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Nation Indebted To J&K Police: LG



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Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday said that the nation will forever be indebted to the bravery, courage and supreme sacrifice of police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Sinha made these remarks while paying tributes to the martyred personnel of the Police and CAPFs at Martyrs' Memorial, Armed Police Complex, Zewan here on Saturday. >> More On P10

1,605 J&K Police Personnel Have **Laid Down Their Lives: DGP**

nfiltration has been controlled to a large extent and recruitment of local youths into militant ranks reduced. Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said on Saturday. Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a Police Commemoration Day function here, he also vowed to end the remnants of terrorism. The DGP said that >> More On P10



I SALUTE THE BRAVEHEARTS OF JAMMU KASHMIR **POLICE.** The nation will forever be indebted to the bravery, courage and supreme sacrifice of our police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Banihal Highway Closed For Repairs Today

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway has been suspended on Sunday for repairs in Ramban district, officials said while travellers complained of delays on several stretches including those damaged during recent rains.

According to an advisory issued by the traffic police department, no vehicle would be allowed to travel on the strategic highway between Nashri and Banihal tunnels after 6 pm on Saturday.

The restriction would continue till Sunday → More On P10

Art-370 Abrogation Among Many Pending Works' Done By Our Govt: PM

Press Trust Of India

Gwalior: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said his government did several "pending" works in the last ten years including the abrogation of Article 370, implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST), one-rankone-pension (OROP) scheme for the defence forces, banning of triple talaq and the introduction of women's quota in legislatures.

He was speaking at the 125th foundation day of Scindia School here. He also released a commemorative



postage stamp on the school, which is located inside the Gwalior fort.

"Our government has abrogated Article 370, (a task) which was pending for 60 years, (implemented) OROP

and GST pending for 40 years, triple talaq (ban pending) for decades and women's reservation pending for years during the tenure of ten years as part of a long term vision," Modi said. **→ More On P10**

BSF Fires Warning Shots Along IB

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Border Security Force (BSF) personnel fired a couple of warning shots after a group of people escorted by Pakistan Rangers came close to the international border here on Saturday, official sources said.

Repeated calls and messages to the Border Security Force (BSF) for an official comment on the incident in the Arnia area of R S Pura sector went unanswered.

According to the sources, a group of more than 20 people with a herd of bovine animals and accompanied by three Pakistan >> More On P10

...CORRUPTION CASE

HC Upholds 70-Year-Old Cashier's Conviction

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Saturday upheld conviction of a former cashier of Kamraz Rural Bank (now J&K Grameen Bank) Baramulla in connection with "misappropriation" of Rs 21000 during 2007-2008.

The cashier— Abdul Khaliq Bhat-, who is now 70-yearold, had been convicted by the Court of Special Judge



Anti-Corruption (CBI) Cases Srinagar on 29 September 2018 for commission of offences under Section under Section 420, 409 RPC and 5(2) read with 5(1) (c) &(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Samvat, 2006 and sentenced to simple imprisonment of two years for each offence and a consolidated fine of Rs. 10,000.

"The trial court has examined in detail the evidence led by the prosecution which has been appreciated by this Court as well and this Court too has come to the same conclusion as the one arrived >> More On P10

Admin Secretaries To Hold 'Public Durbar' During Oct 25-31

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: In an initiative to reach out to people and address their problems, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Saturday issued a week-long roster of administrative secretaries who will be available for 'public darbar' in all 20 districts from next week.

According to an order issued by the general administration department's Commissioner Secretary Sanjeev Verma, the deputy commissioners would be responsible for organising the sessions beginning October 25and they would also ensure wide publicity of the initiative in the districts

well in advance. The 'public darbar' will commence from Shopian,

Kupwara and Ramban districts on October 25 and the process will be completed by the month-end, the order said. Chief Secretary Kumar Mehta and Financial

Commissioner Raj Kumar Goyal, who is also the additional chief secretary of the home department, will preside over such meetings in Srinagar and Jammu on October 30and 27, respectively.

According to the roster, there will be no public darbar on October 26 and 29.

The sessions will be held in Kathua, Budgam, → More On P10

HC Quashes PSA Order Against 2 Detainees

he High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Saturday quashed detention orders under Public Safety Act against two detainees and ordered their release if not needed in another case. A bench of Justice Sindhu Sharma and Justices Rajnesh Oswal quashed detention order (No. DMS/PSA/47/2023 dated 10.05.2023) and (No.DMS/ PSA/144/2021 dated 07.03.2022) against Mohammad Hanief Guroo of >> More On P10

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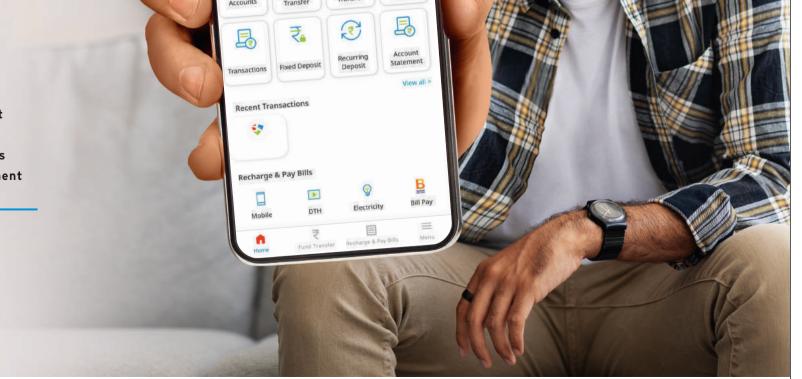
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Office Of The Executive Engineer Irrigation & Flood Control Division Srinagar.

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Notice invitingShort Term e-Tender e-NIT No: - IFCDS/24of 2023-24

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) on item ratebasis are invited from approved and eligible contractors for the following workto be opened by the Executive Engineer Irrigation & F C Division Srinagar;

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S. No	Name of work.	Estt. Cost		Cost of	MH of Ac-	Time of Comple-	Class of
			Money (in	T/ Doc.	count	tion	contract
		lakh)	Rs.)	(inrs.)			
ן	Construction of Quarter/Inspection Hut near	29.25	58500	2200	PMKKKY	90 Days	AAY BEE
_	S.E Canal at Khimber Takiya Şangri.	15.00	20000	1200	(7)) 6	(5 DA) (6	CEE DEE
2	Re-construction of damaged/dislodged stone	15.00	30000	1300	4711 Capex	45 DAYS	CEE DEE
	masonry lining wall on right side of River						
	Jhelum at Chinkra Mohalla Habba Kadal near						
_	House of Lateef Ahmad Katu.	2.25	1500	150	2711 14 0 D	20.04.6	DEE
3	Repairs to the Hydraulic Gates (part B). Engagement of labours for physical verifica-	2.25 1.13	4500 2260	150 100	2711 M & R 2711 M & R		DEE DEE
4		1.13	2200	100	2/11 W & K	REOUIRED	DEE
5	tion of store. Modernization of meeting hall At Ram	3.94	7880	250	2711 M & R		DEE
)		3.94	7000	230	Z/IIWIXK	DAIS	DEE
6	Munshi Bagh Guest House. Restoration of Irrigation network by way of	5.93	11860	450	2711 M & R	25 Days	CEE DEE
	construction of canals at Doodh Mohalla	5.55	11000	130	27111110	LS Days	CLL DLL
	by providing and laying RCC Spun pipes						
	Part-Ist .(Fresh of e-Nit No 16 and 20 and 22						
	of 2023-24)						
7	Inauguration/Stone laying ceremony of	10.00	20000	800	SSCL	Oct-2023 to	CEE DEE
ľ	Smart City Project on River Jhelum executed	10.00	20000	000	5502	March 2024	CLL DLL
	build FC Demonter and					Mulci 2024	

Position of AAA = Approved except serial No. 7 for which AAA is under process.

Position of TS = Under process.

Position of funds: 100% Budgetary provision

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

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	20 .10.2023 FROM	M 9:00 A.M	
2.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice Period of downloading of bidding docu-	20.10.2023 FROM 20.10.2023 FROM	M 9:00 A.M DM 9:00 A.M	
	ments			
3.	Bid submission Start Date	20 .10.2023 FROM		
4.	Bid Submission End Date	27-010-2023 upto 4	4:00 P.M	
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids	28-10-2023 at 11.00	O A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer Irri. and Flood	
		control Division Srin	inagar.	
	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	The Successful bidd	inagar. Ider has to provide 5% of Adv. Cost as Performance Security	
			opening of Financial Bid.	
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1):- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploaded softcopy any short fall if any found in the soft copy the tendershall be rejected

2)As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Sectt. Finance department vide No.OM No.A/24(2017)-651 dtd. 07-06-2018 which reads as under:-

Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of E-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who sdeclared 1st Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids. The Cost of tenders should be collected by uploading a copy of necessaryTreasury Challan/Reb)

ceipt.

Bidders who had applied in response to E-NIT 19 Dt: 30.08.2023 and can upload the tender document fee /Earnest Money/other documents of the previous NIT floated for the same work. FreshBids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape

Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0701 -Rev. Misc) and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Srinagar failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly. The issuing date of CDR/FDR uploaded must be between issuing date to

Submission end date of NIT. CDR/FDR (Earnest money/Bid security) and relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders.gov.inand 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 Irri. and F.C. Division

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. The normal deposits to be deducted as per GFR 2017 rules from running bills to be released after total completion of the work.

The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or any part of any tender without assigning reason thereof

6.Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bid-

ders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.into acquaint bid submission process. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per

Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. 6.1Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents

with the bid. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0701-Rev.Misc) in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Srinagar and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division

Srinagar failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOO (Bill of Quantities) contents. The BOO downloaded should be inclusive of all taxes.

Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are found fake/ not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/ bidder shall be blacklisted for participation in this division for a period of One year besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.

Price escalation and Taxes:- The %age quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on www.jktenders.gove-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required. Instruction to Bidder (ITB)

The Bidder must have to upload (soft copies) of the following documents (Photostat/Original should be clearly seen in all respect with Ink Signed and Seal):-

Valid original Treasury Challan/Receipt (MH.0701-Revenue.Misc). Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive EngineerIrri and F.C. Division Srinagar.

Registration Card valid & renewed for the year in which bids are invited.

Valid GSTIN Registration Certificate. PAN Card With No.

Bidder shall furnish proof of latest returns (i.e. latest clearance certificate) in form of:-GSTR-3B of the latest quarter / latest month whichever is applicable to the bidder.

(Note:- The GSTR-3B Confirmation status will be checked online. if GSTR-3B found invalid. The Card will be Barred for further tendering Process in the concerned Division) Other Relevent Documents according to the NIT.

The lowest Tender will have to submit hard copies of all documents uploaded on e-tending portal before issuance of LOI or Allotment.

No exemption or concession towards furnishing of earnest money/E-challan will be given to the tenderers registered with DGS&D/NSIC Small Scale Units except the Small-Scale Units registered with Director, Industries and Commerce Department J&K in which case guidelines framed by Industries Department

shall apply. All other terms and conditions same as laid down in the PWD Form 25Double shall also remain in 35. force. D

No. IFCDS/CS/E-NIT-24/6018-33 DIPK-10904/23 Dated: 21/10/2023.

Sd/-(Er. Bashir Ahmad) **Executive Engineer** Irrigation and Flood Division Srinagar. **GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

Jammu and Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Ltd Office of the Executive EngineerTransmission Line Maintenance Division-I (TLMD-I), Bemina, Srinagar

Ph. No. 0194-2492427, Email: xen-tlmd1@jk.gov.in/ xentlmd1psdf@gmail.com/ tlmd1tech @gmail.com

CANCELLATION NOTICE

Sub: Tender Cancellation Notice in respect of the works mentioned below:

Due to the technical error in uploaded tenders, the tenders for the works mentioned below are hereby cancelled:

S. No	Description of the Work	e-NIT No	Tender ID
1	Galvanization of Super Structure in 132 KV and 33 KV Yards at Grid Station Habbak	13/JKPTCL/TLMD-I/ SGR/2023-24; Dated: 11.10.2023	2023_PDD_233634_1
2	Up-gradation of Staff Quarters includ- ing Supply, Fabrication, Erection of Main Gate with Pillars at Grid Substa- tion Habbak	14/JKPTCL/TLMD-I/ SGR/2023-24; Dated: 11-10-2023	2023_PDD_233635_1

No.: TLMD-I/TS/13A&14A/2087-91 DIPK-NB-3793/23 Dated: 21.10.2023

Executive Engineer, TLMD-1st Bemina Sgr Transmission (Kashmir), JKPTCL, Bemina

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR Office of the Executive Engineer Quality Control & Procurement Division, HMT, Srinagar

Short term e-NIT

No.: PHE/OC&PD/45 of 2023-24/ e-Tender

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (UT), e-tenders in two cover system are invited from registered "D" Class Civil contractors for execution of the following Works:

S. No	Name of the work	Tender document Fee (Rs)	Estimated cost (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Time of Completi on	Tender validity
1	Development of existing pre fabricated hut at Sub Division-II for officers on duty for monitoring of JJM related activities of QC&PD Zainakot, Srinagar.		3,13,152/-	6300/	20 days	45 days

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be viewed /downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given below:

Schedule of Critical Dates/Information.

1	Date of Inviting Tender	20-10-202311.00AM
2	Clarification Period	20-10-2023 (2.00 PM) to 25-10-2023 (02.00PM)
4	Documents Downloading Period	20-10-2023 (03.00PM) to 30-10-2023 (03.00PM)
6	On Line Document Submission Period	21-10-2023 (11.00aM) to 30-10-2023 (5.00PM)
8	Date of opening of Cover 1st.	31-10-2023 02.00PM
9	Tender Document Receiving Authority	Executive Engineer PHE Jal Shakti QC&P Division Srinagar.
10	Tender Inviting Office	Executive Engineer PHE Jal Shakti QC&P Division Srinagar.
11	Document Fee (Rs.200/-)	In the shape of <i>Treasury Challan/receipt shall be deposited to Account Head 0215</i> Revenue & Miscellaneous) favoring to Executive Engineer PHE Jal Shakti QC&P Division Srinagar payable at Srinagar.
12	Earnest Money	Rs.6300/= in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PHE Jal Shakti QC&P Division Srinagar valid for 06 months from the last date of e-NIT.
13	Bid Opening Authority	Executive Engineer PHE Jal Shakti QC&P Division Srinagar.

A. The Cover-1 shall contain:

- 1. Scanned copy of Tender Document fee in the shape of Treasury receipt / e-Challan / e-Receipt (Head 0215 - Revenue & Miscellaneous) indicating the NIT No., item No. & name of the Division.
- EMD in shape of CDR/FD for an amount of Rs.6300/= pledged to Executive Engineer PHE Jal Shakti QC&P Division Srinagar valid for 06 months from the last date of e-NIT.
- 3. GST Registration Certificate.
- Scanned Copy of PAN Card of the bidder/ firm.
- Scanned copies of acknowledgement receipt of latest G S Tax returns (Form GSTR-3B), quoting
- 6. Scanned copies of the Annexure "A", "B" duly accepted/signed.
- 7. Valid "D" Class Contractor License/Card.
- 8. Average Annual financial turnover during the last three (3) years, ending 31st March of the previous financial year, should be at least 30% of the estimated cost.

B. Cover Second (2nd)

The cover-II shall contain Price bid, as per BOQ uploaded by this department. Financial bid will not be accepted in physical form.

C. Note:

1. Specifications of Material/ Job:

Tenderer/s must quote for exact specifications and scope as given in annexure of this e NIT and there shall be no deviation from the approved parameters. While having submitted the tender, it is understood that the tenderer is well versed with the site conditions and the terrain etc. It is as such advised that the firm shall visit and inspect the site well before uploading its tender.

- 2. The firm who has not undertaken the works allotted to them by this Division under various Major Heads or who has left the allotted works half way/ incomplete shall not be considered for opening of Cover 2nd. Their bid shall be out rightly rejected.
- 3. No payments shall be made without evidence in the shape of Geo tagged photographs duly attested by the concerned Assistant Ex. Engineer and Junior Engineer before, during and after completion of the allotted work.
- **4.** The tenderer who is declared as L1 after opening of price bid will deposit 5% of the quoted cost of the work in shape of CDR/FDR before allotment is issued in his favour.

No:-PHE/QC&PD/3236-41

Dated: -21-10-2023

Sd/=**Executive Engineer,**

QC&PD PHE Jal Shakti **HMT Srinagar**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my 8th pass Discharge Certificate somewhere. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Headmaster Govt High School Parwah showresh khag within a period fo seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be

Shakeela Akhter D/o Khazir Mohammad Ganaie R/o Parwah showresh khag

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wronlgy written in my school records as Abdul Latif Mir while my correct name is Latif Ahmad Mir which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the offfice of the Principal Warden KGBV Residental School S.K. Pura Zone Narbal Budgam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Afte rthat no objection shall be entertained.

Latif Ahmad Mir S/O Ali Mohamamd Mir R/o Redbugh Magam Budgam

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NOTICE

I Riyaz Ahmad Sheikh F/O Rahil Riyaz R/O Hazari Bazar Rainawari Sgr,have lost DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE somewhere of my son of class 2nd and I want to obtain its duplicate from the school. He was reading in

class second, session 2019 20,school Usmania Model High School, Buchpora

Sgr.Regard this, if any Quater/ person having any objection may file the same to the office of the principal Usmania Model High School Buchpora Srinagar, within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, after that no objection will be entertained.

