

7 Killed In Separate Road Accidents

Observer News Service

Jammu: At least seven people were killed on Friday in two separate road accidents in Jammu and Kashmir.

Four people were killed when a truck rolled down a bridge on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Friday, officials said.

The accident took place at Jhajarjarkoti when the truck rumbled into the divider of the bridge, they said.

The driver and conductor of the truck were among those killed in the accident.

In a separate accident in Kishtwar district, three persons were killed when a vehicle they were travelling in skidded off the road and fell into a gorge.

The Alto car (JK06B-1909) met with an accident **» More On P10**

BSF Protests Border Firing By Pak

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Border Security Force (BSF) has lodged a protest with Pakistan Rangers over unprovoked cross-border firing at a forward post along the Indo-Pak border here, in which two BSF personnel were injured, officials said on Friday.

The BSF took up the issue with Pakistan Rangers at a commandant-level flag meeting held at a border outpost (BoP) along the International Border (IB) in R S Pura sector on Thursday evening, they said.

Two BSF personnel were injured on Tuesday after Pakistan Rangers "resorted to unprovoked firing" on border guards along the IB at the Vikram BoP in Arnia sector here, according to officials.

During the meeting, BSF officials also raised the issue of smuggling of narcotics from across the border **» More On P10**

LG Orders 'Monthly Durbar' To Resolve Public Grievances

Directs Info Dept To Put In Place Fact-Check Mechanism To Scrutinise Non-Factual News Items, Media Reports



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday directed senior officials of his administration

to attend 'Monthly Durbar' in all districts to resolve grievances of the citizens, understand their issues and requirements to build a system which **» More On P10**

LG Inaugurates Painting Exhibition

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday inaugurated 'Sangam', an iconic painting exhibition by Dr. Archana Jha Choudhary, here in this capital city. The LG complimented Dr. Archana Jha Choudhary for her incredible work of art.

"The exhibition is a confluence of Basohli miniature and Madhubani painting, showcasing the depth, richness and diversity of Indian art on canvas," Sinha said.

Dr Arun Kumar **» More On P10**

KU Begins Probes Into IT Director's Degree

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Srinagar: The Kashmir University (KU) authorities have launched a formal probe into the PG degree of its in-charge Director, Information Technology (IT) Department, after complaints that the same was not in sync with UGC norms.

The University, on directions of the Vice Chancellor Dr.

Neelofer Khan, has written to the University Grants Commission (UGC) in this regard.

As per an official letter, the KU's Deputy Registrar, Recruitment, has written to Secretary UGC, New Delhi, regarding Executive Masters of Business Administration in Information Technology Management (EMBA-IT) awarded by IGNOU to him in 2012.

"A degree **» More On P10**

POWER WOES

Power Supply Has Increased, But Losses Also Up: LG

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir administration has been able to provide more electricity to the people compared to the previous years, but the losses have also increased, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said here on Friday.

Addressing a press conference at Raj Bhavan over the power scenario in Jammu and Kashmir, Sinha also said the recently approved 13 Gega Watt renewable energy project in Ladakh would benefit Jammu and Kashmir a lot as it would reduce dependence on hydroelectricity which diminishes during the winter.

"In the last three years, there has been much augmentation in our transmission and distribution capacity. We have been able to provide more electricity to the people than before, but it is also a reality that our losses have increased," Sinha said.

He said the situation is such that J&K buys electricity



at around Rs 10 per unit, but supplies it at Rs 1.25 per unit to the below poverty line customers.

There is already a huge subsidy, but you all know how much money comes from the billing, he added.

The LG said the administration is trying to undertake

metering at a large scale in the UT. In the first phase, smart meters are being installed in Srinagar and Jammu.

Our endeavour will be to have minimum curtailment in the areas where 100 percent metering has been achieved, he said, referring to the electricity curtailment in the city

for the winter months.

Sinha said a very important decision was taken by the Union cabinet on Wednesday where a project on green energy corridor phase two inter-state transmission system for 13 GW renewable energy project in Ladakh was approved. "It will benefit **» More On P10**

Low Water Level Causing Power Deficit: PDD

Jammu and Kashmir administration Friday said there has been a drastic decline in water in rivers and streams in the UT this year which has caused a huge power deficit while the department still supplies 2200 MWs of power against the availability of 1400 MWs and remaining 700 MWs is being procured through power exchange."

The administration said that the Power Development Department (PDD), despite facing a huge power shortage, is supplying 1200 MWs of power to the Kashmir division and 1000 MWs to the Jammu region. Addressing a press conference at Rajbhawan here, Principal Secretary PDD, H Rajesh Prasad said that this year, there has been a drastic decline in the water level of rivers **» More On P10**



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Karan Singh Bats For Early Elections In J&K

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Veteran Congress leader Karan Singh on Friday said the crucial link between administration and the people is missing in Jammu and Kashmir and it can only be reinstated through elections.

He also described Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) as the vital link between administration and the people for resolving public issues.

Batting for holding the assembly elections, Singh said the situation in Jammu and Kashmir cannot be considered a settled one in the absence of a government formed through the people's mandate.

"MLAs serve as the link between administration and the people. Currently, that vital link is missing, and it can only be reinstated through elections, which are imperative for forming a government according to the people's choice," Singh told reporters here on the sidelines of a conference of General Zorawar Singh here.

He said that J&K has now entered its fifth year without any assembly.

"The political link between people and administration is missing. The administration is doing its work. They are doing new programmes. **» More On P10**

'Demand For Handicrafts Up Post G20'

Observer News Service

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Friday that the boom in the tourism sector and the successful conduct of the G20 meeting has increased the demand of Jammu and **» More On P10**

Mishra Takes Charge As SSP Srinagar

Ashish Mishra IPS takes over the charge as Senior Superintendent of Police of Srinagar district. In pursuance of Government order no. 501-Home of 2023 dated 18-10-2023, we the undersigned handover/ take over the charge of office of the senior Superintendent of Police, district Srinagar today on 20-10-2023, reads the order. Notably, Rakesh Balwal was repatriated to his home Cadre Manipur a few **» More On P10**

Police Rescue Two Punjab Residents

Two tourists from Punjab who were stranded in the Sinthan Top area in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district due to snowfall were rescued on Friday, police said. A distress call was received that two people from Punjab, who were going from Anantnag towards Kishtwar, were stranded at Sinthan Top, they said. Subsequently, an operation was launched on the directions of Senior Superintendent of Police **» More On P10**

Property Of Pak Based Terrorist Attached

Police and revenue officials on Friday attached immovable property of an absconding terrorist in Tral area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district. One kanal and 15 marla land of terror handler Feroz Ganie has been attached under sections 83 CrPc from court of Addl. Sessions Pulwama (NIA Court) by Police Awantipora, a police spokesperson said Friday. The order, he said, was executed on **» More On P10**

24 Hours 'Traffic Dry Day' On Highway

The Government on Friday announced 24 hours 'Traffic Dry Day' from Saturday night to carry out necessary repair works at Dhalwas by NHAI. An advisory issued by SSP, Traffic National Highway, in this regard reads that in reference to Public Works (R&B) Departments communication and necessary order issued by District Magistrate Ramban, there will be 24 Hours 'Traffic Dry Day' on Jammu-Srinagar National **» More On P10**

PMAY (G) SCHEME

Over 350 Families Allotted Land Till Now

CS For Making Utilization Plan For Rest Of The Retrieved State Land

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Union Territory administration has allotted 5-marla plots of land to over 350 families across the Union Territory after carrying out proper verifications about their claims, officials said Friday.

These details were shared in a high level meeting chaired by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta to review the land allotment of 5 Marlas to the landless eligible families of the UT under PMAY (Grameen), an official spokesperson said Friday.

Those who were present in the meeting included Commissioner Secretary, RDD; Secretary, Revenue; Deputy Commissioners; Secretary in RDD; Director, Rural Development Kashmir/Jammu besides other concerned officers. Outstation based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.



The Chief Secretary, he said, took stock of the allotments made by each Deputy Commissioner and enjoined upon them to ensure that no deserter person is left out.

"He asked for making the names of all the beneficiaries public so that people know about them. He further directed for assigning a clear reason against any rejected applications and communicating the same to the **» More On P10**

Centre Okays 65 Bridges For J&K Under PMGSY

Project Proposals Involve Financial Outlay Of Rs 367 Crore

Agencies

Srinagar: The Government of India has approved construction of 65 bridges in Jammu & Kashmir under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), an ambitious rural road connectivity programme launched in 2000.

In a significant development, the Union Ministry of Rural Development has approved construction of 65 bridges during the empowered committee meeting held on September 5, 2023 to discuss the project proposals of bridges submitted by Union Territory of J&K under PMGSY-III for 2023-24. "Subject to compliance of the observations/ recommendations, the empowered committee approved the instant proposal of Jammu & Kashmir," **» More On P10**

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Former Sadr-e-Riyasat
On Kashmir Observer

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WhatsApp Tests 'View Once' Mode For 'Voice Notes' On iOS, Android

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Meta-owned WhatsApp is reportedly testing "view once" mode for "voice notes" that will allow users to send voice messages which can only be listened to once by their intended recipient. Currently only available to Android and iOS users running the beta version of the app, the feature can be accessed by

tapping the "1" icon that appears to the right of the voice note waveform when recording, reports WABetaInfo.

"After sending the voice note with the view once mode enabled, you won't be able to listen to it and the recipient can no longer listen to the voice note after dismissing it," the report said.

According to the report, this feature will empower users with added control and privacy when sharing voice notes, as these voice notes can-

not be exported, forwarded, or shared with others.

In addition, the report confirmed that the recipients won't be able to save or record users' voice notes, improving control of the content they share and safeguarding their privacy.

The Meta-owned messaging service already has a similar "View Once" feature for photos and videos, which it launched in 2021.

Meanwhile, WhatsApp has announced

to roll out support for a password-less passkey feature to all Android users.

The move will help WhatsApp users on Android bid goodbye to insecure and even annoying two-factor SMS authentication.

"Android users can easily and securely log back in with passkeys. Only your face, fingerprint, or pin unlocks your WhatsApp account," the company posted on X (formerly Twitter).

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir Department Of Finance Office Of The Chief Accounts Officer District Fund Office Kulgam

NOTICE

Subject: Notice for open Auction of dead stock/Un-serviceable items at District Fund office Kulgam.

It is notified for information of general public that Auction for dead stock/Un-serviceable items at District Fund office Kulgam will be held on 30-10-2023 at Finance Complex Kulgam

The details of Auction notice items available for Auction can be collected from District Fund Office Kulgam on any working day between 10 am to 04 pm within five days from the date of publication of this notice.

Terms and Conditions:

1. The bidder will be allowed in the auction with one helper.
2. The auction committee is at liberty to accept or reject without any reason.
3. That items will be sold to the highest bidder.
4. That successful bidder has to deposit full bid amount on spot after the bid is over and declared successful by the Chairman of Auction committee.

No:CAO/DFO/K/1267-69
 DIPK-10837/23
 Dated: 20-10-2023

Chief Accounts officer
 District Fund Office Kulgam

The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education New Campus Bemina Srinagar

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 10th) under Roll No. 112008092 Session: Ann-Reg Year 2023 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent/Board against my Mother's Name as Shahnaza Begum instead of Bilkees Begum



Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bemina, Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.

Name: Sahil Manzoor
 F/N: Manzoor Ahmad Gojar Turk
 M/N: Bilkees Begum
 DOB: 05-06-2008
 Residence: Sheikhmuqam Alooosa

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From The Office Of Advocate Aquib Hussain Bhat

In the case of Bilal Ahmad Bhat S/o; Ghulam Nabi Bhat R/o; Kaka Mohalla Lal Bazar Srinagar

(Caveator)

Versus
 Public at Large
 (Non-caveators)

In the matter of- CAVEAT PETITION
 The caveator has developed reasonable apprehension that the non-caveators may file SUIT/WRIT or any other proceedings against the caveator before Hon'ble court and may obtain order in ex-parte by concealing of material facts. It would be fair and just if the caveator is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

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From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present : Mr. Jawad Ahmad I. Zubaida Wd/o Ghulam Mohammad Munshi II. Nassarullah Mumbshi S/o Ghulam Mohammad Munshi Both residents of H.NO 196 Firdous Colony Buchpora, Srinagar V/S Public at Large

In the matter of Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s) Notice to public at Large

Where the petitioners(s) FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITION BEFORE THIS COURT OF ISSUANCE OF SUCCESSION certificate in favour of Petitioner(s) in respect of Rs 15,42,626.15 as debts and securities in name of Deceased Namely: Late Ghulam Mohammad Munshi S/o Ahmadullah Munshi R/o H .NO 196 Firdous Colony Buchpora Srinagar who died on 03-10-2023 . The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the drom of this proclamation that at any anyone has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/she / they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 25-03-2023. Failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the same In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday the matter shall be taken on the next working day. Given under my hand and seal of this court on

Jawad Ahmad
 Principal District Judge, Srinagar

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Dooru Notice Inviting E-Tenders

NIT NO 17 OF R&B/DOORU/2023-24 /E-TENDERING/ 583-93 DATED 20/10/2023
 E-tenders (In single cover system) from qualified contractors registered with the J&K UT Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments are invited for Snow Clearance (Stage-wise) on a Percentage Rate basis for a contract period of one year that may be extended to three years depending on the performance of the successful bidder.

S. No	Stage Name	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	M.H of Account	Class of Contractor
1	Clearance of Snow for various roads viz Mehmooodabad Tak pora Link, Nathipora Bragam road, Batbragam to Gundiummer road, Nathipora Mirgund Degree College, Armpora Bonpora road Bragam bonpora Link, Inner links at Mehmooodabad (Agg.Length=7.0 Km) (Stage 1)	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
2	Clearance of Snow for various roads viz Kreeeri Gundi Ummer Haaj dedi road, Jaal Kreeeri link road, Shaheen Colony Link, Shankerpora Reshipora road, Boon Inner Link, Chakpath link, Nowpora Inner Link, Gori Pori Link Kulam Chinar, Shankerpora link, PHC link at Nowpora including Darul Mohallah, Kulam Chinar Links, Reshipora Gurdwara link, Reshipora Jaibal upto Shangran (Agg length=13.1Km). (Stage 2)	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
3	Clearance of Snow for various roads viz Malikpora Hakura Peerpora road, Darpora Peerpora road, Hakura Gundi Hakura road, Badsgam link road, Badsgam to Gundifakura via Kandipora, Geebum to Hermantpora, Astanpora Link Hermantpora, Sheik Mohalla Manz Dehruna Link, Temple Link Mantpora (Agg length 11.2Km). (Stage 3)	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
4	Clearance of Snow for various roads viz Naidpora Hakura Bonthuna road, Palpora Khoshipora road, Manzgam Hakura To Kharomohalla, Gori Mohallah Link, Rafterpora Link Naidpora, Panchayat Link Naidpora, (Agg length 4.8Km). (Stage 4)	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
5	Clearance of Snow for various roads viz Selphora link road at Dooru, Nowdoora Inner link, Old teshil link Mirmaidan Dooru, Ganje Pora Link road, Ganje Pora Shehling road, Mirmaidan Kawan Gujjarbasi road, High School Link, Jaffar Link Mirmaidan, Imambada Grabal link road at Dooru, Mir Masjid Link Mirmaidan, Kutay Gund Link road, Chingund link, Approach road to various Govt Buildings at Dooru including Market (Agg length 9.55Km). (Stage 5)	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
6	Clearance of Snow for various roads Temple link Lukbawan, Khanpora Link, Larkipora Bongam and Kralpora, Polytechnic College at Larkipora, Sadoora Badbar road, Qabamarg Shrine	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
7	Link, Batpora Fathehpura Link, Bongam Fathehpura Link, Beigh Pora Fathehpura Link, Lukbawan to Qabamarg link, Badbar fathehpura road, (Agg length=10.35 Km). (Stage 6)	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
8	Clearance of Snow for various roads viz, Nowgam Circular road, Rathergund Gorinard road, Kokagund Rathergund, Bonagund Zalmalgam link, Batagund Inner link. (Agg length 7.4 Km). (Stage 7)	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
9	Clearance of Snow for various roads viz Bonagund kachhigund Link, Malikpora Link at Verinag, Armpora link at verinag, Kanilpora Chontipora link at verinag, Approach road to various Govt Buildings at Verinag including market, Khojpora Omoh link, Baagwanpora Link at Verinag, Mohrikoot Omoh link, Verinag Omoh jawahar tunnel road km 3rd to Km 5th, ldd gah link at verinag (Agg length= 8.7 Km). (Stage 8)	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
10	Clearance of Snow for various roads viz PHC link at Kapran, PHC Link At Qammar, Khar Mohalla Kapran, Approach Road to Reshipora Hergawas Bridge, Kapran to Chohan, Heeward link road, Halmulla Halsidar link, Qammer Khoshipora road, Halsidar Wathpawa, (Agg length= 4.85 Km). (Stage 9)	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
10	Clearance of Snow for various roads viz GMC Anantnag to Petbugh road at Dialgam, Bon Dailgam Adkahir Peth Bugh Road, Approach Road Railway from Schichen Gundjaffar, Fatehpura Gund road, GMC Anantnag (Dialgam) (Agg length=9.0 Km). (Stage 10)	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes

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

Table 1:

S. No.	Particulars	Dated
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	20-10-2023
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From 21-10-2023 (9:00 AM)
		To 27-10-2023 (04:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From 21-10-2023 (9:00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	To 27-10-2023 (04:00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	28-10-2023 (02:00 PM)
		In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Dooru.

2 Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Dooru (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3 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 Dooru 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 after completion of successful performance of the Contract.

3 The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Dooru (tender receiving authority).

4 The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of technical bids.

5 The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-
 a. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 b. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within three days from the date of intimation.
 c. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 15 days.

