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# V K Birdhi Is New IGP Kashmir

Vijay Kumar Appointed ADGP Law & Order

**Srinagar:** Senior IPS officer V K Birdhi was appointed as the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir zone on Tuesday

Kashmir zone, on Tuesday.
Birdhi, a 2003-batch Indian
Police Service officer of the
AGMUT cadre, will be taking
over from Vijay Kumar who has
been appointed as ADGP Law and
Order Jammu and Kashmir.

In an order, the J&K administration said Birdhi has been posted as the IGP Kashmir.

In addition, More on P10

#### Mobile Internet Suspended In Parts Of Pulwama

**Press Trust Of India** 

Srinagar: Mobile internet has been suspended in parts of Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir for security reasons, of-

ficials said on Tuesday.

Directions to the Telecom
Service Providers to suspend mobile data services in Wampora
and Hunipora areas of the south
Kashmir district were issued by
Vijay Kumar, Additional Director
General of Police (ADGP), Kashmir
Zone, the officials said.

The ADGP'S order mentions the possibility of mobile More on P10

# **Drug Abuse Among Youth Rising Day By Day: Govt To Court**

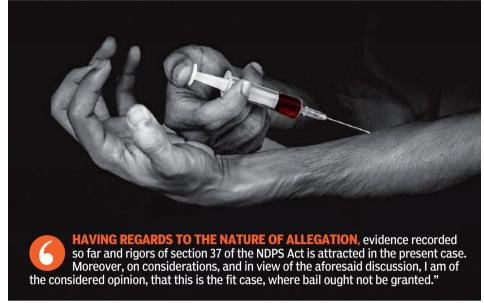
#### Bail Plea Of 3 Drug Peddlers Rejected

**M** Ahmad

Srinagar: Amid government's contention that use of drugs by the young people is increasing day by day, a court here on Tuesday rejected bail application of three persons accused of drug peddling in Kashmir Valley.

The trio had been arrested in 2020 with 21 bottles of Welcyrex, which according to the court falls within the commercial category of contraband drugs.

"Having regards to the nature of allegation, evidence recorded so far and rigors of section 37 of the NDPS Act is attracted in the present case. Moreover, on considerations, and in view of the aforesaid discussion, I am of the considered opinion, that this is the fit case, where bail ought not be granted," said 1st Additional Sessions Judge,



Srinagar, Khursheed-ul Islam. "The applicants/accused persons have failed to carve out a case for bail in their favour and, if they are granted bail at this stage there is every apprehension that the accused persons will repeat the offences," the court said and

rejected bail application by Suhail Yousuf Sheikh, Muneer Ahmad Dar and Mohammad Maqbool Dar.

The court said that the ultimate purpose while interfering in the bail under section 37 of the NDPS Act is not to record an observation of not

guilty even at the initial stage. "It is for the limited purpose essentially confined to the question of releasing the accused on bail that the court is called upon to see if there are reasonable grounds for believing that the accused is not guilty and records its

satisfaction about the existence of such grounds," the court said, adding, "The court has not to consider the matter as if it is pronouncing a judgment of acquittal and recording a finding of not guilty."

The court said that it may even consider bail plea of the accused in case of commercial quantity provided innocence of the accused on the basis of material is disclosed. "But this is not the case of the applicants/accused persons, rather they have committed a serious offence."

Earlier the prosecution said that the use of the drugs by the young people is increasing day by day and as such is weakening the society and nation.

"In such circumstances the Hon'ble Courts have to safe-guard the interests of the society & to play their respective role in preventing the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs & psychotropic substances to combat the menace and to curtail the liberty of such elements who are involved in such trade/activities in the interests of society at large."

# SEIZURE OF JOURNALISTS DEVICES SC Asks Centre To

**Frame Guidelines** 

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to put in place guidelines on seizure of electronic devices like phones and laptops of individuals, particularly media professionals, while terming it a serious matter.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia conveyed their concern to Additional Solicitor General (ASG) S V Raju, who was representing the Centre, about the sweeping powers of probe agencies.

"Mr Raju, I find it very difficult to accept that some kind of an all-within power which the agencies have, this is very, very dangerous I think," Justice Kaul observed.

The bench was hearing two petitions, including the one filed by 'Foundation For Media Professionals', seeking comprehensive guidelines for search and seizure of digital devices by the investigating agencies.

The counsel, appearing for one of the petitioners, said the issue raised was of seminal importance as there were no guidelines with regard to when and how will the probe agencies seize electronic devices.

Raju said complicated legal issues have been raised in the matter and he More on P10

## Govt To Conduct Land Audit Of Industrial Estates In J&K

**Exercise To Begin With Pilot Projects** 

Agencies

Srinagar: In a significant move, the Jammu & Kashmir government has decided to conduct a land audit of industrial estates in the Union Territory.

To begin with, the UT administration would carry out land audits of two industrial estates-one each in Kashmir and Jammu- on the pilot basis.

Official documents reveal that the Department of Industries & Commerce has constituted two committees headed by the respective Joint Director (Development) Industries & Commerce for the exercise.

The committees would comprise of concerned functional manager, concerned industrial promotion officers/ block investigator, concerned Estates

Manager SIDCO and concerned Estates Manager SICOP.

The committees have been directed to begin their exercise with pilot projects of Industrial Estate Bari Brahmana in Jammu and Industrial Estate Lassipora, Pulwama in Kashmir.

The panels would approach their respective regional directors of land division for their support and assistance of both men and machinery, in order to conduct the exercise in a timebound manner.

According to the Department of Industries & Commerce, the committees shall submit its audit report of pilot projects within one month along with specific recommendations.

As per official documents, 67 industrial estates developed by SIDCO and SICOP More on P10

## Power Woes Continue To Haunt People In Kashmir

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: The people in Kashmir continue to face the brunt of frequent power cuts, despite the Power Development Department (PDD) purchasing 500 megawatt electricity from Uttar Pradesh government to meet the increasing demand of consumers with the onset of winter season.

The erratic power supply has also evoked sharp criticism from Valley's trade association, businessmen, industrialists,

besides major regional political parties.

According to reports, most parts of the Valley are experiencing erratic power supply and unscheduled power cuts at a time when mercury has started falling gradually with changing weather. The irregular electricity supply has been reported equally from both metered as well as unmetered areas of the Valley, including this capital city.

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"The administration has failed to provide us with adequate power supply

despite timely payment bills by the consum-Even the power department is not sticking to its own curtailment schedule," said Farhad Ahmad, a resident of uptown Batamaloo.

The situation, he said, is worse during morning and evening hours when More on P10



**THE CURRENT CURTAILMENT SCHEDULE FOR METERED AREAS IS 4:30 HOURS** while non-meters face a six hour power cut. However, in some areas the curtailment goes beyond that schedule depending on the availability of electricity."

Delay In Delivery Of Services

## PMLA CASE

## Lal Singh's Anticipatory Bail Plea Dismissed

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: An anti-corruption court in Jammu on Tuesday dismissed the anticipatory bail application of former minister Lal Singh who is being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a case against an educational trust run by his wife Kanta Andotra.

However, Andotra and her daughter Kranti Singh got a relief as their interim anticipatory bail was extended till November 30 with a directive to cooperate with the investigation agency without any fail.

Special judge Bala Jyoti passed three separate orders after hearing the arguments put forth by special public prosecutor Ashwani Khajuria, appearing for the ED, and advocate Rajesh Kotwal for the applicants.

Singh, his wife and daughter have moved separate appli-

cations in the court on
November 1 seeking
pre-arrest bail for the
alleged commission
of offences under
the Prevention of
Money Laundering
Act. The court granted them interim bail
and sought a detailed re-

sponse from the ED.
Singh, the chairman of the
Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan
Party, was questioned by the
ED on Saturday and Monday.

Last month, the Enforcement Directorate More on P10

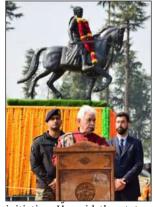
## LG Unveils Maratha Leader Shivaji's Statue In Kupwara

Calls For Celebrating Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Festival In Kupwara On Nov 7 Every Year

Observer News Service

Kupwara: Terming Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as a born leader, who scripted a new history of India through his mesmerizing victory against the enemy, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday called upon the youth to follow Shivaji's ideals of morality, right conduct and respect for all religions and sects.

"Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was also the fountainhead of high standards of morality, right conduct and respecter of all religions and sects. Youth must follow his



initiative. He said the statue of Great Shivaji will be a source of More on P10

### TRIPLE **TERROR** ATTACKS

## **Police Announces Rs 10L Reward For Tip-Off**

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Police Tuesday announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh each for information on the three recent targeted attacks by militants in the valley in which a cop and a non-local labourer were killed.

In a public notice, the police

announced a reward of Rs 10 lakh each for credible information about the terrorist attacks that took place on three consecutive days from October 30.

On October 29, police Inspector Masroor Ali Wani was

was playing cricket in the Eidgah playground here. The next day, a non-local

critically injured when a lone

terrorist shot at him while he



labourer Mukesh Kumar was shot dead in the Trumchi Nowpora area of Pulwama. A day later, Head Constable Ghulam Mohammad was shot dead outside his residence in the Wailoo Kralpora area of Baramulla. "Information about the attacker or his associates or help-

ers or harbourers More on P10

## Govt Starts Penalty Proceedings Against 55 Officers

Observer News Service

Jammu: LG administration has initiated penalty proceedings against 55 officers for delaying delivery of various services in the Revenue Department.

These details were shared in a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta with Administrative Secretaries here in which he also took stock of activities undertaken during the course of vigilance week, an official spokesperson said. Director General of Police, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of all districts also attended

During the meeting, he said,

it was revealed that the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has been working tirelessly in recent years to strengthen the punitive measures against corruption, resulting in the successful prosecution of 142 out of a total of 276 FIR-registered cases since 2021.

"The bureau has also been vigilant in registering 121 trap cases and 29 Disproportionate Assets (DA) cases against corrupt officials in the UT," he said. During the meeting, the spokesperson More on P10

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#### Soldier Dies Near LoC In Poonch



soldier died during duty along Line of Control in Poonch district on Tuesday, officials said. They said the soldier, Naik Rohan Patel, fell unconscious, while moving towards drill. Thereafter, the soldier was immediately evacuated to hospital, where he was declared dead. (GNS)

#### 3.5 Magnitude Quake Hits Kishtwar

n earthquake measuring
3.5 on the Richter Scale hit
Kishtwar district of Jammu
and Kashmir on Tuesday.
According to the National Center for
Seismology (NSC), the earthquake
occurred at 6.52 pm on Tuesday. The
NCS further said that the epicentre
of the quake was 215 km north of
Ayodhya at a depth of 10 km.
"Earthquake of Magnitude 3.5,
Occurred on November 7, 18:52:12
IST, Lat: 33.38 N & Long: 76.59 E,
Depth: 10 Km, Region: Kishtwar,
Jammu and Kashmir," it said.

# Security Beefed Up At Delhi's IGI Airport

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Security has been strengthened at the Indira Gandhi International airport here amid the festive season, said an official on Tuesday.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is responsible for security at the airport while the Delhi Police handles the law and order outside the airport. According to the Delhi Police, security has been enhanced in and around the airport. Patrolling has been intensified while the number of personnel deployed for checking passengers More on P10

#### 4 Loaded Magazines Seized In Samba

our loaded magazines along with some loose live rounds were recovered from a pond in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Tuesday, officials said. The recovery was made from Jakh village along the Jammu-Pathankot highway during cleaning of the roadside pond, they said. Senior Superintendent of Police, Samba, Benam Tosh said the rusted condition of the magazines and the bullets suggest they were dumped in the pond a long time back. More on P10

#### Charge Sheet Filed Against Two OGWs

olice on Tuesday filed a charge sheet against two persons affiliated with proscribed group Hizbul Mujahideen in a case related to their alleged terror activities in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir this year, an official said. The charge sheet against Mohd Yousuf Chouhan and Mohd Amin was filed at the fast-track court of NIA in Doda district. The case was filed under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), he said. Mohd Yousuf More on P10

#### Lion Couple To Reach Jambu Zoo Today

pair of Asiatic lions, a male and female adult individuals aged 3.7 and 2.7 year, is slated to reach Jambu Zoo on Wednesday. The Department of Wildlife Protection informed that the lion pair is being brought to the UT on the direction of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

The Asiatic Lion pair, being brought

from Gujarat, is an endangered species as per the IUCN. At present, Asiatic Lion wild population is confined only to the state of Gujarat which has donated More on P10



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## KASHMIR OBSERVER 9 Srinagar | Wednesday | 08-11-2023

## **Srinagar Municipal Corporation**

#### Office Of The Executive Engineer Right River Works Division

Regal lane Lal Chowk Srinagar Email:-eerrwdsmc@gmail.com

**SHORT TERM** 

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER No. 30 of 2023-2024 Dated: 03.11.2023

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

S. No.	Name of the Work	Adv. cost in lacs	Cost of T/Doc. in Rs.	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time of Completi on	Head of Account	Class of contractor	AA order No	T.S. Order No. dated
1.	Construction of toilet Block and Washroom at TRC Cricket Playground.	9.97	600	19940	6 weeks	Addl. Financial Assistance	CEE/DEE	1207 of 2023 dt: 26.09.23	309 dated: 03.11.23
2.	Construction of lane drain near h/o Mohsin Bhat, AdilZafferAb.Rashid Kawa and others at Hamz colony Ellahibagh Soura	2.50	220	5000	4 weeks	Addl. Financial Assistance	DEE	1207 of 2023 dt: 26.09.23	310 dated: 03.11.23
3.	Construction of R wall near h/oAb.Rashid Dar at Rangpora Ahmad Nagar	1.90	210	3800	4 weeks	Addl. Financial Assistance	DEE	1207 of 2023 dt: 26.09.23	311 dated: 03.11.23
4.	Path near h/o Mehbool Ali at Bali Mohalla (Locut Dal- Ward No. 64)	3.00	230	6000	4 weeks	Addl. Financial Assistance	DEE	1207 of 2023 dt: 26.09.23	312 dated: 03.11.23

Position of AAA: Accorded, Technical Sanction: Accorded

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

S. No.	Particulars	Date from to
1.	Date of publication of e-portal	03.11.2023
2.	Date of Downloading of bid documents for said NIeT	03.11.2023 from 03:00 PM
3.	Date of uploading of bid document / bid submission starts	03.11.2023 from 03:30 PM
4.	Date of uploading of bid document/ bid submission Ends	13.11.2023 at 06:00 PM
5.	Date of Bid opening	14.11.2023 at 11:00 AM
6.	Date of Submission of Uploaded documents (Hard Copies) by Successful Bidder including Bid Security (CDR/FDR), Tender document fee.	15.11.2023 up to 04:00 PM

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

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. The intending tenders should attach a call deposit receipt equivalent to 2% of the advertised cost / total cost of the work shown against each work pledged to the Executive Engineer Right River Works Division, SMC, drawn from any scheduled Bank without which no tender will be
- 2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in the shape of Bank Receipt / challan as a tender fee paid in the Municipal Account No. 0216010200000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch Dood Ganga

Balgarden, Srinagar payable at Srinagar (with NIT No and Serial No of work mentioned) and Earnest Money/ bid security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Bank Receipt/ Challan and earned money/bid security should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) .The tender fees is nonrefundable and can also be paid through online mode via NEFT/RTGS in favour of F./A/ Chief Accounts officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation with Bank Details as given below:

> Name of the Bank: - Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. Balgarden, Srinagar Bank Account No: -0216010200000007 **JAKAOGARDEN** MICR CODE: 190051008

- For one particular work, only one bank Receipt / challan (not more than one) of the exact amount of tender fees (neither lesser nor greater) as shown against that particular work must be paid and uploaded with the tenders. The same tender fees paid and uploaded for a particular work should not be again used/ uploaded for any other work in the NIeT (i.e. one Bank Receipt / Bank Challan for one work only)
- Tender Fee and other relevant documents including Bid security (CDR/FDR) duly filled up, if found uploaded, with any ambiguity or un-attested correction/over writing for any work such tender /bid shall be considered as invalid bid and shall be out rightly rejected and action under rules shall be initiated.
- Further use of pencil in writing (NIT No and S. No) on tender fees and EMD must be avoided. The participating agencies/ contractors are advised in their own interest not to resort to any
- cheating while submitting and uploading the tender document Fees or any other document. The bidders are requested to uploadfollowing documents:
- Tender fees.
  - EMD in the shape of CDR and FDR.
- Registration card and its latest renewal. Verification of Registration Card from competent Authority
- Latest GST clearance.
- PAN Card.
- Correspondence Address of the Agency with active Mobile No.
- Bank Account details (16-digit Bank Account No. Branch office, IFSC code) Any other document required to be uploaded as per the NIeT.
- 3. The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an E-mail message on their email address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the office of the Executive Engineer, Right River Works Division, SMC (Regal Lane, Lal Chowk, Srinagar) or in the office of the Informatics officer, SMC (Karan Nagar Srinagar). In case of holidays/ offices happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, or there is any Net problem the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- 4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
- 5. The lowest successful bidder has to furnish 5% of the contract value/ allotted cost cost as performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR. The performance security required as per NIT conditions shall be released after DLP is successfully over. Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR shall be released after performance security is received. The earnest money in favour of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Bank Receipts/challans.
- 6. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if: -
- Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any Modifications to the terms and conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the
- Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process

**Executive Engineer Right River Works Division Srinagar Municipal Corporation** 

No: SMC/EERRWD/1762-1769 Dated: -03.11.2023

> DIPK-NB-4065/23 dated: 06-11-2023

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My Son's Name wrongly mentioned in his passport no R7474957 as Uzar instead of Uzair Mudasir Ganaie. Now i am applying for its correction if anybody have any objection in this regard He/She may Contact Regional Passport office Srinagar within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained. Mudasir Farooq Ganaie F/O Uzair Mudasir Ganaie

Mothers Name Maroofa Begum R/O Mundji Sopore

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My name has been wronlgy written n my J&K Bank account details as Aasifa Man-zoor while my correct name is Asifa Bano which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Branch Manager J&K Bank Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Asifa Bano W/o Arashid Hussain Mir

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I have lost all the documetns of my Alto Maruti bearing regd no: JK05K 3141. 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 RTO Office Sopore Baramulla within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Bilal Ahmad Shah S/o Ghulam Mohammad Shah R/o Batapora KUNZER

#### Office Of Mehboob -Ul-Alam Public School Bandgam Zone Narbal Budgam (udise code: 01041602203)

Managing body of mehboob-ul-Alam Public School Bandgam

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01	Mansoor	Abdul Rehman	Bandgam
	Ahmad	Parray	(Budgam)
)2	Abdul Ma-	Mohd Sultan	Bandgam
	jeed Parray	Parray	
)3	Abdul Wa-	Ghulam Nabi	Bandgam
	heed Mir	Mir	
)4	Javeed	Bashir Ahmad	Hanjji La-
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)5	Khalid	Mohd Ashraf	Bandgam
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Chairman MAPS Bandgam Ph. N: 9906594339 | 6006770971

#### From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present: Mr. Jawad Ahmad

In the case of: II. Rahila Jan W/o Late Manzoor Ahmad Gujrree R/o Chattabal Srinagar A/P Shah Mohalla Nawa Bazar Srinagar 2. Ahmad Bin Manzoor (Minor) S/o Late Manzoor Ahamd Gujree R/o Chattabal Sri-

nagar Through Rahila Jàn (Mother) W/o Late Manzoor Ahmad Gujree R/o Chattabal 3. Mst Sundri W/o Late Mohammad Shaban R/o Patlipora Bala Chattabal, Srinagar

Public at Large

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

#### **Notice To Public At Large**

1. 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 11,37,151 as debits and securities in name of Deceased Namely: Late Manzoor Ahamd Gujree S/o Late Mohammad Shaban R/o Chattabal, Srinagar who died on 31-03-2019. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed

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 23-11-2023. 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

Jawad Ahmad Principal District Judge, Srinagar

#### Office of The Chief Executive Officer **Srinagar Smart City Limited**

(AJ&K Government Undertaking)

1stFloor,BudshahBuilding, Lal Chowk, Srinagar, Kashmir,J&K Email:-srinagarscl@gmail.com(CIN:U70200JK2017SGC010107)

#### Revised-Advertisement No. 06 SSCL of 2023:Dated:6 / 11/2023

Whereas; applications were invited vide advertisement No.04 SSCL of 2023; dated 10-10-2023 for the post of General Manager (Engineering)/ Chief Engineer.