Rahil Riyaz F/O Riyaz Ahmad Sheikh **Usmania Model High School**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in my favour (DOB: 01-01-1980). If anybody is having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the block development officer sherabad within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained

Mehboob Hussain Ganaie S/o:-Ghulam Mohd Ganaie D.o.B:- 01-01-1980 R/o:- Goom Ahmadpora

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Where as I, Mrs. NILOFAR RASHID W/O: BASHARAT AHMAD MIR R/O: GORI MOHALLA UPPER BREIN (NISHAT) Srinagar, Kashmir intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name & style M/S AL FAMIGLIA situated at Zabarwan Colony Waza Bagh Road Hyderpora Srinagar, Kashmir under Tourist trade act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, I will submit Domicile certificate, Qualification certificate, Experience certificate (05 Years), Character certificate (Police Department), Bank statement, Site plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed (Duly attested by Sub-registrar), Printing material (Letter Head/ Visiting Card), Photograph of unit (Indoor/outdoor), & 02 PP photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to registration of my

Now, as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade ACT 1978/82/2011-12, before my case is processed for registration by the competent authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/ financial institutions/ banks/ organizations/, etc for objection, if any, and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism registration (email Id.: ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 07 Days from the publication of this notice. No objection beyond a period of 07 Days shall be entertained.

ر رخواست منجانب حاجره بیگم زوجه مرحوم ولی محمد گنائی ساکنه بیل بمراد حصول لیگل هیر د گفتا ، اشتهار بمراه آگای هرخاص وعام معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں درخوست سائل دفتر بذامین زیرکاروائی ہےاس نسبت پٹواری علقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عہاں ہوتا ہے کہ مرحوم ولی محمد گنائی ولدعبدل ىلام گنائى ساكنة بىل كےوارثان جائز كى تفصيل درج ذيل بتائي گئے۔ بيوه متوفى 36سال گھريلوکام پىرمتوفى 20سال زىرتعلىم دخر متوفی 17سال ۔۔ سكان دختر ُمتوفی 06سال ۔۔ اسِكِعلاوه كوئى بھى افراد كمبرنہيں بتلايا گياہے سرٹفيكيٺ زير بحث اجرء نے میں اگر کشی خص پااشخاص کوکوئی عذریا اعتراض ہوتو وہ اپناً عذریا اعتراض ساتھ یوم کے اندر پیش کریں۔میعاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابلِ قبول نہیں ہوگاہ۔

AIRPORTS

RAILWAYS

PDP Protests Israeli 'Aggression' In Gaza

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Saturday hit streets against Israel's aerial bombardment of the besieged Gaza Strip, which has left thousands of Palestinians, including women and children, dead since October 7.

Leading the demonstration from the party headquarters here, PDP president and former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti urged the international community to exert a pressure on Israel to declare a ceasefire in order to protect civilians.

Besides senior party leaders, dozens of party workers and activists holding Palestinian flags in hands joined the protest, denouncing Israel's military campaign in Gaza.

The protesters were shouting slogans 'go

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Aatif Bin Al-

taf, an 18-year-old from

the Pantha Chowk area

of Srinagar, is all set to

make his Bollywood de-

but after landing a part

in Kartik Aryan's up-

Israel go and free Palestine' on the occasion urging the international community to break their silence over the ongoing aggression of Israel in Gaza

PDP president on the occasion, appealed to the world community to contribute to the cessation of airstrikes in Gaza and the pursuit of a long-term resolution to the complex Palestinian problem.

"I denounce in strong words Israel's aggression in Gaza since October 7 and at the same time condemn the silence maintained by the international community over the killings of thousands innocent Palestinians," she added.

Meanwhile a pose of police deployed in advance prevented the marchers from moving beyond the party head office, prompting them to disperse off peacefully.



Police women observe two minute silence to pay tributes to thier fallen colleagues during Police Commemoration Day in Zevan area on the Srinagar outskirts on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

CS Reviews Execution Of SSCL Works Along Dal Lake, River Jhelum

Observer News Service

"I have also performed at SKICC Srinagar, and on the occasion of International Pheran Day I have performed at both Lal Chowk and Bakhshi Stadium," said Atif, adding besides

coming movie, "Chandu Champan' "Chandu Champan," a Bollywood movie, is based on the life of Murlikant Petkar, a freestyle swimmer and India's first the movie. Paralympic gold medalist, and is set to be released on July 14, 2024.

Kashmiri Youth Set To

Make His Bollywood Debut

'I got a call recently and I was informed that I have been selected for the role of a soldier in Kartik Aryan's upcoming Bollywood movie, Chandu Champian. I couldn't believe it as it was a joyous moment for me," said Aatif while talking to KNO.

"Acting has always been my passion, and the King Khan of Bollywood (SRK) is one of my higgest inspirations. I have done advertisements for Puma and Myntra in addition to various fashion shows, but this is my first part in Bollywood," he added

being in the forthcoming fashion show in Aurangabad; I spent five days for the film in Pahalgam. I am super excited to be in

"People should follow their dreams and never give up, that's the most important thing. The 8 minutes long single-shot war scene turned out to be the most challenging, spectacular and ves. difficult but also the most memorable shot of my acting career. Thank you @kabirkhankk sir for giving me a memory to cherish for a lifetime. #ChanduChampion, wrote the actor," Karthik Aryan wrote on social media platform" he wrote on social media.

Srinagar: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Saturday conducted an extensive tour of Srinagar City to inspect the different works of Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) at Foreshore Road, Nishat, Shalimar and Zero Bridge.

He was accompanied by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri; Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad; VC LCMA, Officers of SSCL, R&B and other departments.

While inspecting the ongoing work at Sunset Point (Dal Lake), the CS directed the concerned department to complete the pending works including the seating arrangements by Oct 31st to make the recreational Multi Utility Zone ready for public use.

The Chief Secretary also visited Nishat where he inspected tiling work

of the parking space besides painting of footpaths along the boundary of Dal Lake. He directed SSCL officers to complete the project before October 31 as most of the time of current working season was consumed in the ongoing developmental process.

During his visit to Shalimar, he instructed for removal of the electric poles which lie in the middle of the main road and also beautify the median of the road.

On the occasion the traders of the area requested the Chief Secretary to direct the concerned to complete the renovation works inside the garden to increase the footfall of visitors there.

Meanwhile, CS directed SMC to station the mobile toilets near Shalimar Garden and other public places and tourist destinations for the convenience of visitors and tourists. He enjoined upon them to complete all the works by November this year.

During his visit to Zero Bridge, CS instructed concerned authorities to put the power cables underground through the underlying ducts to remove visual pollution on the Jhelum bund. He set the deadline for improvement works to the end of the current month.

directed to expedite the development of car parking under the Abdullah Bridge and complete the ongoing work before ending October.

Dumb and Foreshore Road, Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers that the same should be dedicated to the public before the end of November this year without any fail.

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Regarding other works at Dole

The Chief Secretary was assured by the Divisional Administration that all the works would be completed within the set timeframe and dedicated to the public at an earliest.

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- 1721 Tsar Peter the Great becomes "All-Russian Imperator"
- 1746 -Princeton University (NJ) received its charter 1797 -Andre-Jacques Garnerin makes 1st parachute descent from a balloon in Paris
- 1799 Russia leaves second anti-French Coalition
- 1812 Duke of Wellington seizes Burgos, Spain
- 1861 1st telegraph line linking West & East coasts completed
- 1862 -- Battle at Old Fort Wayne, Indian Territory 1879 -Thomas Edison perfects carbonized cotton
- filament light bulb 1897 - World's first car dealer opens in London
- 1913 Explosion at Dawson NM coal mine kills 263 mine workers
- 1928 China expels all Russian instructors & civil servants
- 1946 2 British ships sink near Albania
- 1948 Egyptian flagship King Farouk sunk by Israel 1953 - Laos gains full independence from France
- 1954 West Germany joins North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 1956 Great Britain performs nuclear test at Maralinga
- Australia 1961 - 75,000 Flemings demand equal rights & Flemish
- language in Belgium
- 1962 Cuban missile crisis: US President John F. Kennedy addresses TV about Russian missile bases in Cuba and imposes a naval blockade on Cuba, beginning the missile
- 1964 French philosopher and author Jean-Paul Sartre refuses Nobel prize

From KO Archives

RSS Asks Farooq To Move JK Trifurcation Plan

Observer News Service

himla- RSS leader incharge Kashmir affairs, Indresh, today asked Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah to bring a resolution in the assembly for trifurcation of the state saying there was both logic and merit in such a move.

It is neither a regional nor a communal demand but expression of people's aspirations. There was both logic and merit in growing demand for trifurcation of the state into Jammu and Kashmir states and Ladakh union territory, he told reporters here. He said the autonomy resolution passed by Jammu and Kashmir assembly had no relevance after its rejection by the government.

Indresh asked the union government to destroy the militants train-ing camps run by Pakistan's ISI. He said India should garner support against Pakistan on the issue of militancy and running of training camps for militants. ONS adds from Jammu: It may be recalled the RSS had formally launched its campaign for the state's trifurcation coming out in the open, for the first time, in support of the division of the only Muslim majority state. Advocating 'reorganisation of the state by what it perceives as isolation of the Muslim majority valley from rest of the state, the organisation visualises the move as a step towards early solution of the Kashmir problem. According to reports, the RSS has planned 'mass action programme' and even floated an umbrella organisation the Jammu and Kashmir Nationalist Front (JKNF) -and is 'subtly' promoting groups to organise mass agitations to get the state divided into Hindu Jammu, Muslim valley and Budhist Ladakh. The Front held its first dharna in Jammu on Gandhi Jayanti recently.

In fact, according to the report, the RSS plan would not stop at the mere 'trifurcation' of the state. It favours further division of the Muslim dominated valley by carving out a separate home-land for the migrant Kashmiri Pandits. The movement envisages mobilisation of public opinion in the Muslims majority districts of Poonch, Rajouri and Doda, besides the Gujjar community against what it describes as Kashmiri hegemony.

(Kashmir Observer, October 22, 2000)

Srinagar Admin Organizes 'Millets Walkathon' Under 'Eat Right Challenge'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: With an aim to promote healthy nutrition and food habits among people, a Walkathon was organized by the District Administration Srinagar in collaboration with the Food Safety Department here on Saturday at Government Girls High School Chattabal.

The Walkathon was held on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad as a

part of the 'Eat Right Initiative India' campaign and celebrating the year 2023 as 'International Year of Millets'. The Walkathon was flagged off

by Chief Education Officer Srinagar, Mohammad Shabir and Assistant Commissioner Food Safety Srinagar, Yameen Ul Nabi, which witnessed participation of hundreds of students, besides officials and the local citizens.



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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, mortgagor and guarantors in particular that the below mentioned immovable property mortgaged to The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Safapora, the physical possession whereof has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank under section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 will be sold through e auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "No complaint" basis on 01.12.2023 for recovery of dues to the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Safapora. The description of property. reserve price and the earnest money deposit (EMD) is mentioned herein below:

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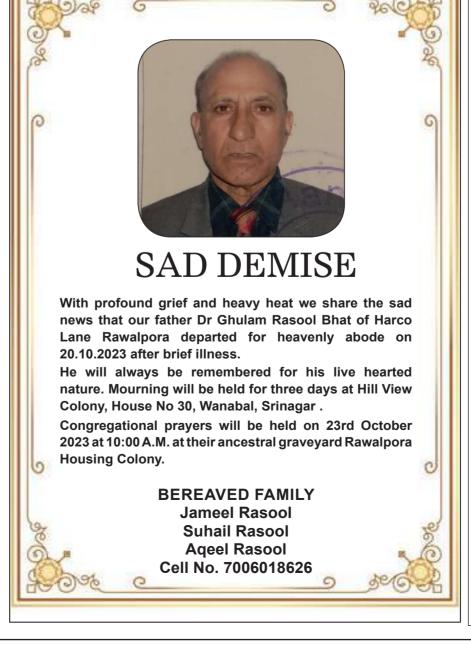
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"We Expect India To...": **US, UK Back Canada Over Withdrawal Of Diplomats**



WASHINGTON: The United States and Britain on Friday urged India not to insist Canada reduce its diplomatic presence in India and expressed concern after Ottawa pulled out 41 diplomats amid a dispute over the murder of a Sikh separatist.

Canada has alleged Indian involvement in the June murder in a Vancouver suburb of Canadian citizen and Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. India denies the allegation.

"We are concerned by the departure of Canadian diplomats from India, in response to the Indian government's demand of Canada to significantly reduce its diplomatic presence in India," US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said.

"Resolving differences requires diplomats on the ground. We have urged the Indian government not to insist upon a reduction in Canada's diplomatic presence and to cooperate in the ongoing Canadian investigation. We expect India to uphold its obligations under the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, including with respect to privileges and immunities enjoyed by accredited

members of Canada's diplomatic mission," the statement said. Washington has said it took Canada's allegations seriously and, along with London, urged India to cooperate with Canada in the murder probe even as Western powers have been re-

luctant to openly condemn India. Analysts say the US and the UK do not want to damage ties with India, which they view as a counterbalance to their main Asian rival China.

But Friday's statements from the US State Department and Britain's Foreign Office have been the most direct criticism by Washington and London of New Delhi thus far in this case.

'We do not agree with the decisions taken by the Indian government that have resulted in a number of Canadian diplomats departing India," a spokesperson for Britain's Foreign Office said.

Canada withdrew 41 diplomats from India after New Delhi last month asked Ottawa to reduce its diplomatic presence following Canada's allegations over Nijjar's killing. Canada on Friday said it was temporarily suspending in-person operations at consulates in several Indian cities and warned of visa processing delays.

Israeli Air Strikes Hammer Gaza Anew After Hamas Frees Two US Hostages

GAZA/JERUSALEM: Israel kept up heavy bombardment of targets throughout Gaza overnight on Saturday after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to "fight until victory" following the release of the first two hostages by the enclave's ruling Hamas group.

After Netanyahu signalled no pause in Israel's aerial onslaught and expected ground invasion, its military said fighter jets had struck a "large number of Hamas terror targets throughout the Gaza Strip" including command centres and combat positions inside multi-story buildings.

Palestinian medical officials and Hamas media said Israeli aircraft had overnight targeted several family houses across Gaza, one of the world's most densely populated places, killing at least 50 people and injuring dozens.

The Israeli military reported a fresh salvo of rockets from Gaza against southern Israeli border communities before dawn, then a lull until sirens sounded in the port city of Ashdod some 40 km (25 miles) north of the Palestinian enclave.

There was no immediate word of casualties in either

Hamas on Friday freed Americans Judith Tai Raanan, 59, and her daughter Natalie, 17, who were among 210 kidnapped in its Oct. 7 cross-border attack on southern Israel by militants of



the Islamist movement.

An image obtained by Reuters after their release showed the two women flanked by three Israeli soldiers and holding hands with Gal Hirsch, Israel's coordinator for the captives and missing.

Reached by phone in Bannockburn, Illinois, outside Chicago, Uri Raanan, the teenager's father, said he spoke with his daughter by phone. "She sounds very, very good, very happy - and she looks good."

They were the first hostages confirmed by both sides in the conflict to be freed since Hamas gunmen burst into Israel and killed 1,400 people, mainly civilians, in the deadliest single attack on Israelis since the country's founding 75 years ago.

Gaza's Health Ministry says Israel's retaliatory air and missile strikes have killed at least 4,137 Palestinians, including hundreds of children, while

over a million of the besieged territory's 2.3 million people have been displaced.

Israel has amassed tanks and troops near the fenced border around the small coastal enclave for a planned ground invasion with the objective of annihilating Hamas, after several inconclusive wars dating to its 2007 seizure of power in Gaza.

The first emergency humanitarian aid convoy to be sent to Gaza Strip since the war erupted began moving through the Rafah border crossing from Egypt on Saturday after days of diplomatic wrangling over conditions for delivering the relief.

The United Nations said the 20-truck convoy included lifesaving supplies that would be received by the Palestinian Red Crescent. Hamas said the delivery included medicine and limited amounts of food but not fuel.

Bribery Accusation: TMC Maintains Distance From Mahua Moitra

Press Trust of India

KOLKATA: The Trinamool Congress has decided to maintain distance from the controversy surrounding its MP Mahua Moitra, who has been facing allegations of taking bribes for raising questions in Parliament. Darshan Hiranandani, the CEO of real estate-to-energy group Hiranandani, who allegedly paid Moitra to raise questions in Parliament about Âdani Group, recently claimed in a signed affidavit that she targeted Gautam Adani to "malign and embarrass" Prime Minister Narendra Modi whose "impeccable reputation" gave opposition no opportunity to attack him.

A copy of the affidavit was reviewed by PTI.

"The party has nothing to say on this issue. We think the person around whom this controversy is revolving is best suited to react to this," TMC's West Bengal general secretary and spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said.

Another senior TMC leader, who did not wish to be named, said the party leadership is unwilling to get into a controversy and thus "will be maintaining distance from it." Reacting to the development, BJP leader Rahul Sinha said West Bengal's ruling party can't shrug off its

responsibility.
"The TMC always tries to shrug off its responsibility whenever its leaders are either arrested or land into trouble.



The TMC needs to explain whether it supports Mahua Moitra or not," he said.

Earlier in the week, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey and lawyer Jai Anant Dehadrai alleged that Moitra had accepted favours from Hiranandani in exchange for raising questions in Parliament. In response, Moitra filed a defamation suit against them before the Delhi High Court.

Dubey's complaint has been referred to Parliament's Ethics Committee by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

Vinod Sonkar, the chairman of the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee, had said he had received the sworn-in affidavit from Hiranandani.