No: EED/583-93 Executive Engineer R&B Division Dooru
 DIPK-10786/23 Dated: 20-09-2023

Office Of The Executive Engineer Sub Transmission Division-Ist (KPDC), Bemina, Srinagar

Notice Inviting Tender
 e-NIT No. STD I / 16 of 2023-24 dated 17.10.2023

For and on behalf of the Managing Director KPDC online e-bids in two cover System, are hereby invited from SSI Unit holders / transformer manufacturers having at least two years' experience of carrying out similar jobs for the work mentioned as:-

S. No	Description of Work	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Position of Funds	Last date of submission of e-bid (online)
01	Annual Rate Contract for Repairs/ Reclamation of Damaged Power	Rs 1,00,000 One Lac only	Rs.1000.00 (One Thousand only) Non refundable	Available	08/11/2023; 03:00 PM

1.	Document Download/Sale (start) Date.	18/10/2023 : 03:00 PM
2.	Document Download /Sale (End) Date.	08/11/2023; 03:00 PM
3.	Bidding Queries/Clarifications	19/10/2023 to 20.10.2023.
4.	Bid Submission Start Date	21/10/2023; 10:00 AM
5.	Bid Submission End Date	08/11/2023; 03:00 PM
6.	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	09/11/2023; 02:00 PM
7.	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
8.	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Electronically in the office of Executive Engineer STD-Ist Bemina Srinagar, J&K.
9.	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.1000.00 (Rupees One Thousand only) Non refundable
10.	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.1,00,000 (One Lac only)
11.	Position of Funds	Available

The bidders need to submit the proof/ cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through non-refundable Demand Draft pledged to Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded on e-tendering portal in Commercial /Technical Bid Documents & hard copy of the same to be submitted in the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar before opening of techno-commercial bids.

1. All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR only, pledged to the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.

2. Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD- I, Bemina, Srinagar, before opening of techno-commercial bids. In case any bidder shall submit/upload the bid declaration instead of EMD, his bid shall be summarily rejected and shall not be considered for techno-commercial evaluation.

3. The date and time of opening of financial bids shall be notified on web site <http://jktenders.gov.in>. This is conveyed to the qualified bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The financial bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same web site at the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar.

4. The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the identified venue on indicated date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder' representative will be required to be produced.

5. The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e- Bids/ the e- Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding.

6. In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being a holiday/closed day for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the same time and place.

7. All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be up loaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.

8. To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' As per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.

9. Hard copy of technical bid, technical specification and commercial bid documents (complete) of L1 Bidder must be delivered to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD- I, Bemina, Srinagar.

The sealed cover shall be scribed as "Techno-Commercial Bid against e-NIT No. STD-I/16 of 2023-24 dated 17/10/2023.

10. The name of the L1 bidder and e-NIT no. shall be clearly written on the cover. It may be noted that the hard copy should be an exact replica of the uploaded offer documents. For evaluation purposes the uploaded documents will be treated as authentic and final. The hard copy shall be used only for reference purpose.

11. The name of the bidder and e-NIT no. shall be clearly written on the cover. It may be noted that the hard copy should be an exact replica of the uploaded offer documents. For evaluation purposes the uploaded documents will be treated as authentic and final. The hard copy shall be used only for reference purpose.

12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Any other information regarding e-tendering process can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer, STD- I, Bemina, Srinagar

Sd/-
 Executive Engineer,
 Sub Transmission Division-I,
 Bemina, Srinagar.

No:- STD-I/3956-57
 DIPK-NB-3764/23
 dated:- 20/10/2023

Div Com Visits Kitchen Garden, IMDC, Vegetable Market Lalmandi

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Friday visited Kitchen garden, Integrated Mushroom Development Centre (IMDC) and vegetable market Lalmandi Srinagar.

The Div Com kick-started the sale of rabi vegetable seedlings and also inspected different sections of the kitchen garden, Integrated mushroom development centre and vegetable grow out centre at Lalmandi.

The Div Com was briefed on the occasion by the concerned offices regarding various activities.

Speaking on the occasion, Bidhuri said that Kashmir has a special geoclimatic and soil conditions that allows the farmers to grow some special varieties of different agricultural and Horticultural crops. He said that after covid-19 a sense has prevailed among the people to grow vegetables for their basic use.

He underlined the economic importance of organic exotic vegetable cultivation in the region. He said growing vegetables

could lead to the socio-economic transformation of concerned farmers.

The Div Com reiterated the government's commitment to provide better facilities to the farmers for their agriculture/horticulture activities.

Bidhuri highlighted the importance of e-platform and asked the farmers to register themselves on such e-platforms. He said this will not only allow farmers access to the local markets but it will connect them to the global markets as well.

Earlier, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal briefed the visiting dignitary regarding the overall agriculture scenario in the region. He informed Div Com about the functioning of different agriculture establishments within Lalmandi premises. He also gave a presentation to give an overview of all the components of the department.

Later, Div Com flagged-off a lavender seedling laden truck (30000 seedlings) initiative to extend lavender cultivation to newer areas.



J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha felicitating a female PEMA awardee in Srinagar on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

5-Year Term Of SMC Elected Representative's To End On November 5

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The five-year term of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) is coming to an end on November 05, while the terms of other urban local bodies (ULBs) in Kashmir would end between October 28 to December 26.

Official data revealed that the five-year tenure of Srinagar Municipal Corporation would end on November 5, 2023 while the terms of other urban local bodies in Kashmir would end between October 28 to December 26.

The end of the tenure of urban local bodies' means that the term of all corporators/councillors, including those elected in bye-elections, is also over. The mayors, presidents, vice-presidents, corporators/ councillors of urban local bodies would no longer be entitled to perks, privileges and honorarium.

According to documents, the tenure of municipal committee Kupwara would culminate on November 02 while the terms of Langate and Handwara municipalities would end on November 18.

In North Kashmir's Baramulla district, the term of elected repre-

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sentatives in Baramulla municipal council ends on November 09, while the five-year term of Sopore municipality culminates on November 04.

The term of four other ULBs- Kunzer, Pattan, Uri and Watergam- also ends on November 04.

As per documents, the term of president, vice-president and councillors of municipal committee Bandipora ends on November 02. The tenure of representatives of Hajin and Sumbal municipalities ends on November 18, 2023.

In Budgam districts, the tenure of all the municipal committees in-

cluding Budgam, Chadoora, Chrar-e-Sharief, Khan Sahib and Magam ends on November 12.

In South Kashmir's Anantnag district, the term of municipal council Anantnag and municipal committee Achabal would come to end on October 28, while the tenures of representatives in municipal committees including Ashmuqam, Mattan, Pahalgam, Bijbehara and Qazigund ends on November 14.

According to official data, the term of representatives in Dooru-Verinag Municipal committee ends on November 01. In Kokernag, the term is ending on October 31.

The term of elected representatives in Kulgam and Devsar municipal committees is ending on October 29, while in Yaripora, the term is ending on November 04, 2023.

The term of elected representatives in Pampore municipal committee is ending on December 26, while the tenure of Tral municipality is coming to an end on November 29.

The term of lone municipalities in Shopian and Ganderbal districts is coming to an end on October 29 and November 08, respectively.

Caring Hearts, Skilled Hands: AVYAY Training For Caregivers Held

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a remarkable collaboration between the Department of Social Welfare, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Srinagar and Department of Health, a comprehensive Training Program for Caregivers was organized at the Day Care and Recreation Centre for Senior Citizens, affectionately known as 'Ahat-e-Waqar' in Chanpora.

This transformative initiative brought together a diverse group of dedicated individuals, including Asha Workers from the Health Department, Para-legal volunteers from DLSA, Srinagar, Social

Workers from the Department of Social Welfare, and members and volunteers from Hope Organization.

The event witnessed the presence of Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary DLSA, Srinagar, Dr. Pervaiz Ahmad, Incharge PHC, Chanpora, Sumita Choudhary, Tehsil Social Welfare Officer, South and members of the Ahat-e-Waqar, Chanpora.

The program commenced on an auspicious note with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Khazir Mohammad, invoking blessings and serenity upon the gathering. This spiritual inauguration set the tone for a day of learning, sharing, and growth.

Office Of The Executive Engineer KPDCL Division Ganderbal

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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Ref:- enit no 78 of 2023-24 dated 02-09-23

Name of the work:-

1. Creation of 1x100KVA Sub Station alongwith HT/LT Network at Peer Mohalla Waheedpora Under Capex Budget UT Component for the Year 2023-24.

Due to poor response for the above referential e-NIT the same is hereby extended and the key dates are as under:-

- a) Bid submission end Date:- 25-10-23
- b) Opening Date:- 27-10-23

NO: EDG/V/2129-35/TS
DIPK-NB-3790/23
Dated: 20-10-23

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
ED-5th Ganderbal

Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir

Traffic Police Office Rural Kashmir

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to order issued from the Hon'ble court of Special Mobile Magistrate (Traffic) Srinagar under endorsement No. No.258/ SPl.M.M.Kmr. dated 04-10-2023, motorists/ vehicle owners/drivers against whom cases under different sections of traffic laws/rules are pending for disposal at relevant Hon'ble court due to the absence of violator effective proceedings are informed through this notice to cause their presence before the court of Hon'ble Mobile Magistrate Traffic Srinagar for disposal of L-Tem challans mentioned in Annexure- "A" of this notice. Failing which the vehicles mentioned in above said Annexure- "A" shall be seized under relevant sections of M.V.Act.

No.TPORK/RAC/2023/
DIPK-10778/23
Dated: 20/10/2023.

ANNEXURE-"A"

List of pending L-Tem Challan 2019, in the court of SPL Mobile Magistrate Traffic Kashmir.

S.No	Name of the Violator	Registration No.	Year
1	Asif Ahmad	JK01N-8613	2019
2	Arif Mushtaq Bhat	JK18A-8976	2019
3	Javaid Ahmad	JK02A-3431	2019
4	Riyaz Ahmad	JK01E-3771	2019
5	Umer Nisar Mir	JK01S-9554	2019
6	Talib Hussain Bhat	JK01N-4983	2019
7	Mukhtar Ahmad	JK02AA-1761	2019
8	Shahnaaz	JK01P-7935	2019
9	Vikas Khurshed	JK01AD-4402	2019
10	Ashiq Ahmad	DL45F-2901	2019
11	Marif Latee	JK01F-2418	2019
12	Arshid Nisar	JK03E-2700	2019
13	Rayees Ahmad	JK01AH-4986	2019
14	Nisar Ahmad	JK01AG-2755	2019
15	Faiz Tariq	JK01AE-8309	2019
16	Irfan Ahmad Dar	JK01Q-6523	2019
17	Mohd Rafiq Bhat	JK01W-8303	2019
18	Abid Hameed	JK04E-0198	2019

19	Faiz Ahmad Bhat	JK01AG-1783	2019
20	Parvaiz Ahmad	JK01W-8393	2019
21	Bashir Ahmad Mir	JK01AF-2406	2019
22	Fayaz Ahmad Dar	JK01AE-2406	2019
23	Khazir Mohd Beigh	JK01K-7977	2019
24	Moomin Ashraf	JK01W-7668	2019
25	Nazir Ahmad Sofi	JK01AG-9379	2019
26	Nazir Ahmad	JK01X-0985	2019
27	Ab Qayoom	JK02W-3165	2019
28	Fayaz Ahmad	JK01K-3399	2019
29	Shahbaz Khan	JK02BU-9786	2019
30	Mohd Altaf Chopan	JK01AD-5288	2019
31	Muzaffar Ahmad	JK03E-0852	2019
32	Suhail Ahmad	JK0U-6518	2019
33	Mudasir Ahmad	DL5CH-0711	2019
34	Abzar Rashid	JK01N-9550	2019
35	Shabir Ahmad Sheikh	JK05A-5347	2019
36	Gowher Ahmad	JK01AG-4510	2019
37	Mohd Ashraf	JK01AL-3446	2019
38	Faizan Fayaz	JK01AG-1282	2019
39	Hilal Ahmad	JK01P-1847	2019
40	Nasir Hussain	JK01AJ-3345	2019

Sd/-
(Ravinder Pal Singh), JKPS
Sr. Superintendent of Police,
Traffic Rural Kashmir.

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092, 2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488, 2452222, 2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
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AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS

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

HIJRI
CALENDAR
05 Rabi-ul-Sani
1445

PRAYERS

FAJR	5:19
ZUHR	12:16
ASR	4:13
Magrib	5:55
ISHA	7:14

This Day In History

- 335- Roman Emperor Constantine the Great rules that Jews are not allowed to purchase and circumcise Christian slaves
- 686- Conon begins his reign as Catholic Pope
- 1096- Sultan Kilidj Arslan of Nicaea defeats The People's Crusade at the Battle of Civetot, only about 3,000 out of 20,000 Crusaders survive
- 1187- Alberto de Morra elected as Pope Gregorius VIII (12/17/1187)
- 1512- Martin Luther joins the theological faculty of the University of Wittenberg.
- 1520- Explorer Ferdinand Magellan and his fleet reach Cape Virgenes after transiting the Magellan Strait between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, becoming the first Europeans to sail into the Pacific [1]
- 1555- Emperor Charles V makes Erard of Pallandt eart of Culemborg
- 1555- English parliament refuses to recognize Philip of Spain as king
- 1568- 2nd Altenburger sermon: Philippisten/Gnesiolutheranen
- 1591- Nijmegen surrenders to Earl Mauritius van Nassau
- 1601- Memorial service for Daitokuji's Shinju held for Ikkyu Sojun in Kyoto
- 1639 -Sea battle at Dunes, Lt Admiral Maarten Tromp defeats Spanish armada under De Oquendo
- 1652- King Louis XIV returns to Paris
- 1708 -Dutch & English troops occupy Lille (Rijsel)
- 1727 -Russian & Chinese accord to correct boundaries
- 1774 -First display of the word "Liberty" on a flag, raised by colonists in Taunton, Massachusetts and which was in defiance of British rule in Colonial America.
- 1789 - French Revolution: The National Assembly declares martial law in France to prevent uprisings
- 1803 - English scientist John Dalton reads his paper on the absorption of gases by water to the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Soc - 1st outline of his atomic theory
- 1895 - The Republic of Formosa collapses as Japanese forces invade.
- 1899 - Battle at Elandslaagte Natal: (Boers vs British army)
- 1914 - Battle of Warsaw ends with German defeat
- 1917 - 1st Americans to see action on front lines of WWI: US troops enter front lines at Sommervillier under French command
- 1938 - Japanese troops occupies Canton
- 1944 - World War II: US troops capture Aachen, 1st large German city to fall.
- 1948 - Facsimile high-speed radio transmission demonstrated (Washington, D.C.)
- 1948 - UN rejects Russian proposal to destroy atomic weapons
- 1950 - Chinese forces occupy Tibet
- 1965 - Nobel prize for chemistry awarded to Robert B Woodward
- 1966 - 116 children and 28 adults died as a coal waste heap slid and engulfed a school in Aberfan, South Wales
- 1967 - Egypt sinks Israeli torpedo boat
- 1967 - Tens of thousands of anti-Vietnam War protesters march on the Pentagon, besieging the military headquarters for two days
- 1969 - Maj Gen Mohamed Siad Barre becomes President of Somali
- 1970 - Nobel prize of peace awarded to Norman E Borlaugh
- 1971 - Nobel prize for literature awarded to Pablo Neruda
- 1975 - USSR performs nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya USSR
- 1975 - Venera 9, 1st craft to orbit planet Venus launched
- 1976 - Nobel prize for literature awarded to American Saul Bellow
- 1980 - Mikhail Gorbachev elected member of Politburo.
- 1985 - Qasim Omar (206) & Javed Miandad (203*) make 397 stand v SL
- 1987 - Nobel Prize in Economics awarded to Robert M Solow
- 1993 - Military coup by Burundi President Ndayaye; 525,000 Hutus flee
- 2003 - Images of the dwarf planet Eris are taken and subsequently used in its discovery by the team of Michael E. Brown, Chad Trujillo, and David L. Rabinowitz.
- 2013 - The Parliament of Canada confers Honorary Canadian citizenship on women's rights and education activist Malala Yousafzai
- 2015 - German Chancellor Angela Merkel says German view of Holocaust will not change, after Benjamin Netanyahu says idea came from Mufti of Jerusalem

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Capital Committee Executive
Corporate Headquarters,
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On-line Request for Proposal (e-RFP)
for
On boarding of TSP (Technology Service Provider) for BBPS (Bharat Bill Payment System) Solution on Hosted Model

RFP Notice along with Complete RFP document outlining the minimum requirements can be downloaded from and BIDs can be submitted on the Banks' e-Tendering Portal <https://jkbank.abcpocure.com> w.e.f. October 19, 2023, 16.00 Hrs. Tender Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website www.jkbank.com. Last date for submission of Bids is November 07, 2023, 17.00 Hrs.

e-RFP Ref No. JKB/CHQ/T&D/BBPS/2023-842
Dated: 18-10-2023

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US Forces Repel Middle East Attacks As Israel-Hamas War Threatens Spillover



Agencies

United States forces are facing increased threats, raising concerns that the Israel-Hamas war may spill over across the region. Drones and missiles were launched at bases hosting US troops in Iraq on Thursday. The attacks helped put Washington on heightened alert for activity by Iran-backed armed groups following similar incidents in Iraq and Syria on Wednesday, while a US warship intercepted missiles potentially heading towards Israel.

President Joe Biden has sent naval power to the Middle East in the past two weeks, including two aircraft carriers, other warships and about 2,000 marines.

There has been an uptick in attacks on US forces since the conflict in Israel broke out on October 7 when Palestinian fighters from Hamas, the armed group that rules Gaza, attacked southern Israel.

Earlier this week, US forces thwarted multiple drones targeting troops.

On Wednesday, a drone hit US forces in Syria resulting in minor injuries, while another was brought down.

During a false alarm at Ain

al-Asad airbase in Iraq, a civilian contractor died from cardiac arrest.

However, on Thursday, drones and rockets targeted the base, which hosts US and other international forces in western Iraq. Multiple blasts were heard inside the base.

Rockets also hit a military base hosting US forces near Baghdad's international airport, Iraqi police said, without providing further details.

"While I'm not going to forecast any potential responses to these attacks, I will say that we will take all necessary actions to defend US and coalition forces against any threat," Pentagon spokesman Brigadier General Patrick Ryder told reporters.