Whereas : after scrutinizing the application forms, it was found that none among applicants was qualifying Now, therefore, the Revised Notification is hereby issued as under:-

The Applications are invited for the appointment of the following post on contractual basis in Srinagar Smart City

Lillite	a (SSCE) to be sta	tioned in Shinagai City.				
No of Posts	Position	Total Minimum Experience and Maxi- mum Age Limit	Minimum Qualifications	Remuneration		
1	Chief Engineer / General Manager Engineering	Minimum 30 Years experience. Maxi- mum age Limit: 65 years	Graduate in Civil Engineering from a recognized university / Institute.	Last pay minus Pension as CTC (Inclusive of all allow- ances, perks, taxes etc.)		
	Experience Required	At least 30 years of experience in civil p Buildings/ water resource projects/Urb experience of Technical Sanction, revie estimates, tender preparation, etc. Sh site grading, team management, schec contract management, contract prepa Applicant should be retired as State/C position of CE/Equivalent before retire advertisement.	nan Designing Projects/ Sm w of engineering drawings, ould have experience of site duling, etc. of large projects ration, bid process manage entral Govt employee he/s	art City Projects. Should have engineering details, BoQ's, supervision, quality control, Should have experience in ment, etc. of large projects. he should have held the		
	Selection Criteria	Marks for fulfilling minimum qualificat (Masters Degree In relevant field) -10 ( State level PMU/PMC/ULBS/PSUs-25 Deptt-10 (Max-5 for each year) (Prorat	Max). For having Experien (Ma -2 for each year). For	ce in Govt. Sector (Centre/ having Experience as Head of		

Other Terms and Conditions:

01 Post Applied forin SSCL

Parentage: .

Address Contact No.:.

Full Name with Title(e.g- Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.)\_

The appointment shall be purely on contract or deputation basis for a period of 1 Year only extendable further for two more years subject to the requirement of SSCL and satisfactory performance of the selected candi-

The Candidate shall be posted in Srinagar City. The candidate's service can be terminated by SSCL, with 01 Month notice or with remittance of one

Month pay in lieu thereof. Further, if a candidate wishes to leave the services of Srinagar Smart City Limited, he/she shall have to give one month's notice or remittance of one month's salary in lieu thereof. The candidate shall have to give an undertaking that he/she shall abide by the HR Policy of SSCL and

other Policies and procedures of the company. Candidate shall have to submit a declaration that he/she has not been charged/convicted by the Hon'ble Court nordismissed/removed/compulsory retired by way of punishment from the Service of any Public/ Private Sector Undertaking or from Government Department and that he/she has not been declared insolvent by

6. Candidate shall have to submit an affidavit that he/she shall not make any claim for further extension/absorption in SSCL or J&K Government beyond 1 year of his service in SSCL.

The application form shall reach the office of Srinagar Smart City Ltd.; 1st Floor, Budshah Building, Lal

Chowk, Srinagar; by or before 14th November, 2023. Applications (including postal delays) shall not be entertained thereafter. Only those who meet the prescribed eligibility criteria need apply. If at any stage, it is found that the candidate does not meet the prescribed eligibility criteria, he/she will be disqualified

Shortlisted Candidates shall be called for interviews on a date to be notified separately. NO TA/DA will be provided to the candidate for appearing in the interview.

SSCL reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason and right to cancel fully/ partially the selections.

Applicants are advised to visit SSCL website regularly for any update related to this advertisement. Incomplete applications without relevant supporting enclosures will be rejected. In case any mistake is detected in the selection process, SSCL reserves the right to modify/withdraw/

cancel any communication made to the candidates. 14. However, the candidates who have already applied in response to previous notification and are eligible and fulfill all the criteria as per this revised notification need not to apply again.

No: SSCL/CEO/23-24/ 6580

#### DIPK-NB-4077/23

**Chief Executive Officer** Srinagar SmartCity Limited

**BIODATA** 

DateofBirth(DD/MM/YYYY): The application for the post should be enclosed with certificates, CV and requisite documents along with the Bio-03. 04. 05. Gender Permanent Address 07. **Corresponding Address** 08. Mobile No. Nationality

10. Domicile Certificate No. (Starting with the position listing reverse order for every qualification)
S.No. Qualification Specialization College/Univ Specialization College/University Year of Passing Experience:

(Starting with the position list in reverse order every employment helds in cegraduation).Employer (Name, Address and Contact | Period(fromto) inDD/ MM/YYYY Format Experience in Years/months Assignment and role Designation Skills acquired Skill acquired Institute/College/University Level of Expertise

Declaration: Parentage solemnly affirms and R/o

That I have not been charged/convicted from any court. Thatlhavenotbeendismissed/removed/compulsorilyretiredbywayofpunishmentfromanypublic undertaking or department of Government.

That I have not been declared as insolvent by any court. That no department inquiry, vigilance case or criminal case is pending against me

That I am not on bail in any case from the court.

That I, undersigned certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application correctly descr ibesme,myqualificationsandmyexperience.lunderstandthatanywillful misstatement describes herein may lead to

my disqualification or dismissal if engaged. (Signature of the candidate)

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I Syed Iqbal Hussain S/o Syed Mohammad Akbar R/o Hassan abad Rainawari declare That my son Syed Mohammad Akbar is student on rolls of City Centre School Khanyar. The name of father in school record of my son has wrongly been recorded as Sved Igbal Hassan where as it should read as Sved Igbal Hussain as per Srinagar Municipality records. If anyone has any obejection in this regard may file same to the office of city centre school Khanyar within 7 days, after that no objection will be entertained. Sved Igbal hHussain

S/o Sved Mohammad Akbar R/o Hassan-Abad Rainawari, Srinagar. SS

#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

e-Auction Notice

The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and or behalf of President of India invites **E-Auction** from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division:

1) Auction Catalogue No. : FZRPARCEL59 Auction Date & Time: 14.11.23 at 11:00 Hrs.

Name of work: Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No / SLR compartment: 14508-R1, 14508-F2, 14634-R1, 14634-F2, 14508-F1, 12752-F1 19614-F1, 22430-F1, 14633-F1, 14634-F1, 14633-R1, 14654-R1, 14654-F1 14654-F2 & 14633-F2.

2) Auction Catalogue No. : EAFZR-WVM23-7 Auction Date & Time: 14.11.23 at 11:00 Hrs.

Name of work: Allotment of Contract for provision and operation of Water Vending Machines at Railway Station Faridkot, Phillaur, Kathua, Firozpur Cantt., Pathankot Cantt. & Udhampur. 3) Auction Catalogue No. : FZRPARCEL60

Auction Date & Time: 15.11.23 at 11:00 Hrs. Name of work: Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No / SLR compartm

Auction Date & Time: 15.11.23 at 11:00 Hrs.

12588-F1, 14616-F1, 12550-F1, 22706-F1, 22942-F1, 19108-F1, 15098-F1, 12422-F1 22446-F1, 12470-F1, 12498-F1, 22486-F1, 19612-F1, 19028-F1, 12414-F1 & 12920-F1 4) Auction Catalogue No.: EAFZR-OH23-23

Name of work: 1) Contract for Commercial Advertisement rights on exterior of Overhead of Water Tanks at Pathankot, Jalandhar City, Jammu Tawi, Bar Brahmna, Sujanpur, Sahnewal & Amritsar Railway Station.
2) Contract for Commercial publicity rights through static media at Level crossing

djoining to Chhina, Verka, Jaintipura, Batala, Bhagtawala & Patti Railway Station 3) Contract for Commercial publicity rights through static media and overhead of vater tank at Makhu & Nakodar Railway Station

5) Auction Catalogue No.: EAFZR-PnU23-17 Auction Date & Time: 15.11.23 at 12:30 Hrs.

Name of work: 1) Allotment of contract for operation & maintenance of Pay & Use Toilets at Amritsar Railway Station. ) Allotment of contract for operation of Cloak Room at Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra

Railway Station.

6) Auction Catalogue No.: FZRPARCEL61 Auction Date & Time: 16.11.23 at 10:30 Hrs.

Name of work: Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No. / SLR compartment: 14632-F1, 22480-F1, 14505-R1, 22402-F1, 12014-F1, 14036-R1, 12242-F1, 14036-F2, 14505-F2, 22552-F1, 22432-F1, 14036-F1, 14505-F1, 14630-F1, 12478-F1, 19804-F1, 14606-F1, 19326-F1, 12414-VP & 12472-VP.

Auction Date & Time: 17.11.23 at 10:30 Hrs

Name of work: Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./ SLR compartment: 15532-F1, 19226-F1, 14630-R1, 12426-F1, 19226-R1, 14601-R1, 14601-F2, 14614-R1, 14610-F1, 12412-F1, 14624-F1, 14624-F2, 14624-R1, 22462-F1, 12238-F2, 14614-F1, 19224-R1, 12238-R1, 14632-R1, 14034-F1, 12446-F1, 19224-F1, 14682-F1, 14601-F1 & 12238-F1.

8) Auction Catalogue No. : FZRPARCEL63

Auction Date & Time: 18.11.23 at 10:30 Hrs. Name of work: Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No./ SLR compartment: 14504-R1, 12032-F1, 15212-R1, 14612-F1, 19416-F1, 12492-F1,

14504-F1, 15212-F1, 12266-F1, 12474-F1, 20986-F1 & 12476-F1. For other details and registration, please visit Railway SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

#### **Correction of Aadhaar Card**

This is for the information of general public that my name has been wrongly entered in Aadhaar Card as Ruqaya Akhtar D/O Abdul Aziz Loan date of Birth 28/02/1972 instead of Rugya Akhter D/O Abdul Aziz Loan date of birth 28/02/1971 C/o Bilal Ahmad Beigh, New Colony, Shah Mohalla, Nawaz Bazar, Srinagar Jammu & Kashmir Pin No. 190002.

Now, I want to modify the same to the concerned authority if anybody having any objection in this regarding he/she may contact to the concerned authority within seven days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper, after stipulated time no objection shall be entertained. Rugya Akhter

D/O:-Abdul Aziz Loan C/o Bilal Ahmad Beigh, New Colony, Shah Mohalla, Nawaz Bazar, Srinagar Jammu & Kashmir Pin No. 190002.



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النفس اور صوم وصلوٰۃ کے یابند تھے۔اللہ سجان وتعالیٰ مرحوم کو جنت الفردوس میں اعلیٰ مقام عطا

إس سلسلے ميں مرحوم کی اجتماعی فاتحہ خوانی 9 رنومبر <u>202</u>3ء پر وز جعرات ساڑھے **10** بجے شیح اُن کے آبائی مقبرہ واقع نواب ہازارسری نگر میں اُنچام دی جائے گی۔ اِختتا می تقریب شاہ ولایت کالونی میں اُنجام دی جائے گی۔

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## **Devoted Potter From Srinagar Crafts Traditional Lamps For Diwali**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A dedicated potter, Muhammad Umer Kumar, these days is busy making traditional earthen lamps diyas – in preparation for the upcoming Diwali festival.

Umer, a resident of Nishat, has been following his family's pottery tradition. A skilled artisan with a passion for his craft has been a beacon of creativity in the Nishat community for years.

As the 'festival of lights' approaches, he has doubled his efforts to ensure that the celebration is illuminated by his meticulously designed diyas.

Inspired by the rich cultural heritage of the region, his diyas are a testament to the artistry and craftsmanship that has been passed down through generations. "Each diya is created with the utmost care, moulded with precision, and adorned with intricate designs that capture the essence of Diwali." Umer said.

Umer's commitment to

preserving traditional methods is admirable. "I use locally sourced clay and natural dyes to ensure that these diyas are not only eco-friendly but also a tribute to the environment," he said, adding that this ecoconscious approach resonates with those who appreciate sustainable practices.

He added, "Locals and tourists alike eagerly anticipate my handcrafted Diyas each year, making my small shop a hub of Diwali shopping. Last year, we received an order of 15,000 diyas, and this year we have boosted production 20 days in advance, preparing 20,000 in total, among which we have already sold more than 8 thousand, and we are preparing more for Diwali."

Umer said the art of pottery was dying in Kashmir, as people were using plastic and other materials, but with this year's Diwali, he is hopeful this art will gain a further boost.

## **Overnight Blaze Guts 3 Houses** In Srinagar's Alochi Bagh

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: At least 3 residential houses were gutted in a massive blaze that broke out at Alochi Bagh area of Srinagar late last night, officials said on Tuesday.

The fire, officials said, broke out due to a short-

circuit in one of the houses. He said fire tenders reached the spot to douse off the flames, as soon as the word about the blaze spread in the area. However, by then the houses had suffered extensive damage. The official said there was no loss of life reported in the incident.

## DL LOST



I have lost my driving License bearing registration No. JK-0120010033076 while travelling from Sheri Butt Zadibal to Lal Chowk Somewhere.

Now I want to apply for its duplicate. If anybody having any objection in this regard may contact to the concerned authorities within a period of seven days after publication of this notice. After that no objection will be entertained.

> **AGA SYED AIJAZ HUSSAIN** S/O AGA SYED ALTAF R/O SHRI BHAT NOWSHARA. SRINAGAR



## **Shooting For Multilingual Kashmiri-Kannada Movie Begins in Srinagar**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: An excitement is in the air, as the shooting for a unique Kashmiri-Kannada multilingual film has officially started in Srinagar.

The cinematic endeavor has brought together artists from Kashmir and the culturally rich state of Karnataka on a single platform to showcase their talent.

The film, a celebration of cultural diversity, brings together the rich and vibrant talents of two distinct regions, as it promises to be a visual treat for cinema enthusiasts, showcasing the rich tapestry of Kashmiri and Kannada culture on the screen.

Similarly, the project has generated a buzz not only for its artistic aspirations but also for the locals as well, who are excited to see the cross-cultural collaboration in the film industry.

The artists of the movie from Karnataka were delighted saying the film depicts how two cultures come to Kashmir and live harmoniously and peacefully in the valley, while they find the theater, culture, and everything to be stunning, and they consider Kashmir as the real heaven on earth.

Ashok Kashap, a cinematographer, director, and producer of the movie, told KNO that he possesses the script and is also directing this multilingual movie titled 'Harmukh'. The shooting is taking place under a new banner, '4 chinar,' and they aim to present something new to the world under '4 chinar productions.

"I am feeling very happy, and the administration here is very cooperative, granting permissions easily and quickly. I am thankful to them for their support, while the atmosphere here is wonderful, and I am very happy and excited to shoot the movie here," he added.

Furthermore, Dr. Kootay, a dancer and actor from Bangalore, said the movie explores the love and the relation-

ship between a Kashmiri family and a South Indian family.

She represents the South Indian family, while expressing her love for Kashmir, appreciating its outstanding and glorious beauty.

She added that as an actor and artist, being here and acting in this place is a wonderful feeling that she can't express in words.

Secretary of Tourism Dr Abid Rashid Shah said that the shoot of the bilingual movie today includes actors from Kashmir and the South. "As the Jammu Kashmir tourism sector has experienced a significant increase in tourist presence, this film tourism is an important segment that will further boost JK's tourism industry," he said.

Dr Shah added that from the '70s to the '90s, no movie was complete without scenes from Jammu and Kashmir, and the movie shooting represents a step toward reviving that era collectively.

## **Omar Interacts With IIMUN Participants At Nawa-e-Subha**

**Observer News Service** 

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah on Tuesday interacted and felicitated scores of students under the aegis of India's International Movement to United Nations, which is the world's largest youth-run, nonprofit organization.

Party's General Secretary Ali

Mohammad Sagar, Additional General Secretary Dr. Sheikh Mustafa Kamal, Provincial President Kashmir Nasir Aslam Wani Sogami and Political Advisor to Vice President Mudassar Shahmiri were also present on the occasion.

On the occasion the visiting udents subjected the party VP to the host of questions on various subjects. The discussion veered from issues such as education, entrepreneurship, politics and history and candid queries about his likes and dislikes.

Speaking to the rapt audience of students present on the occasion, Omar said such interactions will broaden the horizons of students and allow them to learn from the experiences of people around the globe. He congratulated the management of the organization and appreciated the poise and questions of the students on the occasion.