Moitra, however, has raised questions over the credibility of Hiranandani's affidavit, alleging that it was "drafted by the PMO" and he was forced to sign it after being "threatened" with "total shut down" of his family's businesses.

Pakistan's Ex-PM Nawaz **Sharif Back From Self-Exile Ahead Of Elections**

Agencies

Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's former prime minister, has returned home after four years of selfexile in the United Kingdom to stand in next year's elections against his biggest rival, former premier Imran Khan.

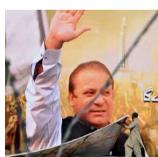
The 73-year-old veteran politician arrived by chartered flight to Pakistan's capital Islamabad on Saturday, after which he is expected to lead a where supporters decorated the city with green and yellow party banners, posters and

"We are completely ready for elections," Sharif told reporters before his flight took off from Dubai.

"Our country which should have been at the heights of prosperity has really gone backwards," he said. "How did we get here? Why did it come to this?"

The South Asian nation is facing overlapping security, economic and political crises ahead of polls already pushed back to January 2024, with Khan languishing in jail on corruption charges which he denies, after he was removed in a no-confidence vote in April 2022.

Sharif had not set foot in Pakistan since leaving for London in 2019 to receive medical treatment while serving a 14-year



His convictions remain in force, authorities from arresting him until Tuesday when he is to appear in court.

hold public office because of his convictions, his legal team says he plans to appeal and his

will be to wrestle back his support base from Khan, who despite being in jail, remains popular following his removal. Khan, too, is disqualified from the election because of his August corruption conviction,

which he has appealed. "Sharif's key challenge is first to establish himself and his party as viable options to replace Imran Khan, who is already popular, and secondly to turn around the economy," political analyst Ayesha Siddiga



While he cannot run for or party says he aims to become prime minister for a fourth time.

Sharif's biggest challenge

Israel-Hamas Conflict: First Emergency Aid Trucks Roll Into Gaza After Overnight Israeli Air Strikes Agencies

GAZA/JERUSALEM: Trucks carrying aid crossed into southern Gaza on Saturday, the first convoy of humanitarian supplies since Israel began a devastating siege 12 days ago and after further heavy Israeli bombardment overnight that killed dozens of Palestinians.

US President Joe Biden had said this week that agreement had been reached for 20 aid trucks to cross through Gaza's Rafah border point with Egypt, and added on Friday he believed those first trucks would pass through within 48 hours.

Witnesses said aid trucks exited the crossing after checks and proceeded into Gaza's southern area, including the major towns of Rafah and Khan Younis, where hundreds of thousands of people displaced by Israel's unrelenting air war are sheltering.

However, Palestinian officials were disappointed that fuel supplies were not included and added that the aid was only 3 per cent of what used to get into Gaza before the crisis.

"Excluding the fuel from the humanitarian aid means the lives of patients and injured will remain at risk. Gaza hospitals are running out of the basic requirements to pursue medical interventions." the Gaza health ministry said.

Israel's "total siege" of Gaza after the October 7 cross-border attack on southern Israel



by militants of the Islamist movement Hamas has left flict, an average of about 450 Gaza's 2.3 million people running out of food, water, medicines and fuel.

The United Nations said the convoy included life-saving supplies that would be received and distributed by the Palestinian Red Crescent, with Hamas' consent. Israel has warned that no aid should end up in Hamas hands.

"The humanitarian situation in Gaza - already precarious has reached catastrophic levels," UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths said in a statement.

"I am confident that this delivery will be the start of a sustainable effort to provide essential supplies – including food, water, medicine and fuel.'

UN officials say at least 100 trucks daily are needed and that any aid operation must be sustainable at scale - a tall order now with Israel carrying out devastating bombardments of the enclave day and night.

Before the outbreak of conin Gaza.

First two hostages released Israel kept up heavy bombardment of targets throughout Gaza in Saturday's early hours after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to "fight until victory" following the release of the first two hostages by Hamas.

Hamas on Friday freed Americans Judith Tai Raanan, 59, and her daughter Natalie, 17, who were among around 210 kidnapped in the assault on southern Israel by Hamas this month. Hamas said it acted in part "for humanitarian reasons" in response to Qatari mediation.

Hamas gunmen seized the hostages when they burst out of the blockaded enclave into Israel and killed 1,400 people, mainly civilians, in a shock rampage, the deadliest single attack on Israelis since the country's founding 75 years ago.

93 MLAs In Madhya **Pradesh Have Criminal Cases: Report**

Agencies

BHOPAL (MADHYA PRADESH): Ahead of Madhya Pradesh assembly polls, Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) has released its report in which it revealed that 93 out of 230 sitting MLAs in the state have cases criminal against them.

ADR is an non profit organisation which discloses criminal, financial, and educational background of the candidates contesting elections.

According to the ADR report, of these 93 MLAs having criminal cases, 39 belong to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), 52 belong to the Congress Party, one from Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the remaining one is independent.

Apart from this, among the 93 MLAs, 47 have serious criminal cases, one MLA has a case of murder (IPC section 302) registered against him, six MLAs have cases of attempt to murder (IPC 307) and two MLAs have cases of crime against women (IPC 354), the report

Meanwhile, another interesting data surfaced in the report stating that 186 out of 230 sitting MLAs in the state are 'crorepati'. Of these, 76 out of 97 MLAs of Congress are crorepati in the state. Sanjay Shukla is the richest MLA from the Congress party and total wealth is over ₹139 crore.

Shukla is MLA from Indore

1 assembly constituency and this time he will be contesting against the senior BJP leader Kailsh Vijayvargiya.

On the other hand, 107 out of 129 MLAs of the BJP are crorepati in the state. The richest MIA from the BIP is Saniav Pathak and his total wealth is over ₹226 crore. Pathak is MLA from Vijayraghavgarh assembly constituency in Katni District.

Besides, three independent MLAs are also crorepati in the state.

The report further stated about the educational qualification of the sitting MLAs in the state. 62 MLAs have declared their educational qualification to be between Class 5th and 12th, while 158 MLAs have declared to be graduate and above.

Apart from this, four MLAs have declared themselves as diploma holders. Five MLAs have declared them as literate and one MLA has declared as illiterate, the report added.

Madhya Pradesh is scheduled to undergo assembly polls on November 17 and the counting of votes will take place on De-

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Dated: 20.10.2023

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Position of AAA

Position of funds: Available The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per following schedule

1.	Date of Publication of Tender Notice	20.10.2023
2.	Date of start of downloading	20.10.2023
3.	Pre-bid meeting date	NA
4.	Bid submission start Date	20.10.2023
5.	Bid submission end date	28.10.2023 (6.00 PM)
6.	Date of opening of Technical bid (online)	30.10.2023 (11.30AM)
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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Dated: 20/10/2023

Dated: 20 /10/2023 For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Superintending Engineer, Procurement, JPDCL, Jammu invites online e-bids from original Govt. registered manufacturers supply of material as under for the

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Detailed NIT maybe downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in upto 14th of Nov. 2023 till 12:00 Hrs. The tender shall be accepted through online mode only. In case, the tender process does not get completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in the newspapers. The details regarding corrigendum may be seen on the above mentioned website.

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Supreme Decision-Making Body Of Kargil Hill Council Framed

NC, Congress Get Two Berths Each In Executive Council, Allotment Of Portfolios On Cards

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Two councillors each from National Conference and Congress were appointed as executive councillors of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Kargil on Saturday.

As part of power-sharing deal between NC and Congress, chief executive councillor Dr. Jaffer Akhone today appointed two councillors each from both the parties as executive councillors.

According to reports, Syed Mujtaba(Trespone constituency) and Er. Punchok Tashi (Padum constituency) from National Conference were appointed as executive councillors by the CEC.

Er Punchok Tashi, a Buddhist, was appointed as EC against the berth reserved in executive council for the principal religious minority in the Hill Council.

From Congress, Kacho Mohammad Feroz (Pashkum constituency) and Zakir Hussain (Shakar constituency) were nominated as executive councillors.

CEC, Dr Jaffer Akhoon said portfolios would be allocated to them soon. "We will allot departments to them within a day or two," he said.

As per section 29 of LAHDC Act-1997, the executive council of these Hill Councils shall comprise of CEC and four executive councillors to be nominated by

It further states that at least one EC member shall be nominated from amongst the principal religious minorities in the

The EC is the supreme decision-making body of the Council. It has the powers to approve budget and five-year plans—(KNO)

CUK, NIT Deptts Hold Joint Workshop



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Chemistry, School of Physical and Chemical Sciences, Central University of Kashmir (CUK) in collaboration with Department of Chemistry, National Institute of Technology, conducted a workshop "Hands on training On Cyclic Voltammetry and Potentiometry".

Head, Deptt of Chemistry, Prof. Abid Hamid Dar, flagged off the students to NIT Srinagar. The programme started with the welcome address by Head, Department of Chemistry NIT Srinagar, Dr. Hamida Nisa Chishti, which was followed by demonstration of research and physical chemistry laboratory by Prof. Kouser Majid.

The students were given a general overview of all the instrumentation in the labs. Thereafter, scholars of Department of Chemistry (Physical Chemistry section), NIT Srinagar assisted students in performing the experiments. Dr. Rifat Akbar and Dr. Sumayah Bashir, Asst Profs. guided and supported the students during the workshop.

Asst Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nadeem Lone conducted and coordinated the programme and proposed the vote of thanks.

Arrangements Reviewed For Urs Of Hazrat Mir Syed Ali Simnani (RA)

Observer News Service

KULGAM: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather on Saturday chaired a meeting of officers and Augaf members to take stock of the arrangements made for smooth conduct of annual Urs of Hazrat Mir Syed Ali Simnani (RA) at Kulgam.

During the meeting, ADDC directed Jal Shakti and KPDCL to ensure uninterrupted water and electricity supply to the Ziyarat Shareef area and town during Urs days.

EO of Municipality Kulgam was directed to maintain proper sanitation and cleanliness and ensure regular lifting of garbage from the Shrine area.

Regarding medical facilities during Urs days, the department of health was directed to establish medical camps equipped with fully trained medical staff and emergency aid besides deputing an ambulance.

Concerned were directed to repair dysfunctional street lights and to install new lights wherever required.

Directions were also passed on concerned officers for providing hassle free transport services to the devotees and to chalk out a plan to curb traffic jams in the vicinity of Ziyarat shareef.

The meeting was attended by Ex. Engineers, AD-FCS&CA, Tehsildar, ARTO, EO and other district and sectoral officers besides representatives from

Dr. Farooq Emphasizes On Moral Education In Schools

Attends Annual Cultural Day Function Of Presentation Convent School In Srinagar

Observer News Service

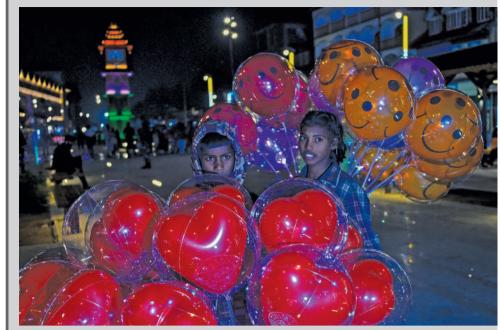
SRINAGAR: National Conference President and Member of the Parliament from Srinagar Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Saturday emphasised on the importance of moral education in the overall wellbeing of the children.

He said this at the annual cultural day function of the Presentation Convent School in Srinagar. "Moral education is the need of the hour. The world today is filled with crime, hatred, and greed, the situation in Kashmir is no different. People have forgotten their humanity and are only concerned with themselves. Voices of all hues have seen a manifold increase in our valley which had a

distinction of being the abode of great sages and sufis," he said.

"Our contemporary youth have lost their sense of right and wrong. With all the negativity that surrounds us through the internet and other forums, it is more important than ever to instil positive values in our children. During these contemporary times values often seem to take a backseat, however that shouldn't happen. Our schools should lay more emphasis on teaching children the virtues of integrity, mo-

rality, truthfulness," he said. He also passed on best wishes to the school administration, hoping that they will keep on contributing to society more effectively as ever before.



NON-LOCAL BOYS SELLING toys around Srinagar's Ganta Ghar (clock tower) on a cold Saturday evening. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Azad Demands J&K Elections In Batamaloo Rally

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: While the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is "normal", the continuing delay in holding assembly elections is a matter of "grave concern", former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad said here on Saturday. Addressing a public meeting

in Batamaloo here, Azad said the situation has "not been more normal in the last 30-35 years" than it is now, but it was perhaps the first time in J-K's history that assembly polls have not been conducted for such a long time.

"When the situation was bad in J-K, and there was bloodshed and leaders left the Valley, Kashmiri Pandits left the Valley, that time also elections took place after five to six years," Azad said.

"But, today when the situation is normal, and it has not been more normal than this in the last 30-35 years, still elections have not taken place in the last nine years. This is a matter of grave concern," the former Congress leader and chairman of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) said.

Azad said it was the first rally in the last 36 years in the area. "I am thankful to you that

vou came here, the number of people does not matter, but that there is peace in this area and a political meeting could take place is in itself a wonder. I think this is the first political meeting here in the last 35-36 years.

"When I was the chief minister or in the Congress, no one had the courage to conduct a meeting here. Because, unfor-

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KATHUA: The district adminis-

tration Kathua orchestrated a

spectacular visual extravagan-

za in the form of a mesmeriz-

ing laser show at the RamLeela

Ground in Basohli as part of

the ongoing Shardiya Navratri

The maiden laser show in

Basohli has drawn immense

admiration from the local

residents and visitors alike,

creating a wave of awe and

The laser show which be-

gan today will continue until

the 23rd of October, features

a meticulously designed visual

spectacle that combines tech-

nology and tradition. The show

has been thoughtfully crafted

to celebrate the essence of the

festival and showcases several

remarkable themes, includ-

ing Ganesh Stuti, Shiv Tandav,

Krishna Leela, Ramayana and

a breathtaking Laser Beam and

Thousands of people gath-

ered at the RamLeela Ground

to witness this extraordinary

fusion of art and technology.

The laser beams, synchronized

with melodious music, created

a magical and immersive ex-

perience that left the audience

spellbound. It is not merely a

laser show; it is an artistic trib-

ute to the rich cultural heritage

The district administration's

initiative to bring this unique

and enchanting spectacle

to Basohli received an over-

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Music Show.

of the region.

tunately, the situation was not good in this area. I am happy that there is peace in the city now," he said The former J-K chief minis-

ter said while the lieutenant governor's administration was doing its job, it cannot replace elected representatives. "The administration is doing

its job, but this is not its job. I am not saying LG is not doing his work, or officers are not doing their work, but we are asking them to do a job that is not theirs but is of ministers, MLAs, elected representatives," he said. He said an elected MLA or

a chief minister reaches everywhere, roams among the people, and asks people about their issues.

"That does not happen now, because an officer is not for that, he is for running the office. If MLAs are made secretaries, they will destroy the files in one day," he said.

Later, while speaking to reporters, the DPAP chairman

Spectacular Laser Show Enthralls Basohli

During Shardiya Navratri Festival

said he and his party have always demanded that assembly elections were necessary as only legislators can serve the people effectively.

"The officers are intelligent and good, but the secretariat will suffer if they work like MLAs. So the election for MLAs should take place," he said.

Referring to the situation in the Gaza Strip, Azad said people had expectations from the powerful countries to restore peace. "Unfortunately, the power-

ful countries, who can restore peace and calm, themselves get involved then who will re-

"The way the situation in Gaza is, the way children are being killed, the way there is no food or water or milk and it has been made the world's biggest prison, the powerful countries could have vened, but since they have not, we can only pray," he said.

He asked the people to pray for the people of the Gaza Strip so that their sufferings end.

Service To Nation: Jammu IGP **Press Trust Of India**

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police has been rendering yeoman service to the nation and the society under most hostile, difficult and challenging circumstances at the cost of their personal safety and comfort, Inspector General of Police Anand Jain said on Saturday.

Rich tributes were paid to the slain police and paramilitary personnel on the occasion of the Police Commemoration Day, which was observed across the Jammu region on Saturday.

The day is observed every year in the memory and honour of Sub Inspector Karam Singh and his 10 bravehearts from the CRPF who laid down their lives in the service of the nation on this day in 1959 while holding an attack by the Chinese troops in Ladakh.

In Jammu, Jain, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) of Iammu Zone, took the salute of the commemoration day parade and paid tributes to the 189 personnel, including police and paramilitary jawans, who laid down their lives across the

country in 2022-23. Jain also interacted with the next of kin of fallen policemen at the Police Headquarters, Gulshan Ground, and assured full support and timely action on the requests submitted by

them. The officials said impressive functions were organised in all 10 districts of Jammu where a large number of senior police officers, retired police personnel, the family members of fallen policemen and civil society members participated.

They said a blood donation camp was also organised on he occasion.

Earlier in the day, a wreathlaying function was held at the Police Martyrs Memorial at Railway Station where tributes were paid to all the martyrs.

The family members of the police personnel and the civil society later assembled at the venue to light candles and paid tributes to the martyrs.

Notorious Criminal Arrested In Jammu, Booked Under PSA

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: A notorious criminal accused of several violent crimes was arrested here under the stringent Public Safety Act, police said on Saturday.

Mohd Yaqoob alias Yuka alias Lambu, a resident of Sarore village, was named in 14 FIRs registered at various police stations in Jammu and Samba districts between 2018 and 2023, a police spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said that Yaqoob was arrested by a team out charge or trial for up to two of the Bishnah Police on the

outskirts of Jammu and lodged at the Kot Bhalwal Jail under the Public Safety Act.