"Any response, should one occur, will come at a time in a manner of our choosing," Ryder said.

Drones intercepted

A US Navy warship travelling near Yemen intercepted three missiles above the northern Red Sea and several drones that were launched by what Ryder said was the Iran-aligned Houthi movement. The official said it appeared that the projectiles were potentially heading in the direction of Israel.

Israel Pounds Gaza, Evacuates Towns Near Lebanon Ahead Of Expected Ground Offensive

Agencies

KHAN YOUNIS: Israel bombarded Gaza early Friday, hitting areas in the south where Palestinians had been told to seek safety, and it began evacuating a sizable Israeli town in the north near the Lebanese border, the latest sign of a potential ground invasion of Gaza that could trigger regional turmoil.

Palestinians in Gaza reported heavy airstrikes in Khan Yunis in the south, and ambulances carrying men, women and children streamed into the town's Nasser Hospital, Gaza's second largest, which is already overflowing with patients and people seeking shelter.

The Israeli military said it had struck more than 100 targets across.

On Thursday, Israel's Defence Minister Yoav Gallant ordered ground troops to prepare to see Gaza "from the inside," hinting at a ground offensive aimed at crushing Hamas rulers nearly two weeks after their surprise incursion into Israel. Officials have given no timetable for such an operation.

Over a million people have been displaced in Gaza, with many heeding Israel's orders to evacuate the northern part of the sealed-off coastal enclave.

Gaza's overwhelmed hospitals are rationing their dwindling medical supplies and fuel for generators, as authorities worked out logistics for a desperately needed aid delivery



from Egypt that has yet to enter.

Doctors in darkened wards across Gaza performed surgeries by the light of mobile phones and used vinegar to treat infected wounds.

The deal to get aid into Gaza through Rafah, the territory's only crossing not controlled by Israel, remained fragile.

Israel has evacuated its own communities near Gaza and Lebanon, putting residents up in hotels elsewhere in the country in a state-funded program.

On Friday, the Defence Ministry announced evacuation plans for Kiryat Shmona, a town of more than 20,000 residents near the Lebanese border.

Lebanon's powerful Hezbollah has traded fire with Israel along the border on a near-daily basis and hinted it might join the war if Israel seeks to annihilate Hamas. Israel's archfoe Iran supports both groups as part of "Axis of Resistance".

The violence in Gaza has

also sparked protests across the region, including in Arab countries allied with the US.

In an address from the Oval Office on Thursday, President Joe Biden again pledged unwavering support for Israel's security, while saying the world "can't ignore the humanity of innocent Palestinians" in Gaza.

Speaking hours after returning to Washington from an urgent visit to Israel, Biden linked the current war in Gaza to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, saying Hamas and Russian President Vladimir Putin "both want to completely annihilate a neighbouring democracy."

The Israeli military has relentlessly attacked Gaza in retaliation for the devastating October 7 Hamas attack.

Even after Israel ordered a mass evacuation to the south, strikes extended across the territory, heightening fears among the territory's 2.3 million people that nowhere was safe.

Government To Pay ₹30 Lakh If Person Dies During Sewer Cleaning: Supreme Court



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Taking a grim view of incidents of sewer deaths in the country, the Supreme Court today said government agencies will have to pay ₹30 lakh as compensation to the family of those who die while cleaning sewers.

A bench comprising Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Aravind Kumar said those who suffer permanent disabilities while cleaning sewers will be paid ₹20 lakh as minimum compensation.

"The Union and the state governments must ensure that manual scavenging is completely eradicated," the bench said.

Pronouncing the judgement, Justice Bhat said the authori-

ties will have to pay up to ₹10 lakh if the cleaner suffers other disabilities.

Issuing a slew of directions, which were not read out, the bench directed that the government agencies must coordinate to ensure that such incidents do not occur and moreover, the High Courts are not precluded from monitoring the cases related to sewer deaths.

The judgement came on a PIL. The detailed order is awaited.

As many as 347 people died while cleaning sewers and septic tanks in India in the last five years with Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Delhi accounting for 40 per cent of these deaths, according to government data cited in Lok Sabha in July 2022.

Orthodox Church Says It Was Hit By Israeli Air Strike In Gaza

Agencies

GAZA: A Greek Orthodox church in the Gaza Strip which was sheltering hundreds of displaced Palestinians was hit overnight by an Israeli air strike, the Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem and Palestinian health officials said.

Gaza's Hamas-run government media office said 18 Christian Palestinians were killed. There was no word from the church on any final death toll.

The Israeli military said a part of the church was damaged in a strike on a militant command centre and it was reviewing the incident.

Palestinian officials said at least 500 Muslims and Christians had taken shelter in the church from Israeli bombardments.

The Orthodox Church said in a statement: "The Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem expresses its strongest condemnation of the Israeli air strike that has struck its church compound in the city of Gaza." Video from the scene at the



church compound showed a wounded boy being carried from rubble in the nighttime. A civil defence worker said two people on upper floors had survived. Those on lower floors had been killed and were still in the rubble, the worker said.

Gaza's 2.3 million population comprises an estimated 1,000 Christians, most of whom are Greek Orthodox.

The Israeli military said its fighter jets had hit a nearby command and control centre that was used to carry out attacks against Israel.

"As a result of the IDF strike, a wall of a church in the area

was damaged. We are aware of reports on casualties. The incident is under review," it said.

Israel has pounded densely-populated Gaza, flattening buildings and destroying infrastructure, since Hamas attacked southern Israel on Oct. 7 and killed 1,400 people.

Nearly 3,800 people in Gaza have since been killed by Israeli strikes and more than a million have been made homeless, according to Palestinian health officials. Civilians say their situation is desperate as they run short of food, water, fuel and medical supplies.

'India Can Expect Delays In Visa Processing': Canada Amid Diplomatic Row

Agencies

OTTAWA: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) on Thursday said that there would be a slowdown of Indian visa applications after Canada removed its 41 diplomats from India amid the ongoing India-Canada standoff.

In a press statement from IRCC said, "Following India's intent to unilaterally remove immunities for all but 21 Canadian diplomats and dependents in Delhi by October 20, 2023, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is reducing its number of employees in India from 27 to 5. IRCC will continue to accept and process applications from India, but reduced staffing levels are expected to impact processing times."

Moreover, the statement said that due to the decrease in Canadian diplomatic staff in India, Indian citizens would face delays in overall processing times, responses to enquiries and getting visas or their passports back.

Meanwhile, the Canadian authorities have assured that the Canada-based IRCC staff in India will do the day-to-day work

required in the country.

Quoting the statement, "The large majority of applications from India are already processed outside the country, with 89% of India's applications processed through the global network. The 5 Canada-based IRCC staff

who remain in India will focus on work that requires an in-country presence such as urgent processing, visa printing, risk assessment and overseeing key partners."

Canada Foreign Minister Melanie Joly announced on Thursday (local time) that Canada has removed 41 diplomats and their 42 family members, from India over the ongoing row between the two countries.

"As of now, I can confirm that India has formally conveyed its plan to unethically remove diplomatic immunities for all but 21 Canadian diplomats and dependents in Delhi by tomorrow, October 20. This means 41 Canadian diplomats and their 42 dependents were in danger of having immunity stripped on an arbitrary date. And this would put their personal safety at risk," Joly said, as she confirmed the departure of Canadian diplomats.

Pak Native Helped In Spying On Indian Defence Officials On WhatsApp, Arrested: Cops

Press Trust of India

AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat police's Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) on Friday arrested a man, a native of Pakistan who was granted Indian citizenship in 2005, for allegedly helping Pakistani authorities spy on Indian defence personnel by sending them a tracking malware through WhatsApp, an official said.

Based on the inputs shared by the Military Intelligence about an Indian WhatsApp number being operated from Pakistan to spy on defence personnel, the ATS arrested one Labhshankar Maheshwari, 53, from Tarapur town in Anand district and brought him here, the official said.

The accused has been booked under Indian Penal Code (IPC) section 123 (concealing with intent to facilitate a design to wage war against the government) and 121-A (conspiracy to wage war against the government) and under relevant sections of the Information Technology Act, he said.

The investigation has revealed that Maheshwari, a native of Pakistan who was granted Indian citizenship in 2005, had agreed to be part of the conspiracy to expedite the visa process for him, his wife and two other family members wanting to visit the neighbouring country to meet relatives,

ATS Superintendent of Police Om Prakash Jat said.

"The Indian Military Intelligence recently learnt that either the Pakistan Army or Pakistan's intelligence agency had somehow acquired an Indian SIM card, which was being used for spying on Indian defence personnel by sending them malware through WhatsApp. Based on the information, we apprehended Maheshwari from Tarapur in Anand, where he runs a grocery shop," he told reporters.

Last year, when Maheshwari and his wife had applied for visitor visas for Pakistan, his relative Kishor Ramwani, who is based in the neighbouring country, had asked him to contact a person with links to the Pakistan embassy, the official said.

After the unidentified person's intervention, Maheshwari and his wife received the visa. After returning to India, he again contacted the person to expedite the visa process for his sister and niece, he said.

"In return, the person with contacts in the Pakistan embassy (high commission) asked Maheshwari to start WhatsApp on his mobile phone using a SIM card, which he received from one Saqlain Thaim, a resident of Jamnagar. Maheshwari then shared the OTP to activate WhatsApp with that man," Jat said.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR (U.T)
DEPARTMENT OF URBAN LOCAL BODIES KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE MATTAN

QUOTATION

Sealed quotations affixed with Rs.5/- revenue stamps are invited from Registered/Chartered Accountants for conduct of Audit of Accounts of Municipal Committee Mattan for filing of Municipal Finance Data for the year 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24, so as to reach the office of undersigned by or before 27-10-2023 up to 2.00 pm on the terms and conditions mentioned below. The quotations shall be opened on the same day or any other subsequent day convenient to opening authority in the office chamber of the undersigned.

Terms and Conditions:

- 01- The Registered Chartered Accountant have to conduct the Audit of Accounts of Municipal Committee Mattan and the rate shall be quoted for complete job which should include all taxes.
- 02- The rates should be quoted for complete job and work to be completed within three days after issuance of supply/work order/Authorization.
- 03- The rates should be quoted both in words and figures.
- 04- The undersigned reserves every right to accept or reject any quotation/quotation without assigning any reason thereof.
- 05- All other terms and condition can be had from the office of undersigned on any working day during office hours.

No: MC/M/023/ 2492-96
Dated: 19-10-2023
DIPK-NB-3774-23
DT: 20/10/2023

Sd/= Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, Mattan.

Government of Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir
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Gist of e-tender
NIT No: M&HDS/TS/2023-24/114/e-tendering
Dated:-19.10.2023

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

Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees)	Time of completion (in days)	AA Accorded Vide No:	TS No	Earnest Money (in Rupees.)	Position of Funds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Annual maintenance of central heating system, 62.5 KVA DG set and engagement of operational staff for central heating system at IMPARD	6.67	1000	10	IMPA ORDER No.: 751 of 2023, Dated:- 18.10.2023	MHED/K/TS/45 Dt: 19.10.2023	13500	Available with intending Department (Financial Advisor & CAO, IMPARD, Srinagar)

1. Downloading of Bids: The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 19.10.2023 (17.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 19.10.2023(17.00 hrs).
2. Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site 19.10.2023(17.00hrs) to 27.10.2023(12:00hrs) in two (02) covers.
3. Opening of Bids:- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 27.10.2023 at 14.00hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, M&HD, Srinagar

No: M&HDS/TS/6362-66
Dated: 19.10.2023

DIPK-10810-23
DT: 20/10/2023

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M&HD, Srinagar

Bidhuri Calls For Advance Winter Preparations Plan

Directs For Augmentation Of Number Of Snow Clearance Machines

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chalk out meticulous advance winter preparation plan for public convenience, directed Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri to Deputy Commissioners and Divisional Heads of civil departments in a winter preparation meeting, held here.

The Div Com emphasized on restoration of road connectivity and services of line departments on priority basis during the snowfall in winter.

He underlined that advance winter preparation is imperative for efficient management of crises emerging due to occasional heavy snowfall.

For timely snow clearance from roads, Div Com impressed on augmentation of the number of machinery and operation of workshops for effective implementation of snow clearance plan.

It was revealed that except 67 habitations in different areas all the habitations have been connected through roads.

Div Com also directed for opening of Z-Mohr by the end of December and development of approach road.

With the influx of tourists increasing at Gulmarg, Div Com asked for creation of additional parking space at Tangmarg

besides he instructed maintenance of Gulmarg Road and keeping the road functional during winters.

Regarding functioning of Jal Shakti Schemes to provide regular drinking water supply, Div Com called for operation of lift water stations round the clock by advance procurement of oil for DG sets. Besides, he directed CE KPDCL to strictly adhere to power curtailment schedules and set up workshops for repairing of damaged transformers in every district.

The concerned head of the health department was instructed for deployment of ambulances with wheel chains in all the difficult areas besides keeping the sufficient quantity of quality medicine available at health institutions in remote areas.

Director FCS&CA briefed about the availability of essential items in the valley including LPG, Petrol, Diesel and Ration.

The Div Com directed for establishment of Control Rooms at District level and at ICCCHMT for close synergy and co-operation among different departments.

For the operation of helicopter services to Gurez and Tangdar areas for airlifting patients and rescue operation, Div Com asked for the establishment of a separate control room of stakeholders.



A WOMAN CARRYING a water pot on her head in a village in Khag area of Budgam district. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Efforts Afoot To Re-Establish Kashmir As Paradise On Earth: Union MoS Home

Lays Foundation Stones, Inaugurates Projects At Ganderbal Worth Rs 19 Crore

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nityanad Rai, Friday visited Ganderbal and laid foundation stones for development works besides inaugurating projects worth Rs 19 crore here at Manasbal Park during an event organized to celebrate the development achievements in the district.

During his visit to Manasbal Park, Union Minister visited several stalls installed by different departments besides inspecting ongoing mega job fair organized by the Employment and Counseling Centre Ganderbal.

On the occasion, Nityanad Rai laid foundation stone for several projects worth Rs 5.39 crore including development of Dignibal Police Colony Road, upgradation of Gujar Pati and Gori Mohalla Link roads at Malshahibagh and upgradation/development of Shuhuma



internal links.

He also inaugurated various other vital projects costing an amount of Rs 13.76 crore which included Water Supply Scheme Gojer Pati Telali Basti Wussan, Water Supply Scheme Shuhuma (New), New Water Supply Scheme Police Colony Dignibal, Water Supply Scheme Tulmulla Dangerpora and reconstruction Swajaldhara Schemes.

Meanwhile, the Union MoS also presented a cheque amounting Rs 16,89,000 to the people of Ganderbal as a Livelihood and Nutritional support under PMMSY.

The Union MoS, while speaking on the occasion, said that the purpose of visiting Ganderbal was to assess the development scenario in the district.

"Efforts are underway to re-establish Kashmir as paradise on earth under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, who is always committed towards ensure tourism development of the UT. In this regard, the Government is ensuring all support to facilitate safety and state of art facilities to the tourists, he added.

To ensure more employment avenues in the UT, the Government has launched several schemes in Agriculture and allied sectors due to which productivity of agriculture and horticulture has increased manifold, he asserted.

Nityanad Rai also commended the district administration for facilitating the local youth to start self-employment ventures and making over 50 per cent Panchayats Nasha Mukta.

Anantnag Admin Cracks Down On Traffic Violators

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: In a bid to reduce the number of road accidents and resultant fatalities in the district, the District Administration Anantnag is planning to rigorously enforce helmet use and adherence to speed limits on roads and in high risk locations even during non-peak hours.

A joint team of officials from the Transport, Revenue, Municipal and Rural Development department has been framed to check the traffic violations across the district.

Since morning the team conducted physical checking of Vehicles at different locations in the town.

The Enforcement teams led by Assistant Regional Transport

Officer, Anantnag, Dr Mohammad Zubair Lattoo checked more than 250 vehicles and challaned 60 vehicles for different violations of the Motor Vehicle Act and imposed a fine of nearly Rs. 50,000 on the violators.

As many as 40 Two wheelers and Maxibacs were also seized who were found plying without proper documents.

Dr. Zubair said that drivers and commuters had to adapt to "certain measures" to ensure safety and hassle-free traffic movement. The measures include wearing a helmet, avoid overtaking, control speeding, avoid triple riding, wear seat belts, avoid driving on the wrong side, avoid use of tinted glasses, halting vehicles on pedestrian crossings and avoiding using cellphones while driving.

Bhatnagar Reviews Performance, Functioning Of SED

Also Reviews Progress On Implementation Of Project Samagra Shiksha Across J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Friday chaired a meeting to review the performance and functioning of School education department as well as progress on implementation of Project Samagra Shiksha across Jammu and Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar; Director School Education Kashmir, Tassaduq Hussain Mir; Director School Education Jammu, Ashok Kumar Sharma; Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj; Special Secretary, SED, Naseer Ahmad; Chairman JKBOSE, Parikshat Singh; Chief Education Officers of all districts and other concerned officers both in person and through video conferencing.

During the meeting, an extensive evaluation of performance and functioning of both the directorates was held to ensure that the quality of education is maintained as well as to identify the strengths and areas requiring improvement for enhancing educational outcomes across J&K.

While reviewing the implementation of Project Samagra Shiksha, Advisor Bhatnagar maintained that

this flagship initiative was designed to improve the quality of education across the country. He highlighted that the various elements of project like infrastructure development, teacher training and curriculum enhancement, plays a crucial role in shaping future of education in Jammu and Kashmir with much impact on development of students and educators across the region.

The Advisor called upon the officers for timely completion of the infrastructure including the Girl's hostel buildings and timely handover of the same. He also asked them for immediate operationalisation of girl's hostels and deployment of required staff at these places. He advised them to devise a mechanism of enrolling girl students of any institution of the catchment areas in these hostels so that they can take due advantage of this infrastructure.

