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2 Infiltrators **Killed Along LoC In Uri**

Agencies

Srinagar- Security forces on Wednesday foiled an infiltration bid in the Uri sector along the Line of Control (LoC) in North Kashmir's Baramulla district by killing two infiltrators, police said.

Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that a group of terrorists was trying to sneak into this side of the LoC taking advantage of low visibility and bad weather.

He said that they were challenged by alert troops deployed on the LoC and during the exchange of fire one terrorist was killed.

The official added that later one more terrorist was killed, and the whole operation is still underway.

NIA Chargesheets Two In Terror Conspiracy Case

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The NIA has chargesheeted two people including a right-hand man of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) Chief Masood Azhar for their plans to disturb peace and communal harmony in Jammu and Kashmir by attacking security forces, officials said Wednesday.

Muhammad Dilawar Iqbal, a resident of Abbaspur in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir goes by several aliases including Maaz Khan Kashmiri and Azad Kashmiri and is a close associate of Masood Azhar, the National Investigation Agency said in a statement.

He delivered incendiary speeches to incite youths in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to conduct terrorist acts, it said.

The NIA has alleged that Dilwar Iqbal indoctrinated and motivated >> More On P10

Srinagar: At a time when

Kashmir is grappling with

a serious power crisis, the

Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL)

said Wednesday that the power

woes will end by 2025 once the

Revamped Distribution Sector

Scheme (RDSS) is operational

Javed Yousuf, Chief engineer, KPDCL told Kashmir Observer

that the department has been

working on the plan for the

last couple of years and that 50

percent of the work has already

"Once the project is complet-

ed, the power woes are most

likely to end," he said, adding

that the project is likely to be

been completed so far.

Augib Javeed

in the Valley.

RDSS Will End Power Woes

Scheme Likely To Be Completed In 2025

completed in 2025.

benchmarks.

Notably, the government of India approved the RDSS to help

DISCOMs improve their opera-

tional efficiencies and financial

sustainability by providing re-sult-linked financial assistance

to DISCOMs to strengthen sup-

ply infrastructure based on

meeting pre-qualifying criteria

and achieving basic minimum

In Kashmir: CE KPDCL

Says Revamped Distribution Sector

TRAGEDY IN HILLS

39 Killed, 20 Injured As Bus Plunges Into Doda Gorge



Press Trust Of India

Doda: Entire Pir Panjal region was plunged into grief on Wednesday as a passenger bus fell into a 300 feet deep gorge on a treacherous mountain road in Doda. At least 39 people, including six women, were reported killed and 18 others injured as per last reports received late in the night.

"A passenger bus (JK02CN-6555) that left Kishtwar at around 0800 hrs skidded off the road and rolled down into a 300-foot-deep gorge near Trungal-Assar of Doda on the Batote-Kishtwar highway when driver of bus failed to negotiate a sharp cure,"

IT IS AN UNFORTUNATE **INCIDENT. IT WAS SAID**

that the bus was not being run on the right side, which resulted in the accident."

police said.

Police added that a rescue team rushed to the spot and launched an operation and men and machinery were pressed into service to shift the injured for medical treatment.

According to a police spokesperson, the accident occurred at around 11:50 am at Trungal-Assar >> More On P10

Prez Murmu, PM Modi; **LG Express Shock**

Narendra Modi and political leaders on Wednesday expressed shock and sadness over a bus accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda that has killed at least 38 people. "I am deeply saddened by the news of the unfortunate death of several passengers in a bus accident in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir. I express my condolences to the bereaved family members and pray for the speedy recovery of those injured," Murmu said in a post in Hindi on X, formerly Twitter. At least 38 people were killed and 19 injured when the bus carrying passengers skidded off the road and rolled down into a 300-foot deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Wednesday. >> More On P10

approved an ex-gratia of Rs. 5 lakh each for the next of kin of those who have lost their lives in the tragic bus accident in Assar area of Doda. He has also approved an amount of Rs.1 lakh for those injured and assured all possible assistance to the affected families. "An ex-gratia of Rs.5 Lakh each would be given » More On P1(

Political Leaders Also Grieved Over Loss Of Lives

resident Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister

LG Announces Rs 5L-Exgratia For Each Family

he Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday

A Timeline Of Road Accidents In Doda, Kishtwar

illy terrain, rash driving, overloading of passengers and dilapidated condition of roads are said to be the

valley of the Jammu region. As road accidents continue to shatter families, a timeline of accidents reveals shocking details of casualties and injuries caused by the killer roads in the twin districts of Doda and Kishtwar.

As per the data compiled, from 2020 to 2023 a total of 881 road accidents took place in Doda and Kishtwar districts. In Kishtwar, around 90 accidents took place, leading to the loss of 88 lives and 235 individuals sustaining injuries. The Doda witnessed 791 accidents, >> More On P10

cidents in the Pir Panjal range and Chenab **Syed Mohammad Burhan**

main reasons for the spike in deadly ac-

Admin Has Taken Holistic Measures For Welfare Of Tribals: LG

Virtually Joins PM Modi's Launch Of 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that the administration has taken significant initiatives for the holistic welfare of tribals, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Wednesday that since August 2019 tribal welfare was given top priority by his administration and various initiatives were launched cutting across sectors to empower tribal communities of Jammu and Kashmir.

The scheme aims to meet the following objectives: Reduction of AT&C losses to Sinha made these remarks while attending the launch ceremony of 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra', by Prime pan-India levels of 12-15% by 2024-25, reduction of ACS-ARR gap to zero by 2024-25, improvement in the quality, reliability and affordability of Minister Narendra Modi, virtually, at Raj Bhawan here on Wednesday. power supply to consumers

In J&K, the Sankalp Yatra was flagged off from Budhal, Rajouri and Gurez, Bandipora.



People, Panchayati Raj institutions and government officials attended the launch function. The LG expressed gratitude

to the PM for starting outreach activities in tribal districts of Bandipora and Rajouri to achieve saturation of flagship schemes, on birth anniversary of legendary tribal freedom fighter, Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

He lauded the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra initiative aimed at reaching out to vulnerable who are eligible under various schemes » More On P10

PM Releases Rs 18,000-Cr **PM-Kisan Installment**

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday released Rs 18,000 crore as the 15th installment of the PM-Kisan scheme to more than 8 crore farmers across the country.

From a function celebrating the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in Jharkhand's Khunti district, the PM transferred the money digitally to the bank accounts of the farmers by clicking a button.

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) aims to support farmers in meeting their agricultural and other incidental needs. Under the scheme, financial assistance of Rs 6,000 per year is transferred to the bank accounts of farmers in three equal installments. Before this installment, more than Rs 2.62 lakh crore was transferred.

The Congress, meanwhile, questioned the release of the money just two days ahead of assembly elections in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, and wondered if it was "intentional".

While polling in Madhya Pradesh will be held in a single phase on November 17, in neighbouring Chhattisgarh, voting for



the second-phase will be conducted. The first phase was held on November 7.

The sixth installment of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi was released on August 1, 2020, while the ninth installment on August 9, 2021, Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X in Hindi.

The 12th installment was released on October 17 last year, said Ramesh, whose party aims to retain power in Chhattisgarh and defeat the BJP in Madhya Pradesh. "The 15th instalment under

PM-Kisan is >> More On P10

HIT BY UKRAINE WAR

Indian MBBS Students Resume Studies In Uzbekistan



Press Trust Of India

(Uzbekistan): Samarkand Evacuated from war-hit Ukraine in 2021, hundreds of Indian MBBS students, who thought their academic journey was over, have resumed their studies and started new lives in a leading medical university in Uzbekistan.

The Samarkand State Medical University in Uzbekistan has accommodated over 1,000 Indian medical students from Ukraine after the Indian Embassy in Ukraine reached out to them enquiring if the >> More On P10

'Taking A Bag Full Of Memories From Kashmir'

Sonam Lotus Concludes 15-Year Stint In Srinagar

Agencies

Srinagar: Sonam Lotus concluded his remarkable 15-year journey with the Meteorological Department (MeT) Srinagar. Under his leadership, the Met Centre has witnessed a transformative era of advancements and public trust.

Born in the serene village of Shara in Leh-Ladakh to a farmer's family, Lotus embarked on his meteorological career in 2005, joining the IMD as a Trainee Meteorologist. Over the years, he climbed the professional ladder with dedication and passion, ultimately heading the local Met Centre in Srinagar in 2008.

Completed his schooling at a government school in Leh up to



12th, he pursued graduation in Non-Medical from GGM Science College Jammu and earned an MSc and MPhil in Physics from Jammu University. During his tenure, Sonam

played a critical role in the modernisation of the local meteorological office, with his initiatives leading to improved infrastructure, enhanced >> More On P10

through a financially sustain-

Bear Captured Alive In Bandipora

black bear was captured alive in Ahemsharief village of north Kashmir's Bandipora district on intervening Tuesday and Wednesday night. Quoting Ranger, Wildlife Range Bandipora, Fida Ur Rehman, news agency GNS reported that a wild bear was roaming in the area for last many weeks now, creating fear among the local populace. "The Wildlife department employees were camping in the area and after weeks of persistent efforts, the bear was caught in the cage and subsequently tranquilised," he said. Another Wildlife Department official wishing anonymity said that they have a huge dearth of manpower >> More On P10

Properties Of 3 Drug Peddlers Attached

olice on Wednesday attached movable and immovable properties belonging to three notorious drug peddlers in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, a police spokesperson said. The properties including a double-storey residential house and vehicles jointly belonging to drug peddlers Mehmood Hussain, Zaffer Iqbal and Javid Iqbal were attached under the NDPS Act, the spokesperson said. During the investigation, the attached properties were found to be illegally acquired, he said The properties were prima facie acquired from the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances by the

Mysterious Blast In Poonch



mysterious blast took place on Wednesday in Surankote area of Poonch district, officials said. They said that the explosion occurred near Shivmandir late Wednesday evening. "However, there were no immediate reports about any fatality or injury in the incident so far.' SHO Surankote confirmed the "mysterious explosion" and said that an FSL team has been summoned to the spot. Sources said that soon after the blast, police and security forces cordoned off the area. (GNS)



YouTube Creators Will Soon Have **To Disclose Use Of Generative Al In Videos Or Risk Suspension**

Associated Press

ouTube is rolling out new rules for AI content, including a requirement that creators reveal whether they've used generative artificial intelligence to make realistic looking videos.

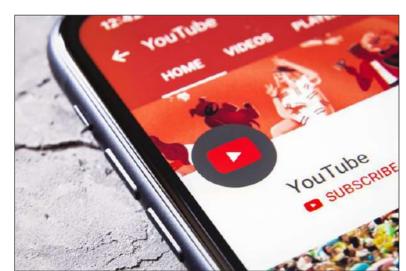
In a blog post on Tuesday outlining a number of AI-related policy updates, YouTube said creators that don't disclose whether they've used AI tools to make "altered or synthetic" videos face penalties including having their content removed or suspension from the platform's revenue sharing

'Generative AI has the potential to unlock creativity on YouTube and transform the experience for viewers and creators on our platform," Jennifer Flannery O'Connor and Emily Moxley, vice presidents for product management, wrote in the blog post.

"But just as important, these opportunities must be balanced with our responsibility to protect the You-Tube community."

The restrictions expand on rules that YouTube's parent company, Google, unveiled in September requiring that political ads on YouTube and other Google platforms using artificial intelligence come with a prominent warning label.

Under the latest changes, which will take effect by next year, YouTubers will get new options to indicate



whether they're posting AI-generated video that, for example, realistically depict an event that never happened or show someone saying or doing something they didn't actually do.

"This is especially important in cases where the content discusses sensitive topics, such as elections, ongoing conflicts and public health crises, or public officials," O'Connor and Moxley said.

Viewers will be alerted to altered videos with labels, including prominent ones on the YouTube video player for sensitive topics.

The platform is also deploying

AI to root out content that breaks its rules, and the company said the technology has helped detect "novel forms of abuse" more quickly.

YouTube's privacy complaint process will be updated to allow requests for the removal of an AIgenerated video that simulates an identifiable person, including their face or voice.

YouTube music partners such as record labels or distributors will be able to request the takedown of AI-generated music content "that mimics an artist's unique singing or rapping voice."

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag

FRESH NIT NO 140 (2call of NIT NO 112/12 & 113/1,3,4,6,9,12) OF R&B/Anantnag/2023-24/E-TENDERING/15839-48 DATED 14-11-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works: -

S. N	Name of Work	Estimated Cost(Rs in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs)			Major Head	Position of AA	Class of Contractor
1.	Soiling mettling from main road to H/o Rouf Ahmad Bhat at Tilbagh Mir Danter ward No 01 MC Anantnag.	1.04 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.88 + (18% GST Amount 0.16)	200			14th FC	Accorded Vide Order No.MC/ ANG/286 Of 2023, Dated 26.08.2023	DEE Class Only
2.	Construction of Drain from H/o Muzaffar Ahmad Zagoo to H/o Bashir Ahmad Bhat at Nathoora Khanabal	0.95 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.81 + (18% GST Amount 0.14)	200	1900	15 Days	14th FC	Accorded Vide Order No.MC/ ANG/286 Of 2023, Dated 26.08.2023	DEE Class Only
3.	Construction of road from H/o Ghulam Hassan to H/o Mohd Ashraf Shugan at Nandpora	1.20 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 1.02 + (18% GST Amount 0.18)	200	2400	15 Days	14th FC	Accorded Vide Order No.MC/ ANG/286 Of 2023, Dated 26.08.2023	DEE Class Only
4.	Construction of Drain Near Masjid Sharief Dangerpora Anantnag Ward NO 07	1.91 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 1.62 + (18% GST Amount 0.29)		3820	20 Days	14th FC	Accorded Vide Order No.MC/ ANG/286 Of 2023, Dated 26.08.2023	DEE Class Only
5.	Construction drain with trashguard from Ho Lt. Mohd Yousuf Ahanger to H/o Ab Azim Khanaday at S K Colony MC Anantnag ward No 9	0.76 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.65 + (18% GST Amount 0.11)	200	1520	20 Days	14th FC	Accorded Vide Order No.MC/ ANG/286 Of 2023, Dated 26.08.2023	DEE Class Only
6.	Repairment of graveyard /fencing at Kadi- pora MC Anantnag Ward 12	0.31 Lacs Contract Price exclusive of GST: 0.26 + (18% GST Amount 0.05)	200	620	10 Days	14th FC	Accorded Vide Order No.MC/ ANG/286 Of 2023, Dated 26.08.2023	DEE Class Only
7.	Protection bund from H/o Dr Aejaz Ahmad upto H/o Nazir Ahmad Makhdoomi and lay- ing of RCC pipes at Gaziabad Anchidora near St. Xains School MC Anantnag			3860	20 Days	14th FC	Accorded Vide Order No.MC/ ANG/286 Of 2023, Dated 26.08.2023	DEE Class Only

Project Authority: Municipal Council Anantnag.

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

S. No.	Particulars	Dated		
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice		14-11-2023	
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	14-11-2023	(01:00PM)
		То	20-11-2023	(04:30PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From	14-11-2023	(01:00PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	То	20-11-2023	(04:30PM)
5	Date and time of opening of hid (online)		21-11-2023	(01·00PM)

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / E-Challan (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag [Tender Inviting Authority] (NIT No. Name of Work/Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag (Tender receiving Authority).

