During this period, he said, the government bore the entire risk of loss of claims. The arrangement was cost-effective and served the public interest by ensuring the continuity of healthcare services.

"Contrary to allegations that the number of eligible families was increased to benefit the insurance company, the government clarified that the number of families remained

the same during the policy period, from December 26, 2020, to December 25, 2021, and the subsequent interim period of 79 days, totalling 21.24 lakhs," the Secretary H&ME said.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir emphasized its adherence to the guidelines of the National Health Authority (NHA), Government of India, for the scheme's implementation. This includes the use of the Model Tender Document for the transparent selection of insurance companies and the adoption of Health Benefits Packages (2.2 version) for implementation.

Since the launch of the PMJAY-SEHAT scheme, Kumar said, the government has paid Rs. 1175.32 crore in premiums to insurance companies. In return, insurance companies disbursed a total of Rs. 1,249.33 crores in claims to empaneled hospitals, benefiting approximately 5.67 lakh patients.

"The scheme has provided crucial medical care for patients with life-consuming and life-threatening diseases," he said.

"The insurance model has shifted the risk to insurance companies, leading them to pay nearly Rs. 74 Crores beyond the premium to empaneled public and private hospitals. This model has strengthened the healthcare system within the UT and significantly reduced out-of-pocket expenses for families in need of hospitalization," he added.

Additionally, the Secretary said, a feedback system using QR codes and a 104 Call Centre has been implemented, with nearly 99% of patients rating their treatment experience as Excellent or Good.

Kumar emphasized that allegations intended to discredit the scheme are baseless, false, and aimed at maligning its image. It reiterated its commitment to providing quality healthcare services to the public.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, Additional Secretary in Chief Secretary office, Vishal Sharma, Joint Director HQ Information, Naresh Kumar, Deputy Director Information PR Jammu, Dr. Vikas Sharma were also present during the press conference.

'DySp Left No

person and through a number he got in touch with a Pakistani handler Col Yasir and one Aijaz Rehmani (Kashmir based separatist leader sitting in Pakistan). "On instructions of Rehmani, he received an amount of 25 lacs from an unknown person at Wanpoh filling station, Kulgam," police said, adding, "Later he distributed 10 lacs to one Zamrooda and 5 lac to one Yasmeen for the purpose of strengthening the LeT cadre in Srinagar. He and another accused Salik Mehraj had further received the money consignments at different occasions from unknown persons near Govt Higher Secondary school and Filling station Wanpoh".

The total amount of cash received through these consignments turned out to be 31 lac 65 thousand 200(excluding the 25 lac consignments received earlier) which was later recovered in the case, police said. "The recovered amount was to be handed over to an unknown terrorist of the valley for promoting terrorism and terror activities in District Srinagar. As the names of the two ladies surfaced in the disclosure, Dy SP Sheikh Adil Mushtaq sought a search warrant from the UAPA Court Srinagar

on 06-03-2023 and Dy SP Adil Mushtaq on the same day searched the residential premises of both accused, one Yasmin (from Nambalabal Pampore) belonging to Pampore and the other Zamrooda (actually from Mehman Mohalla Anantnag presently putting up at Masjid Bagh Sanatnagar) and seized two mobile phones from their possession which were later sent to FSL for forensic examination on 27-03-2023," police said, adding, "It is pertinent to mention that when the names of the two ladies came explicitly in the disclosure of Umer Adil Dar, among which one had received 10,00,00 terror money, the IO, Dy SP Sheikh Adil ought to have arrested the duo ladies straight away rather than for going for the search after a period of one month of the disclosure, as there were reasonable grounds available for arrest. It is obvious that the moment accused Umer Adil Dar was arrested, the duo ladies would have already been alerted and wiped out whatever incriminating evidence was available with them." As expected, police said, nothing came out of the mobile phones that were seized from their possession other than some CDs and banners of protests which reduced the heinousness of the crime.

"It has also been the reason that duo ladies were subsequently indicted only under section 13 of UAPA which became the prime reason for their bail," the police said in the report while opposing bail to DySp Adil.

Army Repatriates

around noon, the official further said. He said civil officials from Poonch and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) were also present at the border crossing point while Ahmad was being repatriated across the border, he said.