While reviewing the teacher training initiatives of Project Samagra Shiksha, Advisor Bhatnagar impressed upon the officers to prepare a through plan for training of teachers so that the required outcomes can be achieved. He also

stressed on them to prepare a framework for assessing the competency of the teachers based on the achievement of learning outcomes by the students during the year so that the required capacity building of teachers can be done.

Meanwhile, the Advisor also reviewed the performance and functioning of Directorates of Jammu as well as Kashmir.

The Advisor asked both the Directors to prepare a long term plan for increasing the literacy rate in educationally backward blocks. He also asked them to submit a detailed report on the present percentage of literacy of each educationally backward block within fifteen days. Advisor Bhatnagar further asked the directors to rationalize Pupil-Teacher ratio, besides conducting regular capacity building of teachers in order to abreast them with modern educational tools required for improving quality of education and enhancing learning outcomes. He stressed on the officers to focus on competency-based learning so that students can develop better understanding of concepts that can be implemented in real situations.

POONCH NARCO-TERROR CASE

Key Accused Arrested From Himachal

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A key accused in a case linked to cross-border smuggling of arms, explosives and narcotics into Poonch was arrested from Himachal Pradesh's Mandi, on Friday, officials said.

Mohammad Iqbal, a resident of Poonch, was absconding since the arrest of three of his accomplices who were caught with a huge cache of arms, explosives and narcotics near the border fence in Karmara area of Poonch on the intervening night of May 30 and 31, they said.

They found that one Mohammad Iqbal of Karmara, Poonch had fled from the spot, they said.

Using technical surveillance and human intelligence, it was ascertained that Iqbal was hiding in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh, where he was arrested by a team of Special Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on

Friday, they said.

On August 19, the handler of the group Mohammad Javed, who was also absconding, was arrested by the SIA in an operation in Delhi, which further led to the arrest of another co-conspirator Liyaqat on August 25th from Poonch, they said.

Investigation has revealed the role of handlers operating this narco-terror module from foreign countries, they said.

So far, 6 arrests have been made in the case and forward and backward linkages of the narco terror module are being established, they said.

Further investigation into aspects of cross border operation of this narco terror syndicate, which is found smuggling arms, explosives and narcotics consignments across the border, is ongoing at SIA, they said.

The aspects of amassing disproportionate wealth in short periods of time as is seen in this case is being investigated.

No Friday Prayers At Jamia Masjid, Imambargah Bemina Locked

Mirwaiz, Agha Syed Hadi Put Under House Arrest

Majid Nahi

SRINAGAR: Authorities yet again disallowed congregational prayers at historic Jamia Masjid in Srinagar on Friday, while Imambargah Ayatullah Yusuf (RA) at Khomeini Chowk, Bemina was locked as a security measure to prevent pro-Palestinian protests.

Several religious leaders including chief cleric of Kashmir, Mirwaiz Umer Farooq and prominent Shia leader and President Anjuman Sharei Shian, Agha Syed Hadi Moosavi were placed under house arrest.

Anjuman-i-Auqaf Jamia Masjid Srinagar in a statement said that Friday congregational prayers were disallowed at Jamia Masjid for the second consecutive week as the police locked all the gates of the grand mosque this morning.

A spokesman of the Anjuman-i-Auqaf said Mirwaiz Umer Farooq, who was allowed to offer prayers and deliver Friday sermon at Jamia Masjid after four years, was yet again barred from performing his religious duties.

"Mirwaiz continues to be under house detention since 15th of this month and is not allowed to move out. Mirwaiz deeply re-

gretted the repeated targeting of Jamia Masjid Srinagar by closing it to the Muslims on Fridays and disallowing them from offering obligatory Friday prayers," the spokesman added.

Meanwhile, the authorities locked the main gate of Imambargah Ayatullah Yusuf (RA) at Khomeini Chowk, Bemina, informing its caretakers that congregational Friday prayers will not be allowed at the major congregation hall.

Authorities also placed President Anjuman Sharei Shian, Agha Syed Hadi Moosavi under house detention.

Meanwhile security was stepped up around major mosques across Kashmir including Srinagar amidst fears of pro-Palestinian protests by the people post Friday prayers.

A pose of police and paramilitary CRPF was deployed around Jamia Masjid in Srinagar as a security measure to prevent protests, which officials said might upset the peaceful atmosphere in the valley.

Security forces were also deployed around Imambargah in Budgam district of central Kashmir to prevent pro-Palestinian protest post Friday Prayers.

OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER

POSHAN PROJECT ROHAMA

(PUBLIC NOTICE).

Subject: Merit/ Selection List of Sahaykas(Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project Rohama.

In pursuance to Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04/2023, and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar vide No: 13281-94 Dated:-08/05/2023 This office advertised vacant posts of Sahaykas (Anganwadi Helpers) vide notification No. CDPO/Poshan/Roh/2023/1550-55 dated:-29/05/2023. Accordingly, merit list of candidates has been prepared as per criteria laid down the Government order No.222-JK (SWD)of 2022 Dated:-30/11/2023 and selection list has been framed on the basis of merit (List enclosed) herewith as Annexure-A comprising of 07 candidates selected as Sahaykas (Anganwadi Helpers) for Anganwadi Centres shown against each. The General Merit list of applicants is enclosed as Annexure B. The provisional selection list along with merit list are hereby published for information of general public for inviting appeal/objections (if any). The appeal/objection(if any) against the said Merit/selection list. Shall be filed in the office of the Child Development Project Office Poshan Project Rohama(ICDS) Rohama against proper receipt with in 7 (Seven days) from the date publication in daily leading news papers. No appeal/objections shall be entertained after expiry of the last date for filling appeal/objections. Un married candidate being selected only if no married candidate available be also adhere to vide No. SWD-ICDS/43/2022 dated:-14/08/2023.

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2	1/13-06-23	Nazima Begum	W/O Hilal Ahmad Dar	Raben	5	3/3/1988	Matric	500	188	37.60%	—	—	—	37.60%

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1	1/03-06-2023	Dilshada Bano	D/O Ab. Majeed Malla	Panzla	4	14/05/1999	Matric	500	184	36.80%	—	—	—	36.80%

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School Education in Kashmir Needs a Makeover

Bilal Gani

Education is the cornerstone of progress, and it plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of individuals and societies alike. In the enchanting land of Kashmir, known for its breathtaking natural beauty and rich cultural heritage, the pursuit of excellence in school education has always been of paramount importance. However, achieving this goal requires a holistic approach that takes into account the unique challenges and opportunities that the region presents. In this discourse, we will explore key strategies and initiatives aimed at raising excellence in school education in Kashmir, thereby nurturing the potential of its youth and contributing to the broader development of the region. Education, the gateway to unlocking this potential, has historically been a cornerstone of progress in Kashmir. However, the journey towards excellence in school education in this region is not without its unique challenges and opportunities.

By delving into the cultural, social, and infrastructural dimensions, we aim to paint a holistic picture of the road ahead for fostering educational excellence. Kashmir's educational landscape has witnessed periods of advancement and setbacks, shaped by historical and political factors. To overcome these challenges and nurture excellence in education, we must first acknowledge the region's rich heritage and traditions while embracing modern methodologies and global standards. This blend of the old and the new forms the foundation of our journey.

The goal of this discourse is not merely to discuss academic achievement but to delve into the holistic development of students, preparing them to face an ever-evolving world. By examining curriculum reforms, teacher empowerment, infrastructure enhancement, and community engagement, we aim to present a comprehensive blueprint for advancing education in Kashmir.

Challenges

The region has a history of political instability and conflict, which has disrupted the regular functioning of schools and created an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty for students and teachers. In some remote areas, access to quality education remains limited due to geographical constraints and inadequate infrastructure. This hampers the educational opportunities for many children.

The curriculum in Kashmir may not always align with the changing needs of the job market or global trends. Ensuring that the curriculum remains relevant and up-to-date is a challenge. There is a shortage of qualified teachers in the region, and many educators face difficulties in accessing training and professional development opportunities. This affects the quality of teaching and, subsequently, student learning outcomes. Kashmiri is the primary language spoken at home, while English and Urdu are the mediums of instruction in schools. This language gap can hinder effective learning for students. Many schools lack basic infrastructure, including proper classrooms, libraries, and sanitation facilities. These shortcomings hinder the overall learning experience. Frequent internet shutdowns, often employed



File Photo. By Abid Bhat for Kashmir Observer

“Community engagement is an important but oft ignored aspect to improve school education. This includes involving parents, community leaders, and local NGOs in the education process through awareness campaigns and school committees. Encouraging community participation in maintaining and improving school infrastructure is a crucial step in the right direction

as a security measure, disrupt online learning and access to educational resources, especially during critical exam periods.

The SIEs have an important position in the school education of the state. But sorry to say the academic health of these institutions is also not optimum. These institutions have also become victims of politics. There is no specific teacher cadre or separate appointments for SIE. Anybody working as 10+2 Lecturer in the department can become a teacher educator in SIE despite what will be his/her basic discipline, subject he/she has a strong political push. SIE/DIETS lack good faculty.

Addressing these challenges requires a multi-pronged approach, involving government intervention, community engagement, and a focus on teacher training and curriculum development to ensure that every child in Kashmir has access to a quality education, despite the complex environment in which they live.

Strategies to Overcome the Challenges

Addressing the pressing challenges facing school education in Kashmir requires a combination of practical solutions and long-term strategies. Firstly, the teachers at the primary and secondary levels of education need familiarisation with NEP 2020. For this purpose, the UT administration should start faculty and student exchange programmes with reputed institutions across India. The selection of the teachers for such exchange programmes can be made at the zonal level on merit. This will bring the region's conflict-hit education at par with national institutions, and

teachers will get national exposure.

Additionally, regularly updating the curriculum to make it relevant to the changing needs of the job market and global trends is also needed. It may also help to introduce vocational education programs to equip students with practical skills. Moreover, including digital literacy as a part of the curriculum to ensure that students are proficient in using technology responsibly and effectively is also the need of the hour. It is also necessary to promote bilingual or multilingual education to bridge the language gap, ensuring that students are proficient in both Kashmiri and the medium of instruction (e.g., English or Urdu).

Community engagement is an important but oft ignored aspect to improve school education. This includes involving parents, community leaders, and local NGOs in the education process through awareness campaigns and school committees. Encouraging community participation in maintaining and improving school infrastructure is a crucial step in the right direction. There is also the need for working together in such a way that the subaltern groups that come to these schools in no way feel any sort of an inferiority complex. This is possible through collaborations with civil society.

Additionally, leveraging technology can significantly enhance the quality of education by providing innovative tools and resources for both educators and students. This includes Interactive Learning Platforms, E-Learning courses, Digital classrooms and online Assessment and Feedback. Integrating technology into education requires careful planning, investment, and training. Moreover, it should complement traditional teaching methods rather than replacing them entirely. When used effectively, technology can enhance engagement, accessibility, and the overall quality of education.

Implementing these practical solutions will require collaboration among government agencies, educational institutions, civil society organisations, and the community at large. Additionally, a long-term commitment to improving the education system in Kashmir is essential to overcome these challenges and provide quality education to all students in the region.

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Smartphone Addiction Causing Speech Delay Among Kashmiri Children

Majid Nabi

The excessive use of smartphones, besides causing neurological disorders, including fragmented focus and insomnia, is significantly contributing to the speech delay among children in Kashmir.

Four to five children with speech delays, as a result of excessive screen usage are seen at the District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) at the government's G.B Pant Hospital here on a daily basis.

Health professionals blame the inability of parents to speak with their children owing to their hectic work schedules or other commitments, as the primary cause of children's speech delay problems.

Gaza Struggles Under Bombs As Israel Readies Ground Invasion

Agencies

Palestinians fleeing airstrikes could be seen running through the streets, carrying their belongings and looking for a safe place. Tens of thousands have crowded into UN-run schools while others are staying with relatives or even strangers who let them in.

Lines formed outside bakeries and grocery stores during the few hours they dared open, as people tried to stock on food before shelves are emptied.

On Wednesday, Gaza's only power station ran out of fuel and shut down, leaving only lights powered by scattered private generators.

PM Modi Speaks To Palestinian President, Offers Condolences

By PTI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday conveyed his condolences to President of Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas over the deaths of civilians at a hospital in Gaza and reiterated India's long-standing "principled position" on the Israel-Palestine issue.

In a phone conversation, Modi, at the same time, shared with Abbas India's "deep concern" over terrorism, violence and deteriorating security situation in the region.

He told the Palestine Authority president that New Delhi will continue to send humanitarian assistance for the Palestinian people.

LG Flags Off Kashmir's First Vistadome Coach

By PTI

Sinha said the Vistadome coach on the train will boost tourism in J&K.

"It will not only ferry travellers from Budgam to Banihal, but also provide livelihood opportunities to the youth at Budgam, Qazigund, and Banihal stations. The coach will help tourists see Kashmir's beauty with a new perspective," he said.

"It is a big leap by Railways in the development of the Union Territory. The state of the art Vistadome will attract tourists in large numbers and open up more livelihood generation avenues for the people living in the cities, towns and villages connected to all the railway stations enroute," he added.

He said the introduction of the Vistadome coach is another step towards J-K's developmental journey.

Journalist and Poet Ghulam Nabi Khayal Passes Away

By Agencies

Renowned journalist and Sahitya Akademi award winner, Ghulam Nabi Khayal, breathed his last at the age of 85 at his residence in Rawalpora, Srinagar. His passing marks the end of a significant chapter in the world of Indian literature and journalism.

Ghulam Nabi Khayal was not just an acclaimed journalist but also an Indian Kashmiri poet and essayist. His literary journey encompassed three languages: Kashmiri, Urdu, and English. Throughout his illustrious career, he penned an impressive collection of over 30 books, each contributing to the rich tapestry of literature in these languages.

Preserving Heritage: Navigating Class Conflict to Save Wazwan's Soul

By Farooq Shah for Kashmir Observer

Easy wealth blurred the lines between rich and poor, triggering a class conflict. The newly wealthy attempted to outshine established elites by altering the quantity and quality of Wazwan. This competition inflated the number of dishes dramatically.

The once elegant setting for this feast suffered as well, with limited space forcing Wazwan to be served on public roads, diminishing its ambiance. The excessive food surpassed human consumption capacity, leading to the use of polybags for take-home portions, further diminishing this once opulent cuisine.

Power vs Morality

By Riyaz Wani for Kashmir Observer

As the new war between Israel and Palestine rages on, the world is once again hopelessly polarized between their respective supporters. It has split gov-

ernments, the religions, the mainstream media and the social media. But there is a crucial difference: it is the supporters of Israel who call the shots. They don't just make the noise but also provide material support to the Jewish country and create justification for doing so. This despite the fact that Israel, a Middle East superpower, may not require this support in war against a poorly armed rag-tag militia operating from a tiny strip of land measuring 25 mile long, 7.5 mile wide where around two million people live cheek-by-jowl.

'The Pity of War'

By Wajahat Qazi for Wion

The Middle East becomes a fraught flashpoint on the cusp of war that will have global implications and it reduces drastically the global security for both states and people...There's every likelihood of more attacks vigilante violence and lone wolf attacks. The world then has become suddenly a very dangerous place for everyone.

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Netanyahu Bears Responsibility for This Israel-Gaza War

By Editorial Board, Haaretz

The disaster that befell Israel on the holiday of Simchat Torah is the clear responsibility of one person: Benjamin Netanyahu. The prime minister, who has prided himself on his vast political experience and irreplaceable wisdom in security matters, completely failed to identify the dangers he was consciously leading Israel into when establishing a government of annexation and dispossession, when appointing Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben-Gvir to key positions, while embracing a foreign policy that openly ignored the existence and rights of Palestinians.

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Celebrating Motherhood

Neelofar Rafeeq

Motherhood is a blessing and a great source of immense joy and fulfilment for every woman. The Qur'an and Hadith emphasize the importance of caring for and nurturing children, and the role of mothers is greatly honored in Islam. In a world that often emphasizes career success, personal achievement, and material possessions, it's crucial to pause and reflect on the timeless and invaluable blessing that is motherhood. The role of a mother is not just biological but an emotional, nurturing, and life-shaping journey that deserves recognition and celebration.

Motherhood is a blessing that transcends boundaries, cultures, and backgrounds. It's a universal experience that unites women across the globe in the profound and transformative journey of raising children. When a mother holds her newborn in her arms, an unbreakable bond is formed, and the course of her life is forever altered. Being a mother, it is much more difficult to explain the feeling of motherhood. For a mother who sacrifices everything for her child from birth, those sleepless nights, the pain of delivery, stresses, and emotional breakdown.

One of the most remarkable aspects of motherhood is mothers' unconditional love for their children. This love is unwavering, enduring, and selfless. Mothers make countless sacrifices, putting their children's needs before their own, often going to great lengths to ensure their well-being and happiness. They provide love, support, and a sense of security, forming the foundation for a child's development.

Moreover, mothers are the primary educators of empathy, kindness, and compassion. They teach their children the values that guide them through life, instilling a sense of morality and responsibility. Mothers are



Mother and Child, 1883, by Christian Krohg (1852-1925). Oil on canvas. Credit...Getty Images

the first role models that children look up to, and they play a pivotal role in shaping their children's character. Motherhood is a testament to the strength and resilience of women. The challenges that mothers face,

from sleepless nights to the juggling act of work and family, are met with determination and grace. Mothers exhibit remarkable adaptability and resourcefulness as they navigate the complexities of parenthood.

The support and guidance of mothers extend beyond the confines of the nuclear family. They often become pillars of strength within communities, assisting other mothers and families in need. The wisdom passed

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all the mothers and mother figures who have dedicated their lives to the well-being and happiness of their children, we express our deepest gratitude. Your love, sacrifice, and unwavering support are indeed a blessing beyond measure.

down through generations of mothers contributes to society's collective knowledge, fostering a sense of continuity and tradition.

As we celebrate the blessing of motherhood, it is essential to acknowledge that motherhood takes many forms. Not all mothers are biological; adoptive mothers, stepmothers, and caregivers play equally significant roles in nurturing and shaping the lives of children. The love and devotion they show are just as genuine and precious.