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**Possession Notice** Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with

Whereas Mr. Asaf Rasool Kanue, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 28.09.2022 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely Mr. Igbal Hussain Kawa S/o Ghulam Mohammad Kawa R/oSatbooni, Lal Bazar Srinagar, guarantors namely (1) Mr. Tabish Ahmad Kawa S/o Ghulam Nabi Kawa R/o Nawab Bagh, Baghwanpora ,Lal Bazar Srinagar (2) Mr Zameer Ahmad Kawa S/o Ghulam Nabi Kawa R/o NawabBagh Baghwanpora Lal Bazar Srinagar to repay an amount of Rs. 19,82,899.73 (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Nine&Paise Seventy Three Only) being the balance outstanding as on 31.08.2022 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that ASMAT ARA the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken Symbolic possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 2nd Day of November of the year 2023.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to Rs. 20, 54,669.73 (Rupees Twenty Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Nine and Paisa Seventy Three Only) together with future interest thereon from 01.10.2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

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

**Description of the Immovable Property** 

(As per the schedule provided in mortgage deed/latest particulars including any accreditations) Equitable Mortgage of land measuring 04 marlas along with single storied residential house falling under Khasra No. 589 min of Khata No. 802 and Khewat No. 52 situated in Estate BaghatiShoora Tehsil Eidgah and District Srinagar standing in the name of Mr. Iqbal Hussain Kawa S/o Ghulam Mohammad Kawa R/o SatbooniLal Bazar

(Asmat Ara) **Authorized Officer** 

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate for my ward namely .Faisal abass bhat (DOB: 07\_05\_2013) 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. Showkat Ahmed bhat

R/o Malmooh

## Azadi <sub>Ka</sub>

LDH03-23-11

at 15:00 Hrs

#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**E-Tender Notice** 

The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division

over Firozpur Division:							
S N	E-Tender No.	Dated/Time of opening	Description				
1	ET-CTG- ASR70-23-1	30.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs	Allotment of Catering stall No. 70 on contract at Railway Station Amritsar.				
2	ET-CTG- ASR45-23-2	30.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs	Allotment of Catering stall No. 45 on contract at Railway Station Amritsar.				
3	ET-CTG- ASR09-23-3	30.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs	Allotment of Catering stall No. 09 on contract at Railway Station Amritsar.				
4	ET-CTG- ASR53-23-4	30.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs	Allotment of Catering stall No. 53 on contract at Railway Station Amritsar.				
5	ET-CTG- ASR10-23-5	30.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs	Allotment of Catering stall No. 10 on contract at Railway Station Amritsar.				
6	ET-CTG- ASR30-23-6	30.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs	Allotment of Catering stall No. 30 on contract at Railway Station Amritsar.				
7	ET-CTG- ASR54-23-7	30.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs	Allotment of Catering stall No. 54 on contract at Railway Station Amritsar.				
8	ET-CTG- ASR73-23-8	30.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs	Allotment of Catering stall No. 73 on contract at Railway Station Amritsar.				
9	ET-CTG- JUC55-23-9	30.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs	Allotment of Catering stall No. 55 on contract at Railway Station Jalandhar City.				
10	ET-CTG- JUC56-23-10	30.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs	Allotment of Catering stall No. 56 on contract at Railway Station Jalandhar City.				
11	ET-CTG-	30.11.2023	Allotment of Catering stall No. 03 on contract at Railway				

Station Ludhiana Bids will be accepted only through IREPS Portal. For other details and registration, please visit Railway website www.ireps.gov.in 3475/2023

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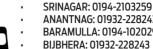
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#### **HIGHWAY STATUS**



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



#### **FAJR** 5:31

**PRAYERS** 

**ZUHR** 12:14 **ASR** 3:55 Magrib 5:35 **ISHA** 7: 57

## **This Day In History**

- 1923 Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party stage "Beer Hall Putsch" in Munich.
- 1932 Amidst the Great Depression, Democrat candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt is elected President of the United States, defeating Republican incumbent Herbert Hoover
- 1942 Adolf Hitler proclaims fall of Stalingrad from Munich beer hall
- 1942 Vichy-France drops diplomatic relations
- 1943 France arrests government of Lebanon after they abolish the French mandate
- 1950 A US aircraft shoots down a North Korean jet in the Korean War, the first jet-to-jet dogfight in
- 1956 UN demands USSR leave Hungary
- 1957 Great Britain performs atmospheric nuclear test at Christmas Island
- 1960 John F. Kennedy is elected President of the United States, defeating Republican candidate Richard Nixon who was the incumbent Vice
- 1964 IMF grants Great Britain credit of \$1 billion 1965 - British Indian Ocean Territory formed
- 1965 Vietnam War: US, Australian and New Zealand forces launch Operation Hump, a searchand-destroy operation near Bien Hoa in South 1980 - Voyager 1 space probe discovers 15th moon
- of Saturn
- 1983 STS-9 vehicle again moves to launch pad 1984 - STS 51-A mission launches
- 1987 Australia beat England by 7 runs to win cricket World Cup
- 1988 900 die as earthquake hits China
- 1988 Vice President George H. W. Bush is elected President of the United States, defeating Democrat candidate Michael Dukakis
- 1990 Saddam fires his army chief & threatens to destroy Arabian peninsula
- 1990 Unconfirmed rumors emerge that Bush might announce an airlift of supplies to US embassy in Kuwait, which could ultimately trigger a military clash

## From KO Archives

## Activists Torch TV Sets In Pak

**AGENCIES** 

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SLAMABAD- The little-known Islami Jirga on Monday pub¬licly burnt 11 television sets by describing them as a source of obscenity in the Pakistani city of Mardan. Over 2,000 curious onlookers had gathered in the Bagh sports ground following public announcements about the burning of television sets. It was a mixed group of people and not all of them supported what was put on display for them.

The television sets were brought in a pick-up covered with yellow curtains. The / Islami Jirga activists piled' up the sets, each inscribed with an Urdu slogan, before showing them the torch amid chants of Allah-o-Akbar.

Some of the slogans said the television was a devil's box, source of obscenity, a threat to faith, a danger for pious women. One of the slogans written on a television set vowed to foil the Jewish conspiracy against Islam.

Before burning the sets, an Islami Jirga activist, Mohammad Salim, described television as a source of obscenity and felt it was misleading the youth, particularly girls, He lashed out at the cable television and termed it as a threat to the culture, traditions and morals of the Muslims.

(Kashmir Observer, November 08, 2000)

Place: Srinagar Dated:02.11.2023

Abbas Ads.

## **More Than A Third Of Families** In Bihar Surviving On Rs 6,000 Per Month Or Less: Survey



**Press Trust of India** 

More than a third of families inhabiting Bihar were living in poverty, making do with a monthly income of Rs 6,000 or less, according to a detailed report of the caste survey tabled in the state assembly on Tuesday.

The report also acknowlconsiderable poverty the upper castes, though the percentage was, predictably, much higher among backward classes, Dalits and tribals.

As per the report, tabled by parliamentary affairs minister Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, the state was home to about 2.97 crore families, out of which more than 94 lakhs (34.13 per cent) were poor.

Another important finding was that more than 50 lakh Biharis were living outside the state in search of livelihood or better education opportunities.

Those earning a living in other states numbered around 46 lakhs while another 2.17 lakhs have found greener pastures

Those pursuing studies in other states numbered about

Agencies

**NEW DELHI:** The Bureau of

Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has ordered extra security

checks for Air India flights in

Punjab and Delhi airports after

a threat received from the out-

lawed separatist group Sikhs

In an order copy accessed

by ANI, the BCAS has asked for

additional security checks for

all Air India flights at airports

in Punjab and the national

ondary Ladder Point Check) for

all Air India flights at IGI Air-

port and airports in Punjab, is-

sue of Temporary Airport Entry

Pass (TAEP), entry of visitors to

the terminal building of the IGI

(Indira Gandhi International)

airport (in Delhi) and sale of

visitors' entry tickets will be

The order has been issued on

Monday and it has been imple-

mented immediately. The fol-

lowing security measures will

banned," the circular read.

"A 100 per cent SLPC (Sec-

For Justice (SFJ).

Extra Checks At Punjab,

**To Air India Flights** 

**Delhi Airports After Threat** 

5.52 lakhs while about 27,000 were doing the same abroad.

Notably, preliminary find-

ings of the caste survey were

released on October 2. The Nitish Kumar government ordered the exercise following the Centre's reluctance

to hold a caste census. The preliminary findings had established that OBCs and Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) constituted more than 60 per cent of the state's total population, while the upper castes accounted for about 10

The details tabled in the assembly showed that the rate of poverty among the upper castes, at more than 25 per cent, was quite pronounced.

per cent

The most well-off Hindu upper caste were the numerically miniscule Kayasthas. Only 13.83 per cent of families from the largely urbanised community were poor.

wave of the 1990s threw up a

be in place till November 30.

Recently, the designated ter-

rorist Gurpatwant Singh Pan-

nun, the founder of the banned

Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), released

a new video asking Sikhs not to fly in Air India aircraft after

November 19, as their lives can

would not be allowed to oper-

He claimed that Air India

The order further reads that

in view of the continuous

threat messages being shared

by Central security agencies re-

garding threat to Civil Aviation

installations all over India like

airports, airstrips, airfields, air

force stations, helipads, flying

schools, aviation training in-

stitutes, it has been decided by

the competent authority to ex-

tend the restrictions imposed

A senior officer informed

that a high level of alert has

been sounded in view of in-

puts received from intelligence

agencies to step up security at

airports.

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be under threat.

ate on November 19.

new power structure.

The poverty ratio was surprisingly high for the Bhumihars (27.58), believed to be the biggest land-owning caste of Bihar, who also dominated the state's politics until the Mandal

# **Russia Withdraws From Key Post-Cold War Security Treaty**



Agencies

MOSCOW: Russia on Tuesday finalised its pullout from a key Cold War-era security deal, more than eight years after announcing the intention to do so, the Foreign Ministry said.

The development came after both houses of the Russian parliament approved a bill proposed by President Vladimir Putin denouncing the Treaty of Conventional Armed Forces in Europe. Putin signed it into force in May this year.

The treaty — aimed at preventing Cold War rivals from massing forces at or near mutual borders - was signed in November 1990, but not fully ratified until two years later. It was one of several major Cold War-era treaties involving Russia and the United States that ceased to be in force in recent years.

Russia suspended its participation in 2007, and in 2015 announced its intention to completely withdraw from the agreement.

In February 2022, Moscow sent hundreds of thousands of Russian troops into the neighbouring Ukraine, which also shares a border with NATO members Poland, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary.

On Tuesday, the ministry said the process of the formal withdrawal from the treaty

has been completed, without elaborating what that entailed. It blamed the US and its allies for the withdrawal and the West's allegedly "destructive position" on the treaty.

"We left the door open for a dialogue on ways to restore the viability of conventional arms control in Europe," it said. "However, our opponents did not take advantage of this opportunity.'

The statement further said that "even the formal preservation" of the treaty has become "unacceptable from the point of view of Russia's fundamental security interests," citing developments in Ukraine and NATO's recent

## "Bombs Were Just Flying": Gaza Evacuees **Recount 'Horror Story' Of Leaving**

**Agencies** 

CAIRO: It took four failed attempts before Suzan Beseiso was able to get through the Rafah crossing into Egypt and escape the bombardment of the Gaza Strip. On each occasion, the 31-year-old Palestinian American, one of several hundred foreign passport holders allowed to leave the enclave since last week, said she faced acute danger.

"Every single time we went to the border, we got bombed and freaked out," she said on Sunday during an interview in Cairo, where she arrived after crossing the Sinai Peninsula by road. "Bombs are going left and right."

siege on Gaza in retaliation for an Oct. 7 incursion by Hamas, the Rafah crossing - the only crossing out of Gaza that does not border Israel - remained out of operation for nearly two weeks amid diplomatic wrangling over conditions for allowing aid to enter and evacuees to leave.

Since then a trickle of relief has been trucked into Gaza and some evacuees have left, though the arrangement is fragile and was suspended on Saturday before resuming on Monday.

The month-long war has caused a deepening humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel's military campaign has intensified, with many of the territory's 2.3 million inhabitants repeatedly displaced as they struggle to find shelter and



safety.

Beseiso, who has spent about half her life in Gaza and half in the U.S., said she had crammed with relatives into a single room in a stranger's house, ran short of food and water, and endured sleepless nights during air strikes.

"It's just a horror movie that keeps putting on repeat," she said. "No sleep. No food. No water. You keep evacuating from one place to another."

On one occasion, she was in a resting-area next to the border with her sister and cousin and panicked when she heard a strike fall near where her mother, father and nephew were waiting outside.

They narrowly escaped, she said, but the Palestinians received an order to shut the border and the family retreated in a terrifying taxi ride back into Gaza.

"On our way to the house, gunships were bombing the beach area, and the bombs were just flying on top of our heads, left and right, and the

airplanes were just bombing as well.'

HISTORY OF DISPLACEMENT Eventually, the first foreigners and some Palestinians requiring urgent medical treatleaving Gaza on Nov. 1, after negotiations involving the United States, Israel, Qatar and Egypt.

Egypt has strongly resisted suggestions of any mass displacement from Gaza into Sinai, partly due to Arab fears of a new wave of permanent displacement echoing what Palestinians mourn as the Nakba or "catastrophe" in which they fled or were forced from their homes in the 1948 war surrounding Israel's creation.

Beseiso was fortunate to be among the first batches cleared to leave out of a total of some 7,000 foreign passport holders expected to depart. But she felt torn, not wanting to relive the pain of separation that her grandmother, now 89, had experienced when she was displaced from her home-



## **Israel's Nuclear Option** Remark Raises 'Huge Number Of Questions': Russia

Agencies

Russian officials have joined other countries in expressing concern over the remarks of an Israeli junior minister who appeared to express openness to the idea of Israel carrying out a nuclear strike on Gaza, saying that it raises a "huge number of questions"

Moscow's reaction came on Tuesday, days after Heritage Minister Amihai Eliyahu, said during a radio interview, that the nuclear option would be "one way" to deal with Gaza, implying that, not only is Israel in possession of nuclear weapons - something the country has never admitted - but that it is also willing to use them.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday suspended the minister from a far-right party in the coalition government and from cabinet meetings "until further notice".

Maria Zakharova, Russia's foreign ministry spokeswoman, said that the main issue was that Israel appeared to have admitted that it had nuclear

"Question number one – it

turns out that we are hearing official statements about the presence of nuclear weapons?" Zakharova was quoted as saying by state RIA news agency.

If so, she said, then where are the International Atomic Energy Agency and international nuclear inspectors?

The Federation of American Scientists estimates Israel has about 90 nuclear warheads. On Monday, the United States

condemned Eliyahu's comments as "wholly unacceptable".

"We continue to believe that it is important for all sides of this conflict to refrain from hateful rhetoric," deputy State Department spokesperson Vedant Patel told a briefing.

The remarks also drew condemnation from around the Arab world and Iran called for a swift international response.

"The UN Security Council and the International Atomic Energy Agency must take immediate and uninterrupted action to disarm this barbaric and apartheid regime," Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian said on social media on Monday. "Tomorrow is late," he posted on X.

## **Delhi School Closures: Parents Say** Virtual Learning Ineffective, Seek Permanent Solution To Pollution

**Press Trust of India** 

NEW DELHI: With Delhi schools being shut due to pollution yet again, several parents have said that virtual learning is not as effective as physical classes and urged the government to find a permanent solu-

While some parents rued the lack of availability of necessary equipment required for online classes, others suggested that the students must be informed

A parent of a class 6 student at Kendriya Vidyalaya in Delhi Cantonment, Raj Kumar Kanojia, said virtual learning is not equivalent to physical classes as, unlike regular school days, only one to two classes are held when they are shifted to the online mode.

"The important question is, are online classes conducted properly? Parents leave their phones at home and go to work and when they return, they realise that just one or two



in advance about the measures in store once the air quality index (AQI) starts to dip to avoid the abrupt shift to virtual learning.

"We have been neglected. The issue of pollution has persisted in Delĥi for many years now and nothing has been done to resolve it. Online classes are not a solution because there are many students who lack the equipment necessary for online mode of learning," Aiit Mishra, the father of a class 2 student, told PTI.

classes were held in the day,' Kanojia told PTI.

"Pollution cannot be controlled by keeping children at home. The government must take concrete steps and reconsider its policies so that there are no unnecessary holidays or online classes," he added.

All schools in Delhi have been directed to suspend physical classes, except for classes 10 and 12, until November 10 in view of rising pollution levels, Environment Minister Gopal Rai announced on Monday.

## **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER** ELECTRIC DIVISION (KPDCL) GANDERB

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#### **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

e-NIT no: 92 of 2023-24 dated 06/11/2023

For and on Behalf of Managing Director KPDCL Kashmir, Tenders are hereby invited from resourceful/reputed Class A Electrical Contractors Registered with competent Authority / PDD/PDC /MES for following work for the following job.:-

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Name of the work	Est. cost (in Lacs)	CDR Amount (In Rupees)	Cost of tender document (Treasury Challan)	Completion Period	Position of funds
Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning for Installation of Street Lights at Transit Accommodation at Baba Daryadin for Kash- miri Migrants Under Capex Budget		2% of Adver- tised Cost	Rs 2000/-	Within 45 Days from the date of issuance of LOA	Authorized

The tender document consisting of terms &conditions, Bill of Quantities and other details can be seen/downloaded from official web site of JKPDD or <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> as per following schedule

S#	Description	Date	Time					
1.	Publish/uploading of e NIT Date	06-11-23	18.00 hrs					
2	Documents Download/Sale start date	06-11-23	18.00 hrs					
3	Clarification Date Start	06-11-23	18.00 hrs					
4	Clarifications Date End	18-11-23	14.00 hrs					
5	Bid submission Start date	07-11-23	09.00 hrs					
6	Bid submission end date	18-11-23	14.00 hrs					
7	Opening date for E-tender	20-11-23	14:00 hrs					
8	Venue of opening e bids	Office of the Executive Engineer ED Ganderbal						

No: EDG/ V/ 4389-95 /TS Date: 06-11-2023 DT: 07/11/2023

DIPK-NB-4094-23

**Executive Enginee ED Ganderbal** 

#### Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECHANICAL DIVISION (NORTH) SOPORE

**SHORT TERM E-TENDER** NIT No: PHE/MDNS/NIT/E-70 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, sealed e-tenders in two covers are invited from experienced, reputed and registered firms/ genuine manufacturer/authorized distributors/ dealers/ workshop holders / SSI Unit holders for the following work:

	S. No.	Name of work	Cost of tender document	Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs)	Earnest money	Time of completion	Programme Head	Technical Sanction No. & Date	AAA No. and Date
1	L	Various electro-mechanical works to be carried out at WSS Mukdamyari Bakshibal under NABARD		Rs 4.127	02% of the	45 Days	NABARD	33 of 11/2023	CE/PHE/DB/ 58 of 02/2018 03-02-2018
2	2	Providing, installation, testing and com- missioning of 40KVA DG Set and other allied works to be carried at WSS Argam Bandingra under NABARD		Rs 13.947	estimated cost of work	do	do	34 of 11/2023	CE/PHE/DB/ 55 of 02/2018 07-02-2018

The tenders consisting of qualifying/eligibility criteria, technical specifications, general and commercial terms and conditions of contract and other

details can be seen/downloaded from the website https://jktenders.gov.in from 07-11-2023 (10:00 am). The bids shall be submitted in electronic format on the website https://jktenders.gov.in from 07-11-2023 (10:00 am) to 13-11-2023 (6:55 pm). Prequalification bids shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore on 14-11-2023 at 02:00 pm after which the financial bids of qualifying bidders shall be opened. In case offices happen to be closed due to holiday, or any other reason, on the schedule date of opening, the bids will be opened on the next working day.