Ahmad, a resident of PoK, was captured by the Indian Army early Friday when he was trying to cross the border into the Indian side in Poonch district's Kerni sector.

Agniveer Dies Of

ascertain more details is in progress," the Army's Jammu-based White Knight Corps wrote on X.

It said the mortal remains of the deceased, accompanied by a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) and four other ranks, were transported to his home town in a civil ambulance hired by the Agniveer unit.

The accompanying Army personnel also attended his last rites, the Army said.

It said the cause of death being a self-inflicted injury, no guard of honour or military funeral was provided, in accordance with the existing policy.

"Indian Army offers deepest condolences to the bereaved family," the post read.

Pistol, Bullets

a magazine and nine bullets, 159 bullets of AK assault rifle, one pouch, one dress, one black trouser and one waterproof suit.

However, no one was arrested in connection with the recovery, the officials said.

Two Dead In

rescue teams Both the deceased have been identified as Shabir Ahmad (43) son of Fakhru din resident of Kawal Budal Rajori and Raja Javeed Ahmad son of Raja Ghulam Akhter resident of Karna

Kupwara.

He added that police have taken cognisance of the incident.(KNO)

Drug Peddler's

Rs 20,50, 000 has been confiscated and forwarded to concerned authority for confirmation. The accused was involved in Case FIR Number 147/23 U/S 8/21 of NDPS Act," Bandipora Police posted on 'X' formally known as Twitter.

197 More Indians

"#OperationAjay moves forward. 197 more passengers are coming back to India," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar posted on X.

The Indian Embassy in Tel Aviv has announced that two special flights will operate from Ben Gurion airport on Saturday.

The first flight left around 5:40 pm local time. The second flight is scheduled at 11:00 pm local time and can carry 330 passengers.

The third batch of 197 Indian nationals left for home around 5.40 pm local time (8.10 pm IST).

Meanwhile, the Embassy of India in Israel has posted on X, "As part of #OperationAjay, Indian nationals still in Israel and wishing to travel back to India are urgently requested to complete the attached travel form."

The Indian Embassy also issued guidelines that "travel slots will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis in the 'Operation Ajay' and "In the event of a no-show or refusal to travel after confirmation and slotting, your name will be moved to the back of the queue."

"The Embassy has been working round the clock to facilitate all our citizens in Israel who wish to leave. We have reached out to students, caregivers, and business people. Some of them are actually working with us as volunteers. We urge everyone to remain calm," Ambassador Sanjeev Singla told PTI.

"The Embassy has emailed the next lot of registered Indian citizens for two special flights today. Messages to other registered people will follow for subsequent flights," the Indian Embassy in Israel posted the announcement on X.

The passengers are chosen on a "first come first serve" basis after a drive launched by the Indian embassy for all Indians to register at the mission's database. The government is bearing the cost of their return.

The first charter flight from Israel carried 212 people on Thursday. The second batch of 235 Indian nationals were flown back late on Friday. So far, a total of 644 Indian nationals have been flown out of Israel.

There are about 18,000 Indian nationals living and working in Israel including caregivers, students, several IT professionals, and diamond traders.

The voluntary departure of Indian nationals was necessitated after armed Hamas militants based in the Gaza Strip launched an unprecedented attack on Israel by land, air, and sea on October 7.

Since then, the attack has killed more than 1,300 people in Israel while the Israeli counter-airstrikes have killed at least 1,900 people in Gaza.

On Saturday, the Israeli military said that it has prepared a "coordinated" offensive in the Gaza Strip involving air, ground and naval forces.

IND 8 - PAK 0; Rohit Finishes Off One-Sided Contest

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: India fired on all cylinders in what was supposed to be war minus the shooting, blowing away arch-rivals Pakistan by seven wickets in a World Cup face-off that ended in a damp squib after causing unbridled hysteria and logistical hassles.

In what is seen as the pinnacle of cricket for fans in the subcontinent, Indian captain Rohit Sharma emerged as the undisputed star of the match, scoring a 63-ball 86 to power his team to the modest target of 192 with as many as 19.3 overs to spare.

Jasprit Bumrah was a tiger on the prowl and Mohammed Siraj displayed wolf-like aggression before skipper Rohit completed the annihilation as India produced a near-perfect performance in one of the most lopsided World Cup games between the arch-rivals.