"Yaqoob is a history sheeter and was involved in various acts of violence such as attempt to murder, assault, stabbing, snatching and had spread a reign of terror among the peace loving people of the area. His arrest warrant under the PSA was issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Jammu," he said.

The PSA is an administrative law that allows detention withyears in some cases.

Vinod Kumar Appointed SSP Jammu

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Vinod Kumar was Saturday appointed as the new Senior Superintendent of Police (SŜP) Jammu, replacing Chandan Kohli, who has been appointed as deputy secretary in the cabinet secretariat on deputation basis.

transferred and posted as SSP Jammu, while IPS Joginder Singh, director, special security force (J&K), was transferred and posted as SSP Udhampur, an order issued by the J&K

Home Department said. IPS Swarn Singh Kotwal,

commandant SDRF 1-battalion Srinagar, was transferred and posted as director, special security force, J&K, in place of

The order said the transfers and postings were in pursuance of the approval of competent authority to the appointment of Kohli as deputy secretary Kumar, who was currently in the senior executive cadre posted as SSP Udhampur, was of the cabinet secretariat, on deputation basis for a period of four years.

Kohli was relieved from his post to enable him to take up the new assignment at the

DC Pulwama Conducts Extensive Review Of PMAY

Observer News Service

PULWAMA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom today chaired a comprehensive review meeting of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), here.

The Assistant Commissioner Development Pulwama presented a detailed report covering the progress of various blocks within the Pulwama district. This included block-wise assessments, with particular attention given to addressing landless cases. The DC emphasized the criti-

cal importance of adhering to fixed timelines for project completion, underlining the Administration's commitment to ensuring PMAY projects are completed within the prescribed timeframes. This commitment aligns with the

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Government's vision to provide affordable housing for all, especially those without land of

The Assistant Commissioner Development Pulwama reported on the achievements and challenges faced in the execution of PMAY projects, highlighting the need for close monitoring and prompt resolution of any issues that may arise.

The meeting concluded with DC issuing strict and clear directions to expedite the PMAY projects, facilitate the construction of homes for eligible beneficiaries, and ensure the timely completion of all pay-

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Development Pulwama and all the Block Development Officers of District Pulwama

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Repairs/ replacement of washing machines, hydra extractors and dryers of laundry section at Govt SMHS **Hospital Srinagar**

This office e- NIT no: M&HDS/TS/2023-24/104/e-tendering Dated 06.10.2023

CANCELLATION

In view of poor response, the above referred e-NIT is hereby cancelled and shall be issued afresh shortly.

No: MHDS/TS/6433-36, Dated: 21-10-2023 **Executive Engineer.** DIPK-10870-23 Mechanical & Hospitals Division,

whelmingly positive response from the community. Visitors and locals have expressed their appreciation for the effort put into organizing this maiden laser show, emphasizing how it has added a new dimension to the Shardiya Navratri Festival

DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua

DC Kathua shared his thoughts on this grand event, saying, "We wanted to create a oneof-a-kind experience for our residents and visitors, something that fuses tradition with modernity.

The laser show is a tribute to our heritage and our commitment to making the Shardiya Navratri Festival truly special. We are delighted by the response and plan to make it an annual highlight." The show continues to draw audiences from far and wide, igniting the spirit of festiv-

celebrations.

Range, Shakti Pathak, DC Kathua Rakesh Minhas, ADC Kathua Ranjeet Singh, ADC Basohli Ajit Singh, district and sectoral officers besides massive crowd attended the event.

Speaking on the occasion.

ity among the people.

Is Religious Attire a Hindrance to Good Schooling?

Gazi Muzamil & Zahid Lone



While we should constantly celebrate and recognize women's personal liberty, we must also respect her right to choose. Arguing that wearing an Abbaya threatens classroom etiquette is a fallacious and ambiguous argument

week ago, a government girls' school teacher in Bandipora was arrested for tearing off a student's hijab. The student's complaint stated that the teacher had been repeatedly harassing her as well as her classmate for wearing a headscarf. This isn't an isolated incident. This year, on June 8, several girls from the city's Vishwa Bharati Higher Secondary School Rainawari had also protested against the school administration for not allowing them to wear Abbaya (a loose-fitting, full-length robe that Muslim ladies typically wear). They reported that they were chastised for wearing it and blamed the Principal for saying that students who wore abbaya should join a madrassa (a religious school) instead, an 'admission' that the school Principal later declined. Following the immense backlash, the school administration clarified that the prohibition was simply for wearing other colours of abbayas by girl students and that the school has tightly involved a specific colour of abbaya in uniform for girls.

Abaya is a traditional kind of clothing worn by Muslim women all over the world. Abaya has an important role in social, economic, and cultural settings in Kashmir. It is strongly rooted in our socioreligious and socio-cultural spectrum, and it is frequently regarded as a symbol of modesty as well as a means of expressing religious and cultural identity. It was always a part of the school uniform culture in different Kashmiri schools and is always associated with promoting social equality and cultural enrichment. It is used by women regardless of income or degree of education. It draws women together and gives them the impression

that they are all the same.

The perception among people that wearing abaya or headscarves makes women less appealing and compromises their dressing style and personality in a dynamic and changing society is misleading. In fact, abaya comes in many different styles, designs, and colours, which provides women with comfort for choice. Many women use abaya to show off their personal style and sense of fashion while still being modest. Others think of



it as a way to show off their cultural or religious identity while keeping their own style and sense of self through the choices they make within the limits of modest dress. People often think that the abaya makes it hard for a woman to move around or take part in different activities. Even though the abaya may need to be adjusted for some physical tasks, women who wear it are still able to work, play sports, and do other things they do every day without losing their modesty.

In Kashmir, the question of whether educational institutions should interfere with girl's choice of wearing abaya has prompted significant debate and controversy. The abaya, a loose-fitting black cloak worn by women in certain regions, has both religious and cultural significance. While some argue that educational institutions should respect the cultural and religious practices of their students and allow them to wear the abaya, others believe that it is a hindrance to learning and may even be a security concern.

The debate has intensified in recent years, with some institutions implementing dress codes that prohibit the wearing of the abaya in certain settings, while

others have taken a more permissive approach. Regardless of where one stands on the issue, it is clear that the abaya is a symbol of identity and cultural heritage for women, and any overt or covert attempt to restrict its use within or outside educational institutions must be carefully considered and weighed. In our society, the abaya has profound cultural significance and is an integral part of women's identity.

While we should constantly celebrate and recognize women's personal liberty, we must also respect her right to choose. Arguing that wearing an abbaya threatens classroom etiquette is a fallacious and ambiguous argument. While retaining a part of the ladies' school uniform, fosters modesty and a sense of equality, thereby meeting the requirements of maintaining school decorum. By permitting students to wear the abaya, educational institutions recognize and value cultural diversity. Expression of culture is a vital aspect of personal growth and should be celebrated rather than repressed. Restricting or interfering with the donning of abayas may result in feelings of exclusion and the deterioration of the cultural fabric of

the community, thereby hindering educational outcomes. Complex and delicate is the question of whether educational institutions should interfere with abaya donning. Respecting individual liberties, cultural identities, and religious beliefs is essential, but it is also essential to establish a balance that allows for a conducive learning environment. Educational institutions should strive to accommodate cultural and religious diversity by establishing policies that uphold respect, decorum, and inclusiveness. By doing so, institutions can establish an environment in which students feel valued, celebrated, and prepared for academic success while maintaining a harmonious educational

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echnology is changing the world faster than policymakers can devise new ways to cope with it. As a result, societies are becoming polarized, inequality is rising, and authoritarian regimes and corporations are doctoring reality and undermining democracy.

For ordinary people, there is ample reason to be "a little bit scared," as OpenAI CEO Sam Altman recently put it. Major advances in artificial intelligence raise concerns about education, work, warfare, and other risks that could destabilize civilization long before climate change does. To his credit, Altman is urging lawmakers to regulate his industry.

In confronting this challenge, we must keep two concerns in mind. The first is the need for speed. If we take too long, we may find ourselves closing the barn door after the horse has bolted. That is what happened with the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty: It came 23 years too late. If we had managed to establish some minimal rules after World War II, the NPT's ultimate goal of nuclear disarmament might have been achievable.

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The other concern involves deep uncertainty. This is such a new world that even those working on AI do not know where their inventions will ultimately take us. A law enacted with the best intentions can still backfire. When America's founders drafted the Second Amendment conferring the "right to keep and bear arms," they

Governing The Unknown

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could not have known how firearms technology would change in the future, thereby changing the very meaning of the word "arms." Nor did they foresee how their descendants would fail to realize this even after seeing the change.

But uncertainty does not justify fatalism. Policymakers can still effectively govern the unknown as long as they keep certain broad considerations in mind. For example, one idea that came up during a recent Senate hearing was to create a licensing system whereby only select corporations would be permitted to work on AI.

This approach comes with some obvious risks of its own. Licensing can often be a step toward cronyism, so we would also need new laws to deter politicians from abusing the system. Moreover, slowing your country's AI development with additional checks does not mean that others will adopt similar measures. In the worst case, you may find yourself facing adversaries wielding precisely the kind of malevolent tools that you eschewed. That is why AI is best regulated multilaterally, even if that is a tall order in today's world.

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Another big concern is labor. Just as past technological advances reduced demand for manual labor, new applications like ChatGPT may reduce demand for a lot of white-collar labor. But this prospect need not be so worrying. If we can distribute the wealth and income generated by AI equitably across the population, eliminating plenty of work would not be a problem. Far from being diminished by not working, feudal lords were aggrandized by their leisure.

The problem, of course, is that most people do not know how to use free time. Pensioners often become anxious because they do not know what to do with themselves. Now, imagine that happening on a massive scale across younger cohorts. If left unchecked, crime, conflict, and perhaps extremism would become more likely. Averting such outcomes would require modifying our education systems to prepare people for the leisure force. As in earlier eras, education would mean learning how to enjoy the arts, hobbies, reading, and thinking.

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A final major concern involves media and the truth. In How to Stand Up to a Dictator, the Nobel laureate journalist Maria Ressa laments that social media has become a powerful tool for promoting fake news. As Amal Clooney points out in her foreword to the book, auto-

cratic leaders can now rely on "an army of bots" to create the impression that "there is only one side to every story."

This is a bigger challenge than most people realize. It will not go away even if we pass laws prohibiting automated disinformation. As Amartya Sen pointed out more than 40 years ago, all description entails choice. Reality is so complex that we cannot possibly represent it without making decisions about what to include and what to omit. In a world that is drowning in information, savvy influencers do not need to make up news; they can simply be biased in what they choose to report. News outlets can influence voters' opinions in ways both subtle and flagrant. Just compare the images of Donald Trump and of Joe Biden that Fox News chooses.

We cannot solve the problem of authoritarian influence by banning fake news. Our best hope again lies in education. We will need to do a better job teaching people to be discerning and less susceptible to manipulation.

Innovation in law and policy must go hand in hand with innovation in education, and all are necessary to keep up with innovation in technology.

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Uncanny Autumn

Mushtaq Hurra

WHEN slanting rays of mildly cold autumn's evening sun penetrate deep through the red rich foliage of chinar trees, the dense scarlet coloured frondescence of the mammoth chi-nar trees turn blazingly beautiful and bewitching. The sight earnestly stirs the treasure trove of memories from the canvas of my childhood reminiscences. It promptly takes me down my memory lane, and dozens of freaky yet precious remembrances of old autumn days drive me crazy and nostalgic. Glittering golden-green leafage of tall trees during ripe autumn days, used to throb our hearts for a weird reason. Though as a young boy, I was not conscious about the beguiling beauty of trees and other sources of natural prettiness; but, mellow autumn would certainly add a sense of insouciance to my instincts, because it was the time when exam fever was over, with the culmination of our annual examinations.

Majestic willow, poplar, chinar and other gigantic trees, losing their verdure to gusty wafts of autumn winds, would not simply make them bald, but would fill our hearts with euphoria of absolute freedom and nonchalance. The bare trees would mean that the pleasantly warm days of autumn would no more hitch us to the pegs of school. Those days would announce leisure, amusement and recreation to our vibes. Termination of annual school examinations in October, would free us from the chains of virtual slavery and bondage of studies, though it would not last for more than a few weeks. I don't know if luxurious monarchs of the past had ever enjoyed such insouciant and contented occasions which were gifted to us during our juvenescence days in general and the autumn days in particular.

Completion of our yearly examinations would shift our destinations from schools to play fields. But, we



would never carry out our cherished games-time in the open playground of our village, rather would throng a big orchard, hardly a stone's throw away from our village. Unrestrained entry into the orchard was subject to the complete reaping of its apple harvest. Once the apple trees were freed from the red harvest, we would make our way into it. Besides playing cricket, we would take our milking cows and their calves to graze there. Playing in the natural ambience of apple trees was no less a blessing for us. A group of our friends used to climb the apple trees to pick the omitted apples. They were not lesser than adept and adroit hunt-ers who would hardly fail to pounce upon their prey.

I, my pals and siblings would crowd the big orchard, locally called Pehel Bagh, because it belonged to the Wagays of Yadipora Sopore. The caretaker of the orchard was immensely benevolent and compassionate. I don't remember a single incident of his scold or admonishment to us. His wife, who was originally from Kalarus Kupwara, had a typical Pahadi (Mountain) accent, and we were quite afraid of her shouts. Her visit to the orchard would scare us, and we used to flee away, often leaving our assets viz Pherans and sweaters there. But, she was quite generous and affectionate. She probably wanted to spend time with us because her lap was empty. Cruel hands of death had snatched her only child at an early age. The gentle couple passed away with no heir of their own. May Allah elevate their ranks in Jannah!

Well, playing cricket in the big orchard during autumn days, was our favourite pastime. We had not the privilege to grip machine made bats in our hands. So, we would play cricket with our homemade bats. My younger brother was adept in chiselling wooden planks and pieces into bats. He was pampered and admired by every young boy in our vicinity, for this unique skill. I have some cherished memories of spending my childhood days in the big orchard. Once, I, my brother and my friends hatched a conspiracy to steal a fifty rupee note from my grandmother's possession. One day, when my father was not at home, and my grandmother was busy fetching water from the public tap of our Mohalla, my brother and I plundered the treasure. Later, we were reprimanded and corporally punished for this misadventure

Though, now, I no longer cross the thorny fence of the orchard, but it has

come closer to me than the earlier, because it is simply a peep away from the window of my balcony, situated at the second storey of my house. A glance through the window of my house refreshes everything before my eyes. The proximity with my old companion has safeguarded the canvas of my memories from the possible erosion of time. Bundles of sweet memories attributed with the marvellous land of fruit trees, often swells my chest up with pride and pleasure. Big old trees in the orchard have suffered the pangs of ageing which I used to climb during spring season, to spot nests of ring-doves and nightingales. I too, like the apple trees, have begun to face the atrocious brunt of ageing. My hair has started to turn grey. So, the agent of ageing has caught us parallel to each other even though our old friendship has ended.

Very recently, while driving past the big orchard, to visit the labourers working in our paddy fields, I saw my son and his friends playing in the same orchard. I stopped my car for a while, not to see the cricketing skills of my son, but the scenes moistened my eyes, because I had had some unprecedented adventures and misadventures there. I vividly remember how I used to wrangle and bicker with my pals and siblings there. This was the place where we used to meet frequently, to discuss different plans and strategies regarding our cricketing endeavours. A bet of rupees two would intensify our rivalry to cash the bet price. Since boundary walls were not marked there, heated arguments were often witnessed during our matches, particularly boundary disputes to declare fours and sixes were repeatedly seen during our heroics with bat and ball. Ah! The bygone sugary and sweet childhood vibes.

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Fostering Reading Habits in the Digital Age

MagicBox Team

Students are spending more time online than ever before. They are a part of online lectures, seminars, society socials, and even catch up with friends without ever leaving home. However, the increasing dependency on technology seems to be affecting more than just their attention span.

Reading on an internet-enabled device can be highly distracting. In fact, 90% of students believe that they are more likely to multitask while reading digitally. There is also a growing concern that if students rely heavily on shallow reading, it may interfere with their development of deep reading skills, such as thoughtful pondering, critical analysis, and inferential thinking.

Then came the pandemic, and the only way to reach out to the world and access education was online. Today's youth is characterized by a need for instant gratification, something that is more easily achieved through video than reading long text. Against this backdrop, how do we nurture a reading mindset?

Evolving Content Consumption Patterns

When students scroll through the content on their mobile screens, they easily get hooked because the content is designed in such a manner. However, the bigger issue is not that they are not spending less time online, but they are spending less time per piece of content. Educators are well aware of this phenomenon, and they are trying to adopt innovative methods so that students stay engaged with learning content for

The increasing use of technology has offered its fair share of benefits as well. According to a recent survey, 79.31% of teachers felt that their students rely heavily on technology. But, they believe that this reliance has an advantage as well. In fact, 68.97% of these students were familiar with some form of research/learning models, such as dictionaries, nonfiction texts, alternative



games, or exercises. Thus, technology can elicit high student interest, while allowing them to engage in their learning at multiple levels. It can help students become self-sufficient learners in and out of the classroom.

Technology has connected students across the world and provided them access to crucial learning resources. Now is the time to build on this.

Digital as an Aid to Nurture Readers

With the rapid merger of technology and the Internet, this industry can bring about several positive changes among students. As far as nurturing them into lifelong readers is concerned, digital publishers can play a vital role.