The complete bidding shall be online The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of bids. No. PHE/MDNS/DB/6711-16

Dated: 06-11-2023 DIPK-11791-23

DT: 07/11/2023

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North)

## **Omar Criticises Construction Of Motorable Road Up To Amarnath Shrine**

Says Playing With Environment Not Good

**Press Trust Of India** 

SRINAGAR: National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah Tuesday questioned the construction of a motorable road up to the Amarnath cave shrine and said playing with the environment in such a way was not good as it was akin to destroying it.

He said the annual pilgrimage to the shrine has been going on for years and there was no need to take vehicles there.

"To provide some ease is one thing, but there is a dire need to have a relook at the matter. Taking vehicles to such places is akin to destroying them. Since the yatra has started, people from here have carried the yatris on their shoulders and will continue to do so. Playing with our environment in such a way is not good," Abdul-

It has become usual to face some difficulties during the vatra. "When we go for Haj, do we undertake Tawaf in a ve-

hicle? No, we do that on foot People visit Mata Vaishno Devi shrine for darshan and many go on foot and do not use vehicles, etc.," he said.

Vehicles reach the shrine now after the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) completed the widening of the road from Dumail to the Amarnath cave via Baltal base camp in Ganderbal district of central Kashmir.

"Courts have given many rulings to save greenbelts. There is no permission to construct anything on the banks of the Dal Lake. Those living in the interiors of the lake are not even allowed to renovate their houses.

"There is no permission to renovate hotels in Pahalgam. Work has been stopped in Gulmarg and Sonamarg because of the (concerns of) environment. the Amarnath cave?" he asked.

## **Camera Traps Spot Snow Leopards Outside Kishtwar National Park**

**Press Trust Of India** 

JAMMU:At least three camera traps have confirmed the presence of snow leopards outside the Kishtwar High Altitude National Park in Jammu and Kashmir, a senior official of wildlife protection department said on Tuesday.

The development can ensure proper conservation of the endangered species.

The presence of snow leopards was observed in three camera traps set up in the upper reaches of Padder, wildlife warden (Chenab Division) Maiid Bashir told PTI.

In May, research teams of the department confirmed the presence of snow leopards in the Kishtwar national park through camera trap photographs.

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Foundation and eight of camthese eras were retrieved rewith cently three of them confirming the presence of snow leopards in Padder area.

"This is for the first time that the presence of snow leopards was captured in camera traps outside the national park," Bashir said.

Listed as vulnerable by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), snow leopards are mostly found at an altitude between 3,000 and 4,500 metres and have been sighted in the snowbound areas of the Kishtwar Union Territory of Ladakh.

In November 2021. the wildlife department launched a first-of-its snow leopard population assessment expedition under snow leopard project of

the Union environ-

ment ministry with focus on identifying the landscape housing the species and challenges for their proper conservation.

Bashir, who is also in-charge of the Kishtwar national park, said nine snow leopards are present in the park based on the data gathered through the camera traps.

As many as 278 camera traps were placed at 135 locations across the national park

## **Wani Asks Cong Cadres To** Prepare For All Polls In J&K

**Press Trust Of India** 

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief Vikar Rasool Wani on Tuesday urged the party workers to proactively prepare for elections in the Union territory, whenever they are held, and accused the BJP of "avoiding" polls fearing defeat.

In a meeting held here, Wani instructed the Congress' district in-charges, district presidents and leaders of its frontal wings to regularly hold meetings with representatives of panchayats and municipal bodies and take feedback from grassroot workers.

"The goal is to ensure that the Congress is well-prepared to face elections and we should

teach the BJP a lesson", he said. He alleged that the BJP was "avoiding the Assembly elections in the union territory because they fear a negative response and potential defeat."

Asserting that Congress was committed to contesting all elections with full vigour and thorough preparations, Wani said, "The aim is to defeat the BJP, which has failed to meet the expectations of various sections of society and caused significant hardships."

The Working President of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee, Raman Bhalla alleged the BJP was denying the people of the Union Territory their fundamental

#### Bashir said a total of 48 national park and its adjoinlah told reporters here. If Dal, Pahalgam, Gulmarg or before the onset of the winter Jammu And Kashmir Sonamarg has to be protected, camera traps were installed in ing areas in Jammu region last year. Over two dozen camthen is it not our responsibility and parts of central and north era traps captured the pres-Padder, Gandhari and Machail CS Interacts With Visiting Officers And PRIS, Emphasizes to protect the environment near with the help of Mysore-based Kashmir, besides parts of the ence of the snow leopards, he

PHCs Being Upgraded To Level Of SDHs To Bridge Indian Public Health Standards Norms

**Agencies** 

**SRINAGAR:** The government has taken a significant step towards enhancing healthcare services in Jammu and Kashmir by increasing around 2000 medical seats. The move aims to address the shortage of doctors and paramedics in the Union Territory.

Several primary health centres are also being upgraded to pitals (SDHs) to meet Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS)

norms, officials said. According to a Vision Document 2047 of the Health Department, the objective is to ensure the availability of quality and affordable healthcare services at the doorstep by rationalizing existing facilities and establishing new ones. Presently, the region boasts a robust public healthcare infrastructure, including over 4100 health facilities.

The plan focuses on upgrading existing Primary Health Centers (PHCs) to SDHs to meet IPHS norms. Furthermore, Non-Traditional Public Health Centers (NTPHCs) can be elevated to the level of PHCs, and new Sub Centers will be established in remote and underserved areas, based on the actual requirements arising from population growth, according to the

**Govt Adds 2000 New Medical Seats To Address Doctors Shortage** 

Efforts are being made to achieve full geographical coverage and implement IPHS/NMC norms at various facility levels. starting from the district level. it states, adding that over the past few years, more than 2000 medical seats have been added to improve the availability of doctors and paramedics.

The initiatives include increasing MBBS seats from 500 to 1100, adding 26 BDS seats under the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) category in Dental Colleges, introducing 50 PG seats under EWS in Medical Colleges/SKIMS, and approving 38 Dental PG Seats in Dental Colleges. Additionally, 250 Diplomate of National Board (DNB) seats have been approved in SKIMS Soura/Government Medical Colleges/District Hospitals/ Sub-District Hospitals, along with 590 B.Sc paramedical seats in seven Medical Colleges and 440 B.Sc. Nursing seats.

Bandra Terminus

# Back To Village 5 Begins In

Saturation Of Self-Employment Schemes

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: In connection with the fifth phase of the Back to Village program, the Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday held an interaction with visiting Prabhari Officers, PRI members, field officers of the line departments and common masses to assess the participation, outreach and feedback regarding various flagship programmes of the Jammu and Kashmir government.

During the interaction, the Chief Secretary enquired about the quality of works implemented under various schemes, including Jal Jeevan Mission

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(JJM), Mission Youth, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Amrit Sarovar, Swacch Bharat Mission, self-employment schemes, etc. Dr. Mehta also sought public review of various services at the Panchayat-level such as the quality of education, status of cleanliness, progress under NashaMukt I&K and quality of water supply under JJM.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the Prabhari Officers (POs) to lay special focus on raising awareness on 137 deliverables points that are being prioritized during B2V5 and ensure follow-up actions on the raised demands, besides capturing achievements made so far.

12.11.2023 to 26.11.2023

#### **FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023**

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway, in association with other zonal railway, has planned to run the following Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS OBIGINATING/T

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03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday	23.11.2023 to 10.12.20
03256	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20		Friday, Monday	24.11.2023 to 11.12.20
02391	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Weekly	Saturday	25.11.2023 to 09.12.20
02392	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	We	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.202
03635	Gaya Jn	14:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	sekly	Mon, Wed, Fri	20.11.2023 to 08.12.202
03636	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:00	Gaya Jn	20:45	Tri-weekly	Tue, Thu, Sat	21.11.2023 to 09.12.202
05557	Jaynagar	06:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	÷	Tuesday	21.11.2023 to 05.12.202
05558	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:30	Jaynagar	06:30	Weekly	Wednesday	22.11.2023 to 06.12.202
04678	Firozpur Cantt Jn	13:25	Patna Jn	17:00	_	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
04677	Patna Jn	18:45	Firozpur Cantt Jn	22:40	Weekly	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04012	New Delhi	19:20	Darbhanga Jn	16:45	_	Tue, Friday	upto 28.11.2023
04011	Darbhanga Jn	18:00	New Delhi	16:40	Bi-weekly	Wednesday Saturday	08.11.2023 to 29.11.202
04518	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	18:20	-	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04517	Gorakhpur	22:05	Chandigarh	14:10	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04530	Bhatinda Jn	20:55	Varanasi Jn	17:30	_	Sunday, Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
04529	Varanasi Jn	20:40	Bhatinda Jn	19:10	Bi-weekly		
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04060		10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Friday	upto 28.11.2023
04059	Jaynagar	17:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:55	-	Wednesday, Sat	08.11.2023 to 29.11.203
04488	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Gorakhpur	14:00	Weekly	Saturday	upto 25.11.2023
04487	Gorakhpur	17:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:40	_	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
04010	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	Weekly	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
04009	Jogbani	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:05	-	Thursday	09.11.2023 to 30.11.20
01664	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:10	Saharsa Jn	11:20	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
01663	Saharsa Jn	14:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:55	We	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
03257	Danapur	07:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:30	Weekly	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.20
03258	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Danapur	20:45	Wee	Monday	27.11.2023 to 11.12.20
05577	Saharsa Jn	19:10	Ambala Cant Jn	23:15	Weekly	Friday	24.11.2023 to 08.12.20
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05532	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:00	Raxaul Jn	14:30	Weekly	Monday	27.11.2023 to 11.12.20
05273	Muzaffarpur Jn	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	ekly	Wednesday, Saturday	22.11.2023 to 09.12.20
05274	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn	07:00	Bi-weekly	Thursday, Sunday	23.11.2023 to 10.12.20
05005	Gorakhpur	14:40	Amritsar Jn	09:30		Friday	upto 01.12.2023
05006	Amritsar Jn	12:45	Gorakhpur	08:50	Weekly	Saturday	upto 02.12.2023
04049	New Delhi	23:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:25	_	Monday, Saturday	upto 27.11.2023
04050	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:30	New Delhi	06:25	Bi-weekly	Tuesday, Sunday	upto 28.11.2023
04080	New Delhi	19:20	Varanasi Jn	09:45	_	Mon, Thu, Sat	Upto 30.11.2023
04079	Varanasi Jn	18:35	New Delhi	09:00	Tri-weekly	Tue, Fri, Sun	upto 01.12.2023
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04646	Jammu Tawi	05:45	Barauni Jn	12:10	Weekly	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04645	Barauni Jn	15:15	Jammu Tawi	22:30	_	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04048	Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Spl.)	15:30	Purnea Jn.	16:05	e wise	Wed, Sat, Tue, Fri	08, 11, 14 & 17.11.202
04047	Purnea Jn. (Unreserved Spl.)	16:55	Anand Vihar Terminal	17:50	Date	Thu, Sun, Wed, Sat	09, 12, 15 & 18.11.202
04052	Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Spl.)	22:45	Saharsa Jn.	03:30	e wise	Wed, Sat, Tue, Fri	08, 11, 14 & 17.11.202
04051	Saharsa Jn. (Unreserved Spl.)	07:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Date	Fri, Mon, Thu, Sun	10, 13, 16 & 19.11.202
04058	Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Spl.)	08:30	Jaynagar	07:00	wise	Thu, Sun, Wed, Sat	09, 12, 15 & 18.11.202
04057	Jaynagar (Unreserved Spl.)	11:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:00	Date	Fri, Mon, Thu, Sun	10, 13, 16 & 19.11.202
04066	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:00	Patna Jn.	16:00	Bi-weekly	Monday, Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
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04062	Delhi Jn.	08:05	Barauni Jn.	06:30	ķ	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
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02250	New Delhi (Rajdhani Spl.)	19:10	Patna Jn.	07:30	wise	Fri, Mon, Wed, Fri	10, 13, 15 & 17.11.202
02249	Patna Jn. (Rajdhani Spl.)	09:00	New Delhi	21:00	Date wi	Sat, Tue, Thu, Sat	11, 14, 16 & 18.11.202
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04021	Saharsa Jn.	19:00	New Delhi	20:20	Date		11, 12, 14, 15 & 17.11.20
05283	Muzaffarpur Jn.	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	Bi-weekly	Wed, Sat	11.11.2023 to 18.12.20
05284	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn.	07:00		Thursday, Sunday	12.11.2023 to 19.12.20
02252	New Delhi (Vande Bharat Festival Spl.)	07:25	Patna Jn.	19:00	wise	Sat, Tue, Thu	11, 14 & 16.11.2023
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## **Gaza Needs Ceasefire**

he world is witnessing an unfolding tragedy of unimaginable proportions in the Gaza Strip. As of November 6, more than 10,000 lives have been lost in the war between a nuclear power and a ragtag militia ruling over two million people inhabiting a land strip 25 miles in length and 7.5 miles in width. The toll includes 4,104 children, making the situation harrowing. What is more, there is no sign of a ceasefire in the near future, even though the US has now begun to ask for a humanitarian pause .But such a pause, if not a ceasefire should begin sooner than later. The situation in Gaza is dire, and the world cannot afford to look away any longer.

Thousands are trapped beneath the rubble, their cries for help going unanswered due to a lack of heavy equipment and machinery to assist in rescue efforts. The number of wounded has surpassed 25,000, and recent Israeli attacks have claimed hundreds of more lives. This should make the great powers realize that the time for meaningful intervention is now.

While Israel justifies its actions as an attempt to eradicate the Palestinian armed group Hamas, the collateral damage to civilians and the humanitarian conditions in Gaza paint a devastating picture. Running low on essential supplies, Gaza's hospitals are struggling to cope with the influx of wounded, with 16 out of 35 hospitals forced to suspend operations. The United Nations reports that over 1.5 million people, more than half of Gaza's population, have been displaced. The basic necessities of life, such as fuel, food, and electricity, are in short supply.

In late October, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for an immediate humanitarian truce. The international community has united in its call for an end to the fighting, recognizing the urgency of the situation. However, both Israel and its ally, the United States, have rejected these calls for a humanitarian pause, arguing that such a pause would allow Hamas to regroup. As Israel escalates ground operations and continues its campaign of air strikes, it's the people of Gaza who bear the brunt of this prolonged conflict. The world cannot afford to be spectators in this horrific tragedy.

The ongoing loss of life, the destruction of infrastructure, and the displacement of countless innocent civilians demand an immediate global response. Gaza doesn't just need a pause in ceasefire but a complete truce. If the right to self-defense and revenge was Israel's goals, it has had it seven times more than what the country suffered in the October 7 attack, and which, in turn, stemmed from what Israel has been doing to Palestinians over the years.

#### OTHER OPINON

# On the Conservative Approach to AI by World Leaders

letchley Park earned a place for itself in history for being the site where Allied codebreakers worked tirelessly to break the Nazi Enigma Code. Recently, it hosted yet another crucial meeting of the global fraternity to find a way out of another enigmatic threat: Artificial Intelligence. The world's first ever AI Safety Summit at Bletchley Park, which was attended by 28 countries, including, among others, the United States of America, China, Japan, the United Kingdom and India, was unanimous in its decision that global, consensual action is necessary to protect lives and livelihood against the disruptive potential of this new technology. This cautious mood is, in fact, representative of the collective temperament. The US president recently signed an executive order that not only favours the exercising of government oversight on AI but also requires companies to share the test results of new products with federal agencies. The European Union is proposing a caseby-case evaluation of AI on the basis of its invasive character while China has also opted for regulation. Interestingly, business and government seem to be speaking in one voice on the matter: tech titans, fearful of unregulated progress being made in AI laboratories, have called for a six-month freeze on AI development. India, too, seems to have sensed the drift, with the prime minister demanding the expansion

of a global framework on ethical AI technologies. This conservative approach is not unwarranted. It is better to err on the side of caution on an evolving technology than let it run amok in the name of the freedom of application. Incidentally, human society is still bearing the brunt of the latent damages inflicted by social media that has been weaponised by vested interests. It must be borne in mind that the disruptive power of AI is estimated to be much greater than that of social media. But there must also be a fine line in regulation. Otherwise, the beneficial potential of emerging technologies would remain unharnessed. For instance, AI is expected to create new jobs and has revolutionary implications for several sectors, including science, medicine and businesses. World leaders must find a way of maximising the benefits of AI while minimising its deleterious consequences through regular consultation

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# Face to Face With Chief Secretary



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

ast weekend, we got a chance to interact with Jammu & Kashmir Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta in Srinagar. This meeting was organised by the Govt in connection with Vigilance Awareness Week which is celebrated across the country between October 30th to November 5th. The Chief Secretary along with a battery of top officers in the Government held separate meetings in Srinagar and Jammu wherein he discussed and deliberated on issues related to good governance, implementation of Right to Information Act -RTI, Public Service Guarantee Act -PSGA and other welfare measures of the Govt. Almost a dozen activists from Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal who work on Right mentation, and I along with my associates representing the Jammu & Kashmir RTI Movement, explained in detail the measures taken by the Government in the last 3 years on ensuring good governance in J&K.

I appreciated J&K for the digitization of Land Revenue records, providing adequate funding to village panchayats, organising Back to Village programmes, opening of Jan Aushadhi centres (subsidized chemist shops), introduction of electronic point of sale machines (e-POS) at Govt ration stores, providing financial assistance for ailing people under Golden card scheme PM Jan Arogya Yojna-PMJAY and providing 1075 online services to citizens. These public services have not only helped the disadvantaged communities but it has also reduced corruption in many Govt offices especially with the use of e-POS machines in the Food & Civil Supplies Department.

#### Suggestions put before CS

During interaction I put some suggestions before the Chief Secretary which would ensure more transparency and accountability in the functioning of our public authorities. I appreciated the work done by J&K Anti Corruption Bureau -ACB during the last 3 years wherein dozens of corrupt Govt officials were trapped red handed accepting bribes, however to take these cases to logical conclusion and to convict these corrupt officials it takes decades to convict them. I had explained this in detail during my previous piece. I suggested CS take the following steps to strengthen the work of J&K ACB.

Creating posts of Special Anti Corruption Judges

There are only two Special Anti Corruption Judges appointed in J&K which are working in Srinagar and Jammu and rest of the nine courts don't have designated judges. The Anti Corruption cases in Rajouri, Doda, Udhampur, Kathua, Pulwama, Anantnag and Baramulla are looked after by the judges posted in local District & Sessions court who already have a lot of workload.

Due to the absence of separate special anti corruption judges, the corruption cases filed by ACB in these courts takes years to get judgments. As per the data provided by J&K ACB, recently,

Some years back, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) directed all the public authorities, vide its order dated April 15, 2013, to ensure regular audit of mandatory disclosures under section 4 of RTI Act 2005 by a third party. This audit will ensure better compliance of section 4 of RTI Act 2005 and keeping all the public information on the internet so that people don't have to seek all the details from Govt offices using RTI. Why shall an RTI application be filed to get the updated PM Awas Yojna - PMAY list or list of beneficiaries under the old age pension scheme? Why can't Deputy Commissioners upload the PM's Ujjwala, PMAY beneficiary lists on their websites?