Rohit just casually flaunted his repertoire of strokes, which included a pull shot behind square of Shaheen Shah Afridi and a square driven six off Haris Rauf, as India were home by 8.05 pm local time.

The win was India's eighth



in the 50 over global event, where Pakistan had never been able to match their neighbours in terms of skill, strategy or execution since 1992.

Just like he brushes his teeth, drinks water, pulling and hooking is a part of Rohit's daily

chores. The 1150 gram willow is an extension of his arm and those strong but supple wrists does its job at his beck and call. On the day, it responded to his call 12 times - six of which went over the ropes.

People love to err on side of

caution but Rohit is ready to err on side of risk - whether its spin of coin or dismissing a fast bouncer from his presence.

There will be days when he might fail and look silly but on days he succeeds, he would look regal, like he did on Saturday.

Disney Star Creates New Viewership Record In Ind-Pak Match

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: The India-Pakistan match of the ICC Cricket World Cup played on Saturday created a new viewership record with the peak touching the 3.5 crore mark, according to Disney HotStar. The peak concurrency, which is the highest number of viewers during a live stream, for the Indo-Pak match on its OTT platform Disney+ Hotstar was nearly 3.5 crore.

With this, it has surpassed the peak concurrency of 3.2 crore viewers of the IPL final between Chennai Super Kings and Gujarat Titans, played earlier this year.

The match was also live telecast by Disney Star on Star Sports network but viewership numbers will be released only a week later by the television audience measurement body Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC). Disney Star has exclusive broadcast and media rights for both linear and digital platforms.

The India-Pak match was also screened by the leading multiplex operator PVR INOX at its selected cinema halls, where it reported a large



number of visitors coming to watch the match. Several of PVR INOX screens were completely sold out, it said.

Disney+ Hotstar India Head Sajith Sivanandan told PTI: "We would like to thank all the fans who tuned in to watch the India-Pakistan match on Disney+ Hotstar. Your love for the game is what made it possible for Disney+ Hotstar to break all the previous records across all cricket formats and hit a peak concurrency number of 3.5 crore viewers." As the cricketing rivalries continue, it will continue to honour our commitment towards delivering an unmatched viewing experience to all our users, he said.

"We look forward to many more such experiences as the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup unfolds," said Sivanandan.

PVR INOX, which is showing all India league matches, and the knock-out games, semi-finals, and finals, in 116 cinemas in more than 40 cities, on Saturday, witnessed phenomenal responses from the viewers for the India-Pakistan match, said its Co-CEO Gautam Dutta.

"The excitement of the World Cup is at its peak today, with the clash between two of the greatest rivals," he said adding "While some of the screens are fully sold out, we are witnessing occupancy of over 60 per cent for this epic clash today."

Williamson Ruled Out Of NZ's Next 3 WC Games

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: Skipper Kane Williamson on Saturday ruled out of New Zealand's next three World Cup matches, including the India game, at the least after fracturing his thumb while running between the wickets against Bangladesh here.

The game against Bangladesh on Friday night was Williamson's first international outing in more than six months following his recovery from an ACL injury that he suffered in the IPL in March. He retired hurt



after a well-made 78 at Chepauk. But a stroke of sheer bad luck has made Williamson unavailable for the games against Afghanistan here on October 18, India in Dharamsala on October 22 and South Africa in Pune on October 28.

His comeback for the remaining three league games in November will depend on how fast he recovers. "An X-ray has confirmed an undisplaced fracture to Kane Wil-

liamson's left thumb, after he was struck by a throw while running between the wickets in Friday's match against Bangladesh in Chennai," said New Zealand Cricket in a statement.

"Williamson will remain in the BLACKCAPS ICC Cricket World Cup squad with the aim of being available for the back end of pool play next month."

Tom Blundell will travel to India as cover but will not officially be part of the squad, while Williamson enters the rehabilitation phase.

Meanwhile, Coach Gary Stead sounded hopeful of Williamson playing further part in the tournament.

"Firstly, we're all feeling for Kane to have this occur after all his hard work to return from his knee injury," Stead said.

"While it's disappointing news, the initial diagnosis has given us some optimism he can still feature later in the pool play following a period of rest and rehabilitation."

"Kane is clearly a massive part of our side and a world class player and captain - so we'll look to give him every opportunity we can to return in the tournament."