Here are the common challenges students face that reduce their enthusiasm about reading:

1. Takes Too Long to Find Relevant Content

Students are becoming increasingly impatient. They get bored very easily. So, it is important to create and deliver diverse and personally relevant content. The more the content is personalized, the more it can keep them engaged. This is where the personalized learning model comes in

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Under this model, students receive a customized learning experience, so that they can learn at their own pace, with structure and support in challenging areas. If the content is aligned with their interests, needs, and skills, they will be more likely to read it through. Thus, a learning environment needs to be created while keeping in mind the tastes and preferences of the digital natives

2. Heavy Text and Passive Reading

Another way to encourage reading is to let students actively participate

in the learning process. If the content appeals to the innate curiosity in the young mind, it can retain their attention for longer. This means that learning content needs to be interactive so that students no longer are passive recipients of the information.

This can be achieved by integrating multimedia, interactive, and gaming elements into the content. It will help students become active participants in their own learning journey.

3. Limited Access to Reading Materials

In the traditional learning model, students often had to wait until they were in class or when teachers were available to ask questions or resolve doubts. But elearning solutions allow 24/7 access to learning. Students can conveniently download eBooks and then read them offline, from anywhere, at any time. Additionally, learning

materials in multiple languages can be created to engage those who are predominantly non-English speakers.

A virtual learning environment with flexible access to resources works in favor of students. Not only does it make learning materials more accessible, but it also takes students 40%-60% less time to learn compared to a traditional classroom setting because they can learn at their own pace.

4. Long-Form Text is Confusing and

The current generation is said to have a limited attention span. So, they should be served more information in fewer words. This is where microlearning can help. It is an effective way to engage students since it offers bite-sized learning units. These units include only the necessary pieces of

Thus, they can be more engaging, less time-consuming, and cheaper to produce methods of publishing. A study revealed that this kind of learning can increase information transfer by 17% and ensure a better understanding of the subject. This is so because it allows students to casually learn the topics in their spare time and even quickly review concepts. These small learning units can fit right into the low attention span.

5. Learning Does Not Apply to Real Life

Students will be more willing to participate in learning if they can connect with what is being taught to them. So, they should be taught concepts in such a way that allows them to apply what has been learned to real-life settings. If students can actually see how the concept works to solve problems, they will be more inclined to learn about it.

Even in a world with such advanced technology, it is important to cultivate a habit of reading. Do you believe that carving out time for students is easier said than done? We at MagicBox can ease this process for you.

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From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present: Mr. Jawad Ahmad

I.. Zubaida Wd/o Ghulam Mohammad Munshi

II. Nassarullah Munbshi

S/o Ghulam Mohammad Munshi

Both residents of H.NO 196 Firdous Colony Buchpora, Srinagar

Public at Large

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Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

Notice to public at Large

Where the petitioners(s) Filed Above Titled Petiton Before This Court Of Issuance Of Succession certificate in favour of Petitioner(s) in respect of Rs 15,42,626.15 as debits 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 10-11-2023

Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the drom of this proclamation that at any anyone has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/she / they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 10-11-2023 . 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

Government of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Oazigund

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Fresh NIT NO 75 OF R&B/Qzd/2023-24/E-TENDERING/6827-41DATED20-10-2023

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.	Stage Name	Cost of T/	Earnest	M.H of	Class of
No		Doc.(In	Money (In	Account	Contractor
		Rupees) 500	Rs.) 5000		
l	Poolia Sadiwara link,Poolia inner links , Nadoora Kralmad, Khja pora Lower-	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
	munda inner link, Wavetharoo link, Lower Munda and Gulab Bagh Gujarbasti,				
	Bumnoo Marg to Khagund via Bahwathoo Poolia , Sadiwara Lowermunda				
2.	link,Approach road to Railway Tunnel. (Agg.length 11.90 Kms) (Stage-1) Dalwach Taragam Lonepora , Mandipora Dalwatch via Sistergam, Syed	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classos
۲.	Abad link road, Wangund to Check, Matgund Bemdal upto Budermu-	500	5000	3034 3110W	All Classes
	noo, Wangund to Dalwatch, Approach road to Lonepora Keeri Bridge.				
3.	(Agg,length 12.40 Kms) (Stage-2) Check to Bonangan road, Tunjloo link road, Check inner link,Bonangan Bouke-	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
	dpathi Bakerwal Check. (Agg.length 8.00 Kms) (Stage -3)	500		205/6	111.61
4.	Court road Qazigund Umer Colony, Gousai Colony at Qazigund, Qazigund	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
	Sransoo road, PHE Division link, Old National Highway Qazigund widening of				
	Bazar Portion, Dardkoot link, Peer Baba link including old stretch of Qazigund Kulgam, Qazigund Kulbagh road, Govt. Office Buildings at Qazigund Hospital				
	Police Station including sumo stand Qazigund, New Colony at Gagad Danji,				
	National Highway Tantray Mohallah. (Agg.length 16.40 Kms) (Stage 4)				
5.	Levdoora New Colony including Degree Collage Levdoora upto H/o Zaffarullah	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
	Wani including Shabir Tantary link, Panzath Zerean road, Nussu Badragund up				
	to Ladigan, Kow Mohalla at Km 1st RD700 at Nussu Badragund, Ganie Mohal-				
	lah, Hergam link, Ladigan Aada and allied links. Hergam link RD600 Nussu				
	Badragund including Ayoub Magloo link, High School link Nassu Badragund,				
	Khanday Mohalla, Nassu Mirpora, Old National Highway Stretch at Levdoora,				
	Badragund to Parraypora road, Gh.Hassan Mir to Sheikhpora Nassu road.				
	(Agg.length 17.50 Kms) (Stage-5)	500	5000	205 / 6	All Classes
6	Y.K Pora Higher Sec.link upto Reshipora, National Highway to Y.K Pora,	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
	National Highway to Levdoora Village, National Highway to Kuchipora road, Higher Sec. Link Y.K. Pora.Y.K Pora Nagrass road. Yard allied link at Walnut				
7.	Factory at Qazigund (Agg.length 9.60 Kms) (Stage-6) Eidgah link at Panzath, Syed pora link at Panzath ,Shampora Ziyarat Sharief	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
ļ.,	link at Drinen ,Shampora Wani Mohallah Drinen , Innovative School link,				
	Telwani Mohallah , Sheikhpora Sanderkhar road, Malik Mohallah Panzath,				
	Wanpora Shankerpora road, High School link at Panzath, Nagbal link fisheries				
	link including New Court complex link at Panzath , Danger Mohalla Link at				
	Panzath, Wanpora Hajam Mohalla, Khanday Mohalla and Shah Mohalla,				
	Shampora, Shampora DDC link, Wanpora inner link, Cheerpora link, Wanpora				
	Aadcheck road , Panzath to Danigoom, Nowpora road , Shampora Hajam				
	Mohallah. (Agg.length 15.05 Kms) (Stage-7)	500	5000	205 / 6	All Classes
8.	Kewa Malikabad road, Kewa Koka Basti, Kewa Ziyrath Sharief, Kewa New Colo-	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
	ney , Kewa Sheikhpora, Kewa Gujjer Basti, Malikabad Dadnag Ayoub Magloo				
	road, Qazimohallah Railway Station Road at Qazigund,Railway yard, SOG Camp, Kewa Chan Mohalla, Kurigam link, Kurigam Shah Mohall Ganie Mohalla				
	Lamp, Kewa Chan Mohalla, Kongam link, Kongam Shan Mohall Ganle Mohalla. L(Agg.length 13.95 Kms) (Stage-8)				
9.	Sangran Gudkha road, Kitchgund Sangran road upto Barzole, Dahwat Khaer	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
	Dar Mohallah link Near Flyover at Sangran, Khanday Mohalla Sangran, (Agg.				
	length 5.70 Kms) (Stage-9)				
10.	Approach road to Bumthan Stadium , Kharmohalla , National Highway to	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
	Bumthan ,National High to Zadoora, , Ziyarat Shareef Malpora , Khrewan				
	Ganjipora , Khrewan up to Wanpoh, FCI Godown at Mirbazar , Lassipora road,				
	Sakloo link , Lilipora Zadoora via Nagbal link , Gassi pora to Larm including				
11.	Parray pora. (Agg.length 15.25 Kms) (Stage-10) Nipora Furrah road, Furrah Dakwali Pora, Furrah Bahwatdar road, Chirhama	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
'''	Furrah, Shah Mohallah Takiya, Nipora Dunwani road, Nipora Ganie Mohallah	500	5000	303+3110W	All classes
12	road, Nipora Khanday Mohallah , (Agg.length 15.00 Kms) (Stage-11) Check Rajwali road, Vessu Chopan Mohalla upto Sadoora, National Highway	500	5000	3054 Snow	All Classes
	to Irrvat Damjan including Mir Mohallah Ziyarat Shareef at Damjan, National				
	Highway up to Vessu Sadoora and Railway Station , Padder pora Sadoora,				
	Yateem Khana and PHC link at Vessu, Bagendar road Sadoora , Main road to				
	Muqdam pora Vessu , Vessu Chopan Mohallah including Herteng pora, (Agg.				
	llength 10.00 Kms) (Stage-12)				

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 p	per schedule of dates given below:-			
S. No	Particulars	Dated		
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice		20-10-2023	
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	24-10-2022	(11:00 AM)
		То	03-11-2023	(04:00 PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From	24-10-2023	(11:00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	То	03-11-2022	(04:00 PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)		04-11-2022	(11:00 AM)
		In the office of Ex	ecutive Engineer PW	/D(R&B) Division Qazigund.

sion End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Qazigund (tender inviting authority) as the

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 $CDRs, FDRs, or BGs \ pledged \ to \ the \ authority \ responsible \ for \ receiving \ bids, in \ this \ case \ Executive \ Engineer \ R\&B \ Division \ Qazigund. \ In$ 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 completed successfully performance of the Contract.

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.iktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Oazigund (tender receiving authority).

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

 $b. \ Failure \ of \ Successful \ bidder \ to \ furnish \ the \ required \ performance \ security \ within \ three \ days \ from \ the \ date \ of \ intimation.$ c. Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 15 days.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on

 $website\ www. jktenders. gov. into\ acquaint\ bid\ submission\ process.$ To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate' (DSC) as per Information Technol-

ogy Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature.

No bid will be accepted in physical form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Table 1.

All bidders must UPLOAD the following information and documents with their bids, in addition to the qualification criteria / qualification information, (All documents pertaining to the bid must be in English):

All bidders must submit copies of original documents defining their constitution/legal status, place of registration, and principal place of business, as well as their cell phone number and e-mail address.

A valid Contractor/Firm Registration Certificate issued by a competent authority in accordance with the Contractor Registration Act.

Treasury Challan/Earnest money Valid GSTIN Registration & PAN Card

Valid Latest clearance certificate FORM GSTR-3B of last quarter or latest month, whichever is applicable. i.e. (July-Sep- 2023 or September-2023).

Illustration: Latest quarter July-September-2023 for those who file GSTR-3B quarterly and proceeding month i.e., September -2023 for those who file GSTR-3B monthly.

The bidder must make sure to upload scanned copies of all required documents, including the tender documents along with the technical bid. No document(s) that haven't been uploaded will be accepted in hard copy form. However, the bidders will be required to provide original documents in support of the soft copies upon request in the event of any clarification.

No. 6827-41 Executive Engineer dated: 21-10-2023

PWD(R&B) Division Qazigund

Scholarships This Week

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

Scholarship Name 1 BYPL SASHAKT Scholarship 2023-24

Description: An initiative by BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) to provide financial assistance to students

coming from underprivileged sections of the society to help them pursue their higher education.

Open for Indian nationals residing in Delhi only.

Applicants must be studying in the final-year of the undergraduate programme (any stream) in any government institute in Delhi.

Must have secured more than 55%marks in their last appeared examina-

Annual family income of the applicant must not be more than 6,00,000 from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards: Up to 30,000 Last Date to Apply: 15-12-2023 Application mode: Online applica-

Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/BYPL4

Scholarship Name 2 SBIF Asha Scholarship Program for School Students 2023

Description: SBI Foundation has launched the SBIF Asha Scholarship Program for School Students 2023 to provide financial assistance to meritorious students from low-income families across India to ensure continuity of their education

Open for Indian students currently studying in Classes 6 to 12. Appli-



cants must have scored a minimum of 75% marks in the previous academic year. Their annual family income must be less than INR 3,00,000 from all sources.

Prizes & Rewards: INR 10,000 for one year Last Date to Apply: 30-11-2023 Application mode: Online applications only Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/SBIFS6

Scholarship Name 3 Saksham Scholarship Program for Drivers' Children

Description: Mahindra Finance invites applications for the 'Saksham Scholarship Program for Drivers' Children' from

students belonging to Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Karnataka. The scholarship is meant to support underprivileged and meritorious children of drivers (all light motor vehicles and small commercial vehicles such as Taxi, Jeep, Car & delivery vans such as Pickup, magic, school van, etc.) holding a valid driving license who are studying in Class 1 to postgraduation level.

Eligibility: Open for students from Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Karnataka.

The applicants must be currently studying at Class 1 to postgraduation level. Applicants who are pursuing

studies in Class 9 and above must have scored 60% or more marks in their previous class.

The annual family income of the applicant from all sources must not be more than INR 3,00,000

One of the parents must be a driver and should hold a valid driving license.

Prizes & Rewards: Scholarship ranging from INR 5,000 to INR 20,000 for 1 year Last Date to Apply: 30-10-2023

Application mode: Online applications only Short Url: www.b4s.in/observer/SKSP5

Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir (UT)

Office Of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Sopore

Short Term NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh E-NIT No. 21/JJM/JSDS of 10/2023, Dated: - 21-10-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti $\textbf{(PHE) Division Sopore, invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders / Firms / \\$ Companies/ relevant classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various Water Supply schemes of PHE Division Sopore of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The bidding process shall be completed online on $\underline{www.jktenders.gov.in}$ in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on over all percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No	Particular of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fees in Rs.	Bid Validity	Earnest Money or Bid securing declaration	Time of Completion Of work (days)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Fresh to S No. 02 of ENIT 05 of 04/2023 Dated. 11-04-2023 Construction of Sump cum Pump House with Intake channel stage 1st for W.S. Scheme Sarie Dangerpora under JJM	37.10	Rs. 1000/=	120 Days	2% of Adv. Cost	60 Days
2.	Fresh to S No. 03 of ENIT 05 of 04/2023 Dated. 11-04-2023 Construction of Sump cum Pump House with Intake channel stage 1st for W.S. Scheme Malpora Tangpora under JJM	39.84	Rs. 1000/=	120 Days	2% of Adv. Cost	60 Days
3.	Fresh to S No. 04 of ENIT 05 of 04/2023 Dated. 11-04-2023 Construction of Sump cum Pump House with Intake channel stage 1st for W.S. Scheme Najin Gadkhud under JJM	37.10	Rs. 1000/=	120 Days	2% of Adv. Cost	60 Days
4.	Fresh to S No. 02 of ENIT No. 03 of 04/2022. dated:21-04-2022 Construction of chain link fencing around new plant premises and laying and fitting of distribution pipe network for WSS Malpora Tengpora under JJM.	40.09	Rs 1000/=	120 Days	2% of adv. cost	45 days
5.	Fresh to S No. 05 of ENIT No. 03 of 04/2022. dated: 21-04-2022 Balance work for laying and fitting of Pipe Distribution work, Construction of operators Quarter, Chain Link Fencing , repairing of RCC Dome for 0.50 lac gallons existing OHT FOR	70.59	Rs. 2000/=	120 Days	2% of adv. cost	90 days

Position of funds: Approved Under J al Jeevan Mission (J J M)

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Sopore The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (D J J M).

i	Publish Date	21-10-2023
ii	Document Download start Date	21-10-2023
iii	Bid submission start date	21-10-2023
iv	Bid submission end date	28-10-2023 (upto 2:00 Pm)
v	Date of Bid opening	28-10-2023 (at 3:30Pm)

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.iktenders.gov.in
 The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www. jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender
- portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.

 3. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer. Bids must be accompanied by bid security or Bid Securing Declaration and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 6 of the table.
- a. The cost of tender documents should be in form of TR/e challan in favour of Executive
- Engineer PHE Division Sopore (Tender inviting Authority)

 b. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of TR/E-challan, Bid securing declaration or Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover. 4. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the last date of submission of

bids. If any bidder with draws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications

in the terms and conditions of the bid, the same shall be considered to be in violation bid securing declaration and shall be dealt with accordingly and the bid shall be declar

- 5. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www
- 6. Queries by email if any should be made at phesopore@gmail.com

General Instructions to Bidders Regarding e-tendering Process

- The interested bidder can download the NIT / bidding document from the
- b. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get (DSC) "Digital Signature Certificate" as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. This certificate will be required for digitally signing the bid. Bidders can get abovementioned digital certificate from any approved vendor.
- c. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature The bids cannot be uploaded without Digital Signature. No Proposal will be accepted in d. Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the
- necessary documents have been attached with the bid The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids. All the
- and time of submission.

- f. Bidders should get ready with the scanned copies of cost of documents & Bid securing declaration or EMD as specified in the tender documents the original instruments in respect of cost of documents, bid securing declaration or EMD and relevant documents be submitted to the Tender Inviting Authority by Speed/Registered post/courier as per
- g. The details of cost of documents, bid securing declaration or EMD specified in the tender documents should be the same, as submitted online (scanned copies) otherwise bid will
- h. Bidders can contact the undersigned for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on jktenders.gov.in, e-tendering portal to store important documents like Experience certificate, Balance sheet, Certificate regarding taxes and TIN, and other related documents etc., and attach these certificates as non-Statutory documents while submitting their bids.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents or its name In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the net item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the sameas it
- and White, JPEG Scan properly, convert scanned images to PDF.