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there were only 78 Govt officials convicted by the anti-corruption courts in the last 13 years i.e between 2010 to 2023 in J&K while as the acquittal was much higher. In addition, the prosecution work also needs to be monitored and strengthened. Many Prosecuting Officers are not familiar with the working of Anti Corruption laws and to mitigate this they need to be trained at regular intervals. It is an irony that persons caught red handed manage to get acquitted at the end of the trial.

## Online RTI service The Department of Adminis-

trative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) Government of India last month released a report on National e-services Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) wherein Jammu & Kashmir ranked One vis a vis e-services delivery. J&K Government is providing 1075 eservices and has thus surpassed Madhya Pradesh which provides 1010 e-services and Kerala which has 911 online services for its citizens. This is indeed a great achievement for the people of Jammu & Kashmir but as a long time Right to Information (RTI) campaigner, I feel dispirited when I don't see RTI in the list of 1075 online/ e-services. We discussed this issue with CS Dr Mehta who assured that online RTI would be a reality soon in Jammu & Kashmir.

Transparency Audit of Websites

We brought this issue to the notice of Hon'ble LG Manoj Sinha in January 2021 during our meeting with him. As a follow-up the GAD had issued orders for updating Govt websites and social media pages. Transparency audits of Govt websites and social media outreach of Govt departments (not individual Govt officials) should also be made part of the Good Governance Index (GGI). This will not only help updating the websites regularly but will help citizens to access information from their mobile phones.

#### Proactive disclosure on Janbhagidari portal

During the meeting with Chief Secretary which was attended by Divisional Commissioner V K Bhiduri , DC Srinagar Aijaz Asad, Commissioner SMC Athar Amir Khan, Director School Education Tassaduq Hussain, Director Health Kashmir Dr Mushtaq Rather and several other senior officers from divisional administration, some activists raised issues related to road projects of PMGSY wherein works were not done properly. The activists from Budgam raised the Chadoora-Susrayar road issue which is not getting completed and information was not provided to RTI applicants like Syed Farhat and Mushtaq Ahmad under RTI.

The Chief Secretary took a strong notice of it and asked the Divisional Commissioner to in-

quire into it. He also suggested the participating activists to access information from Janbhagidari online portal also wherein any Govt work can be seen along with details of the funds spent on it. This portal (https://janbhagidari. ik.gov.in ) contains massive information about funds spent in Govt works . One can access work details from ward, mohalla, village, block and district level. There are little loopholes in the portal like not having updated details or certain information is missing or in some cases the funds are shown to have been allocated and released but expenditure is shown nil. But when we examine this portal in totality this is the best online portal I have seen in recent years where the Govt has made proactive disclosure of information which is mandatory under section 4 (1) (b) of RTI Act 2005 as well. I would suggest people to

#### Conclusio

The recent interaction between Chief Secretary and Transparency Activists in Srinagar and Jammu is a clear example of Participative Governance, as such meetings help the Govt understand the loopholes and lacunas in governance. The citizens on many occasions feel neglected due to a lack of public participation in governance and it makes them believe that decisions are taken behind the doors

There are many lower rung officials who don't allow PRIs to take independent decisions. Many BDOs, Panchayat Inspectors still play shots in local governance and this must end. Gram Sabha's need to be held at regular intervals and better participation of people must be ensured in these meetings. It is encouraging that the Chief Secretary has initiated the debate with activists working on good governance and I believe that such dialogues and discussions must continue at district and block level as well. In Fact there is a public outreach programme of Govt held on every Wednesday called Block Divas, but it seems this programme has lost its sheen from the last 6 months to one year? I would request the Chief Secretary to make Block Divas more participative and also direct the DCs to hold such roundtables with civil society, social activists and PRI members at least once a month.

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# Patience is a Boon

#### **Mushtaq Hurra**

Patience is not just a bulwark to withstand hardships, predicaments and adversities; but it is an ability which capacitates us to fight the odds of life with honour and dignity. It is an attributive ornament which adores our souls and behaviours. It elevates and festoons the stature of those who live with it. If anger is a venom, then patience is its antidote. If anger is an abominable trait of the beastly Kingdom, then patience is the attribute of the angelic dominion. Anger contrives animosity and exasperation, but patience leads to peace, and tranquility.

Patience has been the hallmark of strong people, while the weak and fragile are deprived of this great blessing. Patience ensues gratitude and appreciation, whereas impatience instigates complaining, ungratefulness and grumbling. It is the panacea for human miseries and hardships, because it strengthens our nerves to bear the pangs of pain. Ironically, during modern times, virtue is waning into the thin air. And its complete exhaustion has sunk us deeper into the maelstrom of sorrow and displeasure.

Contemporary times have witnessed a surge in chaos and antagonism, because the great boon of patience is annoyed with the progeny of Adam (AS). Big nations of the world are daggers drawn with each other, because their brains are impregnated with belligerence and anger. Incidences of gruesome murders and assassination attempts are growing, because people want to avenge everything and everyone.

We are ambitious about success both at individual and collective levels. We want everything to happen overnight, without putting in adequate hardwork and investing sufficient time. Consequently; stress, anxiety and depression has become our fate. And when the patience dries up, the ugly vice of anger begins to blemish the immaculate fabric of humanity. Anger ceases our intellectual faculties, and we tend to make hasty and immature decisions, which embarrass us later. The great



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virtue of patience helps us to make adjustments and compromises in life, while impatience gives space to stubbornness and obduracy. Patient people are as soft as marshmallows while impatient people are as rigid as a statue.

Patience is an attribute of great souls. Prophets and apostles were subjected to stiff resistance and opposition, but they neither gave up their missions nor lost their cool, rather exhibited unprecedented patience to conquer their destinies. Hazrat

Ayoob ( AS ) underwent a hard trial when Allah SWT subjected Him to a dreaded disease, Hazrat Yousuf (AS) went through afflictions and hard trials, but didn't succumb to it; Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) was forced to leave His birthplace (Mekkah), but He ( SAW ) made complete submission before the will of Allah, and displayed exemplary patience to bear the pangs of separation from His dear ones.

Scientists, scholars and political stalwarts have had the great trait of patience

which helped them to realise their dreams. It took Thomas Alva Edison many years to select the appropriate material for the filament of his electric bulb. I mean , patience is the most important prerequisite to succeed in life. History bears testimony to the fact that great feats were not achieved overnight, rather extensive exhibition of patience has enabled people to create a niche for themselves. Success undoubtedly requires hard work, and the hard work compulsorily demands immense patience,

because only patient people can bear the pangs of toil.

Patience helps people to bear difficulties and miseries happily. Even Allah SWT has urged us to exhibit patience. (Ya-ayu Halazeena Aama-Nusta Eenu Bissabri Wasalah, Innallaha Ma-as Saabireen ). O believers, seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah SWT is with the patient( Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 153 ). Patience is a blessing from Almighty Allah SWT. It liberates us from the clutches of depravity, difficulty and anguish. The quality of patience teaches us to live happily despite turbulent

Domestic conflicts and breaches in relationships have widened swiftly, because the spirit of patience is gone. Neither elders nor youngsters have forbearance to tolerate a verbal comment from each other. We instantly react to everything, and accordingly, resort to unfair and indecent responses, which cause vicious bitterness in our kinships and ties. Broken families, marital disputes, ancestral property clashes, sibling rivalries and other petty issues have entangled us in the labyrinth of hatred and jealousy, because we have lost the attribute of patience.

Tendency of suicide among young people is growing by big proportions. Though there are a plethora of reasons behind the menace, the lack of patience to embrace a failure or a delay to reach a set goal, is probably the root cause of it. Denial of a privilege from family or higher ups often infuriates a person, and he/she reacts instantly because the boon of patience has exhausted. Strong people have the power to bear all the embarrassment, because they are equipped with the prophetic trait of patience, while people with scanty or no patience are bereft of the quality to tolerate and endure the unwanted results. The onus is on us to inculcate patience in our young people. Parents and teachers have a vital role to play.

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# Is Salt Really A New Culprit In Type 2 Diabetes?

#### Jo Adetunji

Then people think of foods related to type 2 diabetes, they often think of sugar (even though the evidence for that is still not clear). Now, a new study from the US points the finger at

The study, conducted by researchers at Tulane University in New Orleans, used data on about 400,000 adults, taken from the UK Biobank study. The researchers followed the participants for nearly twelve years. In that time, around 13,000 developed type 2 diabetes.

In a press release, the principal investigator on the study said that "taking the saltshaker off the table can help prevent type 2 diabetes". But is it really as simple

For a start, this type of study, called an observational study, cannot prove that one thing causes another, only that one thing is related to another. (There could be other factors at play.) So it is not appropriate to say removing the saltshaker "can help pre-

My colleague Dan Green and I have previously criticised university press releases such as this as they can lead to misleading news stories. The Tulane study can only suggest an association between salt use and the risk of developing type 2 diabetes - nothing more.

This is before considering the quality of the data itself.

The data used to assess salt use, was based on the simple question: "Do you add salt to your food?" (It specifically excluded salt added in cooking.)

The question the participants in the study answered only had the options: "never/rarely", "sometimes", "usually" or "always". This means it is not possible to estimate from the answers how much salt



might be associated with an increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

Processed food is the biggest source

Normal salt intake in countries like the UK is about 8g or two teaspoons a day. But about three-quarters of this comes from processed foods. Most of the rest is added during cooking with very little added at

The NHS advises that people should limit their daily salt intake to around 6g. Although people in the UK have reduced their salt intake over the last couple of decades, there is still a way to go.

Given that salt reduction is a public health goal, it is important to be able to quantify intake to see if there is potential for what is known as a "dose-response" effect. The data reported was unable to suggest if consuming 2g of salt a day added at the table increases the risk of developing type 2 diabetes more than consuming, say,

The researchers used other tests of salt

intake, including an estimate of how much salt participants lost in their urine over 24 hours. This is the most accurate way to measure sodium or salt intake.

This approach also suggested that higher sodium in the urine was linked to a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes. However, what participants ate was not considered at all in this analysis. So it is not clear if salt can be directly implicated in increasing a person's risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

There is some evidence that increasing salt intake, as measured by sodium in urine may be linked to increased levels of the stress hormone cortisol. This has been linked to increased blood pressure and the reduced effectiveness of the hormone in-

Insulin normally controls blood glucose levels and is a key part of how type 2 diabetes develops. However, evidence for this mechanism has only been shown in rats. Reducing salt is still a good idea

What we can be more sure about is that people with type 2 diabetes, who often also have high blood pressure tend to see their blood pressure improve when they consume less salt.

So the take-home message is: using less salt as part of a healthy diet, which is known to reduce the risk of type 2 diabe-

This study did not show how much we need to reduce our salt intake by, it only suggested a weak association between adding salt to food and risk of developing type 2 diabetes. So it is better to focus on what is known to reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, which is to maintain a healthy weight, be physically active and eat a healthy diet.

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## **Instagram May Be Developing Customisable 'Al Friend' Feature**

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Meta-owned Instagram might be developing an 'AI friend' feature that will let users create a friend as

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According to screenshots shared by app researcher Alessandro Paluzzi on X, users will be able to communicate with the AI in order to "answer questions, talk

through any challenges, brainstorm ideas, and much more".

"#Instagram is working on the ability to create an #AI friend," he wrote. The development was first spotted by TechCrunch.

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Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date / Time		
02.11.2023	09.11.2023	23.11.2023 / 15:00 Hrs.		
Tender No. 303-2023-24-Track-DRM-FZR				

Manufacturing and Provision of Rails I.C.W Check Rail for level crossing Guard Rail on bridges approaches and other associated ems over Firozpur Division Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest Money Validity of Offer Period of Complet

60 Days

Similar Nature of work: "Any structural steel fabrication work Note 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. No:- 303-2023-24-Track-DRM-FZR Date:03.11.2023 3481/23 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

#### Transportation of 10 nos. Ballast Hopper BOBYN wagon by road from Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Railway Station to Budgam Railway Station under ADEN/MCTM (Udhampur) 308-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR Advertised Value | Earnest Money | Validity of offer | Period of Completion

Tendering

**Bid Starting** 

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04.11.2023

₹94,96,136.80 ₹1,89,900/-60 Days Similar Nature of work: "Transportation by Road of any Oversize dimension consignment such as Tunnel Boring Machine, Boilers, Parts of Power Plants and BG Rail Coaches etc. as Turnkey works in J&K.".

Sr.DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.ir

with closing date 28.11.2023 up to 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit the original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tende

document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information log on to www.ireps.gov.in.

Works

14.11.2023

Note: 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender Tender Notice No.: 308-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR Date: 06.11.2023 3484/2023
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## Office Of The Superintendent District Jail Anantnag

EMAIL: dianantnaq@amail.com

Phone /Fax: 01932-237004 (Office)

e-TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF MEDICINES AND SURGICAL ITEMS ETC FOR DISTRICT JAIL ANANTNAG

e-NIT No. 02 of 2023 DATED 06-11-2023

1. For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tender(s) through online mode are invited from eligible vendors/firms possessing valid license for execution of Rate Contract (valid for Year 2024) for supplies of items as mentioned in Annexure 'K' of this bid document.

2. Bidding documents consisting of eligibility criteria, specifications of items, quantities, set of terms and conditions of contract and other relevant details can be seen/downloaded from the website www.iktenders.qov.in and www.ikprisons.in

Schedule of tender.					
a	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06.11.2023			
b	Period of downloading of bidding documents	06.11.2023 from 1800 Hrs to 20.11.2023 upto 1600 Hrs			
С	Bid submission Start Date and time	06.11.2023 from 1800 Hrs			
d	Bid submission End Date and time	20.11.2023 upto 1600 Hrs			
e	Date and Time of opening of Technical Bids in	21.11.2023, 1200 Hrs in the office of Superintendent, District Jail Anantnag.			
	online mode				
F	Pre-bid meeting date and time	15.11.2023, 1030 hours in the office of Superintendent, District Jail Ananthag			

3. Tender Fee (Cost of tender documents):

An amount of rs 500/- towards cost of tender fee has to be deposited by the bidder in the following bank account:

SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT JAIL ANANTNAG Name of the Account holder . 0014010200000122 J&K Bank Account Number Name of the Bank

J&K Bank T.PAnantnag-0014 Branch **JAKAOEMPIRE** 

Scanned copy of the receipt towards deposit of amount of tender fee has to be necessarily uploaded along with the bid documents.

(i) The bidder has to submit Earnest Money of ^10,000 (Rupees Ten Thousand only) in the form of CDR/FDR issued by a scheduled bank, drawn and pledged in favour of Superintendent District Jail

Anantnag and payable at Anantnag. The bidder has to upload the scanned copy of the CDR/FDR alongwith other documents during submission of bid within the above-mentioned date and time of bid submission.

ii, The department shall not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.

iii, The tender shall be in two bid cover system (Technical Bid and Financial Bid).

No. DJA/Estt/2023/Tender/1669-71 DIPK-11747/23 DATED: 07-11-2023

Superintendent District Jai **Anantnag** 

#### Government of Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

#### Office Of The Executive Engineer **Mechanical And Hospitals Division Handwara**

E-mail, id, xenmhdhandwara@gmail.com

**Tender Notice Inviting e-Tender** e-NIT No: 15 of 2023-24 Date: 07-11-2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara, invites online e-bids in Two Cover system on items wise basis from registered/reputed firms or authorized dealers/workshop holders

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S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Cost of T/Doc. (In	Earnest Money De-	Time of Comple-	Position of	Technical	
		(Rs. in Lacs)	Rupees)	posit (In Rupees)	tion	funds	Sanction	
01.	Repairs to be carried out to Departmental	0.43	500.00	860.00	10 days	Available	Accorded	
	carrier Vehicle Tata Xenon (JK05H-9198) for	-						
	Snow Clearance Control Doom Pandinera							

Downloading of Bids: The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Qs), Set of Terms & Conditions of Contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.infrom from-07-11-2023 (0.6.00PM)
 Submission of Bids: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 08-11-2023 (10.00 AM) in two covers up to 14-11-2023 (12.00 PM).

Opening of Bids: The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 15-11-2023 (14.00 PM) in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical 8

The bidders are required to submit their offers in two (02) covers.

5. The bid for the work shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. (Cover-II) Cover-I shall contain: Scanned copies of following documents:

I		Rs. 500.00 (Rupees five hundred only) in shape of e-Challan / e-receipt / online Bank transfer acknowledgement excluding mPay
		or any other mobile banking App., to be uploaded with each online bid pledged to Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Divi-
		sion Handwara. Tender Id to be written also on the voucher.
		Bank: J&K Bank.
		Branch: Handwara main.
		IFSC Code: JAKAOHNDWAR Account No: 0131010570000099.
II	EMD	Scanned copy of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of CDR/FDR equivalent to 2% of value of the advertised cost pledged
		to Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara. The Earnest money shall be released after completion of works in
		fayour of the successful Bidder while as for unsuccessful bidders it shall be released immediately after placement of work order
Ш	Terms & Conditions	Scanned copy of the Annexure duly accepted by the bidder.
IV		Registration Certificate of Sales Tax Department quoting GST Number.
V		Scanned copies of PAN Card / GST Registration / Latest GST clearance certificate or acknowledgement of latest returns.
VI	Undertaking	Undertaking that the bidder has not been blacklisted or debarred by any Govt./Semi Govt. Department.
VII	Performance guarantee	An amount equivalent to 05% of the value of the Contract shall be submitted by the successful bidder before release of his EMD as
		Performance Guarantee" in the shape of BG pledged to Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara, and shall
		be retained by the department during the currency of contract and shall be released on completion of 60 days after expiry of DLP.
VIII	Dealership certificate	In case of authorized dealer or workshop holder, the bidder shall submit documentary proof of the same.

Note: - Successful Bidder (L1) needs to furnish original EMD and Fee Receipt to this Division / Department for obtaining Letter of Acceptance / L.O.I from this Division / Department Cover II shall contain the price bid as per BOQ which shall be inclusive of all taxes under GST. The price bid is to be uploaded only.

The complete bidding process will be online.
The Financial bid of only qualifying bidders shall be opened online in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara after evaluation of

the technical bid.

8. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) content. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

9. The cost of tender document is non-refundable and the tender shall in no case be accepted if submitted by any firm other than the purchaser.

10. Any tender found to have been submitted by the firm by furnishing false information to the Department shall be cancelled and the firm shall be penalized as and when it comes to the notice of the Department even during the currency of the contract. The tenders should be addressed to the Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara.

11. The Department shall not be responsible for delay in submission of bids due to any reasons, whatsoever.

The Department reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in part or in full without assigning any reason thereof.