Stead said Blundell's versatility saw him selected to join the squad as cover, while Henry Nicholls wasn't considered after suffering a mild side-strain during Canterbury's Plunket Shield warm-up match against Otago during the week.

"Tom's been with the one-day side on tours to Pakistan and Bangladesh and performed well," he said.

"He covers multiple positions in the batting order and his wicket-keeping skills are also an added bonus as a back-up."

England Eye Better Net Run Rate Against Faltering Afghanistan

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Their campaign back on track after the humiliating loss in the opener, title holders England would look for a dominating all-round effort against a battered Afghanistan in the World Cup in New Delhi on Sunday, with eyes firmly set on bettering their net run rate.

Defending champions England's campaign started on a disappointing note as they lost by nine wickets against New Zealand in the tournament opener in Ahmedabad on October 5.

But the Jos Buttler-led side bounced back in style, humbling Bangladesh by 137 runs in Dharamsala on Tuesday.

Despite putting up a competitive 282 for nine in the opener at a batting-friendly Narendra Modi Stadium pitch, England bowlers were taken to the cleaners by Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra as New Zealand romped home in 36.2 overs.

But England made a superb comeback in their next match with both the batting and bowling departments clicking in unison.

It was not the batting unit which was the cause for concern for England against New Zealand, but their bowling, comprising Chris Woakes, Mark Wood, Sam Curran, Moeen Ali and Adil Rashid,

which looked ordinary when Conway and Ravindra batted.

But in their next match against Bangladesh, England showed their might with a clinical performance.

Opening the batting, Da-



wid Malan smashed 140 off 107 balls, while Joe Root continued his fine form with consecutive half-centuries. Jonny Bairstow too contributed a valuable 50 up the order.

England would not just look for a victory against Afghanistan but would also want to win the match handsomely to boost their net run rate (NRR), which took a beating in their opener.

The Afghans, on the other hand, are low on confidence after successive defeats.

Dark-horses Afghanistan lost by six wickets against

Bangladesh before they were thrashed by hosts India by eight wickets.

Come Sunday, they would look for a reversal and cause the first upset of the tournament.

But it is easier said than done.

Afghanistan's main concern is the performance of their openers. In the two matches they have played so far, both the openers, Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Ibrahim Zadran, have failed to provide a decent start, which resulted in the team's downfall.

Afghanistan's bowling too looked ordinary in both the matches and the team would look for a much-improved outing from the likes of Fazalhaq Farooqi, Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Naveen-ul-Haq and Rashid Khan.

India Wants To Host 2036 Olympic Games: PM Modi

Agencies

India is interested in hosting the Olympic Games in 2036, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday at the opening ceremony of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) session in Mumbai.

The country has never hosted the Olympics before, but in 2010 Delhi hosted the Commonwealth Games.

"India will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to organise the Olympics in India in 2036. This is the age-old dream of 140 crore (1.4 billion) Indians, it is their aspiration," Modi said.

"We want to realise this dream with your collaboration and support... I am confident that India will get the support of the IOC." Last month, Polish President Andrzej Duda said his country was hopeful of organising the 2036 Olympics, while Indonesia and Mexico are also expected to bid to host sport's biggest event.

Modi also said India would look to host the Youth Olympics in 2029. "Sport is not just about winning medals but also winning hearts," he said.



Tel Aviv Open Cancelled Due To Israel-Hamas War

Agencies

LONDON: The Tel Aviv Open tennis tournament scheduled for next month has been cancelled because of the Israel-Hamas war.

The ATP men's tour said the decision was made after consultation with security experts and with the safety of players and fans in mind.

"The violence and acts of terror witnessed in Israel are beyond comprehension," ATP chairman Andrea Gaudenzi said.

"We strongly condemn any form of terrorism and mourn the loss of innocent lives across this conflict. We hope and pray for peace in the region." The event was scheduled for early November.

In last year's final, Novak Djokovic defeated Marin Cilic in straight sets to take the title.

Belgium, France, Portugal Qualify For 2024 European Championship

Agencies

Kylian Mbappé and Cristiano Ronaldo both scored twice to help France and Portugal secure a spot at next year's European Championship with a perfect record in qualifying, with Belgium also clinching a berth in Germany on Friday.