APPENDIX 'A' QUALIFICATION CRITERIA ANDTECHNICAL BID (Cover 1st)

The cover 1st of the tender document shall consist of qualification criteria, general terms and conditions and technical specifications of the tendered work. The bidder shall have to furnish the following documents in the Cover 1st of the bid: -Registration

- contractors/bidder/firm/Company/Private Limited registered with J&K Government,CPWD or other States/UT's/Central Government organization/Competent authorities duly renewed for current year with renewal certificate.
- 2. Scanned copy of tender fee as per table given in page No. 01 in the shape of Treasury Receipt/6 challan in favour of Tender Inviting Authority
- 3. Bid securing declaration (as per annexure iv) or Earnest Money to be uploaded by bidder pledged to Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Division Sopore
- 4. Scanned copy of the latest Income Tax Return.
- 5. Scanned copy GST return in FORM GST-3B of the last quarter.
- $\textbf{6.} \ \ \textbf{Scanned copy of Legal Affidavit, certifying the following lines in the affidavit by the authorized}$
- a. The Tenderer is not blacklisted / debarred by any of the Central/ State/ UTGovernment /Board/Corporation / PSU, as procuring entity in India on the date ofthe submission of the
- $\boldsymbol{b}.$ Has not been declared bankrupt by any institution or Government.
- c. Has not been adjudged by any court of law of the land as insolvent

ANNEXURE-I **SCHEME WISE LIST OF WORKS**

S.No	Particular of the work	Water supply scheme	Jal Shakti (PHE) Division	Estimated Cost		Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Construction of Sump cum Pump House with Intake channel stage 1st for retrofitting to W.S. Scheme Sarie Dangerpora under JJM	Sarie Dangerpora	Sopore	34.50	60 Days	AAY/BEE
2.	Construction of Sump cum Pump House with Intake channel stage 1st for retrofitting to W.S. Scheme Malpora Tangpora under JJM	Malpora Tangpora	Sopore	38.60	60 Days	AAY/BEE
3.	Construction of Sump cum Pump House with Intake channel stage 1st for retrofitting to W.S. Scheme Najin Gadkhud under JJM	Najin Gadkhud	Sopore	34.50	60 Days	AAY/BEE
4.	Construction of chain link fencing around new plant premises and laying and fitting of distribution pipe network for WSS Malpora Tengpora under JJM.	Tangpora	Sopore	40.09	45 Days	ААУ/ВЕЕ
	Balance work for laying and fitting of Pipe Distribution work, Construction of operators Quarter, Chain Link Fencing , repairing of RCC Dome for 0.50 lac gallons existing OHT for WSS. Vijpara	Vijpara	Sopore	70.59	60 Days	AAY

DIPK-10903/23 Dated: 21-10-2023

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Sopore

J&K Bank Ties Up With Polaris India For **Financing Smart Tractors**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: With a view to facilitate customers, J&K Bank has entered into a tie-up with Polaris India Pvt. Ltd. - a wholly-owned subsidiary of Polaris Industries Inc. - for financing the Company's multi-functionality smart tractor called Sportsman Touring 570 EPS Tractor. By virtue of the agreement Polaris India Pvt. Ltd. would offer special discounts to the customers availing credit facility from J&K Bank for purchasing the product.

Deputy General Manager Nishikant Sharma signed the MOU on behalf of the Bank, while as, Lalit Mohan Sharma (India Country Manager) put in his signatures for Polaris India Pvt. Ltd. in presence of Bank's General Manager Ashutosh Sareen and senior officers of both the organisations.

Speaking on the occasion, GM Ashutosh Sareen said, "Through this tie-up, we are happy to offer easy, affordable and attractive financing solutions to encourage the purchase of these smart tractors, considered valuable for tourism, agriculture and other industries especially in J&K and

"I believe, with this partnership in place, the Bank will also facilitate self-employment opportunities for the youth here",

While keeping in view the potential of tourism and agriculture sectors in the hilly UTs of J&K and Ladakh, DGM Nishikant Sharma expressed hope that the partnership will be beneficial for both the organisations while bringing cheer on the faces of the customers belonging to different walks

Talking about the collaboration, Lalit Mohan Sharma said, "The collaboration is a significant step to boost the purchase experience for Polaris customers in the region. With this MOU, customers will have better access to finance options, enabling them to conveniently acquire their desired Polaris vehicle. As leaders in the sector, we have always focused on enhancing customer experience and satisfaction."

Notably, the multi-functionality vehicle 'Sportsman Touring' allows for diverse operations, from utility tasks like snow clearing and off-road travels to recreational activities and tourist attractions. Besides, it has also proven to be a valuable tool in the apple and horticulture industry segments, particularly in regions like Kashmir and other hilly areas that feature challenging terrains

JKEDI Hosts Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme At GGHSS Kishtwar



Observer News Service

KISHTWAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) concerted effort to foster entrepreneurial spirit and promote startups, conducted an insightful Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme at the Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Kishtwar.

The event provided students and aspiring entrepreneurs with valuable insights into the realm of entrepreneurship and startups.

The central theme of the event was "Entrepreneurship and Startup," encouraging the participants to explore and embark on the journey of entrepreneurship.

Distinguished resource persons and speakers from JKEDI shared their expertise, offering practical guidance and inspirational stories to ignite the entrepreneurial spark within the audience.

The resource persons/speakers from JKEDI who graced the event with their profound knowledge and experiences included Waseem Afzal Naik District Nodal Officer, IKEDI Kishtwar, Dr. Vinod Kumar -Senior Faculty, JKEDI.

Waseem Afzal Naik, a seasoned professional in entrepreneurship and a key figure at IKEDI Kishtwar, delivered valuable insights into the role of entrepreneurship in the socio-economic development of the region. His presentation shed light on the various initiatives and opportunities offered by JKEDI to budding entrepreneurs in Kishtwar.

Dr. Vinod Kumar, a distinguished senior faculty member of JKEDI, brought academic depth to the event. His expertise in entrepreneurship education and guidance resonated with the audience, emphasizing the significance of education in shaping the future entrepreneurs of Kishtwar.

Secy Tourism Reviews Preparedness For Winter Tourism Activities At Gulmarg

Asks officers to explore every possibility to ensure joyful memories of tourists

Observer News Service

GULMARG: Secretary, Tourism Department, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah Saturday chaired a meeting of all concerned departments to review preparedness for Winter Tourism and various other related activities at famous tourist resort Gulmarg.

Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar; Managing Director, J&K Tourist Development Corporation, Minga Sherpa; Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob Farooq; Chief Engineer PDD, Javid Yousuf Dar; Chief Engineer PW(R&B), Rafiq Ahmad Rafiq; Chief Engineer MED Kashmir besides other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

Deputy Commissioner gave an overview of winter arrangements being finalized by the district administration for smooth conduct of winter tourism in Gulmarg. She informed about the snow clearance plan and road connectivity, drinking water supply, homologation of slopes, signage at the destination, snow safety, working of ski patrols and rescue teams, medical facilities being put in place at the destination.

While reviewing the winter preparedness of all departments including JKTDC, Gulmarg Development Authority and Cable Car Corporation, Youth Services & Sports, PDD, R&B, Jal Shakti and other concerned departments, Secretary Tourism stressed upon the officers to make sure adequate arrangements are in place during the the event for convenience of tourists.

Dr Abid instructed the officers to conduct audit of basic amenities at Gulmarg and rectify gaps in advance. He asked them for holding meetings with hoteliers, Poni wallas, transporters, private players



and other concerned stakeholders regarding smooth conduct of winter tourism activities in Gulmarg

While stressing for exploring every possibility for promoting winter tourism at Gulmarg, Secretary asked the concerned officers to ensure smooth regulation of traffic movement in the territorial area of Gulmarg besides ensuring the parking facilities at Tangmarg.

Dr Abid directed the concerned officers to ensure uninterrupted water and power supply during the scheduled hours. He also directed the concerned officers to keep men and machinery ready to tackle any kind of exigency that may arise due to heavy snowfall.

Secretary also asked the concerned functionaries of NHIDCL and traffic for providing additional recovery van to the venue and further deployment of traffic men in Gulmarg for hassle free conduct of winter activities. He further directed the CEO, Gulmarg Development Authority for making available two hundred pair chains for vehicles for tackling any exigency that

may arise during the winter. Further, Secretary also reviewed the status of facilities and services available at the local club and other outlets of the JKTDC. He directed for

constant monitoring and innovation. He also reviewed the calendar of skiing courses, snow beats being run by the Youth Services Department and IISM and directed close coordination between them and the Tourism Department for optimal results.

Dr Abid asked the concerned departments to work on innovations and new ideas for making the coming season memorable for visitors. In this regard, he suggested working on concepts like illuminations, winter carnival, snow activities, skiing, cuisine, music etc besides quality services in different segments of the tourist interface.

Moreover, with regard to Solid Waste Management, Secretary deliberated upon the Gulmarg Development Authority and Municipality to come up with a plan focusing

on garbage free Gulmarg.
Furthermore, Secretary
sought coordinated approach of all the departments in creating new experiences at the winter destination so that tourists return back with joyful memories.

Meanwhile, directions were also passed for establishment of a joint control room comprising all the concerned departments to monitor all arrangements during the winter

Middle East Crisis Could Disrupt Global Oil Supplies, Raise Prices

Associated Press

WASHINGTON: Fifty years after the 1973 Arab oil embargo, the current crisis in the Middle East has the potential to disrupt global oil supplies and push prices higher. But don't expect a repeat of the catastrophic price hikes and long lines at the gasoline pump, experts say.

The Israel-Hamas war is "definitely not good news" for oil markets already stretched by cutbacks in oil production from Saudi Arabia and Russia and expected stronger demand from China, the head of the International Energy Agency said.

Markets will remain volatile, and the conflict could push oil prices higher, "which is definitely bad news for inflation," Fatih Birol, executive director of the Paris-based IEA, told The Associated Press. Developing countries that import oil and other fuels would be the most affected by

higher prices, he said. International benchmark Brent crude closed at USD 93 a barrel on Friday, up from USD 85 on Oct. 6, the day before Hamas attacked Israel, killing hundreds of civilians. Israel immediately launched airstrikes on Gaza, destroying entire neighbourhoods and killing hundreds of Palestinian civilians in the days that have

Fluctuations since the attack pushed oil prices as high as USD

The price of oil depends on how much of it is getting used and how much is available. The latter is under threat because of the Hamas-Israel war, even though the Gaza Strip is not home to major crude production.

One worry is that the fighting could lead to complications with Iran, home of some of the world's largest oil reserves. Its crude production has been constrained by international sanctions, but oil is still flowing to China and other countries.

"In order to get a sustained move (in prices), we really would need to see a supply disruption," said Andrew Lipow, president at Lipow Oil Associates, a Houstonbased consultant.

Any damage to Iranian oil infrastructure from a military strike by Israel could send prices jumping globally. Even without that, a shutdown of the Strait of Hormuz that lies south of Iran could also shake the oil market because so much of the world's supplies goes through the waterway.

Until something like that happens, "the oil market is going to be like everyone else, monitoring the events in the Middle East," Lipow said.

One Week MSME Sponsored A-ESDP Concludes At SKUAST-K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A week-long Advanced Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Programme (A-ES-DP) focusing on "Advanced Techniques in Cultivation, Processing, and Utilization of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants" concludes at the Faculty of Forestry. The program, organized by the Division of Forest Products and Utilization at SKUAST-Kashmir, was sponsored by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Govt. of India under its A-ESDP Scheme

The event brought together 25 participants from diverse backgrounds, including aspiring scholars and entrepreneurs. They delved into various aspects of promoting entrepreneurship in the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants sector. The Valedictory function had Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganai, (Hon'ble Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir) as the Chief Guest, Prof. Dil Mohammad Makhdoomi (Director Extension), Prof. Haroon Rashid Naik (Director Planning and Monitoring), Prof. S.A Wani (Dean Faculty of Horticulture), and Prof. S. A Gangoo (Dean Faculty of Forestry), also graced the occasion. Besides participants, heads of divisions, and faculty members were present.

Dr. Parvez Ahmad Sofi (Head

Division of FPU) presented a formal welcome address and stressed on the trainers to use the knowledge gained during training for developing entrepreneurships. Dr. Peerzada Ishtiyak Ahmad (Assistant Professor & Training Coordinator) provided a background of the program, highlighting the week long practical activities focused on "Advanced Cultivation, Extraction, and Quality Aspects of MAPs" organized for trainees. Prof. S. Gangoo (Dean Faculty of Forestry) emphasized creating robust market linkages for MAPs and highlighted the importance of value addition for the sector's growth. Prof. Haroon Rashid Naik (Director Planning & Nodal Officer, MSME) spoke on innovations in the MAPs sector, emphasizing their scope in economic development through product processing. In his Valedictory address, Prof.

Nazir Ahmad Ganai stressed the need for skill-oriented training programs to enhance employability among entrepreneurs for societal development. He recognized the Division of Forest Products and Utilization's excellent work by renaming the Faculty of Forestry to "Fragrance and Fortunes." Prof. Ganai urged participants to actively engage in SKUAST-Kashmir's ecosystem, fostering talent and startups.

Director Fisheries Conducts Review **Of Trout Fish Livestock Status**

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Director Fisheries, J&K, Mohammad Faroog Dar Saturday conducted a comprehensive review of the Trout fish livestock status within the Trout Fish Farming Project (TFFP), Kokernag and the southern districts of Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian, and Pulwama.

The meeting was convened at the Fisheries In-Service Training Centre in Kokernag and witnessed active participation of Joint Director Fisheries (South) Kashmir, A. M Tak, Chief Project Officer Trout Fish Farming Project Kokernag, Principal Training

Centre, Kokernag as well concerned district officers and managers/in-charges farm responsible for overseeing various fish farming units in the region.

At the outset, Joint Director Fisheries provided a detailed overview of the operations and activities of the Fish Farming Project, Kokernag, as well as other farms and units in the southern districts.

During the visit, the Director Fisheries conducted an in-depth evaluation of the functioning of various fish farms. He imparted valuable instructions and guidance to the attending officers and

He emphasised on harnessing their expertise and management skills to foster improvements in the production and overall productivity of these fish farming units.

He said the objective is to enhance the contribution of trout fish farming to the region's agricultural and economic landscape, thereby boosting food security and livelihood opportunities.

Director Fisheries also emphasized for achievements of targets fixed for the current fiscal year and sought feedback for revision of denomination of different components of revenue realization in the department.

RBI Approves Ashok Vaswani's Appointment As Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO & MD

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: In a surprising development, Kotak Mahindra Bank on Saturday announced that Ashok Vaswani, an outsider, will succeed its founder Uday Kotak as the chief executive officer and managing director of the private sector lender.

Vaswani is presently the president of Pagaya Technologies, a US-Israel fintech firm, and has had a long career with global banks, including Citigroup and Barclays.

In a statement, the bank said the Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Vaswani for a period of three years.

Speculations were rife that an internal candidate was being chosen to succeed Kotak. As per norms, a lender has to send three names in order of preference and the list may include an external candidate

To a specific question on whether Vaswani was the top choice

for the job, Kotak Mahindra Bank's interim chief executive officer and managing director Dipak Gupta said that Vaswani's name was recommended by the board and the RBI has approved it.

As per reports, bank veterans K V S Manian and Shanti Ekambaram were the front runners among the internal

candidates to succeed Kotak, who is continuing as a non-executive director at the private sector lender. When asked if the bank is fear-

ing attrition in top management because of an outsider taking over, Gupta said attrition is not the issue but the aspect which the board looked at was the expertise which Vaswani brings with him at a time when banking is undergoing a

Both Manian and Ekambaram continue to be at the bank and are



also a part of its board, Gupta added.

"Ashok is a worldclass leader and banker with digital and customer focus. I am proud that we bring a 'Global Indian' home to build Kotak," Uday Kotak said in a statement.

Gupta termed this as a 'ghar wapsi' to India for Vaswani, who got his commerce degree in a Mumbai college.

He said the appointment is in sync with moves over the last oneand-half-year, where the bank has focused on tapping into the expertise of people of Indian origin working in global companies and getting them to work for it.

These include roles in different aspects such as customer experience, digital and technology to build what it calls the 'bank of tomorrow'.

Forex Reserves Increase By USD 1.15 Bn To USD 585.89 Bn

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MUMBAI: After multiple weeks of decline, India's forex reserves increased by USD 1.153 billion to USD 585.895 billion during the week ended October 13, according to the RBI data.

In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had dropped by USD 2.166 billion to USD 584.742 billion.

In October 2021, the country's forex kitty reached an all-time high of USD 645 billion. The reserves took a hit as the central bank deployed the reserves to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments since last year.

For the week ended October 13, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by USD 178 million to USD 519.351 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves were up by USD 1.268 billion to USD 43.575 billion during the week, the RBI said.

Special Drawing The Rights (SDRs) were up by USD 72 million to USD 17.995 billion, the apex bank said.

India's reserve position with the IMF was down by USD 8 million to USD 4.975 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.

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Gangtok: Over two weeks after parts of Sikkim were devastated by a flash flood, the authorities have opened the damaged National Highway 10 for one-way movement for four-wheelers, according to a government notification on Saturday

People now can use NH-10, considered the lifeline for the state, to drive between Sikkim's capital Gangtok and Siliguri in West Bengal for 12 hours from 6 am.

The transport department notification also provided two routes for heavy vehicles to move between these two places, avoiding the NH-10.

The government has taken several measures so that prices of essential commodities such as food items and medicines do not escalate, as the suggested routes are longer than the ones used to be taken earlier, the notification said.