The successful bidder has to carry out the repair jobs based on allotment order issued by the Department at the rates allotted under this contract from the date of issue of

Allotment Order

Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara Government of Jammu & Kashmir

### Office Of The Executive Engineer Left River Works Division SMC, Sgr

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (for Road work/bridges/Buildings) TWO COVER SYSTEM (Above Rs. 2.50 Cr.)

Dated:06/11/2023 (E-tendering)

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, J&K UT, e-tenders are invited on %age basis (as the case may be) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-						
S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In	Cost of T/Doc.	Earnest Money	T.O.C	Class of
		Cr.) Including GST	(In Rupees)	(Rs. In Lacs)		Contractor
1.	Commissioning Of 3 No. Of Garbage	12.40	11000/-	24.80/-	270 days strictly	AAY
	Transfer Stations In Srinagar City					

Project Authority = Commissioner, SMC

Fresh NIT No.35 of 2023-24

Major Head of Account = Position of AAA = Accorded vide Order No. (322-SSCL of 2021, Dated: 16/08/2021) (318-SSCL of 2021, Dated: 16/08/2021)

Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

Executing Agency = Position of Funds = (Order No. MED/K/TS/176, dated: 03.02.2022)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract

۵	and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule.					
1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06/11/2023				
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 06/11/2023 from 06:00 PM to 16/11/2023 upto 04:00 PM				
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	13/11/2023 at 02:00 PM in the office of Joint Commissioner Works, SMC, Srinagar				
4	. Bid submission Start Date	06/11/2023 From 06:00 PM				
5	Bid Submission End Date	16/11/2023 upto 04:00 pm				
7.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	17/11/2023 at 02:PM in the office of Joint Commissioner Works, SMC, Srinagar				
8	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed				

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) is to be paid through online/ offline mode via NEFT/RTGS in favour of Chief Accounts Officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation in the Municipal Account 0216010200000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch Balgarden. (The Date of Bank Receipt must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date).

1.2. At the time of tendering all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority i.e. Joint Commissioner Works SMC Srinagar. The Date of Earnest money must be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 50 pledged to the tender of Earnest money must be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 50 pledged to the tender of Earnest money must be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 50 pledged to the tender of Earnest money must be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 50 pledged to the tender of Earnest money must be between the date of start of bid and bid submission end date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance security @ 50 pledged to the tender of Earnest money must be between the date of Start of bid and bid submission end date). of Allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR/BG before the contract award. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security @ 5% of the Allotted cost which will be released after successful completion of the DLP. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond bid validity.

Bidders can resubmit/withdraw the bids as specified. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e inancial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Joint Commissioner Works SMC\_The date for same shall be intimated separately. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

The earnest money shall be forfeited, If:-Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period issue of letter of intent. In case contractor fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract. 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.
6.2 To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
6.3 The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

6.5 His budgets must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid.
6.6. All bidders shall upload Verification Certificate from concerned Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer to whom the Enlistment Registration Card was issued.

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 Bidders may contact office of the Joint Commissioner Works SMC or concerned Executive Engineer for any guidance for getting DSC or any other relevant details in respect of e-tender

9. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be use for filling the rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains. The rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the world

Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required

11. Bioders are advised to use my socionation and the DLP shall be 12 months after final financial completion year.

12. Defect Liability Period:

The DLP shall be calculated from the date of completion of work and the DLP shall be 12 months after final financial completion year.

All key construction material (i.e., cement, steel, pipes etc.) shall have to be arranged by the contractor strictly as per specifications with the approval of Engineer-in-charge.

The contractor should give undertaking as per annexure No..II
All CVC guidelines are to be adhered strictly particularly similar nature of work should have been executed by the bidder clearly similar means same items of the work which have been experience for execution shall be considered. Any variation in items/ unit of BOQ shall be dealt rectified as per the SSR 2020/ Checked estimate

No.SMC/EELRWD/1641-1650

Er. Ishtiaq Ahmad Shah, Executive Engineer,

Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir

## Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Short term) e-NIT No. 69 of 2023-24

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore, invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of electro-mechanical equipment at various water supply schemes of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore". The bidding process shall be

completed online on https://jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre- Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid on item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ. S. No. Description of work Tender docu- Earnest money Estimated cost (RsBid validity (Days)

		ment Fee (In		in Lacs)	
				III Lacs)	
		RS.)			
1.	Supply, installation, testing and commission-	Rs.) Rs 500.00	Upload "Bid Secu-	As devised against	180 Days
	ing of electro-mechanical equipment at various		rity Declaration"	each item of work	
	water supply schemes of Jal Shakti (PHE)		duly notarized	in Form I of SBD	
	Mechanical Division (North) Sopore				
Position	of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)				

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division North Sopore.

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Publish Date 07-11-2023 (10:00 pm) Rid submission start date 07-11-2023 (10:00 pm) 10-11-2023 (02:00 pm) Date of Pre-bid meetings

Bid submission end date 13-11-2023 (06:55 pm) 14-11-2023 (02:00 pm) Date and time of Bid opening

Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website https://jktenders.gov.in 2. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore.

The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal https://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. 4. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore.

Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document and shall be payable at Srinagar Bid Security declaration duly notarized shall be uploaded separately against each work instead of EMD (as annexed in SBD). However, to ensure due performance of the contract, Performance Security is to be obtained from the successful bidder

The cost of tender documents should be in form of Treasury Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore.

The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Receipts, 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. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his

bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website

https://jktenders.gov.in Queries by email if any, should be made at phe.mdns@gmail.com

No: PHE/MDNS/DB/JJM/6704-09 DIPK-11744/23 Dated: 07-11-2023

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North)

FORM I e-NIT No. 69 of 2023-24 List of works tendered

S. No.	Name of work	District	Estimated cost (Rs in Lacs)	Time of completion (Days)
1.		Bandip-	11.618	45 Days
	sand Filtration at Chuntimullah Bandipora under JJM	ore		
2.	Electro-mechanical works to be carried at WSS Chittay Banday, Bandi-	Bandip-	25.650	45 Days
	pora under JJM	ore		
3.	Electro-mechanical works to be carried at WSS SK Bala, Bandipora	Bandip-	68.932	45 Days
	under JJM	ore		

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

No: - M&HDH/TS/559-62 DIPK-11731/23 Dated: - 07-11-2023

## **J&K Exhibits Its Abundant Culinary Offerings At World** Food India 2023, New Delhi

**Observer News Service** 

NEW DELHI: Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO), as part of its endeavors towards facilitating entrepreneurs with vital market linkages and opportunities on both domestic and international fronts, participated in World Food India (WFI) held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

The JKTPO, in an endeavor to actualize the vision of Government of Jammu and Kashmir of providing market linkages to entrepreneurs of the UT, participated as the "Focus State" in the 'World Food India 2023' event and facilitated participation of 24 exhibitors from the region. This engagement was aimed at enhancing market exposure and connecting these exhibitors with a diverse audience of international and domestic buyers and customers.

The 'World Food India 2023' event, now in its second edition. was inaugurated at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. The event's primary objective was to position India as the 'food basket of the world' and celebrate 2023 as the International Year of Millets. During the ad-

dress, Narendra Modi highlighted the unique agricultural and horticulture products being exported from India, including black garlic from Himachal Pradesh, dragon fruit from Jammu & Kashmir, soya milk powder from Madhya Pradesh, and more.

The exhibitors from J&K showcased wide variety of authentic GI tagged and high quality food products from Jammu and Kashmir before the buyers from different parts of the country and globe. The products displayed by the exhibitors included Apples, Walnuts, Red Chillies, Kidney beans, Honey, Lavender oil, Mushkbudji, Lemon grass oil, Saffron, Dragon fruit and other processed food products which are famous not only in India but across the world for their unique selling points.

Jammu and Kashmir also actively participated in knowledge sessions alongside Gujarat, Netherlands, Ministry of Aayush, Punjab and others. The main theme of J&K's sessions centred around 'Women Leadership in J&K,' during which seven women entrepreneurs from the region shared their experiences in their business ventures besides elaborating the role of technology in their entrepreneurial journeys.

## **DGCA Issues Show Cause Notice To Air India**



**Press Trust Of India** 

**NEW DELHI**: Aviation watchdog DGCA has issued a show cause notice to Air India for non-compliance with norms pertaining to facilities that are required to be provided to pas-

Last year, the regulator imposed a penalty of Rs 10 lakh on Air India for not complying with the provisions of Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) on denied boarding of passengers.

In order to ensure compliance of passenger-centric CARs, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Tuesday said it has been carrying out inspections of scheduled doairports on a continuing basis

since May 2023. "During the inspections of

the airlines, it was observed that Air India was not complying with the provisions of the relevant CAR.

"Accordingly, a show cause notice has been issued to Air India seeking their response for non-compliance to the provisions of the CAR," the DGCA said in a release.

There was no immediate comment from Air India about the show cause notice.

The regulator also said it is imperative to continuously strengthen the rights of the passengers and ensure that the airline operates under harmonised conditions in line with the best global practices.

Domestic air passenger traffic has been rising in India which is one of the fastest growing civil aviation markets

## **Finance Ministry Focuses On Bringing All Business Establishments Under GST Net**

**Press Trust Of India** 

VAPI (GUJ)- Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said that the finance ministry's focus is not only on increasing GST revenue but also on bringing all the business establishments under its ambit.

She was speaking at a function to open 12 GST Suvidha Kendras in Gujarat from here, which will help business establishments to have flawless GST registration and will help them resolve their issues at such centres.

"GST 'one nation one tax', collection is going up every year, every month. GST has brought tax rates down on many items compared to earlier times. Businessmen know that they are not going to be double taxed under GST which was the case earlier. GST collection is increasing because of it," Sitharaman said.

But many establishments still prefer to remain out of the ambit of GST and are not part of the formal economy, she said.

"Why should they come in the tax net, not because they will pay me tax, but for the true strength of the economy what we capture is only some and not entire and formalization of economy can happen only when everybody is on-



board," she said.

"Staying out of the (formal) economy is neither good for the country nor for those individuals," she said.

"You believe that you benefit by staying out you don't come in the net, you don't get to be noticed, which is not true. Actually you are losing out on potential buyers," she said.

"So from now on I would like equal attention for the collection of tax, numbers of which are going up every year and month.. yes we have to give care and focus to that but equally our focus should be that more and more establishments and businesses are covered. The country should benefit from having a transparent tax regiment from which ev-

erybody benefits," she said. At the function, five people who uploaded their paid GST bills on the government portal, were awarded Rs 10 lakh

To Launch Stealth AI Startup

each based on a draw.

Sitharaman congratulated those winners and said that every consumer should get their bills. "In a way, it has a very big message, and that is the spirit with which the consumer should make sure that they participate in the development of the country.

"I also appreciate those who had uploaded their bill but who did not win in the lottery," she said, adding that every consumer should be encouraged to upload their bills.

GST revenue collection for October 2023 was the second highest ever, next only to April 2023, at Rs 1.72 lakh crore.

Gujarat Finance Minister Kanu Desai and officials of the State GST department were present at the function to open GST Suvidha Kendras in 12 different cities of Gujarat including Ahmedabad, Rajkot

# **Billionaire Flipkart Founder Ready**

**Bloomberg** 

NEW DELHI: Billionaire Binny Bansal is launching an AIas-a-service startup that will target global customers, expanding to the fast-growing segment after making a fortune in Indian e-commerce.

Bansal, who co-founded online retailer Flipkart and sold it to Walmart Inc., has hired 15 experts for the venture - mostly artificial intelligence scientists - and plans to quickly add more, according to people familiar with the matter. He wants to offer AI talent, products and services to corporate customers, emulating the business model of outsourcing providers like incy Services Ltd. and Infosys Ltd., the people said, asking to not be named as the effort isn't yet public.



The startup's main operations will be in Bengaluru, and it's headquartered in Singapore, where it's in stealth mode for now and will launch its offerings within months, the people said. It also plans to expand to the US, one of the people said.

Companies the world over are looking to harness AI, encouraged by new tools such as the ChatGPT chatbot from Microsoft Corp.-backed OpenAI Inc. That's resulted in huge demand for AI specialists, and Bansal is looking to tap India's vast Englishspeaking, youthful population

to train more experts for new types of AI services.

While Bansal is playing his cards close to his vest as to the exact products he plans to offer, he will target the legal and e-commerce industries first, one of the people said. The startup also plans to offer services in the fields of financial services and data science and analytics. It aims to roll out products and services and begin marketing in the second half of 2024

Bansal, 40, declined to com-

The billionaire moved to Singapore after selling his Bengaluru-based internet company and now shuttles between the cities. The AI startup will focus on training talent and offering services from India's smaller cities, where the cost of living



## **Saffron Harvesting Season: Div** Com Kashmir Visits IIKSTC, **Reviews It's Functioning**

**Observer News Service** 

PULWAMA: In view of saffron harvesting season, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Tuesday chaired a crucial meeting to review the functioning of India International Kashmir Saffron Trading Centre (IIKSTC) and take stock of other important issues at the IIKSTC, Pampore.

This meeting witnessed the attendance of key officials and stakeholders, including Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr.Basharat Qayoom; Director Horticulture Kashmir, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Director Horticulture Planning and Marketing J&K, Chief Engineer MED and District officers. Saffron farmers from the region also actively participated, further highlighting the importance of their insights and experiences in the industry's growth.

The meeting threadbare discussed the progress and

achievements of the National Mission on Saffron and the initiatives taken to enhance saffron production, while simultaneously addressing the concerns of saffron growers in the area.

Director Agriculture, Kashmir presented a comprehensive review of the National Mission on Saffron, highlighting its significant role in improving saffron quality and increasing both vertical and horizontal productivity.

During the discussion, important facets highlighted by saffron growers in Pampore were thoroughly examined.

The Div Com actively engaged with the farmers, lending a sympathetic ear to their suggestions. While discussing the Mission, the Div Com directed the officers to immediately take over the completed assets and submit a detailed report on further course of action to complete all the components as envisaged in the Mission.

## SKUAST-K, KVK Budgam **Conclude E-MDP**



**Observer News Service** 

BUDGAM: The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Budgam Tuesday concluded one week Existing MDP on "Entrepreneurship development through mushroom production technology and its processing" sponsored by Ministry of Micro, Small & Micro-Enterprises, Govt of India.

The programme was organized for the rural youth/farm women of village Chayer, Magam District Budgam and was aimed at educating the rural youth/farm women of Magam about the potential career paths in mushroom

production and its processing.

Dr. Bilal A. Lone, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Budgam, in his address informed the trainees about different schemes available under HADP for Mushroom Production that can augur development of Mushroom based Micro and Small Enterprises in the region.

He also highlighted the need of youth empowerment and role of skill development besides providing an overview of

During the course of the training, a total of 25 trainees participated in the said training.

# **Amazon India Sees Strong Festive Sales Growth In 2023**

Press Trust Of India

KOLKATA: E-commerce major Amazon India on Tuesday said its 2023 festive sale is the best in its 13 years of operations in the country fuelled by a strong demand, a company official

Online sales by the ecommerce industry during this festive season are expected to witness 18-20 per cent growth to reach Rs 90,000 crore, according to market research firm Redseer Strategy Consultants. The first four days of this

year's festive season sales by e-tailers showed a 16 per cent year-on-year growth, reaching a gross merchandise value (GMV) of Rs 29,000 crore.

The government-backed Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) has also reached a new high in respect of retail orders, mostly for food, beverages and groceries during this festive season, reports said.

"This is the best year festival sale in every parameter," Amazon director (consumer electronics, personal computing, and large appliances) Nishant Sardana said.

Amazon did not find any slowdown in rural buying indicating a revival in demand which was facing slugishness post Covid.

Rural areas and smaller towns in fact showed strong growth with 80 per cent of Amazon's orders coming from tier II, III, and IV markets, Sardana asserted but

the applicants who have already applied need not to apply a fresh.

did not disclose the GMV of goods sold. The company has four

more days to go before its festive sale ends. Amazon said it has ramped up its capacity and interventions technology to meet the demand due to

"Our pursuit has been

the sale.

to remain relevant to each and every individual and be their personal store through continuously improved personalization. lowered latency using the latest AI technology and through new features such as Amazon Live, visual search, and automated product videos," said Kishore Thota, Director of shopping experience, India and emerging markets,

Amazon India

**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU &KASHMIR** 

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SHEEP HUSBANDRY BARAMULLA

**NOORBAGH BARAMULLA** 

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PUBLIC NOTICE

With reference to Public Notice No:-DSHO/Bla/Tech/2023-24/2747-55 dated:-25/10/2023 regarding establishment

of Income Generating Shearing Units Under the Scheme "Integrated Sheep Development Scheme"-ISDS for the year

2023-24 wherein the candidates figuring in the selection list were informed to complete the requisite formalities within a week's time. However due to poor response from the selected as well as the applicants figuring in waiting

list, it is hereby informed that the remaining pending allotted units under the scheme shall be established on first

cum first serve basis. . Accordingly all interested persons are informed to approach the office of Undersigned to

complete the requisite formalities in order to avail the benefits under the scheme within a week's positively Moreover

The company said it will have 1000 plus streams as part of Amazon Live through a curated list of over 300 influencers across tech, gaming, fashion, lifestyle, home, sports, and beauty and the concept is doing well.

The role of influencers are gradually, however, coming under the regulators' scanner.

Amazon India has three large fulfillment centers in Bengal with a total storage space of more than 3 million cubic feet.

"We have close to 55,000 sellers from West Bengal selling everything from apparel, sports goods, hosiery items, consumables. and a lot more on the Amazon India platform,"

#### **GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR** OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL AND HOSPITALS **DIVISION SRINAGAR** (Tele-fax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

Servicing of 02 no screw type air compressors G132v2 Subject: -Atlas copco make installed at old oxygen plant 1040 LPM of Govt. SMHS Hospital Srinagar

M&HDS/TS office e-NIT /2023-24/101/e-tendering Dt 21.09.2023

#### CANCELLATION

In view of minimum number of bidders not qualifying for opening of cover 2<sup>nd</sup>, the above referred e-NIT is hereby cancelled and shall be issued afresh shortly

No: M&HDS/TS/6874-77, Dated: 04-11-2023 DIPK-11680-23 DT: 06/11/2023

Sd/ Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division. Srinagar



Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Estates & Engineering Department Corporate Headquarters, Srinagar M. A. Road Srinagar, 190 001 & P.