The three European powerhouses all needed a win to qualify for the tournament and their star strikers made sure they got them.

Mbappé's two goals - including a long-range strike for the second - helped secure a 2-1 win over the Netherlands in Amsterdam for a perfect sixth win in Group B.

Mbappé opened the scoring in just the seventh minute when he beat Lutsharel Geertruida to a cross from the right by Jonathan Clauss to volley past Brighton goalkeeper Bert Verbruggen, who was making his debut for the Netherlands.

It was Mbappé's 41st international goal, drawing him level with France great Michel Platini.

Mbappé doubled the lead in the 53rd minute when he exchanged passes with Adrien Rabiot on the edge of the Netherlands' penalty area before curling a shot over Verbruggen. Feyenoord midfielder Quilindschy Hartman, in his first full international appearance, made it 2-1 with 10 minutes to go. It was the first goal France has conceded in the campaign.

Greece moved up to the second place with 12 points after Giakoumakis and Giorgos Masouras scored a goal piece to beat Ireland 2-0 in Dublin.

The Netherlands remains on nine in third with a game in hand.

The top two teams in each group directly qualify.

RONALDO'S RECORD AT 125

Ronaldo's double improved his record tally of international goals to 125 in 202 appearances and led Portugal to a 3-2 win over Slovakia.

Ronaldo converted from the penalty spot in the 29th minute, sending Slovakia goalkeeper Martin Dubravka the wrong



way to double the lead to 2-0. Forward Gonçalo Ramos had given the hosts the lead with a header 11 minutes earlier.

After David Hancko pulled one back for Slovakia in the second half, Ronaldo restored a two-goal advantage off a low cross from Bruno Fernandes that found him at the far post.

He jumped high in his trademark celebration in front of the roaring fans in Porto after his seventh goal in six qualifying games.

Stanislav Lototka scored the second for Slovakia in the 80th.

With three games to go, Portugal has 100% record after seven straight wins with a 27-2

goal difference, the best-ever performance in a European qualifying campaign. Slovakia was the first team to score against Portugal.

"The objective has been achieved, the first half was extraordinary and in the second we could have scored more goals," Fernandes said. "Being

in the European finals is the fulfilment of another dream." Slovakia remains on 13 points in second with Luxembourg trailing by two in third after holding Iceland to a 1-1 draw in Reykjavik.

Bosnia won 2-0 at pointless Lichtenstein and is fourth on nine with Iceland another two back.

LUKAKU ON TARGET

Romelu Lukaku scored again and Dodi Lukebakio added two more for Belgium, which had to hang on with 10 men to beat Austria 3-2 in Vienna and secure advancement from Group F.

Lukaku beat goalkeeper Alexander Schlager to make it 3-0 after collecting a precise pass from Jérémy Doku in the 58th, just three minutes after Lukebakio scored his second.

Lukaku tops the scoring table in qualifying with nine goals from six games to take his international tally to 79.

Lukebakio broke down the right before netting inside the far post from a tight angle to

put the Red Devils ahead in the 12th. It was the first international goal for the Sevilla forward.

"I was waiting for these goals for a long time," Lukebakio said. "I could not have thought of a better moment for my first Belgium goals."

Konrad Laimer pulled one back for Austria in the 72nd and Belgium then went down to 10 men six minutes later when midfielder Amadou Onana was sent off for a second booking. Marcel Sabitzer netted Austria's second from the penalty spot in the 84th but the hosts couldn't find an equalizer.

Belgium has 16 points from six games, with Austria three points behind after its first loss in qualifying.

Sweden, which was idle Friday, is in third on six points from five games and still has a small chance of overtaking Austria.

In the group's other game, Azerbaijan won 2-0 at Estonia to register its first victory and climb to four points. Estonia has one point.

Guinness Book's 2024 Edition Gets Over 60 Records From India

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New Delhi: The latest edition of the Guinness World Records has 2,638 achievements from around the world, including over 60 from India with the entry on rainfall in Meghalaya's Cherrapunji being one of the oldest.

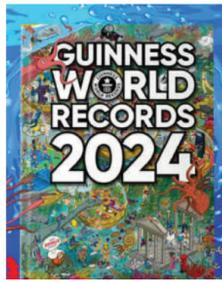
Distributed in India by Penguin Random House, the book has nine fact-packed chapters - Blue Planet, Aquatic Life, Humans, Recordology, Adventures, History, Science and Technology, Arts and Media, and Sports - and five special features: Hall of Fame, Young Achievers, Gaming, Explainers, and Bucket List.