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

All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/ Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.

The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor be forwarded to Higher Authorities for a period of 01 Year.

The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ananthag

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

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

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

ments shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / E-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document), EMD and other relevant bid docu-

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.

Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

(Er Rubeena Kousar) Executive Engineer,

DIPK-12236/23 dated: 15-11-2023

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Notice

M/S SNOBBY ANTIQUES Prop. Muzaffar Ahmad Khan R/O Ground, Bulbul Bagh old Barzulla Baghat, Srinagar, J&K-190001 have lost my number plate of a Motor car bearing Registration no :-JK01AM-7848 Engine no:-18L11920055 & Chassis no:

MZ7BD2D1H3H030849.Regard this if anybody is having any objection may concern to the RTO Office within a week time after that no objection will be accepted.

NORTHERN RAILWAY **E-TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No:- 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR/305-2023-24-ADEN-JRC acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) aga titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 29.11.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only, Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

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l	Tender Type		pen	Tendering Section	Works	Bidding System	Single Bid System		
l	Date of Uploading Tenders	0:	3.11.2023	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time		29.11.2023		
ı	Tender No. 305-2023-24- ADEN-JRC Up-gradation Hoshiarpur Se Advertised Value ₹56,18,467.45			Details of Tender					
l			Up-gradati Hoshiarpu	on / Improvement at Nasrala Goods shed at Jaland r Section in the jurisdiction of ADEN-JRC.					
ı			Validity	Validity of offer		Period of Completion			
۱			60	Days	06 M	onths			

Note: 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tende SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

NORTHERN RAIL

e-Auction Notice

The Senior Divisional Cor behalf of President of India invites **E-Auction** from eligible and registered bidders fo he following works over Firozpur Division:

1) Auction Catalogue No. : FZRPARCEL64 Auction Date & Time: 28.11.23 at 11:00 Hrs.

Name of work: Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No. / SLF compartment: 19226-F1, 12030-F1, 14662-F2, 14610-F1, 22462-F1, 14662-F1 14662-R1, 19224-R1, 14646-F1, 14646-R1, 14632-R1, 14034-F1 12446-F1 19224-F1 & 12238-F1.

2) Auction Catalogue No.: FZRPARCEL65 Auction Date & Time: 29.11.23 at 11:00 Hrs.

Name of work: Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No. / SLF ent: 12426-F1, 19226-R1, 14601-R1, 14601-F2, 14601-F1, 12238-F2 4614-F1, 12238-R1, 14682-F1 & 14614-R1.

3) Auction Catalogue No.: EAFZR-WVM23-8 Auction Date & Time: 29.11.23 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. & Udhampur. 4) Auction Catalogue No. : FZRPARCEL66

Auction Date & Time: 30.11.23 at 11:00 Hrs Name of work: Contract for Leasing of parcel space in Train No. / SLF ent: 05733-F1, 12460-F1, 14012-F1, 11450-F1, 12412-F1, 14012-R1 11058-F1, 14630-R1, 11058-F2, 11058-R1 & 15532-F1.

details and registration, plea www.ireps.gov.in

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Public Notice

This is to information of the general public that I Aleeza Bilal D/O Bilal Ahmad Bhat R/O Natipora, Srinagar has lost of my 12th class Provisional -cum-Character Certificate under Board Registration No. N17340070009, RollNo. 38138214, Session: A/R 2020 & admission No. 389.

Now, I am applying for its duplicate of the same from the concerned authority if anybody having any objection in this regarding he/she may contact to the concerned office of the Principal Govt. Higher Secondary Institute, Rai-Bagh, Srinagar within seven days from the date of the publication of this notice in the daily newspaper, after the stipulated time no objection shall be entertained.

از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار کلنتره درخواست منجانب فاروق احمدشاه ولدحبيب اللدشاه ساكنه حمكوتهل تخصيل كرمرى بمرادحصول RBA سر شفییك تجق پسر عارف فاروق اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام

معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر ميس درخوست سائل دفتر مذامين زيركاروائي ہےاس نسبت پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوبہ نقوالات ریکارڈ طلب کے گئے جس سے عہاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل اسائلہ سکو تقل میں رہائش پذیر ہے۔ سمبہ کی سالاندآ مدنی 180000 کنبہ سائل بذیل افراد پر شمثل ہے فاروق احمرشاه ولدحبيب الله شاه مزدوري زیده بیگم زوجه فاروق احد شاه گھریلو کام عارف فاروق پسرفاروق احدشاه 18 سال زرتعلیم شهبازه فاروق وخترَ فاروق احمرشاه 16 سال زرتعليم سعاديه فاروق وختر فاروق احمرشاه 10 سال زرتعليم

اسکےعلاوہ کوئی بھی افراد کمیہ نہیں بٹلایا گیا ہے۔ اجرء کرنے میں اگر سی شخص یا اشخاص کوئی عذریا اعتراض ہوتو وہ اپناعذریا اعتراض سات یوم کے اندر پیش کریں۔میعاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول

از دفتر نائب تحصیلدار کلنتره درخواست منجانب غلام الدين صوفى ولد محد سجان صوفى ساكنه فسيشخ يور وتخصيل كريري بمرادحصول RBA سرتفييك تجق پسرمبشراحمصوفي اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام

حامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر مين درخوست سائل دفتر مذامين زبر کاروائی ہےاس نسبت پواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوب نفوالات ریکارڈ طلب کے گئے جس سے عہاں پوارل سند کے ریال کا استان کی جوہ استان کے استان کے استان کا استان کی سالان آمدنی کا استان کی سالان آمدنی کا کا کا استان کی سالان کی سالان کی سالان کی سال کی کر سال کی کرد کرد کرد کر غلام محى الدين صوفى ولدمحد سبحان صوفى 60 سال زميدارى 38 سال گھریلو کام نسليميه بيكم زوجه غلام محى الدين جهانگیراحد صوفی پسرغلام محی الدین صوفی 33 سال ڈرائیور يوشه بيكم بهوغلام محى الدين عمر بلوكام پوسته این مدین که می روید رونق جهانگیر پوتی غلام می الدین 9سال زیخلیم ادنان جهانگیر پوتاغلام می الدین 6سال زرتعلیم اسرار جهانگر پوتاغلام می الدین 4سال زرتعلیم مشاق احمر صوفی پسر غلام محی الدین 🛚 28 سال ڈرائیور روحینه بیگم بهوغلام محی الدین گیریلو کام 19 سال زرتعليم مبشراحه صوفى يسرغلام محى الدين 15 سال زرتعليم محمدانعام صوفى يسرغلام محى الدين اسکےعلاؤہ کوئی بھی افراد کمینہیں بتلایا گیاہے سرٹفیکیٹ زیر بحث جرء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص یااشخاص کوکوئی عذریااعتراض ہوتو وہ اپناعذریااعتراض

سات یوم کے اندر پیش کریں۔میعاد گزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابلِ قبول س ہوگا ہ۔ نائب تخصيلدا

Subject:-Grant of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name and style M/S" Travelogreaholidays" Situated at Nowhatta Srinagar.

Public Notice

Whereas, I Mr/Ms Salman Khursheed S/O D/O W/O **Khursheed Ahmed Rather** R/O **Dara Harwan** Srinagar, Kashmir intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for the Registration of my proposed Travel unit under the name and style "M/S Travelogreaholidays Situated at Nowhatta Srinagar, Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Registrar, Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card), Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as un Excursion Agency/ Adventure tour operator. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12,

before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection, f any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director: Tourism Registration (e-mail Id-ddtreg/123/@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

Before the Hon'ble Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate At Srinagar

(PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTION FROM GENERAL PUBLIC CNR: JKSG03 027958-2023 Date of Filing 18.08.2023

Sajid Shafi S/o Mohammad Shafi R/o Rawalpora Byepass

Registrar, Births and Deaths, SMC Srinagar

Non-Applicant WHEREAS an application has been made before me that Sajid Shafi S/o Mohammad Shafi R/o Rawalpora Byepass Srinagar has Born on 21-04-2018 the applicant has sought a direction from this court for registration of the birth particulars of Sajid Shafi, in the concerned register of births and deaths.

Proclamation is hereby made that the any person having any objection(s) to this application may appear before this Court (or before me) to file objections within 07 days of this publication.

Dated, this 18th day of August 2023.

(AHTZAZ AHMED) 2nd Additional (JMIC), Srinagar

BEFORE THE HON'BLE 1.) Common High Court of J&K and Ladakh 2.) Principal District Judge Srinagar

In the case of:-

Ashig Hussain Sheikh S/o Assad ullah Sheikh R/o House No 182 Lane no.1 sector 1 umerabad Zanakoot Srinagar ...Caveator

> Versus Public at large

In The matter of: Caveat petition in terms of Section 148A CPC. The caveators has reason to believe/apprehension that non caveators may file an suit /writ petition or any other proceeding before this honble court on the ground of distorted facts/ misrepresentation and cooked up story, therefore may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/ex parte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators may suffer an irreparable loss and injury which can't be compensated by any means later on therefore it would be proper to put caveators on notice so that an opportunity of being head is given to the caveators counsel Advocate Mohammad Younus bhat & Umar bhat Advocate mobile no:-6006673466, 9682546477 passing any such relief/order.hence this caveat application. NJ

Before the Hon'ble Court of Principal District & Session Judge at Srinagar

In the case of

1-Magsood Ahmad Guroo S/O Late Mohammad Ramzan Guroo 2.Hamida Maqsood Wife Of Maqsood Ahmad Guroo 3.Tawfeeg Ahmad Guroo S/O Magsood Ahmad Guroo

(Caveator)

PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

All Residents Of Mansoor Colony Bemina Sgr

The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap- peal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irrepa-rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

Sd/advocate

From the offie of Advocate Altaf Ahmed Wani

Lic. NO: 1541/11 Chamber No 22 in District court complex Budgam Cell no: 7780983326

(1) Syed Hussain Razvi S/O Syed Mosa Razvi (2) Syed Abid Hussain S/O Syed Hussain R/O Dandoosa Budgam

Public at Large In the matter of:

Caveat petition in terms of section 148-A of CPC The caveator has reasons to believe/apprehension that the non-caveator may institute/file any lis in the form of appeal/ suit/application or any other proceedings before this hon'ble court against the caveator by the non-caveator. The caveator be put to notice through his counsel and be heardbefore passing of any order therein. nj

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Rooftop Solar Scheme Evokes 'Overwhelming' Public Response

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA) has reported an overwhelming response to its Rooftop Solar Scheme in the Union Territory, with a substantial number of residents expressing interest in availing its benefits.

According to officials, approximately 5 to 6 Megawatt (MW) of capacity has already been installed on residential buildings.

One of the officials highlighted the remarkable enthusiasm among the public, emphasizing that the response to the Rooftop Solar Scheme has been unprecedented.

The intensity of interest, he said, is evident, with around 5 to 6 MW of capacity already installed. Such a swift implementation is noteworthy, particularly when compared to the extended timelines and significant investments typically associated with hydropower generation.

The official further explained that the department had initiated a 20-Megawatt 'Roof Top Solar Power Plant' project for Jammu and Kashmir, with approximately 5 to 6MW already operational. The aim is to cover 10,000 households under this scheme.

Rooftop Solar Scheme, launched as part of the National Solar Mission, offers twin benefits to participants. The scheme provides a 65% subsidy (40% from the Government of India and 25% from the Government of the Union Territory of Jammu

and Kashmir), resulting in a substantial reduction in energy bills for residents.

To facilitate the installation process, empanelled firms are responsible for providing Net-meters and coordinating installations through the Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL), following guidelines from the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Officials emphasized that the Rooftop Solar System brings numerous advantages to consumers. It not only eliminates immediate concerns about power cuts but also offers a cost-effective alternative to conventional electric supply. With government subsidies, the overall cost is further reduced. Additionally, maintenance costs are minimal, and most rooftop solar systems have a life expectancy of up to 25 years.

J&K Bank, in collaboration with JAKEDA, is offering a finance facility for individuals to purchase and install rooftop solar systems, contributing to the broader adoption of clean and renewable energy. The finance scheme is open to individuals with a consistent income, including government employees, professionals, selfemployed individuals, businessmen, retirees, and those engaged in agricultural and allied activities

As Jammu and Kashmir moves toward self-sufficiency in power generation, the Rooftop Solar Scheme is proving to be a significant stride in harnessing clean energy and reducing the carbon footprint in the region.

Agri Dep't Kashmir **Celebrates 'Janajatiya Gaurav Diwas' In Srinagar**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: To celebrate 'Janaiativa Gaurav Diwas' in Kashmir, the Director Agriculture today inaugurated the function at the Directorate of Agriculture Lalmandi, Srinagar.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture gave a detailed presentation on the importance of the day and directed all Chief Agriculture Officers of Kashmir division to celebrate the Janjatiyai Gaurav Diwas with enthusiasm at each district.

Meanwhile Joint Director Agriculture Extension Kashmir visited Faqir Gujri area of Srinagar district and took stock of the ongoing Rabi campaign in the area.

Speaking to farmers, JD reiterated the department's

commitment to the development of farmers belonging to the backward, far-flung areas. He said that the department is endeavoring to bring more and more cultivable lands under the cultivation of Rabi crops including oilseeds so that the socio-economic transformation of these communities could be achieved. He said that agriculture activities are going on across the Kashmir division for the promotion of Rabi crops.

He impressed upon the concerned officers to work shoulder to shoulder with the farming community and guide them during their cultivation operations.

JD asked the farmers to take benefits from different schemes and programs by the department.



A gang of stray canines lounging on a trendy promenade at Lal Chowk Square on Wednesday afternoon amidst a significant drop in the daytime temperature. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Unnecessary' Referrals From DHs Overburdens Tertiary Care Hospitals

Avoid Unnecessary Referrals To TCHs: DHSK Directs MSs, CMOs

Observer News Service

Srinagar: 'Unnecessary' referral of patients from other districts continues to put a burden on men and machinery at the tertiary-care hospitals here, doctors said.

They said despite repeated directives from the government including the one on November 15, the referrals go unchecked.

"We receive dozens of patients on a daily basis who can be easily managed at sub-district and district hospitals, but they are being referred here," said a doctor at SMHS Hospital.

Admitting that there is a difference in facilities between the district and tertiary-care hospitals but around 30 to 50 percent of patients are being referred unnecessarily.

"Though the hospital is the valley's largest tertiary-care Gynecology and Obstetrics facility, that doesn't mean you have to refer every case here to put pressure on limited resources," doctors at Lal Ded

Of the approximately 40, only

fifty percent of the genuine cases are reported at LD Hospital every day. The rest can be easily managed at primary health centers, sub-district and district hospitals, the doctors said.

Similarly, a top doctor at the Bone and Joints hospital complained that around 90 percent of the patients visiting OPD and referred to the hospital can be easily managed at peripheral hospitals.

"Due to the heavy rush of patients, the deserving one gets little attention," he added.

The doctors suggested the government to further improve the infrastructure at peripherals so the doctors would not have any excuse to refer patients unnecessarily.