The flash flood in the Teesta river that hit the Himalayan state in the wee hours of October 4 left at least 78 people dead in Sikkim and northern West Bengal.

In its 7 pm bulletin on Saturday, the Sikkim State Management Disaster Authority (SSDMA) said that the toll is 42 while 77 others are missing.

Authorities of the Jalpaiguri district in West Bengal said 53 bodies of victims of the flood have been recovered so far and 14 of them were identified. The number of bodies of West Bengal residents is only three.

Sikkim government officials said they are only taking those bodies found in West Bengal in the lower reaches of Teesta which have been identified into account while tabulating the death toll. This would imply that the total death toll could be as high as 78 and the number of missing reduced by 36 to 41.

Jalpaiguri district officials said they have been sending photographs of bodies found. However, some of the bodies have been smashed on boulders or have bloated beyond recognition making identification difficult.

There are chances of duplication in the number of casualties reported by the two neighbouring states.

In four affected districts of Sikkim, Pakyang has reported the maximum number of deaths 27 including 11 Army men. The other three districts - Gangtok (8), Mangan (4) and Namchi (3) have accounted for the remaining 15 deaths, the SSDMA said.

In order to keep prices of essential commodities stable, the state government has decided not to levy supervision charges on trucks carrying such items till October 31.

Nationalised Transport (SNT) will also be made available at Rangpo and Siliguri to the public on demand at normal fares to carry essential commodities, the notification added.

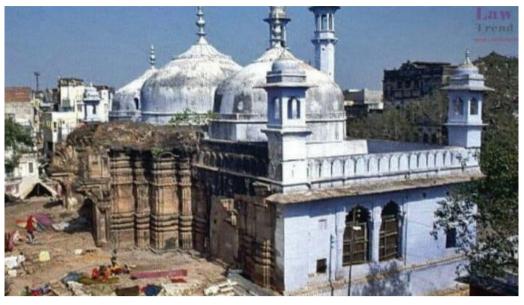
Meanwhile, the Army and the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) have been working on to connect places which were cut off because of the flood.

The two have started construction of bailey bridges both at Sanklang and Chungthang.

"Construction of the bailey bridge at Sanklang is likely to be completed within a few days. Whereas, at Chungthang, abutment construction work is under progress and the bridge is likely to be completed by Diwali," a defence official said.

In addition, BRO workers are working to restore connectivity amid the tough terrain between villages Naga and Ritchu to evacuate the stranded villagers.

Gyanvapi Row: Court Junks Plea Seeking Inclusion Of 'Wazookhana' In ASI Survey



Press Trust of India

Varanasi: A Varanasi court on Saturday rejected a plea seeking the inclusion of the "wazookhana" in an ongoing ASI survey of the Gyanvapi mosque complex

"Rejecting the petition, District Judge A K Vishvesh said the area duly protected under the Supreme Court's orders should not be subjected to the survey because it may amount to a violation of the court's orders," District Government Counsel Rajesh Mishra said.

The plea was filed by Rakhi Singh, one of the petitioners in the Gyanvapi-Shringar Gauri case. The district court concluded the hearing in the matter and reserved its order on October 19.

At present, the "wazookhana" (a small reservoir for Muslim

devotees to perform ritual ablutions), where a structure claimed by Hindu litigants to be a "Shivling" exists, is not part of the survey being conducted by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) due to a Supreme Court order protecting that spot in the complex.

During the hearing in the wa-zookhana case on Thursday, the Hindu side's lawyer, Madan Mohan Yadav, contended that without the survey of the wazookhana, the truth of the Gyanvapi complex could not be revealed.

Objecting to it, the mosque management committee told the court that the area of the wazookhana was sealed on the Supreme Court's orders and accused the Hindu side of making such a demand to put the matter on hold.

The ASI is carrying out a scientific survey of the Gyanvapi

complex located next to the Kashi Vishwanath temple here to determine whether the 17thcentury mosque was constructed over a pre-existing temple.

The ASI survey began in July after the Allahabad High Court upheld a Varanasi district court order and ruled that the step is "necessary in the interest of justice" and will benefit both the Hindu and Muslim sides.

The mosque committee had also moved the Supreme Court against the high court's order. The apex court on August 4 refused to stay the high court's order on the ASI survey.

In its order, the top court, however, asked the ASI not to carry out any invasive act during the survey.

The ASI has been granted time till November 6 to complete the

Rejuvenation of Yamuna: **NGT Seeks Fresh Reports** From DJB, Delhi Govt, CPCB

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has expressed dissatisfaction over the reports submitted by the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), the city government and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) regarding the revival measures for the Yamuna and sought fresh documents from them.

The NGT was hearing a matter regarding the rejuvenation of the river. It had earlier sought reports from the agencies concerned.

A bench of NGT Chairperson Iustice Prakash Shrivastava took note of the reports and "Let fresh reports be filed by all the concerned states or authorities on or before the next date of hearing (December 7) with a clear indication as to how many drains have been totally tapped and the number of remaining drains still discharging treated or untreated or partially-treated wastewater directly into the river Yamuna, affecting the water quality with respect to the prescribed standard.'

According to the DJB's report, it is in the process of holding a joint survey of all the drains in the national capital to identify the sources of sewage entering the drains and take remedial action to ensure sewage-free drains, the bench, also comprising judicial member Justice Sudhir Agarwal and expert member A Senthil Vel, noted.

'The DJB has given a list of 11 drains of which five (one at Shiekh Sarai Phase-I, Khirki Extension, Panchsheel Vihar and Savitri Nagar and the other four drains at Chirag Delhi village) have been tapped so far and action for six is yet to be taken," the bench noted.

It, however, said the report did not disclose where the wastewater of the tapped

drains is being diverted. According to the Delhi government's report, several steps are still to be taken, including tapping all drains, complete treatment of sewage, laying a sewage network in 1,799 unauthorised colonies and 639 Jhuggi Jhopri (JJ) clusters, industrial effluent management by 13 common effluent treatment plants (CETPs), faecal sludge (septage) management, regulation of the floodplain and utilisation of treated wastewater, the tribunal noted.

"Construction of sewage treatment plants (STPs) is still in progress and construction of 12 STPs has been held up on account of land issues. The upgradation of 18 STPs is in progress, the status of upgradation work for 11 STPs in September 2023 ranges from 21 per cent to 95 per cent and for seven STPs, the work is yet to begin," the bench said. It also said according to the report, a 22-km stretch of the Yamuna floodplain, from the Wazirabad barrage to the Okhla barrage, covering an area of about 1,600 hectares, is being taken up by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for restoration and rejuvenation.

Regarding the CPCB's report, the green panel said it is not only "cryptic", but the facts and figures disclosed in it do not tally with the reports filed by the other authorities.

It allowed the agency's prayer for filing a better and comprehensive report before December 7.

Air quality likely to turn 'very poor'; Centre invokes measures under GRAP 'Stage II'

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Amid a likely increase in pollution levels, the Centre's air quality panel on Saturday directed authorities in the National Capital Region to increase parking fees to discourage private transport and enhance the services of CNG or electric buses and metro trains.

The action comes as part of 'Stage II' of the central government's pollution control plan known as the 'Graded Response Action Plan' (GRAP), which is

implemented in the Delhi-NCR to combat air pollution during the winter season.

At a meeting to review the air quality situation in the Delhi-NCR, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), a statutory body responsible for proactively implementing GRAP, said forecasts by the India Meteorological Department and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology suggest Delhi's overall air quality is likely to dip and enter the 'very poor' category on October 23 and 24, owing to unfavourable meteorological and climatic conditions.

quality index (AQI) stood at 248 on Saturday. The panel therefore decided to invoke the measures under

Stage II of GRAP in the entire NCR in addition to steps already taken under Stage I. "All actions as envisaged under Stage-II be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies

concerned in NCR with imme-

in force," it said in an order. GRAP categorises actions into four stages: Stage I 'Poor' (AQI Delhi's 24-hour average air

201-300); Stage II 'Very Poor (AQI 301-400); Stage III 'Severe' (AQI 401-450); and Stage IV Severe Plus' (AQI >450). Stage I mandates the suspen-

sion of work at private construction and demolition projects with a plot size equal to or exceeding 500 square metres that are not registered on the state government's portal for remote monitoring of dust mitigation measures.

Authorities are also tasked with enforcing a complete ban on the use of coal and firewood in 'tandoors' at hotels, restaurants and open eateries, along with taking punitive action against polluting industrial units and thermal power plants within 300 kilometres of Delhi.

Ensuring the proper implementation of guidelines for dust mitigation at construction and demolition project sites and sound environmental management of resulting waste is also part of Stage I.

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Nation Indebted

"I salute the bravehearts of Jammu Kashmir Police. The nation will forever be indebted to the bravery, courage and supreme sacrifice of our police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty," the LG said.

The arms were reversed and a two-minute silence was observed to honour the Martyrs. Malik, Chairman, Aftab Development Council, Srinagar; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Dilbag Singh, DGP and senior officers of Civil and Police Administration also

paid tributes to the martyred Policemen. **1,605 J&K Police**

"1,605 police personnel have laid down their lives since the eruption of terrorism (in Jammu and Kashmir)."

"I pay my tributes to them. I also pay tributes to personnel of other security forces who have laid down their lives. Eight policemen sacrificed their lives this year," Singh said and added that "I want to say that their sacrifices have paid off and we have won this war on terror, and we vow to end the remnants of

The DGP said the youth of Jammu and Kashmir have understood the ploys of the en-

emy and want to live in peace. Referring to the decline in the recruitment of local youths into militant ranks, Singh said while 110 youths joined militancy last year, this year, so far, only 10 joined. Six of the 10

have been killed, he added. "We appeal to the remaining four to lay down their arms. Doors for their return have not been closed. We do not want to take your lives. The time has come to stand with peace," the DGP said.

He said security forces have been able to largely control infiltration along the border and the Line of Control (LoC).

"Many (terrorist) launch pads (in Pakistanoccupied Kashmir) have been crushed to a large extent. The activities happening there have been largely dealt with. But there are some camps along the border where such activities like training take place," Singh said.

"There are attempts to push in some people after training. We have been successful in controlling infiltration to a large extent," the DGP asserted.

Singh said though there were a few attempts of infiltration this year, but more than 90 per cent of such bids were foiled at the

borders and the infiltrators killed.

The forces have achieved huge success, and those who slipped into the hinterland were also killed later, he added.

"We have succeeded in protecting the lives and property of people. Those days are past now when the blood of innocents used to be spilled in the direction of Pakistan and its agencies. Today, people are living in an atmosphere of peace and calm," Singh said.

"Today, our children, our traders are safe, and I am happy about it," he said.

On Friday's firing incident from across the LoC in Kupwara's Keran sector in which an army trooper was injured, the DGP said this along with the Arnia incident, in which two BSF personnel were injured, are being investigated.

"But, the overall ceasefire understanding is holding everywhere. The security grid is very strong at the border. These two incidents were off the track and they are being investigated. Once the details are available, we will share them." he said.

To a question about narco-terror, Singh said security forces have tightened the noose around narco-terror.

The DGP said that about 39 cases of narcoterror have come to the fore in recent years. "Special investigation is going on and the cases are with the NIA, SIA, and SIU. Recently, we had a huge success when we confiscated 30 kgs of cocaine-like substance in Ramban,"

Singh said. "It had links in Kupwara (Jammu and Kashmir), Punjab and Uttarakhand. All the persons involved have been arrested. Narcoterror will be dealt with sternly," he said.

Earlier, the DGP and senior police officers paid tributes at the martyr's memorial here. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also laid floral wreaths at the memorial early in the morning. (PTI)

Banihal Highway

midnight, it said, adding the suspension of the traffic was imperative to undertake repair and restoration work at Dalwas, where the road stretch was reduced to a single lane following landslides triggered by heavy rains on

Many people who travelled on the highway over the past week complained of massive traffic snarls especially between the most critical 66-km stretch from Nashri tunnel to Banihal tunnel.

A traffic department official said there was slow movement of traffic on the highway due to the breakdown of 16 heavy motor vehicles, eight nomadic herds and single-lane traffic at Dalwas and Cafeteria-Mehad between Nashri and Banihal tunnels on Friday.

"In view of poor surface condition and sinking of road, NHAI has been directed by the Government to undertake repair and restoration work, which will be carried out on Sunday," the official said.

Though many tunnels and viaducts were completed on the highway under the ongoing four-laning project, landslides triggered by rains have forced single-way traffic at Mehar, Cafeteria and Dalwas, causing a lot of

"It took almost 24 hours for us to reach Jammu from Srinagar on Friday. First there were massive traffic jams due to unregulated movement of trucks in Banihal and slow movement of traffic in Ramsu and Chanderkote," Farooq Ahmad Shah, a student said.

He said a fortnight back when he was travelling from Delhi to Srinagar, he completed the Jammu-Srinagar stretch in less than six

"Single-lane traffic at certain places coupled with movement of nomadic herds and unregulated flow of trucks despite knowing the condition of the road was the main reason for the massive traffic jamming," Shah said.

Some travellers complained that they had bought bus and train tickets for their onward journey, but their plans went haywire as they reached Jammu late.

The work on the four-laning project of the 270-km highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was started by the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) in 2011.

The work which included a number of small and major tunnels, bridges and flyovers is likely to be completed by next year after missing several deadlines.

Art-370 Abrogation

Noting that Shatabdi Express trains were introduced when late Madhavrao Scindia was railway minister. Modi said after that, no new trains were started in the country for decades. It was his government that introduced modern Vande Bharat and Namo Bharat trains, he added.

His government has also opened the space sector for the youth of the country, the prime minister said.

Modi also called upon the Scindia School students to adopt a village, focus on cleanliness, remain "vocal for local", raise awareness about the benefits of natural farming among

diate effect, in addition to all Stage-I actions of GRAP already

> farmers, adopt a poor family, consume millets and practice yoga, among other things. Some famous personalities like actor Salman Khan, Nitin Mukesh and radio announcer Ameen Sayani are alumni of this school, the prime minister noted. Nitin Mukesh, notably, was present at the program.

is the president of the school's Board of Governors, also spoke at the program. Scindia recalled that when information technology was introduced in the country

Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, who

in the 1980s, Scindia School was the first institute in the country to include it in the Madhya Pradesh Governor, Mangu Bhai

Patel, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Minister of State in the PMO Jitendra Singh (who is an alumnus of Scindia School) were also present on the occasion.

BSF Fires Warning

Rangers personnel entered the Indian territory around noon following which a BSF jawan fired two warning shots.

There was no retaliation from the other side, the sources said, adding that the people returned to the Pakistani side.

Two BSF personnel were injured on October 17 when Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked firing on an Indian post in Arnia. The BSF lodged a strong protest with the

Pakistan Rangers at a commandant-level flag meeting on Thursday.

HC Upholds

at by the learned trial court except in respect of conviction of the appellant for the commission of offence under section 420 RPC," a bench of Rajnesh Oswal said, adding, "The appellant (cashier) has not been able to satisfy this Court that there has been any wrong appreciation of evidence by the learned trial court."

In fact, the court said, on the basis of the evidence led by the parties, the only conclusion that can be arrived at is that the cashier is guilty of commission of offences punishable Section 409 RPC and 5(2) read with 5(1) (c) & (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

"Therefore, this Court does not find any infirmity in the judgment of conviction recorded by the learned trial court except to the extent of conviction under section 420 RPC," the court said and accordingly acquitted him of the charge for commission of offence under section 420 RPC but maintained the conviction under sections 409 RPC and 5(2) read with 5(1) (c) Page 22 of 23 &(d) of the J&K Prevention of Corruption Act, Samvat,

Also, the court modified the sentence. reducing it from 2 years to one year, as it considered the age of the cashier.

"Taking into consideration that the appellant is 70 years old, the sentence awarded to him on each count is reduced from two years to one year on both counts," the court said, adding, "The sentences shall run concurrently and the period for which the appellant has already remained in custody shall be set off against the period of imprisonment of one year

HC Quashes PSA Order

Rabitar, Gundi Roshan, Ganderbal and Adil Afzal Lone of Srinagar respectively.

"It appears that the respondent No2 (Deputy Commissioner Srinagar) has simply acted as a post office and has put a stamp of approval on the dossier forwarded by the SSP, Srinagar, without satisfying himself in respect of the alleged activities attributed to the petitioner (Adil Afzal Lone) necessitating his detention under the Public Safety Act. On this ground alone, the detention order is required to be quashed," the court said.

Also, the court said, the representation filed by Adil was not considered, rendering the detention order bad.

"Once the petitioner (Adil) had filed a representation, it was incumbent on the part of respondents to have considered and decided the said representation in accordance with law. Having not done so, the respondents (authorities) have flouted the constitutional as well as statutory mandate and, accordingly, the detention order is not sustainable on this ground as well."

Subsequently, the court ordered the release of Adil as well Guroo if they are not required

in any other case. **Admin Secretaries**

Anantnag, Samba and Ganderbal districts on October 27; Kishtwar, Poonch, Udhampur and Doda on October 28; Rajouri, Reasi and Bandipora on October 30; and Baramulla, Pulwama and Kulgam on October 31, it said.

Between 2019 and 2022, the Jammu and Kashmir administration held four phases of its 'Back to Village' programme, an initiative to take the administration to people's doorsteps across 4,483 panchayats to address all genuine development-related and other needs of the public.