The 2024 edition is the final installment in the partnership with award-winning artist Rod Hunt. According to the publishers, completing the illustrated Guinness World Records universe, the cover artwork takes readers on a deep-sea odyssey to the bottom of the ocean.

Among the oldest records involving India is related to rainfall. On June 15-16, 1995, Cherrapunji, a high-altitude town in Meghalaya, received 2,493 m (8 ft 2 in) of rain over the complete 48-hour period, the record book says.

"While this normally means that the region gets a high level of annual rainfall, this is the most extreme 48-hour period on record - as verified by the World Meteorological Organisation," it says.

"For a calendar month, the record is 9,300 mm (366 in) at Cherrapunji in July 1861 and the 12-month record was also set at



Cherrapunji, with 26,461 mm (1,041.75 in) between August 1, 1860 and July 31, 1861," it adds. Between August 1, 1860 and July 31, 1861, a total of 26,470 mm (1,042 in) of rain fell at Cherrapunji, according to the World Meteorological Organization.

There is one record which holds good since 1937. It is Jalakanyaka (or Mermaid) by Indian sculptor Kanayi Kunhiraman, the largest sculpture of a merperson in the world. Reclining in a shell-shaped pool at Shankumugham Beach in Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala, the concrete mermaid is 26.5 m (87 ft) long and 7.6 m (25 ft) tall. The shell within which she lies is approximately 32 m (105 ft) long.

The record for the first and fastest man and woman to have circumnavigated the earth by car, covering six continents under the rules applicable in 1989 and 1991 embracing more than an equator's length of driving (24,901 road miles; 40,075 km), is held by Saloo Choudhury and his wife Neena Choudhury.

Aerosols Heating Up Himalayan Climate, Accelerating Retreat Of Glaciers: Study

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Aerosols are heating up the Himalayan climate and contributing significantly to the accelerated retreat of the glaciers and changes in the precipitation patterns over the Hindu Kush-Himalaya-Tibetan Plateau (HKHTP) region, researchers said.

Aerosols alone account for more than half of the total warming of the region's lower atmosphere, with the remainder coming from greenhouse gases, the researchers from the Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, and Helmholtz Centre Potsdam and the University of Leipzig, Germany found in a joint study.

According to the study, aerosols will likely remain a key factor driving climate change over the region.

The researchers observed the concentrations of aerosols and the amount of heat absorbed (radiative forcing) across several locations in the Indo-Gangetic Plain (IGP), the Himalayan foothills and the Tibetan Plateau.

These are "relatively poorly studied regions with several sensitive ecosystems of global importance, as well as highly vulnerable large populations," they wrote in their study.

Pointing out that the current climate models significantly underestimate aerosol-induced heating, efficiency and warming in the HKHTP region, the researchers called for a more realistic representation of aerosol properties.



These findings have been published in the journal Science of The Total Environment.

The Indo-Gangetic Plain covers parts of Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and Nepal and is a densely populated and an industrialised South Asian region.

This region is heavily polluted, the scientists confirmed by determining the aerosol optical depth (AOD) to be over 0.3 at all of their observation sites. AOD is widely used to assess the extent of air pollution with a value of less than 0.1 indicating a crystal clear sky with maximum visibility and a value of 1 indicating very hazy conditions.

Over Nepal's capital city, Kathmandu, which is a metropolitan region in the Himalayan foothills, higher heat-absorbing aerosols were found to be present for most of the study period of a year.

The finding confirmed that not only are the fine aerosol particles, which dominate AOD, more at higher altitudes in the central Himalaya foothills, but also are more absorbing in

nature as they are dominated by black carbons, the researchers said in their study.

Their analysis also revealed that the radiative forcing of the aerosols in the atmosphere was 2-4 times more efficient over the IGP and the foothills of Himalayas, with values being greater at higher elevations in the Himalayas. This meant a higher AOD and aerosol heat absorption, they said.

Further, the observed yearly average aerosol heating rates were about 0.5-0.8 Kelvin per day, which the researchers found to be significantly higher than previously reported values.