In a fast-paced world where time seems to slip through our fingers, let us take a moment to appreciate the blessing of motherhood. It is a timeless and enduring gift that enriches our lives immeasurably. To all the mothers and mother figures who have dedicated their lives to the well-being and happiness of their children, we express our deepest gratitude. Your love, sacrifice, and unwavering support are indeed a blessing beyond measure.

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'Good Enough' Parenting

Jo Adetunji

There is a huge amount of pressure on parents today – from feeding babies the “best organic purees” to making sure older children get all the developmental opportunities they could possibly need, while of course documenting the whole thing on Instagram.

There is also no shortage of advice about how to go about this. Just as there is no shortage of debate about the “best way” to parent your child.

But what if parents just focused on being a “good enough parent” instead? You do not have to be perfect in order to do a good job of raising a child. In fact, it may be better if you are not.

What is 'good enough parenting'?

We know parenting matters in a child's life. Research tells us parents influence their child's development, resilience and expectations of themselves and others. This in turn determines their behaviour and wellbeing.

“Good enough parenting” theory was developed by UK paediatrician and psychoanalyst Donald Winnicott in the 1950s.

He found children actually benefit from mothers who “fail” them in some ways.

This does not mean parents can neglect or minimise their role in making sure children are safe where they live,



learn and play. Children also need to have their emotional needs met. They need to know they are loved and feel a sense of belonging.

But good enough parenting recognises

parental failure is an inevitable part of life. Experiencing sadness, tears and anger are part of childhood and parents should allow children to gradually tolerate some frustration. The good enough parent realises it is not possible to be available and immediately responsive all of the time.

What does it involve?

Winnicott noted when babies are very little, their needs are attended to almost immediately. If a baby cries, the parent will feed or change them.

But as the child grows, they do not necessarily have to have their needs met immediately. Parents can allow them to develop a tolerance for some uncertainty – or things not going the way they wanted – while still caring and responding to their basic needs.

This is important because life does not always go as we expect it to and children need to develop resilience.

What does good enough parenting

look like everyday?

As a starting point, ask yourself “what does my child need from me?”

Good enough parenting focuses on tuning in to and responding to your child's emotions and needs. These needs will change over time. For example, a good enough parent realises they need to respond quickly to their baby's hunger cry. Whereas a teenager is learning to navigate life. A good enough parent will at times have to allow their child to face consequences of their choices.

At the same time, don't try to “stop” emotions. Good enough parenting is about being there for your child if they are sad or angry, but not preventing them from being sad or angry in the first place. It can be helpful to think about suffering as not caused from emotional pain but from avoidance of uncomfortable emotions.

And don't set unrealistic standards for your child. For example, if it's dinner time and they are tired and hungry, don't expect them to tidy their room.

Set boundaries

Being a good enough parent also means accepting your child for who they are. Children need unconditional love from a parental figure to develop a healthy sense of self. So, if you have a child who is more interested in soccer than maths (or vice versa) don't try to change them.

At the same time, do set boundaries – such as “please don't interrupt me when I'm talking” or “I'd like you to knock before you come into my room” – and try to be consistent about enforcing them. Not only does this help define your relationships (as a parent and child, not two friends), it also teaches your child about healthy boundaries in any relationship.

Things won't always go to plan. As we know, things won't always go as we want or expect. So if you feel angry with your child, model how to emotionally regulate and try to talk to them as calmly as you can. If you make a mistake – such as raising your voice or losing your temper – apologise.

But also find ways to give yourself a break. This means you will have the energy and capacity to parent tomorrow and into the future.



And ask for help when you need it. This could be from your partner, family or professionals, such as a GP, family counsellor or psychologist. Remember, this is about being good enough, not super human.

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How Inflammation Causes Memory Loss, Brain Fog Of Long Covid Explained

Press Trust Of India

Persistent inflammation in long Covid patients has been linked to depleting serotonin levels and, in turn, several symptoms such as brain fog, fatigue and memory loss.

Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine, US, found that the stool samples of some long Covid patients showed traces of the Covid-causing virus, SARS-CoV-2, months after acute infection.

They found that these remaining viral particles triggered the immune

system to release virus-fighting proteins called interferons, which produce inflammation in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract.

This inflammation in the GI tract reduces the absorption of the amino acid tryptophan, which is a building block for several neurotransmitters (brain chemicals), including serotonin.

Serotonin, primarily produced in the GI tract, plays a key role in regulating memory, sleep, digestion, wound healing, and other functions that maintain a metabolic balance within the body.

Serotonin also regulates the vagus nerve, a system of neurons that mediates the communication between the body and the brain.

The researchers found that a reduced tryptophan absorption due to inflammation in the GI tract led to depletion in serotonin levels, resulting in a disrupted vagus nerve signalling.

This disrupted signalling between the body and the brain can cause several long Covid symptoms, such as memory loss in the months or years following infection, they said in their study published in the journal Cell.

"Clinicians treating patients with long COVID have been relying on personal reports from those patients to determine if their symptoms are improving.

"Now, our research shows that there are biomarkers we may be able to use to match patients to treatments or clinical trials that address the specific causes of their long COVID symptoms, and more effectively assess their progress," said co-senior author, Sara Cherry, a professor of pathology and laboratory medicine.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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Subject: Document Verification of candidates falling under consideration zone for the post of Draftsman (Civil) - Supplementary Document Verification thereof.

NOTIFICATION

All such candidates who are falling under consideration zone and were called for Document Verification for the post of Draftsman (Civil), Jal Shakti Department, Divisional Cadre Jammu/Kashmir, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 01 of 2023, under Item Nos. 05 and 06, vide this office Notification No. JKSSB-COEEXAM(UT)/64/2023-03 (7263602) dated: 12-10-2023, but could not appear before the Document Verification Committee(s) w.e.f. 16-10-2023 to 19-10-2023 due to various reasons, are hereby given last and final opportunity to appear before the Document Verification Committee(s) on 25-10-2023 at J&K Services Selection Board, Central Office, CPO Chowk, Panjtirthi, Jammu (Jammu Centre based candidates) and at JKSSB, Central Office, ZamZam Building, Rambagh, Srinagar (Kashmir Centre based Candidates) at 11.00 AM sharp, failing which no claim in this regard shall be entertained at any stage.

Sd/-

(Reyaz Ahmad Malik)

JKAS Controller of Examinations J&K Services Selection Board

No.: JKSSB-COEEXAM(UT)/64/2023-03 (7263602)
DIPK-10858/23 Dated: 20-10-2023

Office Of The Executive Engineer Sub Transmission Division-Ist (KPDCL), Bemina, Srinagar

Notice Inviting Tender
e-NIT No. STD1 / 17of 2023-24 dated 19.10.2023

For and on behalf of the Managing Director KPDCL, e-Tenders, (In Two Cover System) is hereby invited from reputed A-class electrical contractors / registered firms/suppliers enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/DGS&D/JKPD, for the work mentioned as:-

S. No	Description of Work	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of document (In Rs.)	Position of Funds	Last date of submission of e-bid (online)
01	Annual Stage Contract for Repair and Maintenance of 33kV Lines falling under the jurisdiction of Sub Transmission Division-Ist, Bemina Srinagar for the year 2023-24 or till the next stage contract. The rates provided by the bidder are deemed to be inclusive of all taxes labour cess, GST etc and return of red material to divisional stores wherever applicable	Rs 20,000 Twenty Thousand only	Rs.1000.00 (One Thousand only) Non refundable	Available	10/11/2023; 03:00 PM

1.	Document Download/Sale (start) Date.	21/10/2023; 03:00 PM
2.	Document Download/Sale (End) Date.	10/11/2023; 03:00 PM
3.	Bidding Queries/Clarifications	21/10/2023 to 25.10.2023.
4.	Bid Submission Start Date	27/10/2023; 10:00 AM
5.	Bid Submission End Date	10/11/2023; 03:00 PM
6.	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	13/11/2023; 02:00 PM
7.	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
8.	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Electronically in the office of Executive Engineer STD-Ist Bemina Srinagar, J&K.
9.	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.1000.00 (Rupees One Thousand only) Non refundable
10.	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 20,000.00 Twenty Thousand only
11.	Position of Funds	Available

The bidders need to submit the proof/ cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through non-refundable Demand Draft pledged to Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded on e-tendering portal in Commercial /Technical Bid Documents & hard copy of the same to be submitted in the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar before opening of techno-commercial bids.

1. All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR only, pledged to the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar. No interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.

2. Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar, before opening of techno-commercial bids. In case any bidder shall submit/upload the bid declaration instead of EMD, his bid shall be summarily rejected and shall not be considered for techno-commercial evaluation.

3. The date and time of opening of financial bids shall be notified on web site http://jktenders.gov.in. This is conveyed to the qualified bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The financial bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same web site at the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar.

4. The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the identified venue on indicated date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder representative will be required to be produced.

5. The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding.

6. In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being a holiday/closed day for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the same time and place.

7. All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.

8. To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' As per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.

9. Hard copy of technical bid, technical specification and commercial bid documents (complete) of L1 Bidder must be delivered to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar.

The sealed cover shall be scribed as "Techno-Commercial Bid against e-NIT No. STD-I/17 of 2023-24 dated 19/10/2023.

10. The name of the L1 bidder and e-NIT no. shall be clearly written on the cover. It may be noted that the hard copy should be an exact replica of the uploaded offer documents. For evaluation purposes the uploaded documents will be treated as authentic and final. The hard copy shall be used only for reference purpose.

11. The name of the bidder and e-NIT no. shall be clearly written on the cover. It may be noted that the hard copy should be an exact replica of the uploaded offer documents. For evaluation purposes the uploaded documents will be treated as authentic and final. The hard copy shall be used only for reference purpose.

12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Any other information regarding e-tendering process can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-I, Bemina, Srinagar

Sd/-

Executive Engineer,
Sub Transmission Division-I,
Bemina, Srinagar.

No.- STD-I/4000-01
DIPK-NB-3769/23
dated:-20/10/2023

J&K Police Hospital Srinagar

Inside PCR Kashmir Complex Batamaloo-190009
Phone: +91-194-2479915 Email: msphsgr@jkpolice.gov.in

SHORT TERM QUOTATION

For and on behalf of Medical Superintendent, JK Police Hospital Srinagar invites Quotations from the registered/reputed suppliers for the supply of below mentioned items for Police Hospital Srinagar.

The quotations should reach to this office in a sealed envelope during the working hours within seven days from the date of publication.

The successful tenders shall have to supply the items from the ready stock, having the shelf life 3/4th from the date of manufacture and the payments shall be made after the receipt and survey of items.

S.No.	Item Name	Quantity
1	Inj. Hydrocortisone 100 mg	500 Vails
2	Inj Neostigmine 5 ml	200 Amps
3	Inj. Dexamethasone	500 Amps

Note:

- The quoted prices should be inclusive of all taxes, viz transportation etc.
- The Purchasing Committee shall have the right to reject any firm without assigning reason thereof.

NO: PHS/Pur/STQ/MeD/2023/6678-82
DIPK-10852/23 Dated: 20-10-2023

Medical Superintendent,
Police Hospital Srinagar

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office of the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora

NOTIFICATION FOR WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Eligible and qualified candidates are invited to appear for walk-in-interview, for the following temporary posts to be engaged by the Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Competent Authority for Land Acquisition, for carrying out the land acquisition proceedings for development of existing NH 1 from existing Km 8.660 to 33.775 from Sumbal to Wayul, as a part of SRINAGAR ring road subject to fulfilment of eligibility criteria laid down as under against each post.

S. No	Name of the Post	No Vacancies	Monthly Remuneration	Eligibility Criteria
01	Assistant Special Executive Officer (LA)	01	35000/=	The Candidate should be an expert in revenue matters and preferably a Retired Tehsildar/ Naib Tehsildar with age not more than 65.
02	Senior Assistant (LA)	01	20000/	The Candidate should possess a bachelors degree from a recognized university with a minimum of 50% marks. He/She should have at least three years of experience in handling land acquisition proceedings. Proficiency in English and Urdu is a must. OR The Candidate shall be revenue expert and shall not be below the rank of Retired Girdawar Qanoongo who shall also have experience of working in office.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Candidates are requested to fill in the application form (attached along with this notification) duly complete in all respects. The complete application form has to be submitted at the venue of the interview for verification along with original documents, one set of attested copies of requisite documents and three recent passport size photographs. Interview will be conducted and based on the credentials & performance in the personal interview of the candidates. The engagement order shall be issued only after the verification of character antecedents.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

- The posts are temporary and are for the duration of the Land acquisition proceedings development of existing NH1 from existing Km 8.660 to 33.775 from Sumbal to Wayul, as a part of Srinagar ring road.
- The selected candidates will be paid a consolidated salary as mentioned above and as per the circular instructions drawn from Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- No TA/OA will be paid to the candidates for appearing in the interview or joining the duties.
- The selected candidates will be required to join their duties within a week from the date of issue of the appointment order.
- Any corrigendum/clarifications to this notification (incl. Date & Place of interview), if necessary, will be uploaded on district website (www.bandipora.nic.in) and no separate press coverage will be given in the newspaper.
- The Competent Authority for Land Acquisition, Bandipora reserves the right to cancel any or all of the posts without assigning any reason. Retired revenue Officials who are willing to apply for these positions must provide the following documents along with their application.
 - An integrity Certificate from a competent authority.
 - A pay Certificate indicating the last pay drawn.
 - A copy of the pension payment order (PPO).
 - A medical certificate issued by competent authority.

Place/ Date of Walk-in-Interview:

Mini- Meeting Hall, DC complex, Bandipora	25/10/2023 (11:00 am)
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For More Information Candidates can contact the following phone numbers 9596592187, 7006760511

Sd/

Dr. Owais Ahmad (IAS),
Competent Authority for Land Acquisition (CALA),

N.DCB/LA/822-23
DIPK-10802/23
DATED: 20-10-2023

Application Form

Application for The post of _____ on Contractual basis for (01) year under Land acquisition District Bandipora
Advertisement Notice No:- _____ dated: _____

Write in capital letters in blue/ Black ball point pen.

- Post applied for: District _____
- Name of the applicant _____
- Father/Mother/Spouse Name _____
- Sex _____
- Permanent Residential Address _____
- Present / Mailing Address: _____
- Contact/Mobile Number: _____
- Date of Birth (as per Matriculation Certificate) _____
- Age as on 01/01/2023: _____ Years _____ Months _____ Days
- (a) Educational Qualification (Matriculate onwards)

Exam Year	Board/Institution	Total Marks	Marks obtained	Percentage % of Marks	Remarks

(B) Experience

Post held	Organization /Govt. /PSU	Period	Nature of duty

11. Brief description of the experience /knowledge in the relevant field.

12. Documents attached

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

Signature of the Applicant

'Rs 2,000 Notes Worth Rs 10,000 Crore Left In System'



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said Rs 2,000 denomination notes are coming back and only Rs 10,000 crore worth of such notes are still with people.

He exuded confidence that these notes will also be returned or deposited back.

"Rs 2,000 notes are coming back and only Rs 10,000 crore is left in the system. The expectation is that the amount will also come back," he said on the sidelines of the event here.

Earlier this month, Das had said 87 per cent of the Rs 2,000 denomination notes being withdrawn have returned as deposits into banks while the rest has been exchanged across counters.

On May 19, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) took the financial world by surprise when it declared its plan to phase out the Rs 2,000 note, which had been introduced in 2016 as part of a rapid remonetisation effort.

This had followed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement to withdraw more than 88 per cent of the currency in circulation by invalidating the Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes.

Public and entities holding such notes were initially asked to either exchange or deposit them in bank accounts by September 30. The last date was later extended to October 7.

On October 7, both deposit and exchange services at bank branches were discontinued.

Starting October 8, individuals were provided with the choice of either exchanging the currency or having the equivalent sum credited to their bank accounts at 19 Reserve Bank of India locations.

Individuals or entities can exchange Rs 2,000 bank notes at the 19 RBI offices up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time. However, there is no limit on the total amount for getting Rs 2,000 notes credited into bank accounts.

J&K Bank H1 Net Profit Jumps 73% YoY To Rs 707 Crore, Q2 Net Rises 56.5%

We are on course to meet our annual guidance numbers: MD & CEO

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K Bank's net profit rose 56.5% Year-on-Year (YoY) to Rs 381.07 Cr in September Quarter (Q2) of current financial year (CFY) when compared to Rs 243.49 Cr recorded for the corresponding quarter previous year, while as, the net profit for half-year (H1) jumped 73% to Rs 707.52 Cr from Rs 409.46 Cr recorded for H1 last financial year.

The Bank announced its financial numbers after its Board-of-Directors reviewed and approved the quarterly and half-yearly numbers during a meeting held at the Bank's Delhi Office.

Performance Highlights
The Bank's Net Interest Income (NII) rose by 11% YoY to Rs 1333.83 Cr for the September quarter and increased 17% for the H1 to Rs 2617.13 Cr when compared to corresponding periods of previous year, while the Operating Profit rose 23% YOY for reviewed half-year of CFY.

The Bank's NIM has also improved to 4.07% from 4.04% recorded for the corresponding quarter last year, while as the Return on Assets improved significantly to 1.08% from 0.71% recorded last year. The Bank's other income also witnessed increase of 31% YoY to Rs 190.31 Cr for the September quarter.

Commenting on the Bank's



growth numbers, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash said, "With September quarter earnings signifying our remarkable and steady progress, we are happy to see that our growth story continues and we are on course to meet our annual guidance numbers. Along with steady growth in Net Interest Income, and profitability, both YoY and QoQ, we have maintained our NIM at over 4% despite a dip in our CASA figure - which is currently an industry-wide trend."

"Having realised our short-term targets, I see a greater organizational momentum unfolding in the second half of FY 2023-24 to achieve our annual goals", he added.

Better Asset-Quality
The Bank's Gross NPA Ratio continues to decrease and is further reduced by 51 basis-points QoQ to 5.26% from 5.77%, while being down by 241 basis-points YoY 7.67%

recorded in September, 2022. The Net NPA ratio has also moderated by over 35 basis-points in sequential terms to 1.04% from 1.39% recorded for last quarter. Provision Coverage Ratio (PCR) of the Bank has also improved by 441 basis-points to 89.99% from 85.58% recorded a year ago.