On Line Notice of Tender (e-Tender)

Development of CPC Assets at 3rd floor J&K Bank Zonal Office Jammu by way of SITC of VRV/VRF type HVAC system

ing the minimum requirements can be downloaded from and BIDs can be submitted on the Banks' e-Tendering Porta https://ikbank.abcprocure.com w.e.f. November 08, 2023 16.00 Hrs. Tender Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website www.jkbank.com. Last date for submission of Bids is November 22, 2023, 17.00 Hrs. e-RFP Ref.No. JKB/E&ED/Cassettes-AC-ZO-JMU/2023-874 Dated: 06-11-2023

Tender Notice along with Complete Tender document outlir

Registered office: Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India CIN: L65110JK1938SGC000048; T:+91(0)1942481930-35; F:+91(0)1942481928; E: info@ikbmail.com; W: www.ikbank.com DIPK-NB-4099-23

DT: 07/11/2023

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE CHILD Email:cdpoicdssinghpora13@gmail.com

Sub: **Corrigendum to Advertisement Notice No: No:** 03 CDPO-Sing of 2023 Dated: 01-11-2023 **CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION** 

Kindly refer this for advertisement No: 03 CDPO-Sing of 2023 Dated:01-11-2023 (Dispatch No: cdpo/Poshan/Adv/2023/416dated:01-11-2023) for engagement of Sahakiyas (Anganwadi Helpers) Anganwadi centres for Poshan Singhpora. The following modifications are hereby made to advertisement notice:

Kindly read Ward no. 04 instead of Ward no. 02 against Sno.10 (Rather Mohalla

Child Dev. Project Officer Poshan Project Singhpora

#### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DEPARTMENT **DIVISION OAZIGUND**



#### CORRIGENDUM

Please read (No) instead of (Cum) for the work Supplying of Commercial Gas Cylinders for heating purpose for (PHE) Division Qazigund from 15th Nov 2023. to 15th March 2024) vide this office E-NIT No: 24 /EE/JSD/Qazigund/2023-24 Dated: 02/11/2023 issued No/PHQ/3975-84 Dated 02/11/2023.

All other terms and conditions are unchanged. NO/PHEQ/CC/4077-97

DIPK-11782-23 DT: 07/11/2023

**Executive Engineer** Jal Shakti (PHE) Division **Qazigund** 

No:-DSHO/Tech/2023-24/2895-2903 Dated:- 6/11/2023 DIPK-11800-23 DT: 07/11/2023

Sd/= District Sheep Husbandry officer

(Dr Showkat Ahmad) DIPK-11722-23 DT: 07/11/2023 Baramulla

Hanjiwera Payeen A).

## **General Manager Reviews Performance Of Northern Railway**

- Presented Safety Awards For Outstanding Work For Improving Safety-
- **Enhancement Of Passenger Amenities At Stations**
- Reviews Of Mobility Enhancement, Safety And Infrastructure Work



#### **Observer News Service**

New Delhi: Shobhan Chaudhuri, General Manager Northern Railway held a review meeting with the departmental heads and DRMs of Northern Railway.

Deliberations were held on keeping focus on passenger amenities at stations like extension of platforms, increase of level of platforms, washable aprons, provision of 2nd entry, foot over bridges, Escalators, lifts facilities for Divayangjans, improvement of station building including façade etc. He also reviews the progress of mobility enhancement, developmental infrastructure works, Freight loading and safety on tracks.

Apart from performance

review the GM also presented Safety Awards to 5 vigilant employees for their contribution towards maintain high standards for safety and security of passengers and railway

property. He also informed that many stations over Northern railway have been selected for construction of toilets in circulating area through CSR funds. He instructed to maintained good record of punctuality of trains and expedites the works related with mobility enhancement and conducting drives to check the progress.

He reviewed the work done over the zone in improving the maintenance standard of track, welds and removal of scrap lying near the tracks.

The GM also took stock of the tree cutting activity and removal of vegetation alongside the tracks. Chaudhuri emphasized upon

minimizing the human failure in train operation extensive monitoring of rail fractures and rail welds and said no error should be left. He asked the officers should enhance their inspection to assess the progress of works as well as train operations. He also informed that, loading of food grains & other items have steadily increased with every passing month. Northern Railway is committed to provide safe, smooth and efficient services to its customers.

# Slight improvement in Delhi's air quality; SC questions effectiveness of odd-even scheme

**Press Trust of India** 

New Delhi: Delhi's air quality showed a marginal improvement on Tuesday entering from 'severe' to 'very poor' category, even as the AAP government's odd-even car rationing scheme came under scrutiny by the Supreme Court which guestioned its effectiveness and termed it "all optics". Raj Niwas officials said the

file on implementation of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) stage IV measures sent to Lt Governor V K Saxena by the AAP dispensation states that no decision has been taken on the enforcement of oddeven scheme. The government has already announced its implementation from November 13 to November 20.

Delhi Environment minister Gopal Rai said that decision to implement the scheme to curb air pollution was taken on November 6 and the file was sent for LG's approval on November 4 and alleged officers were "misleading" Saxena.

Earlier in the day, Rai said the government will take into account the Supreme Court's directives on pollution while finalising the odd-even scheme.

The apex court, which was hearing a matter relating to debilitating air pollution in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR), asked the counsel for the Delhi government whether the odd-even scheme had succeeded when it was implemented earlier.

"These are all optics, this is the problem," a bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia observed.

In signs of a fresh tussle between the LG and the Delhi government, Raj Niwas officials accused the AAP government of misleading public on the pollution issue, with Rai hitting back and saying that the proposal to



proved on November 6 while the file was sent on November 4.

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said polluting vehicles were entering the city freely despite restrictions under GRAP stage IV being in place in view of hazardous air quality and directed officials to ensure proper checking at the borders. In an official directive, he noted that there was no proper checking of polluting vehicles entering Delhi at odd hours from neighbouring

Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi said they have deployed water sprinklers, anti-smog guns and etting machines.

"We are carrying out intensive water sprinkling with dust suppressant powder in areas with heavy pollution. The MCD and Delhi government are working together to curb pollution. I urge people to cooperate with us in this fight against pollution," she told reporters.

Amid a spike in pollution levels in Delhi-NCR, the Supreme Court on Tuesday directed Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh

residue burning was stopped "forthwith", saying it cannot let "people die" due to pollution.

"I am sorry, this is complete murder of health of people, there is no other phrase I have," said Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, who was heading the bench which also comprised Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia.

Taking a stern view of states trying to shift blame to one another for the pollution, the bench observed there cannot be "political battle" all the time.

Even as the matter of the deteriorating air quality drew the attention of the apex court, pollution levels in Delhi marginally dipped and were recorded in the 'very poor' category after five consecutive days of 'severe' air quality, according to monitoring agencies.

According to data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi's 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 395 on Tuesday, bringing a marginal improvement from the 421 recorded on Monday.

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and

100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', and 401 and 500 'severe'.

The respite is going to be short-lived, as according to the Ministry of Earth Science's Air Quality Early Warning System for the Delhi-NCR, the air quality is likely to deteriorate and reach the 'severe' category on November 8. It is expected to be in the 'very poor' category on November 9 and November

The region is likely to experience 'very poor' to 'severe' air quality for another five to six days, the Air Quality Early Warning System said.

A political blame game continued over the pollution situation in Delhi with former environment minister and senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Tuesday saying both the Centre and the states have been complicit in their "inaction", in the wake of SC's observations.

The BIP said the apex court's directive on pollution is a slap on the face of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and demanded that he apologise for turning the national capital into a gas chamber.

The chorus for having longterm measures to curb pollution grew louder with parents asking the government to find a permanent solution to the problem rather than asking schools to go for online classes.

As the air quality in Delhi remains multiple times above the government-prescribed safe limit, old age homes in the national capital are taking slew of measures to protect the elderly population from the harmful effects of air pollution.

From installing air purifiers to keeping stock of oxygen cylinder, the old age homes here have ramped up measures to safeguard their elderly

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#### V K Birdhi Is New

the officer shall also hold the charge of the post of IGP Armed Kashmir till further orders. Kumar, a 1997-batch officer of the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) 1997 cadre who is currently the ADGP Kashmir, is transferred and posted as ADGP (Law and Order), J&K.

A post in the rank of ADGP viz. ADGP (Law

& Order), J&K, is temporarily added to the J&K Segment of AGMUT Cadre, in terms of second proviso to sub-rule (2) of Rule 4 of the Indian Police Service (Cadre) Rules, 1954, for a period of two years or till the post is held by said officer, whichever is earlier, the order read.

The government ordered that the Zonal IGsP of Kashmir and Jammu shall report to ADGP (Law & Order), J&K, under the overall command and control of DGP J&K.

### **Mobile Internet**

data services being misused by anti-national elements, which may cause deterioration in public order, the officials added.

The Telecom Service Providers were directed to suspend mobile data within three km radius of these areas from 7 pm on November 5 till 7 pm on November 8, the officials said.

#### **SC Asks Centre**

needed some time to prepare for it. He said there are individuals who are serial offenders or anti-national elements who may conceal material data and therefore, some bal-

ance was required. "The problem is, these are media professionals. They will have their own sources and other aspects. This is a serious matter," the bench said, adding, "Now, if you just take everything

away, there is a problem". "There must be some guidelines," the court said.

Raju said there were several legal issues involved in the matter and he would examine these aspects.

"I think it is time for you people to do it yourself to ensure that it is not misused. It can't be a state which runs only through its agencies. It cannot be done," the bench said.

The bench told Raju the government must analyse what kind of guidelines are necessary to protect the interest of both sides and they cannot be adversarial in that sense.

The petitioner's counsel raised the issue about the state's power and an individual's rights, including the right to privacy.

He said nowadays, probe agencies can compel individuals to provide their biometric information, a practice adopted by all political

dispensations. The bench noted that Raju has requested for some time to better examine the matter so he

can make submissions. "We have, however, put to the ASG that there has to be a balancing of interest and proper guidelines need to be in place to protect the interests of the media professionals. We would like the ASG to work on this and come back to us on this issue," the bench said, while posting the matter for further hearing in December.

#### **Govt To Conduct**

are in Jammu & Kashmir.

As many as 5294 industrial units are functioning in these industrial estates spread over 37,341 kanals of land. Apart from this, 42 new industrial estates are being developed in the UT-(KNO)

#### **Power Woes**

electricity is most needed.

"Even our children can't focus on their studies when electricity plays a hide and seek game. There seems to be no end to our miseries," he said.

Shabir, a student from Bandipora dis trict had a similar complaint.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, Shabir said that the student community has to face a lot of difficulties amid the pesky power cuts.

"A number of competitive exams are on cards and thousands of aspirants are preparing for them. However, the unstoppable power cuts are forcing us to study before candle light" he

Notably, the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCC&I) in a recently held press conference lashed out at the government and Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) for failing to meet the electricity demands of the people.

An official from KPDCL told Kashmir Observer that currently the demand of the electricity in the Valley is 1600 Megawatts but the department is able to produce only 1100 MW. He termed rainfall deficit and the melting of glaciers as two major reasons for less generation of electricity.

"The current curtailment schedule for metered areas is 4:30 hours while non-meters face a six hour power cut. However, in some areas the curtailment goes beyond that schedule depending on the availability of electricity," he

Principal Secretary of Power Development Department (PDD) H Rajesh Prasad told Kashmir Observer that the department is getting the electricity according to the availability.

"Currently we get around 150-250 MWs of electricity from Uttar Pradesh. We purchase electricity according to the availability of the UP government," Prasad said.

While responding to the allegations of the KCCI, Prasad said the business community should clear the pending dues of the "How will the department run if they don't

pay the electricity fee? We are running into losses. We can't provide electricity free of cost,' Prasad said, adding "For additional power supply, we need addition funds, which are not available"

Prasad also rubbished reports of power outage. "There might be issue in some areas, we will look into it," he added

#### Lal Singh's Anticipatory

had conducted searches in Jammu and its adjoining areas as part of the money laundering probe against the educational trust of Andotra and a former government official in connection with alleged irregularities in land purchase to set up the trust.

The federal agency had raided about eight premises in Jammu, Kathua and Punjab's

Pathankot on October 17 in the case against RB Educational Trust, its chairperson and Ravinder S, a former revenue official.

The money laundering case stems from an October 2021 charge sheet filed by the CBI in this case which alleged criminal connivance in the issuance of land between January 4 and January 7, 2011, without mentioning details in respect of violation of the ceiling limit of 100 standard kanals imposed under Section 14 of the Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976, thereby giving undue pecuniary advantage to trust.

Based on this the trust acquired multiple pieces of land of about 329 kanals vide three gift deeds executed on January 5 and January 7, 2011, the CBI charge sheet claimed.

Agreeing with the arguments of SPP Khujuria, the judge said, "Having heard and regard to the nature of allegations and gravity of the accusation and stage of investigation. to my mind the investigating agency must be given sufficient time in conducting an analyzed and effective investigation." "Thus in view of the above, said applicant/petitioner (Lal Singh) is no more entitled to concession of bail at this stage as the same would hamper the ongoing investigation. It must be reminded that pre-arrest bail was granted to the applicant for a limited period on certain conditions including extension of co-operation to the investigating agency," the 10-page order

read. The court said the PMLA gives unfettered powers to the ED for search, seizure and investigation as "evil of money laundering is a curse and has its diverse impact on the society and its citizens. Money laundering is a serious threat not only to the financial system of our country but also to the global economy at large which is required to be dealt sternly." Dismissing the bail application of the former minister, the judge said the allegations being grave and serious in nature against the petitioner, this court is not inclined to grant privilege of bail which stands rejected being devoid of any legal force

With regard to the application moved by Andotra, a former legislator, the court said the petitioner already is on absolute bail in the CBI charge sheet which is the fountainhead of the predicate offence.

"Besides PMLA terms can be eased for illness and for women...the (interim) bail is extended till November 30 as investigation is still going on and petitioner is directed to co-operate with the investigating agency without any fail," the order said.

Similarly, the court extended the interim bail of their daughter Kranti Singh, one of the trustees of the educational trust, till November 30 with directions not to flout conditions of the bail that included cooperating with the investigating agency without any fail.

#### **Police Announces**

of the attacker can be shared with any police officer you trust including SSP Baramulla, SSP Srinagar or SSP Pulwama," the police said in the

The police said the information can also be emailed directly to J-K DGP R R Swain at rswainips@jkpolice.gov.in.

The identification of persons providing credible information shall be kept fully confidential and the informer shall be provided legal and

#### security cover, the notice added. **Govt Starts**

said it was informed that the government had been vigorously working to promote both preventive and participatory vigilance for bringing transparency and accountability in

He said that the Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department informed the Chief Secretary that following the government's resolve to make government-to-citizen interactions more transparent and accessible through 1075 e-services which is highest in the country, along with related IT initiatives such as MobileDost, Rapid Assessment System, DigiDost for doorstep delivery of e-services, linking of services with DigiLocker, there has been immense progress in mitigating

"The latest data indicates that more than 52 lac applications have been processed for availing various services in the online mode of which more than 42 lac have been disposed off,' he said.

To ensure time-bound delivery of online services, he said, e-services are progressively being covered under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) with linkage to Auto-Appeal System (AAS) which escalates breach of timeline cases to the next authority for action against default-

"As of now, around 64000 appeals have been generated with 32000 appeals disposed off. Besides, penalty proceedings have been initiated against 55 officers who have delayed delivery of various services in the Revenue Department," the Commissioner Secretary

"To address complaints of frivolous reverts in the online mode, the government has started analyzing such reverts and unjustifiable reverts shall be inquired and defaulting officers penalized," he added.

Mehta, the spokesperson said, stressed upon measures to promote participatory vigilance and mentioned initiatives such as Janbhagidari online portal which allows citizens to oversee and review all developmental works being executed in the region.

This exclusive portal, he said, has been designed to facilitate easy access to information related to developmental works and ensure transparency in the execution of such

The Chief Secretary, he said, emphasized the importance of financial discipline in checking the abuse of discretionary authority, and highlighted the functioning of BEAMS and PaySys linked digital payments have further streamlined the disbursal of timelines.

"In tandem with these initiatives, the Government has achieved 100 per cent disbursal of financial assistance under 55 flagship schemes in the UT exclusively through DBT mode." he said.

He said that strict enforcement of etendering mandatory, prior Technical and Administrative sanction has led to fiscal prudence with more than 92000 works completed during the financial year 2022-23 which is

#### **LG Unveils Maratha**

inspiration for people and the bravehearts of

Paying homage to the great warrior and founder of Swarajya, Sinha said, Shivaji was a born leader, who scripted a new history of India through his mesmerizing victory against

"By unleashing his military genius and moral force, Shivaji mobilized millions of Indians and achieved sovereignty for the Maratha empire His universal and eternal values continue to be relevant today and guide us on the path of social equality and peaceful co-existence," he

Sinha further called for celebrating the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj festival in Kupwara on 7th of November every year.

Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister of Maharashtra said Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is an inspiration for every Indian.

"Maharashtra has a great tradition of sacrifice and bravery. It is indeed commendable that this statue is being erected at Kupwara in the same year as the 350th anniversary of the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji," he added.

Sudhir Mungantiwar said the unveiling of Shivaji's statue is the proudest moment of his

Major General Girish Kalia, GOC, Vajr Division presented the National Flags handmade by vomen of Kupwara to the dignitaries.

Earlier, the LG paid tributes to the bravehearts of the Indian Army and laid a wreath at Vajr War Memorial, HQ 28 Infantry Division in Kupwara.

### **Security Beefed**

has gone up.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Devesh Kumar said the security has been enhanced due to the general threat alerts during the festive season.

#### **Charge Sheet**

Chouhan was arrested on May 27 with a Chinese grenade in the Cherji area of Kishtwar. His associate, Mohammad Amin, was arrested later, police said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal said police have diligently investigated the matter and gathered substantial evidence to support the charges brought forth in the case.

## **Lion Couple**

one pair of Lion to Jambu Zoo.

The pair will be housed in a dedicated Lion enclosure having a space of more than 5500 square meter as per the CZA norms with heating and ventilation facility for extreme weather condition. They will remain under quarantine for a weeks time and thereafter will be released in the enclosure for public exhibition.

On this special day, the department has expressed gratitude to Lieutenant Governor and Government of Gujarat for the guidance and encouragement in sourcing Lion which will bring joy to the people of J&K and Wildlife enthusiasts.



# Maxwell's 201\* **Takes Australia Past Afghans**

**Agencies** 

MUMBAI: Glenn Maxwell pulled off one of the greatest comebacks in the history of cricket. His magical innings of 201 from 128 balls, which included 10 sixes and 21 fours, took Australia past Afghanistan by three wickets in the ICC World Cup match

in Mumbai on Tuesday. It was the highest score by an Australian in ODIs as Australia became third team to secure a semifinals berth.

He was involved in a match-winning 202-run stand for the eighth wicket with Pat Cummins, who scored 12 runs in that partnership.

His knock will rank as one of the greatest comebacks in the history of 50-overs cricket as Australia bounced back from 91/7 in the 19th over.

Despite struggling with cramps, Maxwell smashed his way to 142

from 99 balls, hitting 15 fours and five sixes. He has put on 141 runs from 129 balls for the eighth wicket with Cummins, who is playing a watchful knock of 11 from 55 balls.