The government had ordered an audit of all referrals from district-level hospitals to tertiary-care hospitals in order to optimize the manpower available in peripheries and patient services across the healthcare system.

"There must be monitoring committees in place in all hospitals which must have the power to take the call whether to refer the patient or not, otherwise this issue won't get resolved," the doctors said.

Amid this, the Directorate of Health Services Kashmir has directed Chief Medical Officers and Medical Superintendents to conduct night rounds of hospitals so as to avoid unnecessary referrals and submit a list of patients referred to tertiary care hospitals on fortnightly basis along with reasons of referral.

"In light of the directions given by the Chief Secretary, UT J&K, it is impressed upon all the Chief Medical Officers / Medical Superintendents of Kashmir Division to take night rounds of all the hospitals falling under their jurisdiction & to check that unnecessary referrals are not being forwarded to the Tertiary Care Hospitals, in order to avoid rush of patients in the Tertiary Care Hospitals." reads the circular issued by DHSK.

"Besides, it is also enjoined upon them to submit the list of patients being referred to the Tertiary Care Hospitals on fortnightly basis with complete details of the patients & reasons for referral," it stated.

mentary elections which are

likely to be held in the month

of April-May 2024. The PAC

will discuss future course of

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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



PRAYERS FAJR 5:38 **ZUHR** 12:14 **ASR** 3:52 Magrib 5:31 **ISHA** 7:55

This Day In History

- 13- General Tiberius' (later Emperor) triumphant procession through Rome after siege of Germany
- 534 Second and final revision of the Justinian Code published, a codified set of imperial and classical laws begun initially in 528
- 1491- An auto de fe, held in the Brasero de la Dehesa outside of Ávila, concludes the case of the Holy Child of La Guardia with the public execution of several Jewish 1519- City of Havana moved to its current location to avoid mosquito infestations
- 1532- Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro captures Inca Emperor Atahualpa after a surprise ambush at Cajamarca in the Peruvian Andes 1572 - Troops under Don Frederik (the Spanish
- General Fadrique Alvarez de Toledo) occupy and plunder Zutphen, Netherlands 1581- Tsar Ivan the Terrible attacks his son and heir,
- Ivan Ivanovich, with a scepter after an argument leading to the latter's death three days later 1632 - Battle of Lützen: Significant battle of Thirty
- Years' War Swedish and Saxon forces defeat the Holy Roman Empire, at cost of the death of **Swedish King Gustavus Adolphus** 1676- 1st colonial prison organized in Nantucket,
- Massachusetts
- 1677 French troops occupy Freiburg
- 1700 Monarch of Brandenburg becomes king of
- 1764- Native Americans surrender to British in Indian War of Chief Pontiac
- 1771- West Indian Company & Amsterdam divide up Suriname 1776 -1st gun salute for an American warship in a
- foreign port US Andrew Doria at Fort St Eustatius (Dutch Caribbean isalnd) 1776- American Revolutionary War: British and
- Hessian troops take Fort Washington, New York marking one of biggest losses by US forces 1776 - British troops capture Fort Washington during
- **American Revolution**
- 1798- Kentucky becomes first state to nullify an act of Congress
- 1805- Battle at Schongrabern: Russian army stop
- 1840- New Zealand officially becomes a British colony 1841- Life preservers made of cork are patented by
- Napoleon Guerin (NYC) 1875- Battle of Gundet: Ethiopian emperor
- Yohannes beats Egyptians 1894- French captain Henri Decoeurs troops reach
- Nikki, West Africa
- 1905- Dutch Russian Count Witte becomes Prime
- Minister of Russia
- 1907- Oklahoma becomes the United States 46th
- state 1916- Russian La Satannaya ammunition factory
- explodes, killing 1,000 1917- British occupy Tel Aviv and Jaffa
- 1918- Hungarian People's Republic declared 1922 - Turkish kalief/sultan Mehmed VI asks British
- army for help. 1943 - World War II: American bombers strike a
- hydro-electric power facility and heavy water factory in German-controlled Vemork, Norway. 1945 - Founding of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).
- 1950 Egyptian King Faruk demands departure of all British troops.
- 1962 Kuwait adopts constitution (1st, Islamitic). 1965 - Venera 3 launched, 1st to land on another planet (crashes into Venus).
- 1973 Skylab 4 launched into Earth orbit.
- 1982 5th space shuttle mission: Columbia lands at Edwards Air Force Base after 5 days in space.
- 1982 Space Shuttle Columbia completes its 1st operational flight.
- 1984 14th Shuttle Mission (51A) -Discovery 2lands at Kennedy Center.
- 1988 Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto's PPP wins 1st
- free Pakistani elections in 11 years. 1989 - UNESCO adopts the Seville Statement on Violence at the twenty-fifth session of its General Conference.

Congress To Hold Strategy Meeting On Parliamentary Polls, Alliance Issue On Nov 21

Agencies

Srinagar: J&K Congress will hold a crucial strategy meeting about Parliamentary polls and alliance issue in J&K on November 21, sources told KNS.

Sources said that party senior leader Tariq Hamid Karra who heads party's Po-

Affairs Committee litical (PAC) has convened a meeting in Srinagar on November 21 in which strategy about upcoming LS polls and other public interest issues will be discussed threadbare.

"The agenda of the meeting is to discuss strategy about forthcoming Parlia-

action besides measures how to stop inroads of BJP in J&K in the forthcoming elections. The meeting will also discuss alliance issue in J&K," sources informed.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office of the Chief Accounts Officer, **District Fund Office Kupwara**

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NOTICE

Due to poor response of Auction Notice issued/Published vide No: DFO/Kup/Adm/1812-14 dated:03-10-2023 the date of Auction has been extended and will be now held on 28-11-23. However, the terms and conditions will remain same.

No:-DFO kup Adm/1883-84 DIPK-12264/23 Dated: -15-11-2023

No: M&HDS/TS/7245-48,

Chief Accounts Officer District Fund Office Kupwara

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)

Subject: - Cleaning, Descaling and Repairs to convectors at Govt. CD Hospital, Srinagar Ref :- This office e- NIT no: M&HDS/TS/2023-24/117/e-tendering Dated 21.10.2023

CANCELLATION

In view of minimum number of bidders not qualifying for opening of Cover 2nd, the above referred e-NIT is hereby cancelled and shall be floated afresh shortly.

DIPK-12268/23

Dated: 15-11-2023

Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division,

No:- BHSSK/2023/1353

DIPK-12238/23

Dated:-15/11/2023

Office of the Principal Government **Boys Model Higher Secondary School** Kupwara.

Re-TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp of Rs5/= are invited from the authorized/registered dealers for the supply of Lab Equipments affixed by a CDR worth Rs2000/= pledged to Principal Govt Boys Higher Secondary School Kupwara. The tenders should reach the office of the Undersigned within a weeks time from the date of its publication in the local news paper. The list of equipments/articles/ material can be had from the office of the U/sd during working hours from 10:00 am to 04 Pm.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

> Sd/PRINCIPAL Mehraj-Ud-Din Shah Principal Govt BHSS Kupwara

Rescuers Hope Bigger Drill Will Reach 40 Trapped in Tunnel



the Char Dham highway, one of

the most ambitious projects of

Prime Minister Narendra Mo-

di's Hindu nationalist govern-

ment, which aims to connect

four Hindu pilgrimage sites in

the mountains through 890km

of roads at a cost of \$1.5 billion.

the night shift in the 4.5-km tunnel, when the tunnel col-

lapsed before dawn.

working deeper inside.

There were up to 60 men on

Men near the end of the tun-

nel managed to get out in time

but the 40 trapped men were

The ANI news agency showed footage on Wednesday of about

a dozen angry workers outside

the tunnel calling for their col-

leagues to be rescued quickly.

India's Himalayas are prone to landslides, earthquakes and

floods. Geologists, residents

and officials have blamed rapid

construction for causing sub-

The road project has faced

criticism from environmen-

tal experts and some work

was halted after hundreds of

houses were damaged by sub-

sidence on slopes.

Agencies

LUCKNOW, INDIA: Rescuers in north Indian mountains trying to reach 40 road workers trapped in a collapsed tunnel for more than three days will soon get help from a heavy drilling machine airlifted in to the site, officials said on Wednesday.

The workers are safe and rescuers have been able to communicate with them and send them food, water and oxygen through a pipe since the early Sunday collapse, but huge boulders have stymied efforts to dig an escape route for them.

A high-powered augur drilling machine has been airlifted from New Delhi, about 400 km to the south, in the hope of drilling through the debris trapping the men.

'The new machine has reached the nearest helipad. It is being assembled, and will be sent to the site soon," said the head of police in India's northern state of Uttarakhand, Ashok Kumar.

The men were working on

'Hospitals Are Not **Battlegrounds': World Reacts** To Israel's Al-Shifa Raid

World leaders and international aid organisations have strongly criticised Israel's assault on al-Shifa Hospital, the largest medical facility in the Gaza Strip.

After a week of incursions across Gaza in what some are calling a "war on hospitals", governments, United Nations agencies and other aid organisations expressed their distress on Wednesday as Israel's military raided al-Shifa, in which thousands of patients, staff and displaced people are trapped.

Voices were raised against Israel's decision to directly target a facility that should be a safe haven under the rules of war.

"Hospitals are not battlegrounds," the UN's undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator, Martin Griffiths, stated on X.

"The protection of newborns, patients, medical staff and all civilians must override all other concerns," he said.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, head of the World Health Organization, agreed that the attacks are "deeply concerning".

"We've lost touch again with health personnel at the hospital," Tedros said on X, adding: "We're extremely worried for their and their patients' safety."

The International Committee of the Red Cross said in a statement that it was "extremely concerned about the impact on sick and wounded people, medical staff, and civilians".



"All measures to avoid any consequences on them must e taken." it said.

MOUNTING CRITICISM

The Palestinian Authority on Wednesday denounced Israel's operation inside Gaza's largest hospital. The attack is a "flagrant violation of international law", said a statement from the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which demanded "urgent international intervention to protect the civilians there"

Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Palestinian Authority, issued some of his strongest

"We are facing together a barbaric war of aggression and an open war of genocide against our people in the Gaza Strip and in the West Bank," he said in a speech in Ramallah marking the 35th anniversary of the Palestinian Declaration of Independence.

The Gaza Strip government's media office called for intervention to stop the "holocaust".

World leaders have added their voices to the condemnation and reiterated pleas for action to protect civilians.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan stated: "If Israel continues its massacres, it will be seen everywhere in the world as a 'universally condemned terrorist state'."

Jordan accused the UN Security Council on Wednesday of enabling the "barbarism" of Israel's raid on Gaza's main hospital through its silence.

Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi wrote on X that the council "is providing cover for war crimes. Ît is unacceptable, unjustifiable. The Council must act."

The condemnation adds to mounting criticism around the globe of Israel's bombardment of Gaza and its refusal to agree to a humanitarian ceasefire as casualties grow. More than 11,000 people are now reported to have been killed in the enclave. About 1,200 people were killed in

Indian Navy Monitoring Movement Of Chinese Warships Participating In Exercise With Pakistan

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Indian Navy has been keeping a close watch on the movement of a Chinese submarine and warships that are participating in a naval exercise with Pakistan, government sources said on Wednesday.

The Navy is monitoring the Chinese platforms from the moment they entered the Indian Ocean region through the

Malacca strait, they added. China's PLA Navy has deployed a number of platforms, including frontline warships and a submarine, for the Sea Guardian exercise with Pakistan.

As part of India's comprehensive maritime domain awareness, the Navy maintains a close watch on all the movements in the Indian Ocean region, in line with national security interests, the sources said.

Poisonous Haze In Delhi Thickens With Air Quality Standing Close To 'Severe' Category



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The poisonous haze blanketing Delhi thickened on Wednesday with the air quality standing close to the "severe" category amid unfavourable meteorological conditions.

The national capital's Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 392 at 8 am. The 24-hour average AQI, recorded at 4 pm every day, was 397 on Tuesday. It was 358 on Monday and 218 on Sunday.

Air pollution levels entered the severe category (AQI above 400) at many places within the city, including ITO (427), RK Puram (422), Punjabi Bagh (432), IGI Airport (404), Dwarka (416), Patparganj (417), Sonia Vihar (413), Rohini (421), Nehru Nagar (434) and Anand

Ghaziabad Neighbouring (362), Gurugram (322), Greater Noida (312), Noida (364) and Faridabad (369) also recorded very poor air quality.

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', 401 and 450 'severe' and above 450 'severe plus'.

According to IQAir, a Swiss company that specialises in air quality monitoring, Delhi was the most polluted city in the world on Tuesday, followed by

Dhaka, Lahore and Mumbai.

According to a system developed by the Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology to identify the contribution of different pollution sources, stubble-burning accounted for 12 per cent of the air pollution in the capital on Tuesday. It is likely to be 14 per cent on Wednesday and six per cent on

An official of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) said stringent measures, including a ban on construction work and the entry of polluting trucks in the national capital, under the final stage of the central government's air pollution control plan called the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) will continue until further orders. "Stubble burning incidents are rising again and the meteorological tions are not favourable (for dispersion of pollutants). We will review the situation and act accordingly," the official added.

Doctors say breathing in the polluted air of Delhi is equivalent to the harmful effects of smoking approximately 10 cigarettes a day.

Prolonged exposure to high levels of pollution can cause or exacerbate respiratory problems such as asthma, bronchitis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and dramatically raise the risk of cardiovascular disease, they said.

Manipur Tribal Body Gives 'Self-Ruled Separate Administration' Ultimatum To Centre

Press Trust of India

IMPHAL: The Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF), a frontal organisation of Kuki-Zo tribes in Manipur, on Wednesday threatened to establish a "selfgoverned separate administration" in areas where these tribes have a majority.

The forum said even after more than six months of ethnic strife in the northeastern state, the central government is yet to accept their demand for a separate administration.

'More than six months have passed since the ethnic strife started in Manipur but nothing has been done regarding our demand for a separate ad ministration. If our demand is not heard within a couple of weeks, we will set up our selfgovernment irrespective of whether the Centre recognises it or not," ITLF general secretary Muan Tombing said.

His remark comes on a day the forum organised protests in Churachandpur, demanding a CBI or NIA probe into the killing of tribals.

'Many Kuki-Zo tribals have been killed during the ethnic strife but none of the central probe agencies has taken it up for investigation. This rally is



to protest against the atrocities committed against Kuki-Zo people," ITLF spokesperson Ginza Vualzong said.

During the rally, protesters shouted slogans demanding justice for tribals and condemned the "failure" of the state government and other investigating agencies to initiate a prompt probe into the killing of tribals, a member of the forum, said.

In the state capital Imphal, locals, mostly women and children, held demonstrations to protest against the alleged inability of the Manipur government to restore normalcy in the state.

They also protested against the sporadic incidents of attacks by gunmen in villages, which has prevented thousands of people from returning to their homes.

Madhya Pradesh Poll Campaign Ends; 2,533 **Candidates In Race For 230 Assembly Seats**

Press Trust of India

BHOPAL: High-decibel campaigning came to an end on Wednesday evening for the November 17 assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh, where top leaders of contesting parties criss-crossed the state addressing rallies, holding roadshows, trading charges and making a slew of promises to seek votes for their candidates.