World Cup: Dravid Hints At Playing Surya & Shami

DHARAMSHALA: Hardik Pandya's absence does upset the balance of the Indian playing eleven but head coach Rahul Dravid dropped good enough hints about Mohammed Shami and Suryakumar Yadav being in contention without confirming the preferred combination for the World Cup game against New

Zealand on Sunday.
Pandya has injured his left ankle while bowling during the previous match against Bangladesh in Pune and is currently under supervision of BCCI medical team at National Cricket Academy.

...obviously, he (Hardik) is an important player for us, so we will have to work around that and see what is the best combination that we can come up with. We will have to see what works best for these conditions and these wickets. But probably might not have the kind of balance that we probably used in the first four games," Dravid was very practical in his thought-process.

Why Shami has a good chance of playing?



That Shami could come into the picture was clear when he termed Shardul being looked as the fourth seamer in the set-

up where Pandya was ahead in the pecking order.

Dravid didn't disclose the playing XI and Hardik's pos-

sible replacement but hinted that besides Shami, Ravichandran Ashwin is also an

"Obviously, the three seamers, having someone like Shami sitting out there and bringing him in this game is a great option. In some cases, there is Ashwin who has obviously been sitting out, who has great quality as well. So, there are two or three combinations we could use considering this till Hardik gets back," he added.

Dravid is someone who is not even known to reveal simplest of open and shut team combinations, even when he used to be a captain. Typically, he said that all options are being explored but one could read between the lines.

"We certainly can go with, obviously, the three fast bowlers or the three spinners. With that kind of combination, we still could play Ash (Ashwin) and move Jadeja up," he said.

"Many different, different permutations and combinations. I wouldn't want to give too much away. I mean, we are pretty clear on what our playing 11 is tomorrow.

South Africa Hand England Biggest ODI Defeat In WC Contest

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Rampant South Africa left England's World Cup title defence in absolute shambles here on Saturday, handing the reigning champions their biggest loss in history of ODI cricket by 229 runs in one of the most dominant all-round performances in recent times.

Having amassed the second highest total of 399/7 in this year's edition — the first also belongs to the Proteas South African pace battery ran through England's famed batting line-up with tremendous ease terminating their innings at 170 in 22 overs.

In World Cup history, South Africa's win over England is now the joint-sixth highest by margin of runs.

A wrong call at the toss was followed by a poor bowling show, but what left a huge embarrassment to deal with for England was a stunning collapse on a batting-friendly surface here, which saw Jos Buttler's team rolling over for 170 for nine in 22 overs.

If it was not for a ninth-wicket 70-run stand between Mark Wood (43 not out) and Gus Atkinson (35), England's loss will



feature among one of the worst in history of ODI cricket.

Alongside the catastrophic defeat, Buttler's call to bowl first in most humid conditions, would also rankle for times to come since England's recent record of chasing only three wins in 11 matches since January 2022 - did not

back them up enough.
England's disintegration
began when Heinrich Klaasen produced a hundred of the highest quality in extremely humid conditions to fire South Africa to their highest total in a World Cup contest against them.

Klaasen resurrected South Africa with his third century

of the year and overall fourth, hammering 109 off just 67 balls while Jansen smashed a terrific 75 not out (42 balls, 3x4s, 6x6s).

South Africa stumbled in the middle overs after Reeza Hendricks (85 off 75 balls, 9x4s, 3x6s) and Rassie van der Dussen (60 off 61 balls, 8x4s) ensured a strong platform.

Brief Scores:

South Africa: 399 for 7 in 50 overs (Heinrich Klaasen 109, Reeza Hendricks 85, Marco Jansen 75 not out; Reece Top-

England: 170 all out in 22 overs (Mark Wood 43; Gerald Coetzee 3/35).

J&K Throwball Women's Team **Leaves For Nationals**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K Throwball Women's team left for Biinor, Uttar Pradesh to participate in the 43rd National Throwball Championship 2023 scheduled from 22nd to 24th October 2023.

The women team includes Mursaleen, Urwah, Injeela, Afshana, Farhana, Sahiba, Shaista, Suraya, Kulsooma and Rahi under coach Aisha Hameed and team manager Vilayat Hussain.



Team was selected by J&K Throwball Association after conducting trials and Coaching Camp at GDC Sumbal.

"We hope that the J&K team will bring laurels to the state," Riyaz Ahmad Wani president

SPORTS COUNCIL **FOOTBALL ACADEMY** 'Soccer School'



Srinagar Premier League To Restart From Today

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srireturn today, Sunday, October 22, with three Round 18 fixtures set to be played at Bakshi Stadium.

The shift of venue from

Synthetic Turf TRC to Bakshi Stadium was announced by the organisers on Saturday. JK United FC will take on

Ali Jana FC in the first game of the day. The matchup kicks off at 10:30 AM. The second game begins

ty FC lock horns with Kashmir Maharaja FC. The final contest of the day, a 3:00 PM kick off, will

1:00 PM, and will see Novel-



see Kashmir Panthers FC play AG's Office XI.

Three more matches are scheduled to take place on Monday, with Downtown Heroes playing Star Kashmir FC at 11:00 PM,

and J&K Bank taking on Sports Council Football Academy at 1:30 PM. The final game will witness FC1 go head-to-head with Igbal Sports FC, with kick

trainees warmup during practice at Synthetic Turf TRC in Srinagar.

67th National School Games: JD YSS Convenes Day-Long Meeting

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Joint Director (Kashmir), Department of Youth Services and Sports, Waseem Raja on Saturday chaired a day-long meeting of different committee formulated for the conduct of the 67th National School Games at Youth Hostel here.

Convenors and members of different committees constituted for the smooth organisation of the sports extravaganza participated in the day long deliberations.

Hosted by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Jammu & Kashmir, the sports extravaganza is beginning from 31st October and shall conclude on 5th November 2023. About 2500 players and officials are expected to be part of the national level event.

The meeting brought together conveners and members from



established to guarantee a seamless organization of the event.

During the meeting, discussions covered various aspects, including technical requirements, transportation, boarding and lodging arrangements, playground and equipment preparation, reception and ceremony coordination, disciplinary procedures, medical and doping tests, financial considerations, liaison responsibilities, sanitation and hygiene standards, and security protocols.

Joint Director YSS Kashmir, expressed his satisfaction with the proactive engagement and commitment displayed by all committee members. He emphasized the importance of collaboration and precision in executing an event of this magnitude.

The event's success hinges on the dedication and expertise of each committee, ensuring that all logistical and operational aspects are addressed. With the meeting's successful conclusion, the DYSS Jammu & Kashmir, is preparing to host the 67th National School Games in Football and Volleyball.

off at 3:30 PM. **Salah Scores Twice As Liverpool Beats 10-Man Everton 2-0**

The Associated Press

LIVERPOOL: Liverpool needed two late goals by Mohamed Salah to get past 10-man Everton 2-0 in the Premier League in a Merseyside derby dominated by refereeing decisions on Saturday.

Ashley Young picked up what appeared to be a soft yellow card in the 18th minute then was sent off in the 37th for another foul on Liverpool winger Luis Diaz, handing the hosts a numerical advantage at Anfield.

That was the 23rd red card handed out in a Merseyside derby in the Premier League era – more than in any other fixture — and it could easily have been 24 when Ibrahima Konate, already on a yellow, avoided another after pulling back Everton striker Beto.

"Ibrahima could have gone, yes," Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said.

Konate was immediately



substituted by Klopp, Everton manager Sean Dyche raged on the sidelines and he endured more frustration when Diaz's cross struck the outstretched right arm of substitute Michael Keane in the area.

Salah dispatched the penalty in front of The Kop in the 75th minute for his sixth league goal and added another following a counterattack the eighth minute of stoppage time as Liverpool

claimed a sixth win in nine

"I liked a lot of moments and then the red card was pretty influential in the game," Klopp said. "I wanted us to be calm and ignore that we were one man up. It is difficult in the stands because it's like now you have to create with each possession and it took a while

matches this campaign.

until we got chances."

Dyche said he was stunned that Konate stayed on the field.

Alvarez & Haaland Score As Man City Beats Brighton 2-1

The Associated Press

MANCHESTER: Manchester City got its Premier League title defense back on track with a 2-1 win over Brighton built on early goals by Julian Alvarez and Erling Haaland on

City had lost its last two league games - to Wolverhampton and Arsenal — and was looking to avoid three in a row for the first time under Pep Guardiola.

Alvarez put the champions ahead in the seventh minute by turning in a cut-back from Jeremy Doku, who was a danger every time he got the ball on the left wing.

Haaland added a second goal, and his ninth in the league this season, after he latched onto Carlos Baleba's errant back-pass and smashed a low shot into the net from just outside the area in the

Brighton pulled a goal back through Ansu Fati in the 73rd

The visitors had left back Solly March carried off on a stretcher



in stoppage time, during which City defender Manuel Akanji was sent off for picking up a second

yellow card. **Newcastle Rout Crystal Palace**

Jacob Murphy scored an early goal and set up two others as Newcastle routed Crystal Palace 4-0 in the Premier League on Saturday. Sandro Tonali came on as a sec-

ond-half substitute for Newcastle. The 23-year-old Italy midfielder is facing a lengthy ban as part of a betting investigation in his home country. Anthony Gordon, Sean Longstaff

and Callum Wilson also netted at St. James' Park as the Magpies extended their unbeaten run in the league to five games — four of them shutout victories. Newcastle went into halftime

Guehi misplayed a ball, allowing Longstaff to collect it and score in stoppage time. Wilson completed the scoring in the 66th when he caught up to Murphy's long, curling pass from

3-0 ahead after defender Marc

the right side and beat Johnstone. Newcastle is unbeaten in eight games in all competitions.

<u>Outpost</u>

Space Is Getting Crowded With Satellites And Space Junk. How Do We Avoid Collisions?

Peports this week suggest a near-collision between an Australian satellite and a suspected Chinese military satellite.

Meanwhile, earlier this month, the US government issued the first ever space junk fine. The Federal Communications Commission handed a US\$150,000 penalty to the DISH Network, a publicly traded company providing satellite TV services.

It came as a surprise to many in the space industry, as the fine didn't relate to any recent debris it was issued for a communications satellite that has been in space for more than 21 years. It was EchoStar-7, which failed to meet the orbit requirements outlined in a previously agreed debris mitigation plan.

The EchoStar-7 fine might be a US first, but it probably won't be the last. We are entering an unprecedented era of space use and can expect the number of active satellites in space to increase by 700% by the end of the decade.

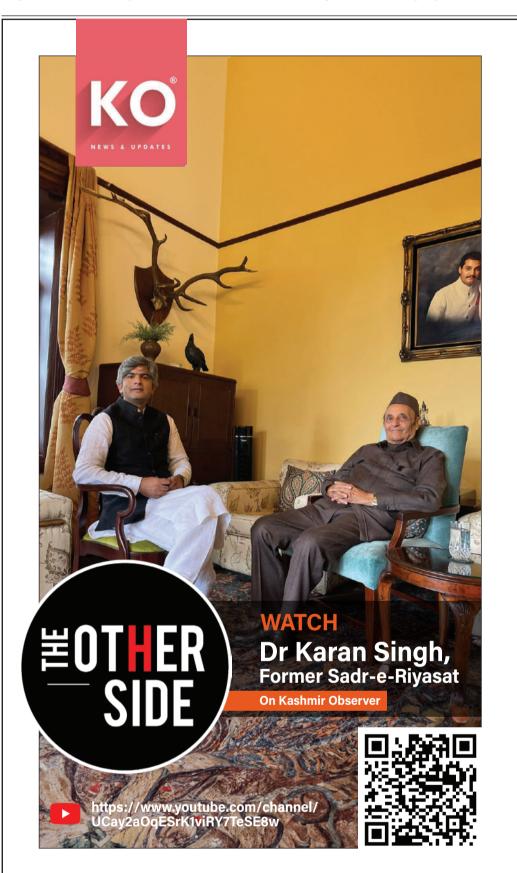
As our local space gets more crowded, keeping an eye on tens of thousands of satellites and bits of space junk will only become more important. So researchers have a new field for this: space domain awareness.

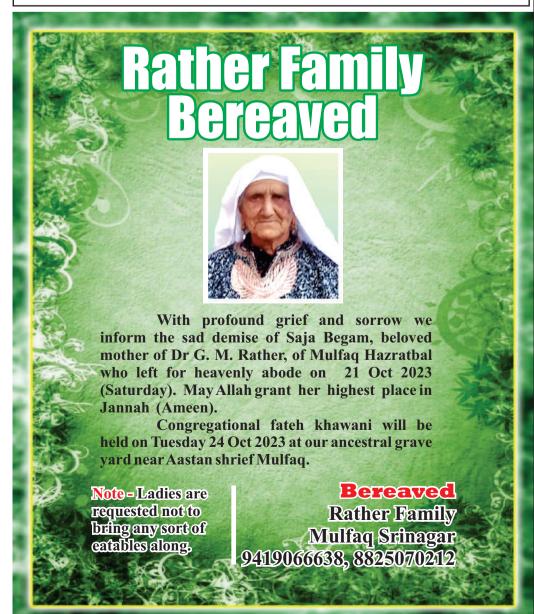
Three types of orbit, plus junk Humans have been launching

satellites into space since 1957 and in the past 66 years have become rather good at it. There are currently more than 8,700 active satellites in various orbits around Earth.

Satellites tend to be in three main orbits, and understanding these is key to understanding the complex nature of space debris.

The most common orbit for satellites is low Earth orbit, with at least 5,900 active satellites. Objects in low Earth orbit tend to reside up to 1,000km above Earth's surface and are constantly on the move. The International Space Station is an example of a low Earth orbit object, travelling around Earth 16 times every day.





India Successfully Completes Key Test In ISRO's Gaganyaan Mission; Crew Escape Module Makes Splashdown, Recovered

Agenceis

▼ ndia on Saturday successfully completed the first unmanned test flight in its ambitious human space flight mission Gaganyaan, less than two hours after the launch was aborted with just four seconds to go for the lift-off.

After some tense moments following a system monitoring anomaly and two weatherrelated holds, the Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO) said scientists simulated an abort situation for the Crew Escape System (CES) to carry the Crew Module(CM) out of the test vehicle TV-D1.

The module to test the safety of crew in emergency situations descended using parachutes for a splashdown into the Bay of Bengal with planned precision, the space agency said.

ISRO chief S Somanath said the crew module has been fully recovered from the sea and it has been brought to Chennai port.

"Eastern Naval Command units recovered the Crew Module — a path paved by extensive planning, training of Naval divers, formulation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and joint communication by combined teams of Navy and ISRO," the Indian Navy said in a statement in the evening. The Navy, on its X handle, also shared pictures of its personnel recovering the module from the waters, about 10 km from the coast of Sriharikota.

The successful key test in the country's manned space programme was greeted with cheers at ISRO's Mission Control Centre(MCC) at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The test essentially involved launching the empty CM into outer space, bringing the module back to earth and recovering it from



the sea after touchdown.

The Test Vehicle mission is a significant milestone for the overall Gaganyaan programme as a nearly complete system was integrated for a flight test.

Saturday's flight was the first of the two abort missions planned to test the safety mechanisms that will allow the Gaganyaan crew to leave the spacecraft in an emergency. It came close to two months after the successful soft landing of India's unmanned moon mission Chandravaan-3 on August 23.

"I am very happy to announce the successful accomplishment of the TV-D1 mission. The purpose of the mission was to demonstrate the crew escape system for the Gaganyaan programme through a test vehicle demonstration in which the vehicle has gone up to Mach 1 and above, which is the speed of sound and initiated an abort condition for the CES to function," a beaming Somanath said from the MCC. Mach 1 is equal to about 1,200 km per hour.

The crew module is where

the astronauts will be stationed in a pressurised earth-like atmospheric condition during the Gaganyaan mission. For the 34.9 metre tall rocket TV-D1, the CM

the ISRO said. India plans to send up to three astronauts into space on a Low Earth Orbit of 400 km for three days and bring them safely back to the Earth as part of the Gaganyaan mission likely to be launched in 2025.

was an unpressurised version,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the successful launch on Saturday takes India a step closer to realising its first human space flight programme.

In a post on X, Modi said, "This launch takes us one step closer to realising India's first human space flight programme, Gaganyaan. My best wishes to our scientists at ISRO." Officials said the entire mission lasted for about 20-25 minutes with precise separation of the CM from the rocket which happened around 9 minutes after lift-off at 10 am. The separation of the CM was planned at an altitude of 16.9 km from the ground.

Saturday's mission is the first of a series of tests of systems and procedures by the ISRO with the aim to ultimately launch an Indian astronaut into space.

Smiles returned to the faces of ISRO scientists a couple of hours after the planned launch time as weather-related issues first forced a rescheduling of the liftoff, from the original 8 am to 8.30 am and again 15 minutes later. Again, just 4 seconds before the single-stage liquid propulsion rocket was set to soar into the skies at 8.45 am, a "hold" sign flashed on the screens.

'...after going through the nominal liftoff process, there was a hold issued by the ground computer which is called the automatic launch sequence computer. It detected sort of a non-conformance following the engine to continue the thrusting to further go," Somanath explained.

"This happened due to a monitoring anomaly in the system. So we could identify it very very fast and correct it." It took some time to refill the gases and once that was completed, the team went through the proper automatic launch sequence which checked the entire health of the vehicle, he said. Earlier, after the initial 'hold,' Somanath had said the vehicle was in good health.

And finally the mission computer and the ground support computer authorised the launch which allowed the rocket to take off at 10 am after a two-hour delay.

"I am happy our team could understand an anomaly, rectify it and come back as fast. Congratulations to everybody. It is a big training for everybody here to prepare for the Gaganyaan programme...happy that the launch could happen within the allocated launch window," the ISRO chief said.

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