Earlier, Opening batsman Ibrahim Zadran struck Afghanistan's maiden World Cup hundred to help his team post 291 for five wickets.

Five-times champions Australia made a slow start to their campaign in the 50-overs showpiece event with defeats in their opening two games but a win over Afghanistan has cemented their spot in the semi-finals.

Three consecutive victories had also put the Afghans in contention for a spot in the knockout stages and victories in their remaining two fixtures would have guaranteed them a semi-final place.

India and South Africa have already booked their spots in the

# Out Of WC, England, Netherlands **Eye Champions Trophy Spot**



**Press Trust of India** 

PUNE: Casting aside their shattered title defence dream, England will now set sights on restoring their pride and secure a berth in the 2025 Champions Trophy when they face a plucky Netherlands in the World Cup in Pune on Wednesday.

Both teams are out of the reckoning for a semi-final spot. The 33run loss to arch rivals Australia on Saturday was the final nail in the coffin for England. While the Dutch are also officially out of the race. England have cut a sorry figure, managing just one win from seven matches in the World Cup to slip to the bottom of the 10-team table. The Netherlands are a tad better on ninth

with two wins and four points. But with ICC announcing that the top seven teams and hosts Pakistan will qualify for the 2025 Champions Trophy, there has been a scramble for the last few spots.

Champions four years ago, England have hit rock-bottom in this edition. No England team has ever lost so many games at a World Cup. Whatever could go wrong has gone wrong for the Three Lions and they are no longer favourites even

against minnows Netherlands. To avoid the ignominy of missing the cut for the prestigious Champions Trophy, England must win their remaining two fixtures against the Netherlands and Pakistan.

But that's easier said than done as both confidence and form has deserted the ageing England side, which looked extremely dangerous on paper.

## **Nazir Ahmad Bhat Named Referee Development Officer**

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: J&K's premier referee Nazir Ahmad Bhat has been appointed as the Zonal Referee Development Officer for North Zone by the All India Football Federation

The AIFF only appoints five ZRDOs across India. As such, Nazir Ahmad Bhat will oversee the following associations of North

Zone: Jammu & Kashmir Football Association, Ladakh Football Association, Punjab Football Association, Himachal Pradesh Football Association, Haryana Football Association, Uttar Pradesh Football Sangh, Chandigarh Football Association, Uttarakhand State Football Association and Football Delhi

Nazir Ahmad Bhat's immediate priorities as the ZRDO are to drive initiatives aimed at enabling Member Associations to become self-sufficient in all refereeing matters, aligning with AIFF Vision 2047's strategic targets. Specifically, these initiatives will focus on ensuring that every Member Association has an ample number of AIFF Accredited Referee Instructors and providing support in implementing the 'Regulations of Referees within the Member Associations'.

"We wish Mr Rhat all the best in his new role and look forward to the positive impact he will make in the North Zone," the JKFA said in a statement.

## **Real Kashmir Play Churchill Brothers At TRC Today**



**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Playing their third straight home game of the 2023-24 season, Real Kashmir FC will take on Churchill Brothers FC at Synthetic Turf TRC today. The match will kick off at 2:00 PM.

Real Kashmir are on a twogame winning streak after beating Rajasthan United FC 2-0 in the opener and then following it with a 1-0 win over Manipur-based side TRAU FC.

The Snow Leopards will

face off against the Goan club, Churchill Brothers, who have won the I-League twice in their history.

Churchill Brothers played a goalless draw Namdhari FC in the opener, while their second game, against Aizawl FC, was postponed. Real Kashmir head into

Wednesday's matchup with momentum on their side. The team is playing under new head coach Ishfaq Ahmad and have so far given the home support a lot to cheer for.

Coach Ishfaq has ensured

homegrown talent gets a place in the starting eleven of Real Kashmir as they compete in the second-tier of Indian professional football.

The match will be broadcast live on Eurosport on TV and live streamed on FanCode.

Real Kashmir Potential XI: Muheet Shabir, Muhammad Hammad (C), Zahid Yousif, Dion Menezes, Carlos Alberto Silva Lomba, Wayne Vaz, Jeremy Laldinpuia, Lalramdinsanga Ralte Mohammad Inam, Ahteeb Ahmad Dar, Gnohere Krizo

## **Maharashtra Crosses 200 Medals Mark In National Games**

**Press Trust of India** 

PANAJI: Top shooter Mehuli Ghosh of West Bengal clinched a gold in the women's 10m air rifle event in an impressive show even as Maharashtra crossed the double century medal mark to consolidate its top position in the National Games here on Tuesday.

Mehuli, one of the 13 shooters who have so far bagged 2024 Paris Olympics quota place for India, shot an impressive 253.7 to take the top spot. Haryana's Nancy Mandhotra (251.0)

won the silver while Swati Chowdhury of West Bengal won the bronze.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra continued to be at the top spot in the medal standings with just two days to go in the Games.

The 200th medal for Maharashtra came in triathlon mixed relay at the Miramar Beach when women's individual winner Mansi Mohite covered a deficit of almost two minutes in the anchor leg to help her team get the better of defending champions Tamil Nadu with a time of 1:51.19 seconds.

## **Bellingham Available For Real Madrid** In CL Against Braga

**The Associated Press** 

MADRID: Real Madrid will have Jude Bellingham available for the Champions League match against Braga on Wednesday, when it will go for its fourth straight win in Group C.

Bellingham has been nursing an injury to his left shoulder sustained in the Spanish league match against Rayo Vallecano on Sunday, but he trained on Tuesday.

Madrid leads the group with nine points, three more than Napoli and six more than Braga.

Napoli hosts winless Union Berlin

in the other group match on Wednesday. Madrid has qualified for the knockout rounds in all 27 of its previous campaigns.

When Bellingham trained with the rest of his teammates, he showed no apparent sign of pain. Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said the midfield player was taken out for parts of the practice session to avoid any knocks on the shoulder.

"I don't know if he will play, but he recovered well and didn't show any problems today," Ancelotti said. "It's probable that he plays, but he will be evaluated again tomorrow."

## Mathews Demands 'Justice' After Controversial Time Out Dismissal

**Reuters** 

NEW DELHI: Sri Lanka batsman Angelo Mathews demanded "justice" from the ICC and branded Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan "a cheat" on social media after becoming the first player to be 'timed out' in international cricket at the World Cup on Monday.

Mathews had already made his feelings clear in the press conference after the defeat that ended Sri Lanka's hopes of progressing at the World Cup, saying Shakib's appeal for the controversial dismissal had been "disgraceful".

The 36-year-old had breached

the World Cup rule that a new batter must be ready to face a delivery within two minutes of a wicket falling. Mathews said in a post on X, formally known as Twitter, that he had been in place with seconds to spare before the chinstrap on his helmet broke requiring a new one to be brought out, backing up his position with time-stamped video screenshots.

"Video evidence shows I still had five more seconds even after the helmet gave away!" he wrote. "Can the fourth umpire rectify this please? I mean safety is paramount as I just couldn't face the bowler without a helmet.



"This is clear cheating, I want justice," he added in another

That directly contradicted fourth umpire Adrian Holdstock.

"In the incident this afternoon. the batter wasn't ready to receive the ball within those two minutes even before the strap became an issue for him," he said in an on-pitch interview after the game at Arun Jaitley Stadium.

"As a batsman, I think you need to make sure you have all your equipment in place ... because you actually have to be ready to receive the ball within two minutes, not ready to prepare or take your guard."

'SPIRIT OF CRICKET'

There was plenty of support for Mathews, with former South Africa bowler Dale Stevn saying the incident "wasn't cool", Australia's Usman Khawaja calling it "ridiculous", and former India captain Gautam Gambhir branding it "pathetic". "I didn't enjoy what I saw out there," Pakistan great Waqar Younis said in a TV broadcast.

"That wasn't good for the spirit of cricket. I am old school and I think that was a lot of drama to get Angelo Mathews out." Shakib had defended his decision in his post-match press conference, saying his actions were within the rules and he had no regrets.

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir** 

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ACCOUNTS OFFICER, DISTRICT FUND OFFICE BARAMULLA

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No: CAO/DFO/Bla/3288-92

Date: 07/11/2023

Subject: Grievance Redressal-cum-Awareness Camp (16-Nov-23 to 18-Nov-23).

J&K Funds Organization is organizing "Grievance Redressal-cum-Awareness Camp" through District Fund Office Baramulla, which is scheduled to be held with effect from 16th of November 2023 to 18th of November 2023 with the aim to redress the grievance of the GP Fund Subscribers and SLI Insurants and to sensitize the subscribers/insurants about the various services/E-services being provided by the District Fund Office Baramulla

Through the medium of this Notice, all esteemed Subscribers/Ex. Subscribers and SLI Insurants who have their account maintained with District Fund Office Baramulla are hereby informed that they may visit the office of the undersigned during working office hours for on spot registration of their grievances and redressal thereof under relevant rules. Concerned subscribers/Insurants may register their grievances on our office email id: districtfundoffice@gmail.com. A dedicated cell of the below mentioned officials have been constituted who shall remain available in the camp during the working office hours for settlement purpose.

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Further DDO's operating upon this office through all the Treasuries of District Baramulla are also requested to intimate all the employees working

on their establishment about the forthcoming Grievance Redressal-cum-Awareness Camp.

**Accounts Officer** DIPK-11717-23 District Fund Officer DT: 07/11/2023 Baramulla

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Submission of sealed quotations for supply of LPG refills (19 KG Capacity) cylinders to Govt. **Subject:-**Polytechnic College Hatbura Ganderbal for winter season 2023-24

Sealed quotations/bids affixed with Rs 5/- revenue stamp are invited from authorized/ registered LPG dealers for for supply of LPG refills (19 KG Capacity) cylinders to Govt. Polytechnic College Hatbura Ganderbal as per requirements from time to time during winter session of 2023-24 (Starting from 15th Nov -2023 to 15 March 2024) on the following terms and conditions.

- The quotations/ bids should indicate the rates of LPG per cylinder of 19 Kgs capacity including all tax and charges and F.O.R
- Govt. Polytechnic College Hatbura Ganderbal. 2. Quoters/ Bidders should also clearly indicate percentage of maximum discounts on govt, approved rates for supply of said LPG
- 3. Payment is subject to successful inspection and verification of quality & quantity of LPG
- Sealed quotations/bids dully super scribed as Discount offer for supply of of LPG refills (19 KG Capacity)cylinders along with authorization letter oil company and should reach the office of the Principal Govt. Polytechnic College Hatbura Ganderbal latest by or before 10th Nov-2023.
- The sealed quotations/bids will be open on 11-11-2023 at 12:00 pm in the office chamber of the Principal Govt. Polytechnic College Hatbura Ganderbal.

No:- GPCG/Estt/2023/704-705 Dated: 04-11-2023

Principal Govt. Polytechnic College DIPK-11719-23 DT: 07/11/2023 Ganderbal

## Sweden Set To Become Europe's First Smoke-Free Nation As Use Of Snus Rises

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Gothenburg, Sweden: Sweden is poised to become Europe's first smoke-free country largely thanks to the popularity of snus, a kind of moist snuff which is placed under the upper lip. But some are worried the tobacco industry is peddling a "fairytale" that is too good to be true.

Used by one in seven Swedes, snus has, according to the government, helped slash the number of smokers from 15 percent of the population in 2005 to 5.2 percent last year, a record low in Europe.

A country is considered smoke-free when less than five percent of its population are daily smokers. 'Snus has been banned in the European Union since 1992. But Sweden negotiated an exemption when it joined the bloc three years later.

At the Swedish Match factory in the western city of Gothenburg, thousands of doses of snus wend their way through a complex web of machinery producing the sachets.

The company sold 277 million boxes of snus in Sweden and Norway in 2021.

"We have used it for 200 years in Sweden. (It's) part of the Swedish culture, just like many other European countries have their wine culture," Swedish Match spokesman Patrik Hildingsson told AFP.

Clad in a white lab coat, he described the manufacturing process.

"Tobacco comes from India or the United States. It goes through this silo and is then packed inside the pouches like tea bags and then into these boxes."

There are two types: traditional brown snus, which contains tobacco, and white snus, which is made of synthetic nicotine and often flavoured.

Conquering the young Traditional snus is mostly sold

Traditional snus is mostly sold in Sweden, Norway and the US.

White snus, introduced about 15 years ago, falls into a legal void in the EU since it doesn't contain tobacco. It was banned this year in both Belgium and the Netherlands.

## Techie Stole 133 Laptops, 19 Phones, Other Gadgets From Paying Guesthouses, Arrested

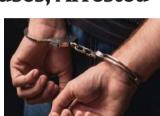
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Bengaluru: A man has been arrested for allegedly stealing 133 laptops, 19 mobile phones, and four tablets worth 75 lakh from paying guest accommodations for tech employees in Bengaluru, the city's top cop B Dayananda said. The accused has an degree in computer science.

The accused, who earlier worked at an IT company, used to visit paying guest and bachelor accommodations and steal laptops and mobile phones from there.

Along with him, two others who used to get these stolen electronic items from him and sell them have been arrested.

"All the three have been arrested and are in judicial custody. Nearly eight cases of central divi-



sion have been detected. We are also verifying from other police stations about all the places from where he stole," B Dayananda

He also said the Central Crime Branch of Bengaluru busted a major betting racket by raiding 11 places and arresting 13 people involved in it.

In this connection, 11 cases have been registered by the police, who have recovered over 10 lakh from them.

## Study Suggests Oral Contraceptive Pills May Impact Fear Regulation In Women's Brains



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Synthetic hormones in oral contraceptive pills may be impairing fear-regulating processes in women's brains, scientists have found in a study.

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The researchers from Canada-based universities investigated the short- and long-term effects of using combined oral contraceptives (COCs), which contain synthetic hormones, on fear-related brain regions and the neural circuitry which processes fear

Oral contraceptives are pills that contain female sex hormones, such as oestrogen and progestin, to inhibit ovulation and thus, prevent conception.

The researchers found that compared to men, healthy women currently using COCs had a thinner ventromedial prefrontal cortex, which is a brain region thought to sustain emotion regulation, such as decreasing fear signals when one is in a safe situation.

The prefrontal cortex in the brain lies right behind the forehead and has been studied to play a role in activities such as planning and decision-making. "Our result may represent a mechanism by which COCs could impair emotion regulation in women," said Alexandra Brouillard, a researcher at the Université du Québec à Montréal and first author of the study published in the journal Frontiers in Endocrinology.

"(It) suggests that COCs may confer a risk factor for emotion regulation deficits during their current use," said Brouillard.

The researchers said, however, that the impacts of COC use may be reversible once intake is discontinued.

They said they thought so because their findings of the effects of COCs on the ventromedial prefrontal cortex were not observed in past users. Thus, they said, the findings would need further corroboration in future studies.

For the study, the researchers recruited 180 participants, aged 23-35 years, in four groups - women currently using COCs; women who used COCs previously but not at the time of the study; women who never used any form of hormonal contraception; and men.

ption; and men. When being prescribed COCs. girls and women are informed of various possible physical side effects such as how the sex hormones could affect their menstrual cycles and ovulation.

However, the effects of these sex hormones on brain development, which can continue into early adulthood, are rarely addressed, the researchers said.

Therefore, they said, given the widespread use of COCs, it was important to better understand their current and longterm effects on brain anatomy and emotional regulation.

Regarding this study, the scientists said that no causal relationship can be implied between COC use and structural changes in the brain and thus, their findings could not be generalised to a wider population just yet.

They also cautioned that drawing conclusions from anatomical findings to behavioural and psychological impacts was not possible at this point.

"Our aim is to increase scientific interest in women's health and raise awareness about early prescription of COCs and brain development, a highly unknown topic," said Brouillard.

## Mind-Altering Ketamine Becomes Latest Pain Treatment, Despite Little Research Or Regulation

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As US doctors scale back their use of opioid painkillers, a new option for hard-to-treat pain is taking root: ketamine, the decades-old surgical drug that is

now a trendy psychedelic therapy.
Prescriptions for ketamine have soared in recent years, driven by for-profit clinics and telehealth services offering the medication as a treatment for pain, depression, anxiety and other conditions. The generic drug can be purchased cheaply and prescribed by most physicians and some nurses, regardless of their training.

With limited research on its effectiveness against pain, some experts worry the US may be repeating mistakes that gave rise to the opioid crisis: overprescribing a questionable drug that carries significant safety and abuse risks.

There's a paucity of options for pain and so there's a tendency to just grab the next thing that can make a difference, said Dr. Padma Gulur, a Duke University pain specialist who is studying ketamine's use. A medical journal will publish a few papers saying, Oh, look, this is doing good things,' and then there's rampant off-label use, without necessarily the science behind it.

When Gulur and her colleagues tracked 300 patients receiving ketamine at Duke, more than a third of them reported significant side effects that required professional attention, such as hallucinations, troubling thoughts and visual disturbances.

Ketamine also didn't result in lower rates of opioid prescribing in the months following treatment, a common goal of therapy, according to Gulur. Her research is under review for medical journal publication.

Ketamine was approved more than 50 years ago as a powerful anesthetic for patients undergoing surgery. At lower doses, it can produce psychedelic, out-of-body experiences, which made it a popular club drug in the 1990s. With its recent adoption for pain, patients are increasingly encountering those same effects.

Daniel Bass, of Southgate,

Kentucky, found the visual disturbances horrifying. His doctors prescribed four- to six-hour IV infusions of ketamine for pain related to a rare bone and joint disorder. Seated in a bare hospital room with no stimulation or guidance on the drug's psychological effects, Bass says he felt "like a lab rat.

Still, he credits ketamine with reducing his pain during the year that he received twice-a-month infusions

No matter how horrific an experience is, if it allows me to be more functional, I will do it, Bass said.

Ketamine targets a brain chemical messenger called glutamate, which is thought to play a role in both pain and depression. It's unclear whether the psychedelic experience is part of the drug's therapeutic effect, though some practitioners consider it essential.

We want patients to disassociate or feel separate from their pain, depression or anxiety, said Dr. David Mahjoubi, owner of Ketamine Healing Clinic in Los Angeles. If they feel like they're just sitting in the chair the whole time, we actually give them more.

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Mahjoubi's practice is typical of the burgeoning industry: He offers IV ketamine for alcohol addiction, chronic pain, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder. The ketamine doses for those indications are well below those used for surgery, but Mahjoubi favors higher doses for pain than for psychiatric conditions

Patients pay cash because most insurers don't cover non-surgical uses of ketamine, none of which are approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Mahjoubi's background is in anesthesiology, not psychiatry or addiction.

Patients can pay extra for ketamine nasal sprays and tablets to use between infusions. Those formulations are also not FDA approved and are compounded by specialty pharmacies.

Sending ketamine through the mail has become its own profitable business for telehealth services, such as MindBloom, which jumped into the space after regulators relaxed online prescribing rules during COVID-19.