Satisfied over the Bank's asset-quality, MD & CEO said, "Due to sustained and comprehensive institutional focus on our loan-book right from origination in the form of quality and better rated assets to monitoring and follow-up of SMAs, NPAs and settlements; our asset-quality has vastly improved during the last two years. Buoyed by very low slippages ratio of 1.25% (annualized) during the half-year resulting in credit cost of mere 0.11%, I feel confident to say that by the end of current fiscal we will achieve the envisaged target of 4.5% Gross NPA. With net NPAs around 1%, we are also on track to realise our target of 1% Return on Assets post-tax by the end of current financial year."

"Going ahead we expect substantial increase in other income segment as there are numerous settlements/technical write-offs likely to materialise in the second half of CFY resulting in the write-back of provisions," he added.

Monetary Policy Must Remain Extra Alert To Ensure Economic Stability: MPC Minutes

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Monetary policy has to remain extra alert to be ready to act as and when warranted to preserve the hard earned macroeconomic stability, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das has said.

The fundamental goal of the monetary policy is to align inflation with the 4 per cent target and anchor inflation expectations, Das said, according to the minutes of the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) released by the RBI on Friday.

The MPC in its last meeting earlier in the month, decided to keep the benchmark lending rate at 6.5 per cent, for the fourth time in a row, in a bid to keep retail inflation under check.

"Monetary policy has to remain extra alert and ready to act, if the situation warrants. The hard earned macroeconomic stability has to be preserved," Das said while voting to keep the benchmark lending rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent

along with five other members of the MPC.

Das had cautioned that recurring incidences of large and overlapping supply side shocks bring with them the risks of generalisation of inflation impulses, possible loss of monetary policy credibility and de-anchoring of inflation expectations.

RBI Deputy Governor and MPC member Michael Debabrata Patra said inflation prints for September and October will need to be monitored carefully to look out for the moderation that its projections anticipate.

"If we tame inflation durably, we will prepare the ground for a long innings of strong and stable growth. Our projections anticipate that growth will gather positive momentum from the second quarter onwards," he said.

The three government nominees on the MPC are -- Shashanka Bhide, Ashima Goyal, and Jayanth R Varma.

RBI Executive Director Rajiv Ranjan is also on the MPC, the apex rate setting panel.



Only Time Will Tell How Long Interest Rate Will Remain High: RBI Guv Das

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Interest rate is likely to remain high for the moment, Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das said, stressing the central bank will remain extra vigilant and keep "Arjun's eye" to ensure a sustained decline in inflation.

The lending rates are ruling high after the RBI cumulatively hiked the key policy rate (repo) by 250 basis points since May 2022 in a bid to tame inflation which touched a high of 7.44 per cent this July.

The consumer price index (CPI) based retail inflation is now declining and fell to 5 per cent in September. The government has mandated the central bank to ensure inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on the either side.

"Interest rate will remain high. How long they will remain high, I think only time and the way the world is evolving will tell," the governor said in response to a query at Kautilya Economic Conclave 2023.

On the sidelines of the Conclave, Das said the RBI remains very focused on the inflation dynamics.



"We are extra vigilant and we stand ready to take whatever action that needs to be taken. We need to see sustained decline in inflation... our objective is to reach 4 per cent," he said.

On elevated crude oil prices in the international market, he said, "what matters is the pump prices in India".

The pump prices of petrol and diesel are important as far as inflation in India is concerned, Das added.

Responding to queries on impact of crisis in Middle East, the governor said that in the last fortnight, US bond yields have risen, which has wider implications for other economies.

Crude oil prices have also

gone up. "Some of these uncertainties were there, but they have become more pronounced in some sense. What is different in the context of India, we are impacted by whatever is happening all over, no doubt on that."

"Our macroeconomic fundamentals continue to be sound. Eventually, in these uncertain times, what matters is how strong is your macroeconomic fundamentals, how strong is your financial sector. I think on both these parameters India is well placed," Das said.

He also said the dollar index has become strong and bond yields in the US have reached all-time highs.

Govt To Ensure That Debt Burden Not Passed On To Future Generation: FM

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said the government is mindful of the fiscal deficit management and will ensure the burden of servicing debt is not passed on to next generation.

Addressing the Kautilya Economic Conclave 2023 here, she said the government is looking at the ways in which it can bring down the overall debt.

"We are conscious of matters related to macro economic stability of the country and responsibility with which we deal with our fiscal and also the fiscal management and so for every decisions that we take today, we are conscious of what burden is going to leave for the next generations," she said.

It is very easy to be profligate and burden the coming generations with the debt that you will be sitting with, she said.

"We are conscious of the debt of government of India. Compared to many others, it might not be as high as it is, but even then, we are consciously looking at experiments in different parts of the world," she said.

She said the government actively look at the data related to debt of some emerging market countries and how they are managing them.

The government is successful in managing debt burden because efforts are very well streamlined to meet India's aspirational requirements, but deal with it with a sense of responsibility so that coming generations don't feel the bur-



den, she said.

During Covid days, she said, the government spent public money in creating public infrastructure so that there is better return for every rupee rather than go by the temptation of giving money in the hands of people who were suffering.

"We didn't do that...But I think some Principles of Economics stand the test of time and that is why (the government decided) to spend money in capital expenditure and with a digitised approach so that people can see where that money is going," she added.

Observing that India is opening up and bringing greater transparency through the digital economy, Sitharaman said, there's no more powerful tool than digitisation to empower citizens, who otherwise would've remained very far from their developmental aspirations being met.

"Jan-Dhan accounts have been the biggest instrument of bringing financial inclusion to the country. When it was launched in 2014, people raised questions, saying that these would be zero-balance accounts & would be a burden on the Public Sector Banks (PSBs)," she said.

EPFO Adds 16.99 Lakh Net Members In August

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Retirement fund body EPFO has recorded net member addition of 16.99 lakh in August 2023, according to the payroll data released on Friday.

A Labour Ministry statement said that the year-on-year comparison of payroll data reflects a marginal increase in net members over the previous year of August 2022.

As many as 3,210 establishments extended social security cover of the EPFO to their employees by remitting their first ECR during the month.

The data indicates that around 9.26 lakh new members have enrolled during August 2023.

Among the newly joined members, the age-group of 18-25 years constitutes 58.36 per cent of the total new members added during the month. This indicates that most of the first-time job seekers are youth joining the organised sector workforce in large numbers.

The payroll data depicts that approximately 11.88 lakh members exited & rejoined

EPFO, showing an increase of 10.13 per cent compared with the previous year in August 2022.

These members switched their jobs and re-joined the establishments covered under EPFO and opted to transfer their accumulations instead of applying for final settlement thus, extending their social security protection.

The data also suggests that members exiting the fold of EPFO have declined continuously in the last two months.

Gender-wise analysis of payroll data represents that out of the total 9.26 lakh new members added during the month, around 2.44 lakh are female members, joining the EPFO for the first time. Also, the share of net female member addition during the month stood at around 3.43 lakh.

State-wise analysis of payroll data denotes that Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Gujarat are the top five states in terms of net member addition. These states collectively enrolled 9.96 lakh members during the month which constitute around 58.64 per cent of net members addition.



Sensex, Nifty Decline For 3rd Day On Weak Global Trends

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty fell for the third day running on Friday due to weak trends in global markets and soaring crude oil prices.

Foreign fund outflows also weighed on investor sentiments amid strengthening US bond yields which are nearing 5 per cent for the first time since 2007.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 231.62 points or 0.35 per cent to settle at 65,397.62. During the day, it plunged 320.63 points or 0.48 per cent to 65,308.61.

Falling for a third straight day, the Nifty declined 82.05 points or 0.42 per cent to 19,542.65.

In three sessions to Friday, Sensex dropped 1,030 points while Nifty tanked 268 points due to selling pressure.

Among the Sensex firms, ITC, Tata Steel, Hindustan Unilever, State Bank of India, JSW Steel and Power Grid were the major laggards.

Kotak Mahindra Bank, IndusInd Bank, Tata Consultancy Services and NTPC were the major gainers.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said, "The added uncertainty stemming from West Asia tensions and the imperative for continued monetary tightening emphasized by the US Fed Chair created a layer of volatility in the market."

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"Furthermore, the varied results of blue-chip companies, influenced by subdued global and domestic demand, are steering the market towards a consolidation trajectory in the near term," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge fell 1.02 per cent and smallcap index declined 0.76 per cent.

All indices ended lower, with oil & gas falling 1.73 per cent, consumer durables (1.68 per cent), metal (1.54 per cent), telecommunication (1.38 per cent), FMCG (1.36 per cent) and commodities (1.32 per cent).

On the weekly front, the BSE benchmark plunged 885.12 points or 1.33 per cent and the Nifty declined 208.4 points or 1.05 per cent.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended in the negative territory. European markets were trading lower. The US markets ended lower on Thursday.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude jumped 1.14 per cent to USD 93.40 a barrel.

"Rising rates are intuitively not positive for equity markets. With US government bonds giving 5% dollar returns, the ask rate for equities goes up significantly if one were to adjust for risk premium and currency hedging," Alok Agarwal, Portfolio Manager at Alchemy Capital Management said.

Entrepreneurship Awareness On Mechanization Of Agri Farms Held

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Krishi Vigyan Kendra Budgam, SKUAST-K organized a one-day Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP) on 'Mechanization of Agricultural Farms for farmers and rural youth of Hajibagh and Warasanghum Budgam on Friday.

The training programme, sponsored by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME), Gol, was aimed to sensitize and build an entrepreneurial mindset among the farmers, students and rural youth to aware them about the agriculture farm machinery. A total of 51 trainees from the said villages attended the program. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Bilal Ahmad Lone (Sr Scientist & Head KVK Budgam) stressed on role of such awareness Programmes for entrepreneurship spirit among the people.

He also stressed upon the use of farm machinery for increasing the productivity, production and profitability of the farmer and to meet the needs of the growing population. Dr Sabia Akhter, Coordinator of the Programme discussed Farm Mechanization and different sources of farm mechanization. She also emphasized the need for mechanization to enhance the key performance parameters at every stage of the cropping cycle. The Programme aimed at providing awareness about the development of new machinery and tools to the farmers, students, and rural youth so that the efficiency of farming can be increased. A practical demonstration regarding different farm implements, machinery and their working was also conducted during the Programme. The Programme was also attended by other scientists of the Kendra.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR JAMMU AND KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD (JKSSB)

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Subject: Document Verification of candidates falling under consideration zone for the post of Junior Engineer (Mechanical) - Supplementary Document Verification thereof.

NOTIFICATION

All such candidates who are falling under consideration zone and were called for Document Verification for the post of Junior Engineer (Mechanical), PWD Department, UT Cadre, advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 06 of 2022, under Item No. 202, vide this office Notification No. JKSSB-COEEXAM(UT)/67/2023-03 (7271536) dated: 13-10-2023, but could not appear before the Document Verification Committee(s) w.e.f. 17-10-2023 to 20-10-2023 due to various reasons, are hereby given last and final opportunity to appear before the Document Verification Committee(s) on 25-10-2023 at J&K Services Selection Board, Central Office, CPO Chowk, Panjirthi, Jammu (Jammu Centre based candidates) and at JKSSB, Central Office, ZamZam Building, Rambagh, Srinagar (Kashmir Centre based Candidates) at 11.00 AM sharp, failing which no claim in this regard shall be entertained at any stage.

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Top Army commanders deliberate on Russia-Ukraine war, Israel-Hamas conflict to draw relevant lessons

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Top commanders of the Indian Army deliberated on the Russia-Ukraine war and Israel-Hamas conflict at a five-day conclave to draw relevant lessons besides focusing on ways to make the force "future ready" in line with with emerging contours of threats and challenges.

The situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China and ways to enhance the Army's combat readiness to deal with any contingencies also figured at the Army Commanders' Conference that took place in Delhi from October 16 to 20.

The apex leadership brainstormed on the current and emerging security scenarios and reviewed the operational preparedness of the Indian Army, officials said, adding they also delved into "foundational aspects" of organisational structures and evolving training regimes.

The recent glacial lake burst and subsequent flash floods in Sikkim as well as state of preparedness were also deliberated upon with a focus on instituting mechanisms for better response to such situations.

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 military leadership



discussed the training philosophy and architecture for the Indian Army including digitisation and automation initiatives to make the force "future ready" in consonance with emerging contours of threats and conflicts, officials said.

They said geo-strategic issues including Russia-Ukraine war and Israel-Hamas conflict were discussed by the military leadership with the aim of drawing out relevant lessons for the Indian Army.

The views of the senior commanders were taken to formulate a cogent policy in operations, training, logistics and other domains in line with the ongoing process of transformation of the Indian Army, the officials said.

The discussions were carried out at the conceptual level which will pave the way for formulation of important policies for the future, they added.

The apex-level conference also provided an opportunity for defence ministry officials and senior military leadership to brainstorm and carry forward a range of initiatives.

"The interactions led to

key takeaways in the areas of making the Short Service Commission more attractive, conducting all internal examinations in 'online' mode and mechanisms for addressing the concerns of the veterans," the Army said in a statement.

The conference was addressed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff Gen Manoj Pande and Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari.

In his remarks, the defence minister emphasised the need to draw lessons from the ongoing geopolitical crisis and conflict in the Middle-East highlighting the need for readiness while expecting the unexpected. He remarked that the tendency of misinterpretation of force asymmetry and underestimating the adversary shall be the defining line between victory or defeat in any conflict, the Army said.

The Chief of Defence Staff articulated the national security architecture and the need for revolution in military affairs to adapt to the changing paradigm, it said.

PMLA case: SC Says Will Go Into Legal Issues, Not Possible To Deal With Individual Matters

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court, which has decided to examine whether its 2022 judgement upholding the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) powers to arrest and attach property involved in money laundering under PMLA required any re-consideration, said on Friday it will deal only with the "legal issues" and not go into individual matters.

The three-judge special bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said this while hearing an interlocutory application filed by a man who has been summoned by the ED in a money laundering case related to alleged extortion of illegal levy on coal transportation and production of steel and iron pellets etc.

"When the matter was taken up (on October 18), we had said we will go into the legal issues only and not individual issues," Justice Kaul said.

The bench, also comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Bela M Trivedi, said "We are dealing with larger issue which is apparent from the order passed on October 18. It is not possible for the special bench to deal with all interlocutory matters arising from these proceedings."

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, objected to the matter having been mentioned for urgent listing on October 16 without informing the ED's counsel about it.

He said one of the accused in the case had filed a separate petition in the apex court seeking quashing of the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) and that plea came up for hearing before another bench. Mehta



said that plea was withdrawn. Mehta said the prayer in the petition which is now before the special bench is identical.

"This ought not to be mentioned like this. This mentioning was done behind our back," Mehta said.

The counsel appearing for the petitioner said the applicant was summoned by the ED but it was not clear whether he was called as a witness or an accused. He said the applicant has sought protection from coercive action. Mehta said the probe agency has also filed an affidavit in the court.

"It is pertinent to mention that no intimation whatsoever was given to the advocate/advocate-on-record of the Directorate of Enforcement in the instant case either prior to the mentioning or thereafter," the affidavit said.

It said the ED came to know about the listing of the application only on Thursday when supplementary cause list was uploaded on the court's website. "This prima facie appears to

be a case of tampering with the judicial record by inserting the AOR's (advocate-on-record) name to suggest that he was informed or that he was present... (if so) then it amounts to forgery and requires to be inquired into and viewed seriously," the affidavit said, adding that ED's AOR had neither appeared in the main proceedings nor was he present on October 16.

It alleged mentioning the matter before a different bench, when another bench had already dealt with the same ECIR and refused to interfere in any manner, "ex-facie amounts to an abuse of process of law and smacks of sharp practices of forum shopping on the part of the petitioner".

Giving details of the probe, the affidavit said ED's investigation has unearthed the modus operandi adopted by the "coal syndicate" to generate proceeds of crime worth Rs 540 crore.

"The investigation carried out under PMLA by way of searches under section 17 of PMLA and

recording of statements under section 50 of PMLA revealed the role of several persons including senior bureaucrats, state functionaries and politically exposed persons close to the present political dispensation in the state of Chhattisgarh," it claimed.

The bench asked for the matter to be placed before Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud for appropriate direction.

The special bench had said on Wednesday it will consider on November 22 whether the July 27 last year verdict required reconsideration.

In its last year's verdict, the top court had upheld the ED's powers of arrest, attachment of property involved in money laundering, search and seizure under the PMLA.

In August last year, the top court had agreed to hear a plea seeking a review of its July 2022 verdict and observed that two aspects-- not providing an ECIR and reversal of the presumption of innocence -- "prima facie" required reconsideration.

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7 Killed In

near Kandni Kishtwar Friday afternoon, leading to the death of three persons.

They have been identified as Madan Lal of Sarror, Rakesh Kumar of Badano Thatri and Dhyan Singh of Gandho.

Confirming it, a police official said that a case has been registered and investigation taken up.

BSF Protests

and said they have pictorial evidence of smugglers killed by the force, the officials said.

As usual, they said, Pakistan Rangers denied their involvement.

Power Supply

J-K a lot. The RE projects will offer an alternative source of power to the valley through the existing 220 kV Leh-Alusteng-Srinagar Transmission System, reducing dependence on hydro energy generation, which diminishes during the winters," he said.

J&K may plan to install additional transmission lines for drawing more power from the said RE projects, as per the requirement and feasibility.

The 13 GW RE projects are equipped with 12 GW Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) which will ensure round the clock power supply to J&K, based on the capacity of the transmission system laid between Ladakh and Kashmir.

The transmission line for evacuating power will run through Himachal Pradesh and Punjab to Kaithal in Haryana, integrating with the National Grid and interconnection to Ladakh's existing grid and the 220kV Alusteng Grid in Ganderbal district of Kashmir through Leh-Alusteng-Srinagar line, to provide power to J-K, he said.