Electioneering ended in Madhya Pradesh at 6 pm except in Naxalites-hit districts of Balaghat, Mandla and Dindrew to a close early at 3 pm.

A total of 2,533 candidates are in the fray for the 230 assembly seats in Madhya Pradesh, where the main battle for power is between the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the opposition Congress.

As many as 5,60,60,925 voters -- 2,88,25,607 males, 2,72,33,945 females and 1,373 third gender persons—are eligible to exercise their franchise on Friday when single phase voting opens from 7 am to 6 pm at 2,049 polling stations in the state.



On the last day of campaignlikarjun Kharge, his party's general secretary Priyanka Gandhi-Vadra, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Union minister Smriti Irani and Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis (all three from BJP) made last minute efforts to woo voters for their respective candidates.

Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav also addressed rallies on the last day.

On the penultimate day of electioneering, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed three election rallies and held

a roadshow in Indore. Union strategist Amit Shah also addressed a similar number of gatherings and held a roadshow in Jabalpur on Tuesday.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and others, too, campaigned for their candidates on Tuesday.

Electioneering saw PM Modi, Shah, BJP president JP Nadda, Union minister Rajnath Singh, MP Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, among others, touring the state and addressing election meetings to drum up support for saffron party nominees in all the 230 seats.

NEWS MAKERS

France Issues Arrest Warrant For Syria's Al-Assad

Agencies

rance has issued interna- Γ tional arrest warrants for Syria's president, his brother and two other senior officials over the use of banned chemical weapons against civilians in Syria, according to a judicial source and lawyers representing victims

The arrest warrants charge Syria's President Bashar al-Assad, his brother Maher, military generals Ghassan Abbas and Bassam al-Hassan with complicity in crimes against humanity and complicity in war crimes, according to a judicial source quoted by the Reuters news agency on Wednesday and lawyers rep-

resenting Syrian victims. Maher al-Assad heads an elite Syrian military unit, the 4th Armoured Division, while the two military generals, Ghassan Abbas and Bassam al-Hassan, work with a Syrian research agency accused of developing chemical weapons, according to the rights group

Civil Rights Defenders. The warrants follow a crimi-



cal attacks in the town of Douma and the district of Eastern Ghouta in August 2013, which killed more than 1.000 people.

It is the first international arrest warrant that has been issued for the Syrian head of state, whose forces responded to protests that began in 2011 with a brutal crackdown that UN experts have said amounts to war crimes.

These are also the first international arrest warrants that have been issued over the chemical weapons attack in lawyer and founder of the Syrian Center for Media and

Syria denies using chemical weapons but a previous joint inquiry of the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons found that the Syrian government used the nerve agent sarin in an April 2017 attack and has repeatedly used chlorine as a weapon.

There was no immediate comment from Damascus. Step towards justice

Darwish said the decision was "a victory for the victims, their families, and the survivors" of the 2013 chemical attack, and a step towards "justice and sustainable peace in Syria".

"It's a huge development... An independent jurisdiction is recognising that the chemical attack couldn't have happened without the knowledge of the Syrian president, that he has responsibility and should be held accountable," Darwish said.

The case against al-Assad and the high-ranking military officials was bolstered by first-hand witness accounts and deep analysis of the Syrian military chain of command, Darwish said.

Activists in 2013 posted amateur videos on YouTube said to show the effects of the attack, including footage of dozens of corpses, many of them children, stretched out on the

civil war.

Other images showed unconscious children, people foaming at the mouth and doctors apparently giving them oxygen to help them breathe. The scenes provoked revulsion and outcry around the globe.

A UN report later said there was clear evidence of the use of sarin gas, a deadly nerve

The OPCW has since blamed Damascus for a series of

The Syrian government has

chemical attacks during the

2011 after al-Assad's repression of peaceful demonstrations escalated into a deadly conflict that pulled in foreign

The war has killed more than half a million people and displaced half of the country's pre-war population.

Couple Mentions 'Bomb In The Bag' During Security Check At Goa Airport, Detained

Press Trust of India

PANAJI: Police detained a couple after they mentioned about "a bomb in the bag" -- which turned out to be a false alarm -- during security check at Goa's Dabolim International Airport, delaying the flight they were to board by almost 90 minutes, an official said of Wednesday. Deputy Superintendent of Po-

lice (Vasco) Salim Sheikh told PTI

that Atulkumar Kewat (29) from

Madhya Pradesh and Tritiya Jana

(29), a resident of Kolkata, were

detained after they created a bomb

hoax during security check for an

IndiGo flight bound for Bengaluru

He said the incident occurred at

23.42 hours on Tuesday when the

couple was waiting for security

Freedom of Expression (SCM), which filed the case in France. France claims worldwide jurisdiction for alleged war crimes and crimes against hu-

Syria agreed in 2013 to join the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) global watchdog and give up all chemical weapons.

denied the allegations. Syria's civil war broke out in

> check to board the flight. "When they were standing in the queue, they said there is 'a bomb in the bag' ('uske bag me bomb hai'). Fellow passengers immediately informed security personnel who

from Goa.



later checked all the luggage," he said, adding nothing suspicious was found

It was not clear whose bag they were referring to. A formal complaint was filed

against the couple, who were on a vacation to Goa, at the airport police station by security in-charge and they were detained.

The flight left for Bengaluru after a delay of almost one-and-a half hours, said DSP Sheikh.

Both passengers were booked under section 505 of the Indian Penal Code (public mischief) and questioned by the police, he added.



LG Sinha Inaugurates 'Chhau Parv'

'In Ancient Times, Chhau Was Considered A War Dance And An Art Form Meant For The Upliftment Of The Soul'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday inaugurated the 'Chhau Parv', traditional dance form of West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand at Tagore Hall, Srinagar.

In his address, the Lt Governor lauded the endeavour of Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi, country's apex body of performing arts, in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, for organising three-day festival, workshop and seminar on Chhau Dances and folk dances of J&K to preserve and promote cultural diversity.

"In ancient times, Chhau was considered a war dance and an art form meant for the upliftment of the soul. The Chhau Parv aims to generate awareness about aesthetic appeal of this rich tradition, nurture young talents and strengthen the spirit of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat'," he said

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor paid tributes to the Bhagwan Birsa Munda and remembered the immense contribution of the tribal icons in the freedom struggle of the country.

He also highlighted the efforts of the UT Administration, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for reviving the rich intangible heritage and folk culture of Jammu Kashmir.

Dr Sandhya Purecha, Chairperson, Sangeet Natak Akademi; Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary, J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages; Raju Das, Secretary, Sangeet Natak Akademi; senior officials of Civil Administration, renowned artists from West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand and J&K were present.

LG Inaugurates Academia-Industry Conclave At IUST

AWANTIPORA: The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday called upon the Universities to make necessary changes in their curriculum as per industry needs and provide students access to new technology having transformative impact on today's world

"What was invented yesterday will build the knowledge foundation of a student. But what is going to happen tomorrow will be decided by the collaboration between academia and industry," Sinha said.

He was addressing National Academia-Industry Conclave, on the occasion of 18th Foundation Day of Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora here on Wednesday. In his address, the LG congratulated the Vice Chancellor, faculty members and students on their foundation day.

world and the industries will require strong collaboration and must function as one campus.

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Observer News Service

JAMMU: Advisor to Lieu-

tenant Governor, Rajeev

Rai Bhatnagar on Wednes-

day addressed the Janjati-

ya Gaurav Diwas celebra-

tions at Abhinav Theatre

here to mark the birth

anniversary of the iconic

tribal leader Birsa Munda.

gathering of different trib-

al communities of J&K,

Advisor Bhatnagar said

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found recognition and

respect for the contri-

butions of India's tribal

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tion's freedom struggle

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He highlighted that this

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Gaurav Diwas aligns

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against colonial rule.

Addressing the large

mative impact on today's world. "The traditional model of higher educational institutions are no longer adequate to prepare the present and future workforce and meet the needs of industries, which are being transformed by cutting-edge technology changing at an ever-increasing rate," he

The LG also encouraged the students and young entrepreneurs to develop new and original ideas, inculcate high life values to achieve long-term success.

On the occasion, Sinha launched 'Skill to Enterprise Modelling pilot programme, a partnership initiative of SIDBI and IUST wherein skilled youth will be trained for entrepreneurship development. The aim is that every student should develop his/her own enterprise at the end of the programme.

A Memorandum of Under-Sinha said that the academic standing was signed between Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and J&K UT for financial assistance to MSME cluster infrastructure development projects for modernization, upgradation or establishment of infrastructure, development of industrial estates etc.

Advisor Bhatnagar Addresses 'Janjatiya

Gaurav Diwas' Celebrations At Jammu

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nagar underlined that the

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Highlighting on some of



KASHMIRI GIRLS PERFORMING traditional folk dance during the inauguration of a 3-day festival, workshop and seminar organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi at Tagore Hall Srinagar on Wednesday. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

DODA MISHAP

Residents Blame 'Bad Roads' For Accidents, Demand Probe

DODA: Local people in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda Wednesday accused authorities of failing to repair bad roads in the district despite repeated requests and demanded a probe into the devastating accident that left 38 people dead.

A bus carrying passengers skidded off the road and rolled down into a 300-foot gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Wednesday. At least 38 people died and 19 were injured in the incident. The toll is likely

Sarpanch Mohammad Ashraf dent..." Ashraf added.

said a series of road accidents took place in Doda district recently but the authorities have failed to contain them.

"Ten accidents have taken place in Doda over the last few months but there is no effect of this on the administration. They have failed to contain them," he said.

Ashraf added that he was among the first to reach the accident spot and begin a rescue operation along with local people. He also said that the road is in very bad condition and is not

safe for travel "People are here to repeatedly collect bodies after every acci-

we gave them an amount of Rs 6 lakh to repair the road. They failed to repair this road. They might have misappropriated the money. A few months ago, a similar accident took place here and we lost many lives," he alleged.

Sarwar Khan, a resident of the Trungal-Assar area, urged authorities to immediately repair the hilly road, fill the potholes and ensure black topping to save people from getting killed due to bad roads. "We demand a probe into this accident. Those responsible for failure to maintain the roads should be brought to books," he said.

CS Takes Stock Of Rescue & Rehabilitation Measures

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, immediately after the unfortunate road accident at Assar, Doda in which 38 persons lost their lives and 19 got injured, took stock of the measures taken by the District and Divisional administration regarding the rescue and relief activities to ensure that all necessary steps are taken.

Dr Mehta expressed his shock and anguish over the tragic accident. He called for looking into all the causes that could have resulted into the incident. He made out that the administration would make every effort for plugging the loopholes identified by investigation. He stressed on intensifying measures that would



ensure there is no loss of life in such a manner in future.

The Chief Secretary also enquired from the concerned Divisional and Deputy Commissioner about the status of rescue measures taken so far and removal of injured to the hospitals. He also asked the health department to extend best possible medical care to the injured. He instructed them to make the treatment readily available to them so that they have speedy recovery.

The Chief Secretary also

given below:

stated that the LG Administration is together with the affected families in this hour of pain and loss. He made out that all measures of rehabilitation would be taken for the bereaved families and those injured in this accident.

It was said that few se injured persons were shifted to GMC Doda and GMC Jammu as per the requirement of their treatment. It was given out that all the possible help is being provided to them as per the directions of the LG.

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Muslim Neighbours Perform Last Rites Of KP Man In Pulwama

Press Trust Of India

PAMPORE: Reviving the memories of the glorious traditions of communal harmony in Jammu and Kashmir, Muslim neighbours in this town helped perform the last rites of a Kashmiri Pandit who died last evening.

Ashok Kumar Wangoo died at his residence at Drangabal in Pampore town on Tuesday around 5.00 pm. He was rushed to the hospital where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Instead of taking the mortal remains to Jammu, the Kashmir Pandit community decided to perform the last rites here. The members of the minority community expressed their gratitude to local Muslims for standing by their side through thick and thin.

"The deceased is Ashok Kumar Wangoo. He died yesterday around 5.00 pm. As soon as the news spread, people from the entire Drangabal mohalla

and adjoining areas came over and helped with the formalities and arrangements for rituals of the departed soul. Men, women and children all helped us in it. We did not have to do much. This is not new for us as it has been there over a long time. This is Kashmiriyat. However, doing it in present times really means something. We are thankful to them," said Raju Bhat, a Kashmiri Pandit neighbour of the deceased.

Mohammad Yousuf Malik, Wangoo's childhood classmate and a Muslim neighbour, said his area has always been known for Hindu-Sikh-Muslim

unity.
"We have never had any problems here. Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs have lived together amicably. We share each others' joys and sorrows. The Pandit community decided that they will not take Wangoo to Jammu for last rites and it will be done here only. So we all came together to help," Ma-

CANCER CONCERN

Over 1,000 Patients Registered In GMC Anantnag In 3 Yrs

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Department of Radiation Oncology at GMC-associated hospital Janglat Mandi Anantnag has registered approximately 1,000 cancer patients in the last three years, reflecting a concerning rise in cancer cases in Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking during a cancer awareness event s held at GMC Anantnag, Dr Faizan Gul highlighted the department's efforts, saying that over 1,200 chemotherapy sessions were completed at a cost of over one crore rupees, and were provided free of cost to most patients under the Avushman Bharat Scheme. Principal GMC Anjum Farhana said there is a need for collective efforts to raise awareness and work towards a cancer-free society.

Dr Shahid Bashir Wani discussed immunotherapy and emerging trends in oncology and said that significant advancements in cancer treatment have emerged in recent years due to which survival rates have increased.

Dr Prof Mohammad Ashraf, the head of the Department of Radiation Oncology, stressed the importance of early cancer detection for successful treatment.

"With advanced techniques, cancer can be detected at an early stage when it is more treatable and when the chances of survival are much higher," he added.

Several oncologists at the event highlighted the critical role of awareness and early detection in combating cancer. They said currently, at least 50 percent of cancers are treatable, with some even in advanced stages. The speakers said that early diagnosis, prevention and effective treatment are all integral components in combating cancer.

The doctors said lifestyle adjustments, including diet and physical activity, are critical to prevent cancer.

According to hospital authorities, around 6,000 patients have been registered at the Department of Radiation Oncology, SMHS Hospital GMC Srinagar since 2017. The Regional Cancer Center at SKIMS Soura registered approximately 14,000 new cancer patients in the last three vears as a total of 4.737 cancer cases were reported in the year 2021, up from 3.840 cases of cancer in 2020 while 5284 new patients were registered in year 2022.

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Executive Engineer, Sub Transmission Division-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER DISTRICT INDUSTRIES CENTRE SRINAGAR

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He highlighted that new

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Ref: This office E. NIT No. 38/JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2023-24, issued vide endorsement No: JS-PHE/ GWDS/Corrs. /6702-12, Dated:-13-11-2023.

Refer to the above the e-NIT advertised/published by this office, in this connection due to Technical error/ issues in BOQ, the e-nit above referred is hereby cancelled and will be retendered very soon.