This implied that the aerosols alone could account for more than 50 per cent of the total warming, with greenhouse gases accounting for the rest of the warming of the lower atmosphere and surface over the region, the researchers said.

They said his was a first-time analysis of its kind, that included ground-based observations, satellite data, and model simulations.

US Move To Benefit Tens Of Thousands Of Indians Waiting For Green Cards

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Washington: The US has announced it will provide employment authorisation cards to some non-immigrant categories, including those waiting for green cards, for five years, a move that would benefit tens of thousands of Indians living in the country.

The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) said it was increasing the maximum validity period of Employment Authorization Documents (EAD) to 5 years for initial and renewal EADs for certain non-citizens who must apply for employment authorisation.

These include applicants for asylum or withholding of removal, adjustment of status under INA 245, and suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal, the federal agency said.

Increasing the maximum EAD validity period to 5 years is intended to significantly reduce the number of new Forms I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, it receives for renewal EADs over the next several years, contributing to its efforts to reduce associated processing times and backlogs, it said.

However, whether the non-citizen maintains employment authorisation remains dependent on their underlying status, circumstances, and EAD filing category, it said.

For example, if an individual received an EAD under the category based on a pending adjustment of status application for the maximum validity period of 5 years, and the



adjustment application is then denied, their ancillary employment authorisation may be terminated before the expiration date listed on their EAD, it said.

According to a new study, more than 10.5 lakh Indians are in the queue for an employment-based Green Card and 4 lakh of them may die before they receive the much-sought-after legal document of permanent residency in the US.

A Green Card, known officially as a Permanent Resident Card, is a document issued to immigrants to the US as evidence that the bearer has been granted the privilege of residing permanently. The per-country caps are numerical limits on the issuance of green cards to individuals from certain countries.

The employment-based Green Card backlog reached a new record of 1.8 million cases this year, according to the study by David J Bier of the Cato Institute, an American libertarian think tank.

About 1.1 million of the 1.8 million cases in the backlog are from India (63 per cent). Another nearly 250,000 are from China (14 per cent), it said.

US Flight Makes U-Turn Over "Suspicious Package", It Turns Out To Be...

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Panama City: A flight from Panama to the United States made a u-turn Friday after the discovery of a suspicious package in the toilet that turned out to be... an adult diaper, airport officials said.

Panama's civil aviation authority at first announced the Copa flight between Panama City and Tampa, Florida, had to turn around due to a presumed "bomb threat."

Back on the tarmac, the plane was emptied of passengers and searched by a police explosives unit.

The agents discovered that the



object was in fact "a disposable adult diaper" carefully wrapped in a black rubbish bag, airport

security head Jose Castro said. Police posted a photo of the suspect package on social media.

PM Modi writes new Garba song, says he will share it during Navratri

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said he has written a new Garba song over the last few days and will share it with people during Navratri.

Modi also thanked artistes Dhvani Bhanushali and Tanishk Bagchi and the team of Jjust Music for the musical rendition of another Garba song that he had penned years ago.

"Thank you Dhvani Bhanushali, Tanishk Bagchi and the team of Jjust Music for this lovely rendition of a Garba I had penned years ago! It does bring back many memories," Modi said on X.

"I have not written for many years now but I did manage to write a new Garba over the last



few days, which I will share during Navratri," he added.

The Navratri festival begins on October 15 and Garba is a form of Gujarati dance that is usually performed during the nine-day festivities.

Modi's post came in response to Bhanushali, who shared the

rendition on X.

"Dear Narendra Modi Ji, Tanishk Bagchi and I loved Garba penned by you and we wanted to make a song with a fresh rhythm, composition and flavour. Jjust Music helped us bring this song and video to life," she said.

In another post, Modi shared pictures from his recent visit to Uttarakhand.

"If someone were to ask me -- if there is one place you must visit in Uttarakhand which place would it be, I would say you must visit Parvati Kund and Jageshwar Temples in the Kumaon region of the state. The natural beauty and divinity will leave you spellbound," he said.

"Of course, Uttarakhand has many well known places worth visiting and I have also visited the state very often. This includes the sacred places of Kedarnath and Badrinath, which are the most memorable experiences. But, to return to Parvati Kund and Jageshwar Temples after many years has been special," the prime minister said.

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