In view of the proposed connectivity of RE generation in Ladakh with 220kV Grids of Kashmir, it can be said with certainty that the power transfer from Ladakh will positively impact the entire Kashmir valley, improving power availability round the year, especially during power deficit winter months, Sinha added.

It will also improve the power situation in the Jammu region because the power transfer to Kashmir from the existing central sector Grids namely 400kV Kishanpur and Jatwal grids situated in Jammu, will be proportionally reduced. This reduction will free up tied capacity at these grids, thereby improving availability in Jammu throughout the year.

The power supply from the said BESS-supported renewable energy generator, located near Kashmir, will mitigate the low voltage conditions experienced during winters in the valley due to the decrease in hydro generation, he said.

The RE projects in Ladakh region will provide greener energy with reduced carbon footprints and will help to protect the fragile environment of Kashmir- Ladakh regions, Sinha added.

The project is targeted to be set up by the financial year 2029-30 with a total estimated cost of Rs 20,773.70 crore. The Central financial assistance at the rate of 40 per cent of the project cost will be Rs 8309.48 crore.

Low Water Level

and streams in J&K. "This resulted in a huge dip in the local power generation in the UT.

"In June-July, our own generation would remain between 1000 MWs to 1050 MWs. In September this year, power generation went down to 750 MWs and in October it reduced to 250 MWs only," said Prasad. He stated this

in presence of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

He said that the Power department is still supplying power at subsidised rate per unit to consumers.

About the curtailment in metered and non-metered areas, the Secretary PDD said that in the peak winter season, they will get additional power quota and the flow of the same has started.

"We will be utilising the additional power quota in winters when demand reaches peak," he said. He said that in the next three to five years, Transmission and Distribution losses would be reduced to 20 per cent. "The system has been augmented and the process is on. We will be able to reduce the power T&D losses to 20 per cent in next few years," he said--(KNO)

Over 350 Families

applicant for his knowledge," he said.

Mehta, he said, enquired from each DC about the quantum of state land retrieved in their districts besides seeking details about its utilization for public purposes so far and the plans for the rest of it.

The CS, he said, enjoined upon them to prepare a robust utilization plan immediately.

"The Chief Secretary further observed that in order to achieve the objective of 'Zero Houseless' in the UT, the Deputy Commissioners should identify other landless people who are domiciles of the UT for covering them under the ambit of this scheme. He maintained that in next phase the administration would scrutinize their applications for allotment of 5 marlas of land in near future," the spokesperson said.

During this meeting, he said, it was revealed that till date more than 350 eligible families have been allotted 5-marla plots of land by the Deputy Commissioners after carrying out proper verifications about their claims.

"It was further revealed that in next few days all such landless persons eligible under phase-I would be provided the suitable plots of land as per the rules of the scheme," he added.

Centre Okays

reads a record note of the meeting. The record note of the meeting was sent to authorities on October 4, 2023 by the Road Connectivity Division of Union Rural Development Ministry.

The project proposals involve financial outlay of Rs 367.56 crore, of which Rs 330.80 crore is central share and Rs 36.75 crore UT share.

Under the PMGSY-III, Jammu & Kashmir has been allocated a target road length of 1750 kilometers, out of which 1672 kilometers were already sanctioned earlier this year.

The proposal of 65 bridges of 3625.80 metre length was within the remaining allocation for J&K UT under PMGSY-III--(KNO)

LG Orders 'Monthly

provides abundant opportunities for growth and development for all sections of society.

Sinha passed these directions while chairing a high-level meeting with the senior officers of civil and police administration at Civil Secretariat here on Friday. The meeting was attended by Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, RK Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners and senior officers.

"All the departments should start preparation for Back to Village-V and work in a cohesive manner with Panchayati Raj Institutions

to achieve better outcome of government initiatives and make villages progressive and prosperous. It must be ensured that the fruits of economic growth reach out to the far-flung areas," he said.

He directed the senior officials to attend 'Monthly Darbar' in all districts to resolve grievances of the citizens, understand their issues and requirements to build a system which provides abundant opportunities for growth and development for all sections of society.

Taking cognizance of many non-factual news items and media reports, the LG directed for effective operationalization of a fact-check mechanism by the Information department.

Karan Singh

The people are at their own places with a missing link with administration," he said.

The Congress leader stressed the need for a robust opposition for a healthy democracy.

"Both the government and opposition need to be strong for a democracy. A single dominating force is not in the best interest. We have witnessed decades of Congress dominance, and now it is the BJP's turn. It needs to be balanced," he said.

On the opposition bloc INDIA, he said it has been formed with the objective of contesting elections unitedly.

"If they are able to do that and get strengthened, it will be good for the country. Whether they will win or not, no prediction should be made. A strong opposition is good for democracy," he added.

On the Israel-Palestine conflict, Singh described the situation as full of dangers. "While we thought wars were a thing of the past, Ukraine-Russia war and the Hamas-Israel conflict are a grim reality in our lifetime," he said.

He advocated for a two-state solution as the ultimate resolution to the conflict, emphasizing the need for the United States to actively pursue and implement this approach. Singh urged for prudence and proactive measures to prevent disasters.

He further advocated for a unified focus on the history of the Dogras while acknowledging individual contributions of various rulers. "We should prominently showcase the history of the Dogras. Although technically I am the last King, but due to my involvement in politics, I preferred not to be addressed as Maharaja."

Karan Singh is the son of Maharaja Hari Singh, the last king of Jammu and Kashmir.

'Demand For

Kashmir's handicraft and handloom products.

Sinha made these remarks while felicitating the recipients of Pashmina Exporters Manufacturers Association Awards here on Friday. In his address, the LG congratulated the award winners on receiving the prestigious award. He also commended the Pashmina Exporters Manufacturers Association for its immense contribution in promotion of Pashmina products.

Sinha reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration for the revival of Pashmina industry. "Pashmina is an expression of our cultural heritage. It also contributes to J & K's economy and empowers a large section of weavers and artisans. Kashmir is known as the Pashmina Capital of the world due to its traditional expertise in producing high quality Pashmina products," he said.

He said the boom in the tourism sector and

the successful conduct of the G20 Summit has increased the demand of J&K's handicraft and handloom products.

"We are extending necessary support and assistance to the artisans in terms of infrastructure, technology, capacity building and finances for the growth of this sector," he added.

The LG said that the centre has granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag to pashmina products.

"This legal recognition helps protect the authenticity of pashmina items and ensures that only products made in specific regions, like Kashmir, can bear the name "pashmina to discourage imitation products and counterfeits," he said.

"Efforts are also being made to conserve and improve the population of Changthangi goats, which are the source of pashmina wool. These efforts include breeding programs, improved animal husbandry practices, and creating sustainable grazing areas for the goats," he added.

It is pertinent to mention that the government and other organizations engage in campaigns to raise awareness about genuine pashmina products. The Promotions highlight the cultural and economic significance of pashmina and the importance of buying authentic items.

The LG said that the Pashmina is not just a textile but a symbol of Kashmiri culture and heritage.

"It is deeply woven into the cultural fabric of Jammu Kashmir. Its importance extends beyond the economic sphere to encompass cultural, social, and environmental aspects, making it a cherished and integral part of Jammu Kashmir's identity and way of life," he said.

He called upon the associations and stakeholders associated with the sector for connecting eligible artisans with the PM Vishwakarma Scheme to transform lives of the artisans and craftspeople of the Union Territory engaged in 18 identified trades.

"J&K Administration will also ensure an increased number of stalls and shops during exhibition at Pragati Maidan to provide the artisans enhanced marketing opportunity and access to the global market as well," Sinha added.

Artisans from the Union Territory were awarded with appreciation certificates and cash rewards in Master and Young Artisans in Sojini Craft and Kani Shawl categories. Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred to Gulam Hasan Shera posthumously.

LG Inaugurates

Mehta Chief Secretary, R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; A.K. Choudhary, Special DG Crime, senior officers of Police and Civil Administration were present.

KU Begins Probes

with nomenclature EMBA-IT has been awarded by IGNOU in 2012. The duration of the course is eighteen (18) months, copy enclosed," reads the KU letter to UGC.

"I have been directed to request you to clarify whether the said degree can be considered as a Masters Degree as per UGC norms for the purpose of recruitment to the post of Registrar," the letter dated July 10 of 2023 reads further.

Local news gathering agency KNO quoting sources in the University reported the UGC's response to the letter is awaited and shall determine the fate of the official who is facing

allegations of possessing a degree which can't be considered as equivalent to a regular PG degree of minimum two years duration as mandated under UGC norms.

The KU's letter to UGC has surfaced days after Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, raised a similar query regarding same candidates EMBA-IT, asking him to submit equivalence certificate of EMBA-IT with a Regular PG Degree for consideration as eligible for the post of Registrar, IUST.

He is an applicant for posts of Registrar advertised by KU and IUST, and both Universities have raised a query which has put his degree in question.

Earlier, a few months ago the University of Kashmir had claimed that it had cross-checked his academic credentials when allegations were reported by a section of the press that he possessed EMBA-IT which is not equivalent to a regular PG degree.

"We are investigating the matter. Let's see what the UGC says, a KU official said when asked about the status of the case.

"This case was sent to the national regulatory body because KU itself has written to Raj Bhawan once that it has not granted any equivalence to the EMBA-IT degree," said the official. --(KNO)

Mishra Takes

weeks before.

Ashish Mishra (IPS 2013) has huge field experiences of Kashmir Valley as SDPO Sopore, SP South City Srinagar, SSP Handwara, SSP Pulwama and SSP Anantnag. He has been known for his professionalism, integrity and impartiality.

Police Rescue

Khalil Poswal and the two stranded tourists, Piyush Vij and Mohammed Shareif, were rescued safely, police said.

The two are in good health and expressed their gratitude to Kishtwar police for their prompt response, they said.

Police reminded all residents and visitors to exercise caution while travelling to remote or high-altitude areas and especially take into account unpredictable weather conditions.

Property Of Pak

Friday by revenue authorities along with police and village representatives.

According to the spokesperson, Ganie involved in case FIR No. 36/2023 U/S 18, 20, 23, 25, 38 and 39 UA(P) act and 7/25 Indian Arms Act of Police Station Tral was declared as proclaimed offender by special NIA Court Pulwama U/S 82 CrPC after he failed to appear before investigating agency.

"Pertinently the Pak based terrorist Feroz Ganie is involved in promoting and reviving terrorist activities by pushing in Arms and Ammunition and activating local terror networks," he added.

24 Hours 'Traffic Dry

Highway (NH-44), beginning at 12:00 AM on the night of October 21st/22nd 2023, in view of the road repair work to be carried out at Dhalwas by NHAI.

The Advisory further reads that in light of the aforesaid order of District Magistrate Ramban, people are requested to adhere to the traffic advisory and No LMV /HMV (Except medical emergency vehicles) will be allowed to ply on NH-44 between Navyuga Tunnel-Nashri Tunnel and Vice-Versa from 12:00 AM on 21st October-2023 till 12:00 AM on 22nd October-2023.

South Africa Wary Of England 'X-Factor'

Agencies

South Africa are expecting a batter's paradise when they face old rivals England at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Saturday, with both sides needing to bounce back from unexpected defeats in their last Cricket World Cup pool encounters. England lost to Afghanistan by 69 runs and South Africa were toppled by Netherlands to put the brakes on their excellent start to the tournament. Both will be eager to get back into gear on what has traditionally been a fine wicket for batting.

"The guys that have played here before have spoken about how it can be a batter's paradise. You get value for your shots



and the ball seems to travel further," South Africa captain Temba Bavuma told reporters on Friday. "It can build a lot of confidence. And if it is your day, you can fill your boots."

Both teams have excellent hitters in their top six, with the return of Ben

stuck."

South Africa were poor at the back end of their bowling effort against Netherlands and then started tentatively with the bat as they succumbed to a 38-run loss. "We've had hard conversations as a team and where things went wrong for us from a batting, bowling and fielding point of view. We've put that behind us," Bavuma said.

"We also acknowledge the fact that in the last couple of months, we have played a lot of good cricket. So it's not to overlook that and allow one 'blip' in our game to override everything that we've done. "It's easy to second-guess yourselves, second-guess your processes and your game, so it's not to forget all the good work that we've done."

Stokes from injury a big plus for England. "He is an x-factor player," Bavuma said. "He is a guy that can change the course of the game and is someone you have covered in our preparation. We know we are going to have to be at the top of our game to get him

Pandya Ruled Out Of New Zealand Game

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India all-rounder Hardik Pandya was on Friday ruled out of the World Cup clash against New Zealand due to an ankle injury he suffered while bowling against Bangladesh.

Hardik underwent scans following the injury in Pune on Thursday and is heading to the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru for his recovery.

India will play New Zealand in Dharamsala on October 22.

"Team India vice-captain Hardik Pandya sustained an injury to his left ankle while fielding off his own bowling during India's match against Bangladesh at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium, Pune," said the BCCI in a statement.

"The all-rounder was taken for scans and is advised rest. He will be under the constant supervision



of the BCCI Medical Team. He will not be taking the flight to Dharamsala with the team on 20th October and will now join the team directly in Lucknow where India play England," the board added.

In all likelihood, KL Rahul will be Rohit Sharma's deputy for the New Zealand game. Rahul captained the side in the bilateral series against

Australia in Rohit Sharma and Pandya's absence.

India have a long gap between the Dharamsala and Lucknow game, which is scheduled for October 29.

The Indian will players get a short break after the New Zealand game and are expected to reassemble in Lucknow on October 26. Hardik lends a critical balance to the side and it

remains to be seen, what combination the team goes with in his absence. In Hardik's presence, India have the cushion of six bowling options and his finishing skills come in handy at number six. Keeping the batting strength intact will be key and hence one among Suryakumar Yadav or Ishan Kishan is likely to figure in the playing XI.

Australia Beat Pakistan By 62 Runs

Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: Opener David Warner and Mitchell Marsh struck blazing centuries and forged a 259-run stand as Australia defeated Pakistan by 62 runs at a World Cup match here on Friday.

Thanks to Warner's 124-ball 163 and Marsh's 121 off 108, Australia scored an imposing 367 for 9 and then bundled out Pakistan for 305 in 45.3 overs at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Pakistan opener Abdullah Shafique (64) and Imam-ul-Haq (70) gave their team a good start as the duo stitched together a 134-run partnership.

But after Marcus Stoinis (2/40) accounted for the duo, spinner Adam Zampa (4/53) ran through Pakistan's middle and lower-order to emerge the most successful Aussie bowler.

Earlier, Shaheen Shah Afridi halted Australia's charge towards a 400-plus total, grabbing five wickets as he accounted for Marsh, Maxwell, Stoinis,



Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood.

Afridi 5/54, Haris Rauf 3/83.

Pakistan: 305 in 45.3 overs (Abdullah Shafique 64, Imam-ul-Haq 70, Mohammad Rizwan 46, Saud Shakeel 30; Adam Zampa 4/53, Marcus Stoinis 2/40, Pat Cummins 2/62).

BRIEF SCORES:

Australia: 367 for 9 in 50 overs (David Warner 163, Mitchell Marsh 121, Marcus Stoinis 21; Shaheen Shah

Vice Chancellor's Sports Festival Begins At SKUAST-K



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The week-long Vice Chancellor's Sports Festival commenced Friday at Sher-i-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir's Faculty of Horticulture, Shalimar campus.

Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai inaugurated the festival at the Sheikh-ul-Alam Sports ground at the Shalimar Campus.

The sports festival is organised by SKUAST-K's Department of Students Welfare and Faculty of Horticulture. Directors Extension Prof Dil Mohammad Makhdoom; Dean Faculty of Horticulture Prof SA Wani; Controller of Examination Prof KN Qaiser, Nodal Officer ICAR Prof Sameera Qayoom; Heads of Divisions, Scientists of the faculty along with a huge number of spectators and

participants attended the inaugural function.

Vice Chancellors appreciated the efforts of the organisers for providing a platform to students for showcasing their talents in the form of soft skills as well as overall personality development.

Director, Education, Prof MAA Siddique, who is also Dean Students Welfare of the university, said that sports activities play a pivotal role in inculcating discipline, brotherhood and time management among students.

Dr Seemi Lohani, Students Welfare Officer and Organising Secretary of the Vice Chancellor's Sports Festival briefed about the various outdoor games like Cricket, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Tug of War, Athletics and indoor games like Badminton, Chess to be played during the Sports festival.

DC Bandipora Inaugurates T20 Open Cricket C'ship

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad, on Friday inaugurated the 5th T20 Open Cricket Championship 2023 at SK Stadium here.

The championship is being organised by Hashmee Cricket Club Bandipora in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora and Sports Council J&K.

The inaugural match was played between Bandipora Cricket Club and Eidgah Cricket Club Bandipora. A total of 48 teams from across Kashmir are participating in the knock-out T20 championship. Fur-



thermore, the organisers have arranged all the required facilities in collaboration with the District Administration to run the championship smoothly and to involve youth in sports activities.

Interacting with the players and spectators, the DC complimented the organisers of the event for showing sports spirit and involving youth in sports activities.



JD YSS Flags-Off 1st Batch Of Trekkers To Gulmarg

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Joint Director, Department Youth Services & Sports, Waseem Raja on Friday flagged-off a large contingent of boys for a four-day residential trekking expedition to Gulmarg from the premises of Youth Hostel here.

The contingent of boy trekkers consisting of 40 students from different government schools of Srinagar were flagged-off for Gulmarg along with officials from the department. The second batch of trekkers comprising girls will be flagged off on 25 October from the same venue.

While expressing their thoughts about such ini-

tiatives of the department, young trekkers looked very enthusiastic about it and took a pledge that they would utilize this opportunity in shaping up their personality.

On the flag-off, JD YSS advised the students to enjoy their life to the fullest in nature's beautiful destination of Gulmarg.

Raja said that the Department of Youth Services & Sports will continue to organise such trekking camps for the students and non-students of other districts as well.

Others who were present at the flag-off ceremony include DYSSO Srinagar Ghulam Hassan Lone and other senior officers and officials of the Department.