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Karnataka Hijab Ban

ormer Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has urged Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi to take steps to revoke the ban on hijab imposed by the previous Karnataka government, and rightly so. Congress professes to be a secular party and has opposed government's interference in religious matters. And when the previous BJP government imposed a ban on head covering in schools, Congress had taken a stand against this. Now the same party has introduced attire regulations for upcoming recruitment exams of various boards and corporations in the state. The directives include bans on head coverings and electronic gadgets inside examination halls, sparking a debate on individual freedoms and cultural considerations. What is shocking is that the Congress government is doing it. The party has always trumpeted its secular and inclusive values and which it wears on its sleeve to differentiate itself from the BJP's alleged majoritarian agenda. But in power, the party is doing what it criticizes in opposition. And it is these lapses that detract from the party's secular credentials.

Unlike the BJP, the Congress has invariably peddled an ambiguous politics which allows it to straddle the conservative-liberal divide. Though the Congress has also indulged in soft Hindutva, the drift of its politics has been by and large secular. But it is also true that in recent years the party has become apologetic about secularism, lest it be seen as Muslim appeasement in the country. With Rahul Gandhi's padyatra last year, however, this perception changed a bit. Congress finally showed some assertiveness about pursuing an inclusive political agenda. Ever since, Congress has won two successive state elections, one in Himachal, another in Karnataka. It already rules in Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan. It remains to be seen whether the party retains Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan. Its performance in Madhya Pradesh will be also keenly watched.

But by failing to stand up for secular and inclusive values, the Congress' return to the centre stage will change nothing, least of all for the minorities. On the contrary, the BJP in recent past has embarked on an outreach to marginalized sections of minorities. And considering that the Hindutva party takes its politics seriously, minorities may find little reason to doubt its initiative.

So, for the Congress to carry conviction, it has to put its professed ideals into practice. Congress government in Karnataka which has banned Hijab should reevaluate its policy, and aim for inclusivity without compromising the integrity of the exams. The state has to navigate this delicate balance, the focus should remain on upholding values of diversity and individual expression while maintaining standardized examination protocols.

OTHER OPINON

Superhero to Superzero

hen Iron Man — a comic book adaptation about an alcoholic billionaire playing dress-up, starring an actor who was considered a liability by most in the business — released in 2008, few might have predicted the success that would spawn a world-conquering franchise. But 15 years and 32 blockbusters later, the failure of the most recent offering from the Marvel Cinematic Universe, The Marvels, along with the cool reception of its other big release of the year, Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania, has prompted speculation about whether this juggernaut is finally grinding to a halt — and what it might portend for the global entertainment industry that had begun to orient itself to "tentpole" cinema.

There is no question that the fantastical universes spun by MCU, the Star Wars franchise and others have shown the heights of ambition that can be scaled by filmmakers — particularly in visual effects. At a time when there is a deluge of content competing for viewership, these films also offered a model of cinema that, thanks to elaborate plots unfolding over several films, could guarantee audience loyalty. This is a lesson not lost on Indian production houses; some, such as YRF — which has created its own "spyverse" with five films (so far) — have banked on the model to take them through recent bad patches.

Many, though, might welcome its demise, among them filmmakers who will see a space opening up again for the kind of character- and plot-driven films that, in the face of franchise cinema's marketing budgets and fanbase, were starting to be deemed too risky. The development might also please members of the audience fatigued by the relentless onslaught of franchise content on big and small screens. If the franchise model is, indeed, in its endgame, it could clear the way for an entertainment landscape that is more visibly diverse, with more than just endless iterations of the same plot featuring spandex-clad heroes saving the world.

The Indian Express

Are Kashmiri Writers Falling Victim to Unscrupulous Publishers?



Peer Mohammad Amir Qureshi

This practice not only squanders the readers' resources but also diminishes the appetite of avid readers for works by Kashmiri authors. It appears to be a significant contributing factor to the limited success of many Kashmiri writers in the market

the Kashmir Valley, a growing cadre of authors is emerging, determined to reignite the waning passion for books. Each day, the region witnesses a captivating spectacle of homegrown writers gracing the pages of newspapers and finding their place on various social media platforms, with a shared aspiration to transform the literary landscape and want to change the paradigm from 'Kebab to Kitaab.'Against this backdrop, a critical question arises: Do the promises made to debut authors of the valley materialize when they choose their preferred publishing packages? Does the transformation of words into printed tomes genuinely confer upon them the esteemed title of being 'publishing-worthy'? Or are they merely pawns in the pursuit of profit for opportunistic publishers?The publishing industry of India, a vast realm, was valued at over 500 billion Indian rupees in 2019. Projections for 2024 anticipate its continued growth, with an estimated market size of approximately 781 billion Indian rupees. Within this colossal industry, novice writers, brimming with dreams of becoming published authors, often tread in a realm of inexperience. They are unfamiliar with the intricate workings of this sector and, at times, fall prey to deceptive practices.

As Kashmiri authors seek to breathe new life into the literary landscape, the issue of transparency and fairness in publishing remains a pressing concern. As the literary passion of these writers continues to shine, it is essential for them to navigate the complex pathways of the publishing industry with caution, to avoid becoming victims of unscrupulous publishers. The authors remain oblivious to the extent of their literary works' dissemination; while promised full

royalties before publication, they find themselves shrouded in ignorance once their books grace the shelves. In my personal estimation, not all works merit publication, and those emanating from Kashmiri publishing houses are riddled with a surfeit of errors. In the world of literature, there exists no latitude for post-publication rectifications, rendering it evident that many books, though their covers may be enticing, harbor content unfit for the literary stage. The onus for this oversight squarely rests upon the shoulders of the editors. I often ponder

It appears to be a significant contributing factor to the limited success of many Kashmiri writers in the market.I earnestly implore reviewers, critics, and newspaper editors to conduct honest and impartial assessments of books. It is of utmost importance for both print and social media editors to scrutinize whether a book or author is truly deserving of featuring. Editors within the Kashmiri publishing industry must also exercise due diligence by assessing manuscripts, detecting plagiarism, and discerning the presence of artificial intelligence-generat-

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who, if anyone, has undertaken the arduous task of proofreading these tomes. Publishers ought to enlist the services of adept editors, individuals endowed with comprehensive knowledge. The task of editing transcends the capabilities of a single individual; it necessitates a collaborative effort, a cadre of skilled editors working in tenders.

in tandem.

I hold no bias against any particular publishing house or author, but it is evident that the publication of subpar content, driven solely by profit, detrimentally affects the literary landscape. This practice not only squanders the readers' resources but also diminishes the appetite of avid readers for works by Kashmiri authors.

ed works. I fervently anticipate the emergence of an era where bestselling books by Kashmiri authors will rekindle the literary landscape of Kashmir. I genuinely hope that my words do not unintentionally offend anyone's sentiments, as they are rooted In a profound aspiration for the literary revival of this enchanting region.

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

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Architect of Modern India

ast Tuesday the nation remembered India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on his 134th birth anniversary. A people's prime minister, statesman, intellectual and scholar, Nehru was one of the highly recognized world leaders of his time. His policies on economy, science and technology, international relations and education had all designed the future course of the country. Nehru strongly believed in

scientific knowledge and propagated reasoning and rationality as the basis of all learning. He also believed that the role of education in an individual's life was not restricted to academia alone but extended to one's economic ambitions and social contributions as well. Perhaps, the most authentic way to learn and understand Nehru's role in nation-building is to analyse the legacy of intellect left behind by him through his writings which can be interpret-

ed as prescriptive texts. He left his writings that were to be preserved for posterity. And through his cerebral writings, Nehru continues to speak with every Indian even today.

Nehru's contributions have been foundational and colossal in building India as a secular and democratic republic which would have a socialistic commonsense. It is not only difficult, but even impossible for the nation to forget the Nehruvian legacy. Nehru laid the foundation for transforma-

tional changes, paving the way for India's eventual emergence as a major economic hub on the global centerstage. In fact, Nehru prided in calling himself as the 'prime servant' of the nation, and that was the humility of this great man. Not for nothing, India's first Prime Minister was hailed as the 'Architect of Modern India.'

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Industrial Psychology Need of the Hour

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NDUSTRIAL psychology, also known as organisational psychology or oc-Lcupational psychology, is a branch of psychology that focuses on studying human behaviour and performance in the workplace. It applies psychological principles and theories to improve the effectiveness and well-being of individuals, groups, and organisations. Industrial psychologists use various research methods such as surveys, interviews, and observations to gather data and analyse organisational dynamics. They often collaborate with management, human resources departments, and other professionals to implement evidence-based strategies that improve individual and organisational performance. Industrial psychology aims to optimise the interaction between employees and their work environment, leading to improved job satisfaction, productivity, and organisational effectiveness. Over the decades and centuries industrial psychology has continued to evolve, adapting to changing workplace dynamics, technological advancements, and societal shifts. It has expanded its focus beyond individual behaviour to include areas like leadership, organisational culture, diversity and inclusion, work-life balance, and employee well-being. Today, industrial psychology remains a vital discipline in understanding and optimising human behaviour and performance in the workplace. In line, further it also offers significant prospects for professionals to contribute to the well-being of individuals and organisations, address emerging workplace challenges, and drive organisational effectiveness and success in a rapidly changing world.

Roots of industrial Psychology

The roots of industrial psychology can be traced back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries, during the Industrial Revolution. Several key figures and events have contributed to the development and evolution of industrial psychology. Hugo Münster berg who is often considered the "father of industrial psychology," published the book "Psychology and Industrial Efficiency" in 1913 in which he emphasised the application of psychological principles to industry, including topics such as personnel selection, employee training, and workplace safety. By the time, the need to effectively assign and utilise personnel during World War I led to significant advancements in personnel selection and placement. At the time, Psychologists, including Robert Yerkes, developed intelligence tests to assess military recruits, laying the foundation for future assessments in the workplace. Further a deep study was conducted by Hawthorne at



Western Electric's Hawthorne Works in the 1920s and 1930s, and that these studies by Elton Mayo and his colleagues examined the impact of various factors, such as lighting and rest breaks, on worker productivity. These all highlighted the importance of social and psychological factors in the workplace and paved the way for further research in organisational behaviour. Around the time the human relations movement emerged in the 1930s, who emphasised the significance of social interactions, motivation, and job satisfaction in influencing employee productivity and well-being. Researchers like Abraham Maslow and Douglas McGregor contributed to this movement, focusing on employee needs, motivation theories, and participative management. Industrial psychology played a critical role during World War II, with psychologists involved in tasks such as personnel selection, training, and morale enhancement in the military. This further emphasised the importance of psychology in understanding and improving work performance. Professional Organizations: The establishment of professional organizations, such as the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) in 1945, which, to a large extent, helped to promote industrial psychology as a distinct field and foster collaboration among practitioners and researchers.

Features of industrial Psychology

The history of Industrial psychology begins in the late 19th and early 20th centuries as a response to the need for understanding and improving worker performance in industrial settings during the Industrial Revolution which contains several features such as:

Interdisciplinary Field: Industrial psychology incorporates principles and theories from psychology, sociology, organisational behaviour, human resources management, and other related disciplines to address workplace issues. b. Focus on Individuals and Organisations: Industrial psychology focuses on understanding individual behaviour, cognition, and emotions in the workplace, as well as the dynamics and functioning of organizations as a whole.

Selection Methods: Employee Industrial psychologists employ various techniques to assess job applicants, such as interviews, personality tests, cognitive ability tests, and assessment centres, to identify the best candidates for specific job roles. Training and Development: Industrial psychologists design and implement training programs to enhance employees' skills, knowledge, and abilities, and foster continuous learning and development within organizations. e. Leadership and Management: Industrial psychology offers insights into effective leadership and management practices,

including strategies for motivation, communication, decision-making, and team building.

Job Satisfaction and Engagement: Industrial psychologists study factors that contribute to job satisfaction, engagement, and well-being, and develop interventions to enhance employee morale and productivity.

Work-Life Balance: Industrial psychology recognises the importance of work-life balance and provides guidance on managing workload, promoting flexible work arrangements, and addressing stress and burnout. h. Organisational Culture and Climate: Industrial psychologists examine the values, norms, and climate within organisations, and work to create positive and supportive environments that promote employee satisfaction, commitment, and performance.

Prospects of industrial Psychology

In future, the prospects for industrial psychology are more promising due to various factors which include:

Increasing Focus on Employee Wellbeing: Organizations are recognizing the importance of employee well-being and its impact on productivity, job satisfaction, and retention.

Emphasis on Diversity and Inclusion:

To charge larger batteries in an environ-

mentally friendly manner will require an

increased supply of low-carbon electricity.

But, as the energy sources used to generate

electricity are influenced by factors including

availability and the dynamics of the energy

market, the carbon intensity of the electricity

Even if electricity grids do become cleaner, the increasing demand generated by the

need to charge these larger batteries could

put pressure on power grids.

Transmission and distribution systems

were designed at a time when power plants

were large and centralised, and electric-

ity demand was relatively low. However, the

supply can often vary.

There is a growing awareness of the benefits of diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Industrial psychologists can assist organisations in creating inclusive environments, addressing bias, and promoting equitable practices to harness the advantages of diverse teams.

Technological Advancements: Technology is transforming the way we work, introducing new challenges and opportunities. Industrial psychologists can help organizations adapt to technological advancements, such as remote work and automation, by addressing issues like virtual team collaboration, digital well-being, and upskilling and reskilling employees.

Evolving Leadership Needs: Effective leadership is crucial for organizational success. Industrial psychologists can contribute to identifying and developing leadership competencies, enhancing leadership effectiveness, and addressing emerging leadership challenges in rapidly changing work environments.

Data-driven Decision Industrial psychology leverages research and data to inform decision-making processes. With advancements in data analytics and technology, industrial psychologists can play a vital role in helping organizations make evidence-based decisions related to talent acquisition, performance management, and organizational development.

Change Organizational Adaptability: In a fast-paced and competitive business landscape, organizations need to be agile and adaptable. Industrial psychologists can assist in managing organizational change, facilitating communication, and fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement.

Globalization and Cross-cultural Challenges: As organizations operate in diverse cultural contexts, industrial psychologists can provide insights and strategies for effective cross-cultural communication, teamwork, and leadership, enabling organizations to thrive in global markets. h. Ethical Practices and Social Responsibility: Industrial psychology emphasizes ethical considerations and social responsibility in the workplace.

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Why surging sales of large electric vehicles raises environmental red flags

Laura Lander & Grazia Todeschini

lectric cars are getting bigger and heavier. In 2019, 30% of the electric vehicle (EV) models available worldwide were sports utility vehicles (SUVs).
Fast forward to 2022 and that figure stood

at 40% - equivalent to the share of small and medium car options combined. Other large models accounted for more than 15%. There's an issue with this. Larger and

heavier EVs require bigger batteries to power them. In fact, the battery of an SUV can be double the size of that in a smaller vehicle. As with many other batteries, the lithiumion cells that power the majority of electric

vehicles rely on raw materials such as cobalt, lithium and nickel. In a standard 60 kWh lithium-ion battery pack designed for smaller EVs, there can be as much as 170kg of minerals, including 39kg of nickel and 5kg

Batteries for electric SUVs demand that up to 75% more raw materials are extracted from the environment than this.

However, research suggests that there could be shortages in the supply of battery materials in the future. By 2030, there could be a 55% less lithium and 8% less nickel and manganese than is needed to meet the demand for EV batteries.

If the demand for electric SUVs continues to increase over the coming decade, this could severely escalate the pressure on the already tight supply of critical raw materials.

But that's not all

The production of batteries is also a highly carbon-intensive process, with emissions



increasing as batteries grow in size. For example, the CO emissions resulting from materials processing and battery manufacturing can soar to levels 70% higher for electric SUVs compared to smaller EVs.

Mining activities have been linked with several negative environmental effects too. For instance, one study found that lithium mining activities in the Salar de Atacama -Chile's largest salt flat – have disturbed flamingo breeding sites and reduced the birds' access to food and water.

Expanding mining operations to support the growing SUV market could lead to further habitat destruction, excessive water consumption, increased mining waste and

heightened risks to local biodiversity.

Adding to the complexity is the EU's recent decision to mandate a minimum proportion of recycled material in new EV batteries. As of 2021, regulations have required that 6% of the nickel and lithium, and 14% of the cobalt in EV batteries must be sourced from recycled

Given the sharp upswing in battery demand, coupled with the need for more recycled materials, we could once again encounter a strained supply chain, with particular implications for larger batteries.

We need clean electricity

We are now moving towards decentralised energy sources, such as wind turbines and solar panels. These energy sources are often smaller and located in areas where electricity generation was previously absent.

As a result, the grid infrastructure in these locations is less developed. Electricity demand is also growing, as more people buy electric vehicles and install heat pumps.

The overall grid capacity might be sufficient to accommodate these changes. But there could still be periods, especially during specific times of the day or year, when the grid experiences bottlenecks.

For example, there may be a surplus of renewable energy generation in one location and significant demand in a distant area, but the electrical infrastructure might be insufficient to transfer power from one end to the other.

This exact situation often occurs in the UK. In 2022, bottlenecks in the transmission system meant Scottish wind farms were paid to stop generating power on 200 separate occasions and gas power stations in England were paid to increase output to compensate

Utilities companies are working to reinforce electricity grids worldwide by, for example, building more lines to transfer the additional power.

Motorists are increasingly opting for large electric SUVs. But the environmental impact of these vehicles should not be underestimated. The relentless demand for battery materials and electricity raises the question of whether SUVs will continue to be a viable green option.

By arrangements with The Conversation

Your Coronary Calcium Scores Too Can Predict Risk For Heart Disease

hile high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes and smoking are well known heart disease risks, not everyone who has a heart attack has them.

A new study finds that these patients had one thing in common: they all tended to have high levels of coronary calcium.

Previous research showed that 14 per cent to 27 per cent of heart attack patients have none of the standard risk factors high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes and smoking.

The new study by researchers at Intermountain Health in the US show that scans that detect this kind of plaque buildup should be considered as part of their standard care, even in the absence of the four standard modifiable risk factors, so that these patients can be diagnosed and treated before their first heart attack event occurs.

"Measuring coronary calcium could have a major impact on how we identify who is at risk for heart disease," said lead author Jeffrey L. Anderson, research physician at Intermountain Health.

'We need to go beyond just the four major modifiable risk factors because there are risk factors we don't yet recognise or understand about what's causing increased risk of heart attack in these patients." he added.

The findings were presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2023 in Philadelphia, US.

In the study, researchers identified 429 heart attack patients who also had coronary artery calcium scans. Of those, 369 had standard modifiable risk factors (SMuRF), like a diagnosis or treatment of hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, and or smoking; and 60 did not (SMuRF-less).

Researchers examined these patients' calcium artery scan scores, and then also major adverse cardiovascular events, like another heart attack, stroke, or death, at 60days and long term.

Researchers found that SMuRF-less patients had high rates of, and higher percentile of, coronary calcium scores.

They also found that 77 per cent of these patients met their criteria for preventative therapy, like statins and/or aspirin. Patients with SMuRF, as expected. also had high CAC scores and percentiles.

Outcomes were more favourable overall for SMuRF-less patients and for those patients with lower coronary artery calcium scores. While coronary artery calcium scans are becoming more common and affordable, they're still not part of guidelinedirected standard of care.

'We're missing about a quarter of people who are at risk for heart attack events because we're still relying on just the standard risk factors," said Dr Anderson.

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Office Of The Executive Officer Municipal Council Shopian.

Government Of Jammu And Kashmir

TENDER NOTICE. E - NIT No: MC/SPN/ 03 OF 2023 Dated:30/10/2023.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, term e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited from the Expert Engineers/ Agencies/ reputed Companies for Repairment of 05 no of LED wall Displays installed at

(1) Near Mini Secretariat Shopian

Displays.

b)

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Near Kukli Mazar Shopian (3) (Near Zero Point (Mughal Road) (4) Near Circuit Hosue Chowgam (5) Bonabazar Near Sangloo Bridge, for a period of Seven (07) days w.e.f. 22/11/2023 to 28/11/2023.

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOO) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.iktenders.gov.in, as per the schedule of dates given below

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1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	15/11/2023				
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 15/11/2023 to 21/11/2023				
3	Bid submission Start Date	15.11.2023 from 10.00 AM				
4	Bid submission End Date	21.11.2023 up to 04.00 PM				
5	Date & Time of opening of Bids (Online)	22.11.2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Council				
		Shopian.				
6	Submission of CDR.	The bidder shall be bound to accompany his bids offers with Call Deposit Re-				
		ceipt (CDR) of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) drawn from any Na-				
		tionalized bank, pledged to the Accounts Officer, Municipal Council Shopian,				
		(without which offers shall be liable for rejection)				

Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender document in shape of Bank Challan / Receipt (Credited to A/c No. 0018040100000611 JRY maintained with Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Branch: Shopian Main Branch in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian amounting to Rs. 200/- (Two Hundred Only) and Bid securing declaration as per format Annexure – 1, below on stamp paper duly attested by Notary in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian, failing which tender will be rejected.

The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in. The bids of the responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian. 3.

a) Bid Security Declaration: The bid security declaration shall be submitted as per the Format Annexure – 2 (format for the bid security declaration).

Any bid not accompanied by the Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) and BID security declaration shall be summarily rejected by the Authority as non responsive.

That the successful bidder shall be bound to fix/install only branded items/accessories during the repairmen.

That, the successful bidder has to execute an agreement duly registered in the Hon'ble court of law with the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian regarding the branded items/accessories which he will install in the LED Wall

6. The successful bidder has to repair all 5 LED wall displays within a weeks' time failing which the penalty @ Rs 2000/= per day shall be imposed against the successful bidder. 7. The bidders must visit all the repairment sites before quoting the amount to ensure proper, prompt and accurate repair-

ment on time the replacement part/item must carry an onsite warranty of minimum 03 years for which the successful bidder

must submit an affidavit duly attested by Judicial magistrate/Executive Magistrate. This is for the information of bidders that The rates gouted by successful bidder shall be further negotiable till the

satisfaction of members of purchasing committee of MC Shopian. 10.

The successful Bidder shall be bound to quote their rates with all taxes, accessories, labour and other charges.

11. That, the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

12. The MC Shopian shall have the right to change/alter/enforce any terms and conditions and successful bidder is bound to accept those terms and conditions ab-initio.

13. The Successful bidder shall be expert engineer in the field of IT Technology.

14. The Successful Bidder shall be bound to upload and produce certificates of expert in engineering with proficient experience on the basis of documentation bidder shall be qualified.

Instructions to the Bidders regarding E- Tendering process: Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders

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

nology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be

accepted in physical form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule. d)

e) Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option. f) The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Bank Receipt/challan in favour of Executive Officer, Munici-

g) pal Council Shopian and bid securing declaration must be uploaded with the bid.

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

Valid original BankChallan/Receipt

Call Deposit Receipt (CDR)

k) BID Securing Declaration on stamp paper duly attested by Notary. Valid GSTIN/ PAN Card No.

m) The Bidder should upload the Tender Document form attached below (Not Mandatorv).

n) Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including

BID Securing Declaration and tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document (s) which has /have not been uploaded shall not be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

The Highest Bidder will have to submit hard copies of all documents uploaded on e-tending portal before

No: MC/SPN/2023/2516-20 DIPK-NB-4253/23 Dated: 15/11/2023

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Waris Zahoor Parray R/o Mazhama Aadhar No: 6518 0515 5448

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR Office Of The Assistant Soil Conservation Officer, District, Pulwama/Shopian

e- NIT NO: -11 OF 2023-24 DATED:- 15 /11/2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Jammu & Kashmir UT, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with union Territory of J&K /Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:-

S. No		Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)			Cost of Tender Document		Receiving/ Opening	DLP
		,	,				Authority	
	Construction of Water Harvesting	2.15	4300	"DEE "			Tender Open-	12 Months
	Pond with all operation at Naka Sangerwani (Co.Ri/24) Romshi-					,	ing Commit- tee	
	Fores Range, Shopian Forest						lee	
	Division.							

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills of quantities, (B.O.Q) set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- www.jktenders.gov.in.

Position of Funds: Budgeted

Position of AA/TS: Accorded.	
Publishing Date:-	16.11.2023
Download Start Date :	16.11.2023 from 6.00 PM
Bid submission Start Date:	16.11.2023 from 6.00 PM
Bid submission End Date:	23.11.2023 Up to 6.00 PM
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	24.11.2023 at 11:30 AM in the Office of Assistant Soil Conservation Officer
	Dangernora Pulwama)

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website: - www.jktenders.gov.in.

The price bids uploaded on the website in time will be opened on 24-11-2023 at 11.30 AM in the office of Assistant Soil Conservation Officer Dangerpora Pulwama. In case of public holiday on the date of opening of the bid, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

Bids must be uploaded along-with cost of tender document as shown against the work in the shape of Scanned copy e-challan/copy of receipt from treasury favouring Assistant Soil & Water Conservation Officer District Pulwama/Shopian by crediting the requisite charges to the MH

As per Rule 171 of GFR -2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.

Unbalanced Bid: In case bid of the lowest Bidder is found unbalanced, the successful bidder shall have to produce Additional Performance Security in shape of CDR/FDR within two days after opening of price Bid, as per following breakup.

Percentage of unbalance Bid viz, Advertized cost on account of Low Rates. Additional Performance Security (APS) Upto & Including 15% Below >15%& Including 20% Below 5% of Advertised Cost 10% of Advertised Cost 15% of Advertised Cost >20% & Including 25% Below >25% & Including 30% Below 20% of Advertised Cost

The Additional Performance Security (APS) shall be released only after successful completion of work. In case of non-compliance the tenders of such iall not be considered for evaluation and cancelled thereof

06. The amount advertised has been worked out at par as per the analyzed rates of Soil & Water Conservation Department J&K State. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" options as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per IT Act, Bidders can get Digital Signature

Certificate from approved vendor.

The Bidders have to submit their financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical /hard form.

10. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above. 11.

Bidders must ensure to positively upload scanned copies of below mentioned documents for Technical Bid.

a)

b) GST Registration number. Online Registration Card with latest Renewal

d) e-challan / copy of receipt from treasury as cost of Tender Document. (with Name of the work / serial else tender will be rejected) EMD in shape of CDR pledged to Assistant Soil & Water Conservation Officer District Pulwama/Shopian

Bank Account Details/contact No./Valid Email-ID 12. Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (Technical or otherwise). The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information re-

garding publishing the e-NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.

The accepting authority however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. The contractor shall arrange all construction materials for the above said work from genuine source accompanied by its test check report for key material and quality of materials shall have to be verified / passed by the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer and Officers of the Department up to their satisfaction before start of work/its utilization.

The serviceable material retrieved from the site of work if any shall have to be used in the fresh construction by the contractor and the unserviceable material will have to be disposed-off to an authorized dumping site for which no additional payment shall be made to the contractor. - It will be mandatory and binding on the contractor to start the work within shortest possible time as intimated by Field incharge of the area. The mobile No. is required to be recorded and uploaded with the documents. If the given Mobile Number of the bidder observed as nonresponsive, the CDR shall be confiscated without any further process or approval from any higher authorities and the work shall be got executed through any other agency on the risk ad cost of the original contractor.

The work is to be executed in all weather Conditions is inclusive of all incidental items i.e diversion of Traffic, providing of Signboard, Caution Board & arrangement of lights during Night hours.

Photographs before, during and after restoration/execution of all the works shall have to be maintained and this will be the responsibility of the concerned contractor in Liaison with the Engineer-In-Charge to maintain it. A set of the photographs will have to be enclosed with the payment bills.

In case the contractor does not start the work within the stipulated time, the department will be at liberty to get the work done from any contractor/piece workers at the risk and cost of the contractor to whom the work as allotted. Defect Liability Period: 1 year from the date of completion of work. The price bids offered by the bidders, shall, in no case, be higher than the advertised cost against each item of work as no negotiation

shall be allowed after the opening of the financial bid. The bids offered higher than the advertised cost against each item of work individually and / or as whole shall render the financial bid liable to be rejected / disqualified and the next lowest bidder (L2), as the case may be, shall accordingly be considered for award of contract, if otherwise, found qualified. The material like Wire Crates. iron etc shall be purchased by the successful contractor from the registered unit MSME in light of ther order issued by the Finannce Deptt. FD-Code/140/2022-02-1899 Dated: 24/02/2023 and test report of material be provided to the Assistant Soil

Conservation Officer Pulwama/Shopian by the contractor. No payment shall be made to the contractor without test report of material. All other terms and conditions as per PWD Form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed document shall be binding on the contractor. The original documents, when submitted by L-1 for the cost of tender document, EMD specified in the tender document should be same

as uploaded on-line (scanned copies) other-wise the allotment will not be issued. In order to qualify, only L-1 bidder shall provide copies of documents as defined below:-

i)Photocopies of Registration Card(Online) duly renewed for the financial year 2023-24. ii)Photocopy of GST No.

iii) Photocopy of PAN Card.

And following instruments in original:-

Treasury Receipt/Challan as per amount mentioned in the NIT pledged to Assistant Soil & Water Conservation Officer District Pulwama/ Shopian

EMD in shape of CDR pledged to Assistant Soil & Water Conservation Officer District Pulwama/Shopian

No: - ASCO/Pul/Spn/-e-tender/2023-24/892-96 DIPK-12295/23 Dated:- 15/11/2023

Assistant Soil & Water Conservation officer

Sd/-Chief Executive Officer Municipal Council Shopian.

Exports Rise 6.21% To USD 33.57 Bn In Oct; Trade Deficit Widens To USD 31.36 Bn



seven-month period was USD

147.07 billion against USD

167.14 billion in the corre-

Gold imports during the pe-

riod rose 23 per cent to USD

29.5 billion, while crude oil im-

ports dipped by 18.72 per cent

to about USD 100 billion during

Briefing reporters on the

data, Commerce Secretary

Sunil Barthwal said the trade

numbers in October reflect

'green shoots' of recovery in

"I am hopeful that we will be

crossing the last year's figures,"

he said, adding the positive

growth is there despite a fall

in commodity prices, "but we

are waiting and watching" the

Exports are impacted due to

the geopolitical situation and

other risks like high inflation

and economic slowdown in

advanced economies; the Rus-

sia-Ukraine war; China-Taiwan

and China US issues; and the

De-globalisation and waning

appetite for international trade

are leading to tariff and non-

tariff barriers, which also affect

Israel-Palestine war.

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April-October this fiscal.

outbound shipments.

global situation.