Provincial Badminton Tournament Kicks Off In B'la



Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: The Inter-District Provincial Level Badminton Tournament for all age groups of boys commenced on Friday at two prominent venues, including Indoor Stadium Khawaja Bagh and Jehlum Stadium here.

The event has been organized by the Youth Services & Sports Department and hosted by the District Youth Services & Sports Baramulla.

The tournament's inaugural ceremony was graced by Jatinder Singh, District Youth Services & Sports Officer Baramulla, who was joined by all the Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs)

of the department. The day witnessed spirited competitions in the Under-14 and Under-17 boys' categories at both venues.

In his opening remarks, Jatinder Singh extended a warm welcome to all the participants, officials from different districts, and selectors. He provided words of encouragement, urging all participants to strive for excellence in the world of sports.

The Inter District Provincial Level Badminton Tournament is set to be an exhilarating sporting spectacle, with participation from all districts of the Kashmir province. The event will run from October 19 to October 24.

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY							
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03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Weekly	Thursday, Sunday	23.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03256	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	Weekly	Friday, Monday	24.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
02391	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Weekly	Saturday	25.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
02392	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	Weekly	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03635	Gaya Jn	14:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Weekly	Mon, Wed, Fri	20.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
03636	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:00	Gaya Jn	20:45	Weekly	Tue, Thu, Sat	21.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
05557	Jaynagar	06:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Weekly	Tuesday	21.11.2023 to 05.12.2023
05558	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:30	Jaynagar	06:30	Weekly	Wednesday	22.11.2023 to 06.12.2023
07651	Jalna	23:35	Chhapra	05:30	Weekly	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
07652	Chhapra	22:15	Pune	04:00	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
05063	Chhapra	16:15	Lokmanya Tilak	07:25	Weekly	Friday	upto 24.11.2023
05064	Lokmanya Tilak	12:45	Siwan Jn	03:15	Weekly	Sunday	22.10.2023 to 26.11.2023
09417	Ahmedabad Jn	09:10	Patna Jn	21:05	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
09418	Patna Jn	23:45	Ahmedabad Jn	11:20	Weekly	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
04678	Firozpur Cantt Jn	13:25	Patna Jn	17:00	Weekly	Wednesday	25.10.2023 to 29.11.2023
04677	Patna Jn	18:45	Firozpur Cantt Jn	22:40	Weekly	Thursday	26.10.2023 to 30.11.2023
04012	New Delhi	19:20	Darbhanga Jn	16:45	Weekly	Tue, Friday	07.11.2023 to 28.11.2023
04011	Darbhanga Jn	18:00	New Delhi	16:40	Weekly	Wednesday Saturday	08.11.2023 to 29.11.2023
04518	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	18:20	Weekly	Thursday	02.11.2023 to 30.11.2023
04517	Gorakhpur	22:05	Chandigarh	14:10	Weekly	Friday	03.11.2023 to 01.12.2023
04530	Bhatinda Jn	20:55	Varanasi Jn	17:30	Weekly	Sunday, Wednesday	05.11.2023 to 29.11.2023
04529	Varanasi Jn	20:40	Bhatinda Jn	19:10	Weekly	Monday, Thursday	06.11.2023 to 30.11.2023
04060	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	Weekly	Tuesday, Friday	07.11.2023 to 28.11.2023
04059	Jaynagar	17:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:55	Weekly	Wednesday, Sat	08.11.2023 to 29.11.2023
04488	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Gorakhpur	14:00	Weekly	Saturday	04.11.2023 to 25.11.2023
04487	Gorakhpur	17:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:40	Weekly	Sunday	05.11.2023 to 26.11.2023
04010	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	Weekly	Tuesday	07.11.2023 to 28.11.2023
04009	Jogbani	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:05	Weekly	Thursday	09.11.2023 to 30.11.2023
01664	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:10	Saharsa Jn	11:20	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
01663	Saharsa Jn	14:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:55	Weekly	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
05616	Guwahati	18:15	Udaipur City	21:05	Weekly	Sunday	upto 29.10.2023
05615	Udaipur City	14:20	Guwahati	23:30	Weekly	Wednesday	upto 01.11.2023
05734	Kathihar Jn	07:50	Amritsar Jn	00:05	Weekly	Saturday	upto 28.10.2023
05733	Amritsar Jn	12:45	Kathihar Jn	03:30	Weekly	Monday	upto 30.10.2023
05537	Darbhanga Jn	13:15	Daurai	22:30	Weekly	Saturday	upto 09.12.2023
05538	Daurai	23:45	Darbhanga Jn	06:00	Weekly	Sunday	upto 10.12.2023
09183	Mumbai Central	22:50	Banaras	10:30	Weekly	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
09184	Banaras	14:30	Mumbai Central	04:35	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
09525	Okha	22:00	Naharlagun	16:00	Weekly	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
09526	Naharlagun	10:00	Okha	03:35	Weekly	Saturday	21.10.2023 to 02.12.2023
03257	Danapur	07:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:30	Weekly	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03258	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Danapur	20:45	Weekly	Monday	27.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
05577	Saharsa Jn	19:10	Ambala Cant Jn	23:15	Weekly	Friday	24.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
05578	Ambala Cant Jn	03:40	Saharsa Jn	09:45	Weekly	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05531	Raxaul Jn	22:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:00	Weekly	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05532	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:00	Raxaul Jn	14:30	Weekly	Monday	27.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
05273	Muzaffarpur Jn	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	Weekly	Wednesday, Saturday	11.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
05274	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn	07:00	Weekly	Thursday, Sunday	12.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05005	Gorakhpur	12:40	Amritsar Jn	09:30	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
05006	Amritsar Jn	14:45	Gorakhpur	08:50	Weekly	Saturday	21.10.2023 to 02.12.2023
02575	Hyderabad	21:05	Gorakhpur	06:30	Weekly	Friday	upto 24.11.2023
02576	Gorakhpur	08:30	Hyderabad	16:20	Weekly	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
01053	Lokmanya Tilak	12:15	Banaras	16:05	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
01054	Banaras	20:30	Lokmanya Tilak	23:55	Weekly	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
01431	Pune	16:15	Gorakhpur	21:00	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
01432	Gorakhpur	23:25	Pune	06:25	Weekly	Saturday	21.10.2023 to 02.12.2023
05303	Gorakhpur	08:30	Mahbubnagar	19:30	Weekly	Saturday	21.10.2023 to 25.11.2023
05304	Mahbubnagar	18:00	Gorakhpur	09:00	Weekly	Monday	23.10.2023 to 27.11.2023
04049	New Delhi	23:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:25	Weekly	Monday, Saturday	upto 27.11.2023
04050	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:30	New Delhi	06:25	Weekly	Tuesday, Sunday	upto 28.11.2023
04080	New Delhi	19:20	Varanasi Jn	09:45	Weekly	Mon, Thu, Sat	06.11.2023 to 30.11.2023
04079	Varanasi Jn	18:35	New Delhi	09:00	Weekly	Tue, Fri, Sun	07.11.2023 to 01.12.2023
01654	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:20	Varanasi Jn	23:55	Weekly	Sunday	22.10.2023 to 26.11.2023
01653	Varanasi Jn	06:20	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:20	Weekly	Tuesday	24.10.2023 to 28.11.2023
04646	Jammu Tawi	05:45	Barauni Jn	12:10	Weekly	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04645	Barauni Jn	15:15	Jammu Tawi	22:30	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04609	Varanasi Jn	06:20	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:20	1 Trip	Sunday	22.10.2023
04072	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:10	New Delhi	05:35	1 Trip	Sunday	22.10.2023
04048	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:30	Kathihar Jn.	15:00	Weekly	Wed, Sat, Tue, Fri	08.11.2023 to 01.12.2023
04047	Kathihar Jn.	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	17:50	Weekly	Thu, Sun, Wed, Sat	09.12.15 & 18.11.2023
04052	Anand Vihar Terminal						

Gaganyaan: ISRO To Launch Test Vehicle On Saturday

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The launch of a single-stage liquid rocket on Saturday will signal ISRO's journey towards its ambitious human space flight programme, Gaganyaan, when the first crew module test to ensure the safety of astronauts will be conducted by the space agency here.

ISRO aims to send humans into space on a Low Earth Orbit of 400 km for a three-day Gaganyaan mission and bring them safely back to Earth. Unlike other missions by the Bengaluru-headquartered space agency, ISRO would attempt a successful launch of its Test Vehicle (TV-D1), a single-stage liquid rocket, scheduled to lift off from the first launch pad at this spaceport at 8am on October 21.

The Test Vehicle mission with this Crew Module is a significant milestone for the overall Gaganyaan programme as a nearly complete system is integrated for a flight test. The success of this test flight would set the stage for the remaining qualification tests and unmanned missions, leading to the first Gaganyaan programme with Indian astronauts, which is expected to take shape in 2025.

The Crew Module System is a habitable space with an Earth-like environment in space for the crew. It is of double-walled construction consisting of a pressurised metallic 'inner structure' and an unpressurised 'external structure' with 'thermal protection systems'.

It houses the crew interfaces, life support system, avionics, and deceleration systems. It is also designed for re-entry to ensure the safety of the crew during

the descent till touchdown. The Crew Module underwent various testing at ISRO centres before it was integrated into the launch complex in Sriharikota, located about 135km east of Chennai.

The entire test flight sequence on Saturday is expected to be brief as the Test Vehicle Abort Mission (TV-D1) will launch the Crew Escape Systems and Crew Module at an altitude of 17 km which are expected to make a safe touchdown in the sea, about 10km from the eastern coast of Sriharikota. They would be later retrieved by the Navy from the Bay of Bengal.



The TV-D1 vehicle uses a modified VIKAS engine with a modified Crew Module and Crew Escape System mounted at its fore-end. The vehicle is 34.9 metres tall and has a lift-off weight of 44 tonnes.

The structure of the TV-D1 flight is a single-walled unpressurised aluminium structure with a simulated thermal protection system. The Test Vehicle D1 mission aims for an in-flight abort demonstration of Crew Escape System with the newly developed Test Vehicle followed by Crew Module separation and safe recovery.

PM flags off India's first RRTS train, says 'historic moment for country'



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the first phase of Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) will link areas across Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan.

Modi was addressing a function after flagging off the first Namoo Bharat train on the priority section of the 82-km Delhi-Meerut RRTS. He asserted that he will be at the service of the people when this project is fully completed in the next 12-18 months.

The first phase links Sahibabad to Duhai Depot, a 17-km stretch on the outskirts

of the national capital. The prime minister also dedicated to the nation two metro rail lines in Bengaluru via video conferencing.

"This is a historic moment as India's first rapid rail service -- Namoo Bharat train -- has been flagged off," the prime minister said in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah (via virtual mode) and Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.

"In the first phase of the RRTS, Namoo Bharat trains will link several parts of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan,"

Modi said. He said the full 82-km stretch between Delhi and Meerut will be complete within the next 1-1.5 years.

"Four years back, I laid the foundation stone of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut regional corridor project. Today, the services of Namoo Bharat trains have started on the stretch from Sahibabad to Duhai Depot. I had said earlier too and I say it today as well -- we inaugurate the projects which we start," he said.

"I will be there at your service when this Delhi-Meerut stretch is completed after a year or a year and a half," Prime Minister Modi said.

Frankfurt Book Fair Slammed, Boycotted For 'Shutting Down' Palestinian Voices



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The Frankfurt Book Fair in Germany, the world's largest forum for books and literature, and a literary association have come under fire after they postponed a Palestinian writer's award ceremony and canceled a public discussion with her.

In an open letter, hundreds of prominent authors and publishers from around the world slammed the organizers of the Frankfurt book fair, saying the forum has "a responsibility to be creating spaces for Palestinian writers to share their thoughts, feelings, reflections on literature through these terrible, cruel times, not shutting them down."

The 350 authors who signed the letter included the Irish novelist Colm Toibin, the American-Libyan Pulitzer winner Hisham Matar, the British-Pakistani novelist Kamila Shamsie, and the British historian William Dalrymple.

Palestine-born novelist and essayist Adania Shibli was scheduled to be granted the 2023 LiBeraturpreis, an annual prize given to female writers from Africa, Asia, Latin America, or the Arab world, on 20 October for her novel "Minor Detail" which is about the suffering of the Palestinian people.

However, the LitProm association that hands out the prize said last week that it would postpone the award ceremony "due to the war started by Hamas, under which millions of people in Israel and Palestine are suffering."

LitProm, which had hailed the novel as a "rigorously composed work of art that tells of the power of borders and what violent conflicts do to and with people", said it had taken the step as a "joint decision" with the author, but Shibli's literary agency stressed that the decision was not made with her consent.

The agency told the Guardian that Shibli would have taken the opportunity to reflect on the role of literature in these cruel and painful times.

Meanwhile, the international

book fair has also explicitly voiced support for Israel, with Juergen Boos, director of the Frankfurt Book Fair, publishing a statement detailing plans "to make Jewish and Israeli voices especially visible" during the literary event. Boos has expressed "complete solidarity on the side of Israel."

Indonesia and Malaysia boycotting FBF

The forum's statement prompted Indonesia and Malaysia to boycott the fair that started on Wednesday, with writers from the two countries backing their countries' decision.

Malaysian writer Faisal Tehrani told Arab News on Thursday that the approach of the fair's organizer completely disregarded the situation in Gaza, where more than 3,800 people, mostly women and children, have been killed since the start of the Israeli aggression.

Meanwhile, Indonesian novelist Laksmi Pamuntjak, who won the LiBeraturpreis in 2016, issued a statement in support of her country's decision to withdraw.

The fair's decision to side with the Israeli regime "shows that this book fair no longer represents the voice of the world, where all nations and countries have the right and deserve a platform to voice their own truths," she said.

Indonesian novelist Okky Madasari also said her country's decision to boycott the fair was valid as it was important for writers, publishers and intellectuals to remind the world "that such a support disregarding the context and history can provide Israel with justification to kill more people and do more violence."

Moreover, Indonesian writer Andina Dwifatma declined an invitation to speak at a literary event associated with the fair over its organizers' stance.

"I've been following the news with a broken heart. And after I saw what FBF posted ... I told them that I can't attend the festival now that they made clear that they stand in complete solidarity with Israel," she said.

"I think everybody must

Old Twitter vs X: Israel-Gaza War Spotlights 'Information Crisis'

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WASHINGTON: Twitter won fame in the Arab uprisings nearly a decade ago as a pivotal source for real-time crisis information, but that reputation has withered after the platform's transformation into a magnet for hate speech and disinformation under Elon Musk.

Historically, Twitter's greatest strength was as a tool for gathering and disseminating life-saving information and coordinating emergency relief during times of crisis. Its old-school verification system meant sources and news were widely trusted.

Now the platform, renamed X by new owner Musk, has gutted content moderation, restored accounts of previously banned extremists, and allowed users simply to purchase account verification, helping them profit from viral — but often inaccurate — posts.

The fast-evolving Israel-Gaza conflict has been widely seen as



the first real test of Musk's version of the platform during a major crisis. For many experts, the results confirm their worst fears: that changes have made it a challenge to discern truth from fiction.

"It is sobering, though not surprising, to see Musk's reckless decisions exacerbate the information crisis on Twitter surrounding the already tragic Israel-Hamas conflict," Nora Benavidez, senior counsel at the watchdog Free Press, told AFP.

The platform is flooded with violent videos and images

— some real but many fake and mislabeled from entirely different years and places.

Nearly three-fourths of the most viral posts promoting falsehoods about the conflict are being pushed by accounts with verified checkmarks, according to a new study by the watchdog NewsGuard.

In the absence of guardrails, that has made it "very difficult for the public to separate fact from fiction," while escalating "tension and division," Benavidez added.

Confusion over fake accounts That was evident on Tuesday after a deadly strike on a hospital in war-ravaged Gaza, as ordinary users scrambling for real-time information vented frustration that the site had become unusable.

Confusion reigned as fake accounts with verified checkmarks while peddling hasty conclusions of unverified videos, illustrating how the platform had handed the megaphone to paying subscribers, irrespective of accuracy. Accounts masquerading as official sources or news media stoked passions with inflammatory content.

Misinformation researchers warned that many users were treating an account of an activist group called "Israel war room," stamped with a gold checkmark — indicating "an official organization account," according to X — as a supposedly official Israeli source. India-based bot accounts known for anti-Muslim rhetoric

further muddied the waters by pushing false anti-Palestinian narratives, researchers said.

Meanwhile, Al Jazeera warned that it had "no ties" to a Qatar-based account that falsely claimed affiliation to the Middle East broadcaster as it urged its followers to "exercise caution."

"It has become incredibly challenging to navigate the fire hose of information — there is a relentless news cycle, push for clicks, and amplification of noise," Michelle Ciulla Lipkin, head of the National Association for Media Literacy Education, told AFP.

"Now it's clear Musk sees X not as a reliable information source but just another of his business ventures."

The chaos stands in sharp contrast to the 2011 Arab uprisings that prompted a surge of optimism in the Middle East about the potential of the platform to spread authentic information, mobilize communities and elevate democratic ideals.

Pending Criminal Case Not Enough To Reject Passport Application: High Court



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Prayagraj: The Allahabad High Court has ruled that a person's application for a passport cannot be withheld merely on the ground that the applicant has a pending criminal case.

Disposing of a writ petition filed by Akash Kumar of Jaunpur district, a division bench comprising Justice Mahesh Chandra Tripathi and Justice Prashant Kumar on Wednesday also directed the passport authorities to decide the application of petitioner for the issuance of a passport within six weeks.

The petitioner filed the writ petition requesting the court to quash the order dated July 21, 2023 passed by Passport Seva Kendra, Varanasi by which his application was rejected on the ground that the police verification report is not clear.

The petitioner also requested the court to direct the Regional Passport Office, Lucknow and Passport Seva Kendra, Varanasi to issue a passport to him. The petitioner's counsel argued in the court that it is settled law by the Supreme Court as well as this court that a passport cannot be denied merely on the basis of criminal case. In support of his submission, he placed the judgment of the Allahabad High Court in the case of Basoo Yadav vs Union of India (2022).

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