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NEW DELHI: India's merchandise exports rose 6.21 per cent to USD 33.57 billion in October this year, even as the trade deficit touched a record high of USD 31.46 billion during the month, government data

showed on Wednesday.
Imports increased by 12.3
per cent to USD 65.03 billion in the month under consideration due to a jump in gold imports.

Inbound shipments of gold rose by 95.5 per cent to USD 7.23 billion. Oil imports also increased by 8 per cent to USD 17.66 billion during the month.

The country's trade deficit in goods in October last year stood at USD 26.31 billion.

The deficit (difference between imports and exports) during October is the "highest" because of the largest import figures, Additional Secretary in the Commerce Ministry L Satya Srinivas told reporters here.

Cumulatively, exports during the April-October period this fiscal contracted by 7 per cent to USD 244.89 billion, while imports fell 8.95 per cent to USD 391.96 billion.

The trade deficit during the

India To Emerge As Third Largest Global Economy By 2027: FM Sitharaman

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said India is expected to overtake Japan and Germany to emerge as the third largest economy in the world by 2027.

Addressing the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue here, Sitharaman said India's economic growth is estimated to be just under 7 per cent during the year, the highest among major economies, despite global headwinds.

The Indian economy is therefore on the right track and is heading towards a bright future, she said.

Amidst supply-chain disruptions and economic turbulence due to contemporary conflicts that impact the Indo-Pacific, irrespective of whether they are occurring in relatively distant Ukraine or in relatively-proximate Israel or Yemen, and despite the palpable tensions prevalent in the South- and East China Sea, the Indian economy stands out as a bright spot, she said.

"Even according to the usually conservative estimates of the IMF, the Indian economy is set to emerge as the world's third largest economy by 2027, hopping over Japan and Germany, as its GDP crosses the USD 5 trillion level. By 2047, India aspires to be a developed economy," she said.

Talking about India's 'Blue economy', she said, it accounts for roughly 4 per cent of the GDP and represents a sea of opportunities.

India has 9 states and 4 Union Territories situated on the coast, 12 major and 200+ non-major ports situated along its coastline, and a vast network of navigable waterways for international and domestic trade, she said.

According to the UNCTAD, India was the 2nd largest exporter of ocean-based goods and services among developing countries in 2020.

Observing that Indo-Pacific is undoubtedly the world's most economically dynamic region, Sitharaman said it encompasses 60 per cent of global GDP, and almost 50 per cent of global merchandise trade.

On the other hand, the Incally contested space that is being roiled by great power



competition, she said.

"One draws its legitimacy from an internationally accepted and consensually derived rules-based order. India stands firmly and proudly in the vanguard of this system," she said.

While the other seeks to discredit and disrupt this consensually derived rules-based order and supplant it with an international order whose rules are generated in an exclusive State, she said.

As India accelerates its economic growth and uplifts its teeming masses, moving them from poverty to prosperity, she said it is registering impressive gains in its comprehensive national power as well as in terms of its international stature.

"Today, Indians 'whether at home or abroad' stand, walk, talk, and act with their heads held high... even as the world appreciates India's achievements and successes and lauds it for its demonstrated resilience amidst multiple crises, we are very clear that we cannot afford to be an inwardleaning power," she said.

"Our focus on transitioning from a 'brown' economic model to a 'blue' one and thereafter extrapolating this blue transition across the length and breadth of the Indo-Pacific demands that we shoulder greater and heavier regional responsibilities, and this is precisely what we are doing," she said.

India has significantly improved its position as a welland innovative governed country with a conducive environment for business, as reflected in several global indices.

Noting that the country's comprehensive national power is going to remain inextricably linked to the ocean, she said India is seized of the pressing need to grow the maritime sector as a whole

and the government is determined to provide the requisite support by way of fiscal policy and financial outlay.

"We seek to position India as a hub in new and diversified supply chains and value chains across the Indo-Pacific and, indeed, across the world.

"Towards this end, I am happy to inform you that all sectors of the government are responding exceedingly positively to our new financial policies," she said.

In terms of international shipments, she said India's global ranking has risen from 44th place in 2014, to the 22nd rank in 2023.

Similarly, as per the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index report 2023, she said, the 'turn-around time' of Indian ports is now just 0.9 days, which is lower than ports in established maritime centres such Singapore, the UAE, Germany, the USA, Australia, Russia, and South Africa.

"Our experience of the maritime manifestations of the Covid-19 pandemic has led to shipping insurance, too, becoming a particular area of policy focus," she said.

On the one hand, a 'Marine Cargo Pool' has now been created with the full support of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India and domestic insurance companies, to support maritime trade on the other hand the country is improving its strength in shipping arbitration, and in order to reduce India's vulnerability to international sanctions.

To provide greater strategic flexibility in shipping operations, she said "we are setting up a full-fledged Indian-owned and India-based Protection and Indemnity (P&I) entity that will addi tionally provide protection to coastal and inland shipping."

Cash Seizures By Tax Officials Rise Ahead Of Elections In Five States: CBDT

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: In the run-up to the assembly elections in five states, the income tax department has seized more unexplained cash as compared to elections held in those states earlier, CBDT chairman Nitin Gupta said on Wednesday.

Gupta said that prior to both state assembly and Lok Sabha elections, the enforcement agencies, including the I-T department, increased surveillance and also got information about unexplained cash and jewellery on toll-free numbers created for the purpose.

"The states where we are right now in elections we have seized more cash than what was seized in the corresponding time in the state assembly elections or Lok Sabha 2019, Gupta told reporters here.

He said pre-election monitoring of unexplained cash and surveillance is very intense and the entire activity is coordinated at the level of the Election Commission and state election authority.

According to sources, in poll-bound Rajasthan this year there has been a three-fold increase in the total seizure of illegal cash, liquor, drugs, gold, silver etc. Such seizures, which were Rs 322 crore in 2021 and Rs 347 crore in 2022, have risen to Rs 1,021 crore till October



Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram are going to poll in November.

In July, the apex authority in indirect tax, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for tax officers to implement the directions of the Election Commission with regard to the use of freebies, illicit cash, liquor and drugs to lure voters, and asked them to share information with other enforcement agencies.

As per the SoP, tax officers were asked to monitor the distribution of coupon-based or free fuel or cash for alluring prospective voters.

The GST and Customs officials were also asked to set up "flying squads and static surveillance teams" for the effective conduct of road and transit checks of vehicles, and verification of warehouses to curb illegal and prohibited activities.

Sebi Participates In IITF To Spread Investor Awareness, Financial Literacy



Observer News Service

NEW DELHI: As part of its endeavour to showcase the well regulated securities market of India as well as to spread the message of financial literacy and investor awareness, SEBI in association with BSE, NSE, MCX, NCDEX, CDSL, NSDL, AMFI, ANMI and CPAI has set up a Pavilion 'BHARAT KAA SHARE BAZAAR' in the 42nd India International Trade Fair, 2023 (14-27 November 2023), New Delhi.

The theme of the event for this year is "VAISHVIK SAM-RIDHI KA ADHAAR, BHARAT KA SHARE BAZAR" which is aligned with the G 20 theme of "VASUDHEV KUTUMBKAM".

Kamlesh Chandra Varshney, Whole Time Member, SEBI inaugurated the event on November 14, 2023 in the presence of Securities Market Participants.

SEBI over the years has implemented many investor friendly measures through the use of technology like screen based trading, dematerialization of securities, rolling settlement, Straight Through Processing, SCORES Mechanism, ASBA facility, KRA mechanism, E-KYC etc. It has also strived for better disclosures and investor awareness including cautioning the public against illegal money mobilization schemes from time to time.

Recently, SEBI has also introduced SMARTs programme for enhancing investor education. It also introduced Online Dispute Resolution (ODR), T+1 Settlement and opened Investor Service Centres for ease of investors.

SKUAST-K Holds Three Entrepreneurship Programs In Anantnag, Budgam



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir organised two entrepreneurship awareness programs in Ananthag and Budgam districts today. While a $weeklong \, \hbox{\it Existing-MDP} \, \hbox{\it on} \, \hbox{\it Trichoderma}$ - A biofertilizer and bio-fungicide for sustainable organic vegetable production for youth of Qazibagh, concluded at

The awareness programs were organised by SKUAST-K's Krishi Vikas Kendras of Anantnag and Budgam districts under the sponsorship of the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in collaboration with the local partners.

KVK Budgam conducted a daylong program in collaboration with the National Rural Livelihood Mission, Block Budgam on 'Scientific Processing of Fruits through Beverage Making' for farmers, unemployed youth and entrepreneurs of Soibugh Cluster at its campus. A team of scientists led by the Head KVK, Budgam delved in detail about various food processing opportunities for entrepreneurship and walked them through the process

required to establish agri-business ventures in the sector.

KVK Anantnag organised an awareness program on 'Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Canopy Management in Apple with special Reference to Modern High-Density Orchards" for entrepreneurship development. Dr Ishtiyaq A Khan, training coordinator and Head, KVK Anantnag underscored the importance of instilling an entrepreneurial spirit among the youth. He delivered a comprehensive presentation highlighting entrepreneurship opportunities in the horticultural sector, showcasing successful entrepreneurs nurtured by the Kendra.

During the week-long training programme, on Trichoderma – A biofertilizer and bio-fungicide for sustainable organic vegetable production the trainees were imparted instructions in the cultivation of organic vegetables by the use of Trichoderma as biofertiliser and bioagent. Dr Vaseem Yousuf. the training coordinator, stressed the importance of this training, which lies in the fact that with green agricultural development, people are seeking safe, effective and environmentally friendly disease control measures.

RBI Directs Bajaj Finance To Stop Sanction, Disbursal Of Loans Under eCOM, Insta EMI Card

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MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank on Wednesday directed Bajaj Finance to stop sanction and disbursal of loans under its two lending products eCOM and Insta EMI Card, with immediate effect.

"This action is necessi-

tated due to non-adherence of the company to the extant provisions of Digital lending guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India, particularly non-issuance of Key Fact Statements to the borrowers under these two lending products and the deficiencies in the Key Fact Statements is-

sued in respect of other digital loans sanctioned by the company," the central bank said in a statement.

These supervisory restrictions will be reviewed after the rectification of the said deficiencies to the satisfaction of the RBI, it added.

Subrata Roy: Who Made It Large, Drop By Drop In Good And Bad Times

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NEW DELHI: His was a story that can sound like an urban legend, but Subrata Roy literally made it large, drop by drop.

What he started with a borrowed capital of just Rs 2,000 in 1978, kept growing for over three decades and became a corpus of tens of thousands of crores with contributions as low as Rs 10-20 each from investors, but then it started crumbling down, brick by brick.

Roy, who died in Mumbai on Tuesday after a prolonged illness at the age of 75, continued to make it large, even while battling it out in

courts and before regulators. When asked for proof of payments collected from his crores of investors and the repayments made to them with returns, he famously sent 128 trucks containing more than 31,000 cartons of documents to capital market regulator Sebi's headquarters in Mumbai.

Flummoxed by the humongous task of sorting and verifying tonnes of investor papers, the regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) had to put them in a huge hired warehouse having 'automated robotic system' document handling and safe vaults with 32 lakh cubic feet of storage capacity. In another mammoth task later,

Sebi had to engage a server hosting vendor to provide electronic data storage and web access services for a database of 20 crore scanned pages in the high-profile Sahara case.

On the other hand, the Sebi saga began with just two sets of complaints -- one from a small group of 'investors' and another from an individual named 'Roshan Lal' -- but it eventually turned out to be the biggest nemesis for Roy's sprawling business empire.

Before it all started falling apart, the Sahara portfolio comprised financial services, real estate, aviation, marquee hotels in London and New York, an IPL cricket team and a Formula One racing team as also sponsorships for the country's cricket and hockey teams.

And then, there was one of the most ambitious projects -- a hillside township in Maharashtra, Aamby Valley, which was supposed to have villas for virtually all who's who of the country from fields of cricket to films to politics where he had many

It was often alleged that the tens of thousands of crores of rupees



that Sahara had collected actually belonged to many politicians, cricketers and Bollywood stars, but there has never been any proof of this.

Aamby Valley was one of the several projects undertaken by the group's real estate arm Sahara Prime City Limited and it was a proposed IPO (initial public offer) of this company in 2009 that led the regulator Sebi to launch a probe.

When Sebi was looking into the draft prospectus filed for the IPO, it received a complaint on December 25, 2009, from 'Professional Group for Investor Protection, which alleged that a Sahara group firm, Sahara India Real Estate Corporation Limited (SIRECL) was issuing convertible bonds to the public throughout the country for many months and the same was not disclosed in the draft prospectus.

A similar complaint from Roshan Lal was also received by Sebi through the National Housing Bank vide a letter dated January 4, 2010.

The number '4' thereafter went on to become a key date in the Sebi-Sahara saga. Arvind Datar, a counsel for Sebi in

the long-running legal battle, once said, "It all started with Roshan Lal, whom we have never seen him, from Indore who on a colder winter morning decided to write a letter in Hindi to Sebi"

Little did Lal know that the oneand-a-half page letter could set in motion a litigation that seemed to be almost endless and little did he know that exactly four years and three months to the day after the letter that Roy would be sent to Ti-

When Sebi issued a notice to Sahara, they went to the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court and got a stay. The case was posted on January 4.

Roy was also sent to jail on a 4th March 4, 2014), Datar appeared for Sebi for the first time on 4th, and the main affidavit of Sahara was given on 4th, according to Datar, who also said once that it so happened that Sahara engaged almost all senior lawyers at the Supreme Court and Sebi had no one else except him from Chennai. The case also came to the Su-

preme Court on January 4.

Also, while the cases were continuing in various courts and tribunals, Sahara group continued to grow and collect funds as it denied any wrongdoing and always maintained that all investors got their money back with promised returns.

When the matter had reached the Allahabad High Court, the amount collected by the two Sahara firms facing the probe stood at about Rs 2,000 crore, By the time the matter reached the Securities Appellate Tribunal, Sahara Real Estate had collected Rs 17.000 crore and Sahara Housing had collected about Rs 6.500 crore.

The number of investors who invested in the bonds of two firms exceeded 3.1 crore and at one point it was more than the number of all investors in all stock exchanges combined.

According to Data, the money was collected in a short time of 10-12 months.

ESIC Adds 18.88 Lakh New Members In Sep

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has added 18.88 lakh new workers under the ESI Scheme in September, as per the latest payroll data. Around 22,544 new establishments have been registered and brought under the social security umbrella of the ESIC in September, thereby ensuring more coverage, a labour ministry statement said. The provisional payroll data of ESIC revealed that 18.88 lakh new employees have been added in September, it said. Data revealed that more jobs have been generated for the youth as of the 18.88 lakh employees added during the month, 9.06 lakh employees up to the age group of 25 constitute the majority of new registrations which is 47.98 per cent of the total employees, it stated.

Gender-wise analysis of the data indicates that the net enrolment of women members was 3.51 lakh in September. The data shows that 61 transgender employees have also got registered under the ESI Scheme during the month. The payroll data is provisional since the data generation is a continuous exercise, it added.

Kerala HC Denies Bail To 12 Persons Sentenced To 7 Yrs For Beating Tribal Man To Death In 2018 For Stealing Food

Kochi: The Kerala High Court on Wednesday rejected the bail plea of 12 out of the 13 persons convicted and sentenced to seven years in jail for beating a tribal man to death for allegedly stealing food in 2018 in Palakkad district of the state. The court said their act left a blot on the conscience of society.

A bench of Justices P B Suresh Kumar and P G Ajithkumar said the convicts' act of parading the victim naked in public for a considerable time with his hands tied from behind "certainly

makes the case exceptional".

The nature of such an act left a blot on the social conscience and the cultural fabric of the society, which is considered to be a civilised one

The high court noted that the convicts' incessant attacks on the victim -- Madhu -- led to his death.

It also noted that the victim's mother was also threatened at the instance of some of them.

"Considering those facts and circumstances the concern of the 2nd respondent (victim's mother) about her safety and security in the event of

releasing the petitioners (convicts) on bail has reason," the high court said.

At the same time, the court suspended the sentence of the main accused in the case and granted him bail saying he was not a party to the assembly which had harassed and ridiculed the victim.

"Accordingly, we take the view that the 1st accused is entitled to get an order of suspension of sentence, whereas the other petitioners (other convicts) are not," the bench said.

The court granted bail to the while out on bail. main accused-convict subject

to the condition that he execute a bond of Rs one lakh with two sureties of the like amount.

The other bail conditions imposed on him state that he must deposit the entire fine amount within a period of one month, not enter the limits of Palakkad district till his appeal against his conviction and sentence is disposed of, and not go abroad without the permission of the trial court.

The high court also directed the main accused-convict not to get involved in any offence

The bench in its order also

observed that the convicts whose bail was rejected were aware that the victim belonged to a Scheduled Tribe and the trial court ought to have considered the applicability of section

8(c) of the SC/ST Act. Section 8(c) of the SC/ST Act states that when an accused has personal knowledge of the victim or his family, the court shall presume that the accused was aware of the caste or tribal identity of the victim, unless the contrary is proved.

In the instant case, the trial court "did not consider that aspect of the matter", the bench

The high court also observed that the prosecution's submission that the convicts were aware of the caste of the victim "appears prima facie sound".

In that case, the mandatory punishment ought to be life imprisonment as prescribed in section 3(2)(v) of the SC/ST Act," the bench said.

With these directions and observations, the high court listed the appeals of the convicts and that of the state for hearing on January 15, 2024.

The state, represented by dditional Special Public Additional

Prosecutor P V Jeevesh, has moved an appeal seeking enhancement of the sentence given to the 13 convicts.

A special court in Kerala had on April 5 sentenced the 13 persons to seven years in jail for beating Madhu to death.

Madhu, a tribal man from Attappady, was beaten to death after he was caught and tied up by a group of local people, who accused him of theft on February 22, 2018.

Calling it the "first mob lynching case in God's Own Country," the trial court had said, "Let it be the last such case.'

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39 Killed, 20 Injured

and the bus was on its way from Kishtwar to Jammu.

In a statement, Public Relations Officer (Defence) Lieutenant Colonel Suneel Bartwal said 38 people were killed in the incident, with 32 passengers declared dead initially, and 20 sustained injuries.

"In a commendable display of promptness and coordination, the Indian Army, in collaboration with civil administration, conducted a swift rescue operation in response to a grievous accident on National Highway 244 at Assar, near Wani Mod, approximately 4 km from COB ASSAR towards Batote," he said.

Bartwal said the bodies are being sent to the Assar Primary Health Centre and Doda Civil Hospital.

There were a total of 58 individuals on board the ill-fated bus at the time of the incident, he added.

Doda Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh had earlier said 37 people were killed and 19 injured, including four who were shifted to the Government Medical College (GMC) hospital in Jammu.

"It is an unfortunate incident. It was said that the bus was not being run on the right side, which resulted in the accident," Singh

Some of the deceased have been identified and the bodies will be handed over to their

"We checked all the details of the vehicle. Maybe it was not being driven in the right manner. The vehicle jumped over the crash barriers and rolled down," Singh said.

An inquiry will be held into the incident, he

Due to the fall from a considerable height, the bus was badly damaged, sources said.

Police and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) personnel, besides locals, are involved in the rescue operation, they said, adding that some of the injured passengers have been shifted to hospitals.

The injured were first taken to a hospital in Doda and subsequently, four of them were airlifted to the GMC hospital in Jammu.

Top police and civil administration officers are supervising the rescue operation on the spot. The officials said the bus was carrying extra passengers and while negotiating a "U" turn, it overturned and rolled down into the

The bodies were taken out after cutting some parts of the bus, they added.

Some of the bodies were badly mutilated, the officials said.

Locals expressed concern over the poor condition of the road which, they said, not only led to this accident but several such tragedies in the past.

"The bus was going from Kishtwar to Jammu. Thirty-six people were killed on the spot," Mohammad Ashraf, the sarpanch of the area where the accident took place, told

Ashraf, who along with other local residents, launched the rescue operation, said at least 10 accidents have taken place in Doda of late, but the administration is yet to act.

"We gave Rs 6 lakh to repair the road. They failed to repair it. They have misappropriated the money. A similar accident took place here only a few months ago and many lives were lost," he added.

This is probably the biggest accident in Doda in the last few years.

On July 1, 2019, 35 people were killed and 17 injured when an overloaded mini-bus veered off the road and fell into a gorge in Kishtwar's Sangwari area.

On September 14, 2018, 17 passengers were killed and 16 injured when a mini-bus skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge in the Dandaran area of Kishtwar.

On May 24 this year, seven people were killed and three injured after a cruiser vehicle skidded off the road and fell into a gorge at the Dangduru dam site in the Dachan area of

Eight people were killed and three seriously injured when their car skidded off the road and plunged into a 300-foot gorge in Kishtwar on August 30.

On June 27, five people were killed and 12 injured when their vehicle fell into a gorge on the Bhadarwah-Pathankot road in Doda.

Six people were killed in road accidents in Doda district on October 8 and October 20.

Prez Murmu, PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the bus accident was distressing. "My condolences to the families who have lost their near and dear ones. I pray that the injured recover at the earliest," Modi said on X.

He announced that an ex gratia amount of Rs 2 lakh each would be given to the next of the kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 each to the injured from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF).

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge expressed pain and anguish over the loss of lives in the bus accident and urged authorities to speed up the relief and rescue work.

"Pained and anguished to hear about the terrible bus tragedy in Doda, Jammu and Kashmir which has resulted in loss of many precious lives. We urge the authorities to expedite the rescue and relief work," he said in a post on X.

"In this hour of grief, our deepest condolences to the families of the victims. May they get the strength to overcome their losses," he

Officials said the bus bearing registration number JK02CN-6555 was reportedly carrying around 40 passengers. They said it skidded off the road near Trungal-Assar on the Batote-Kishtwar national highway and fell 300 feet downhill.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and three former chief ministers of the erstwhile state expressed condolences over the loss of

"Extremely pained by the loss of lives in a tragic bus accident in Assar, Doda. My heartfelt condolences to bereaved families & wishing for a speedy recovery of those injured in the accident. Directed Div Com & Dist Admin to provide all necessary assistance to affected persons," Sinha posted on X.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti also expressed grief over the loss of lives. "Deeply shocked & saddened about the tragic road accident at Assar in Doda. Deepest condolences to the families of those feared dead & hope the administration expedites rescue operations," she posted on X.

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and vice president Omar Abdullah also expressed sadness over the loss of lives.

"JKNC President Dr Farooq Abdullah and VP @OmarAbdullah are extremely shocked and saddened to hear about the road accident at Assar near Trungal in Doda district in which several are feared dead. They have implored the administration to provide all possible help to the injured. In this moment of immense grief, their thoughts and prayers lie with the families of the deceased Conference posted ion X.

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to the next of kin of those who have lost their lives due to the unfortunate bus accident in Assar, Doda. Rs. 1 Lakh would be given to those injured. J&K UT Administration will provide every possible assistance to the affected families," Sinha posted on Twitter, previously known as X.

A Timeline Of Road

resulting in 170 deaths and 1,026 injuries which led to a total of 258 deaths in twin districts Chenab region.

The data further reveals that in 2016, 34 persons were killed and 347 injured in Doda and 21 were killed and 85 injured in Kishtwar. In 2017, 49 persons were killed and 274 injured in Doda, whereas 15 persons were killed and 97 injured in Kishtwar. As many as 39 persons were killed and 130 injured in Kishtwar, whereas 28 persons were killed and 330 injured in Doda in 2018. In 2019 around 56 persons lost their lives in mountainous Kishtwar, whereas in Doda 46 persons were killed and over 300 persons injured in road accidents. From 2016-2019 a total of 283 people were killed in both the districts.

Locals said that the dilapidated condition of the Batote-Doda-Kishtwar stretch of National Highway 244 and inner roads are taking a heavy toll on people's lives with accidents a ground reality.

Syed Bilal, a journalist from Doda, said that there are multiple reasons for accidents saying roads in the twin districts are death traps. 'The condition of Batote-Doda-Kishtwar is

dangerous for anyone to travel. Although the situation of highways has changed from what it used to be in the nine-

ties, it is still dangerous. Overloading of vehicles is allowed despite the heightened risk of accidents" said Bilal. "One of the main reasons for the vehicles

falling in gorges is the absence of Crash barriers in the Chenab valley districts of Doda and Kishtwar. The vehicles fall in gorges and there are times when it is hard to find dead bodies"

Pertinently, on February 20 this year, the Jammu and Kashmir Government constituted a four-member high-powered committee to suggest measures for making the Batote-Doda-Kishtwar road accident free.

Besides it, the J & K High Court had also ordered the government to install rolling barriers/steel pillars on curved roads and wherever culverts are discovered, and to file an Action Taken Report (ATR) by the next scheduled

However, after no end to road accidents in the region, the locals alleged, it looks like the authorities are not doing much to upgrade the road infrastructure in the region.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, DC Doda Harvinder Singh said that Wednesday's tragic accident that left 38 people dead was caused as a result of overloading and over speeding. However, he denied commenting on the frequent road accidents taking place in the

"The accident was caused because the driver was moving fast with the overloaded

Pertinently, Jammu and Kashmir ranks second across India in the number of road accidents per 10,000 vehicles with an average of over 900 deaths every year in the last five

Indian MBBS Students

affected students can seek a transfer.

Amit from Bihar's Begusarai, spent one night in a basement in Ukraine when Russia attacked. He was among the students evacuated by the Indian government under the 'Operation Ganga' initiative.

Operation Ganga' was the initiative launched by the government of India to bring back Indians stranded in Ukraine. A total of 18,282 Indian nationals were evacuated under the initiative.

"I thought I wouldn't make it and would either die or will be stranded in Ukraine. Once I was back home in India, me and my family were relieved but then began the never-ending cycle of uncertainty about what was next. I had finished three years of my MBBS in Ukraine and to start all over again or pursue something else was not an option I wanted to consider. I later decided to move to Uzbekistan," Amit told PTI.

He says living expenses in Samarkand are higher than that of Ûkraine but he is happy to be able to continue his education.

Tanwi Wadhva from Punjab's Ferozepur, who was studying at Bukovinian State Medical University in Ukraine, was apprehensive about joining the university due to the

"I attended online classes for eight months. We were hopeful that the war would end and we would go back. Some students even went back from different routes but I didn't want to take that risk. I evaluated all options from Georgia to Poland and decided to come to Uzbekistan. The university admitted us a semester back, I was initially apprehensive about the loss of one semester but later I changed my mind and it was worth the decision," she said.

Divyansh from Meerut who used to study at the same university as Wadhwa said Uzbekistan's universities offered teaching and learning in English and the curriculum was on

"Not all countries have universities which offer English as a medium of instruction. So that was a very important factor. Quality of life is similar in Ukraine and Samarkand but this place feels safer now," he said.

Around 19,000 Indian students were studying in Ukraine when the Russian invasion began in February 2021.

According to estimates, approximately 2,000 Indian students have gone back to Ukraine and they are residing mostly in the western part of the East European country.

Several Indian medical students were left with no choice after their evacuation from Ukraine and transferred to universities in other countries to continue their studies. Many have gone to Russia, Serbia and other European countries.

Dr Zafar Aminov, Vice Chancellor, of Samarkand State Medical University, said when the war broke out, the Indian Embassy reached out to them enquiring if the affected students could seek a transfer.

"We evaluated the requirements of such students and then ultimately decided that enrolling them with a semester back would be a viable option to provide equivalence. We then set up a team to facilitate transfers and also made special arrangements for these students. We hired 30 more Indian teachers to ensure there are no accent issues," he told PTI. Aminov said the university has accom-

modated over 1,000 Indian transfer students from Ukraine.

Deepika Kaidala Jayaramaiah, a student from Karnataka, said after seeing the war situation right in front of her, moving to a peaceful country was the priority.

have only read about war in history books. Never imagined that I would witness the situation in person. After it was evident that going to Ukraine was not an option now,

I decided to resume my medical journey in Uzbekistan," she said.

PM Releases

coming today i.e. on November 15, 2023. Now when elections are to be held in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh in two days, in Rajasthan in 10 days and in Telangana in 15 days, the 15th installment is being released today," he said in the post.

"Is this delay not intentional?" Ramesh asked.

Polling in Rajasthan is scheduled for November 25 and in Telangana for November 30. The counting of votes for these states along with Mizoram will be held on December 3.

RDSS Will End

operationally efficient distribution sector. Dar told Kashmir Observer that the Central Government has approved Rs 2300 crore under RDSS for Kashmir to overhaul power infrastructure in both urban and rural areas to ensure regular electricity supply to the Union

In September, this year the Administrative Council (AC) under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha approved the engagement of project implementation agency (PIA) for the RDSS in I&K.

The decision is directed towards attaining complete implementation of smart prepaid consumer metering and comprehensive system metering. These meters will incorporate communi-

AT&C losses, thereby enhancing operational efficiencies and ensuring the financial sustainability of DISCOMs. It may be noted that this year as well, the valley is facing unprecedented power cuts in

cation features with the goal of minimizing

both metered and non-metered areas. In October, the KPDCL issued a new power schedule announcing 4.30 hours power curtailment in metered areas on a daily basis and 8-hour power cuts in non-metered areas. However, the current curtailments schedule for metered areas is 4:30 hours while non-

meters are six hours. Dar, however, told Kashmir Observer that until the people don't use the electricity judiciously, the power crisis will remain there.

"People use blowers, heaters, boilers and other heating gadgets at a time which results in high demand of electricity—thus more load shedding," Dar said, adding "the RDSS will

end all the issues," **Admin Has Taken**

but have not benefitted.

"This endeavour of the central government with the objective of reaching the unreached, to generate awareness about tribal, rural and urban schemes, to interact with beneficiaries and enrolment of potential beneficiaries will make a significant contribution in socio-economic empowerment of tribal community, poor, deprived and weaker sections of the society," he said.

Sinha also shared the efforts of his administration, under the guidance of PM, for the welfare of the tribal population.

"Since August 2019 tribal welfare was given top priority by the administration and various initiatives were launched cutting across sectors to empower tribal communities of J&K UT." he said.

He said the administration has taken significant initiatives for the holistic welfare of tribal communities.

The LG called for collective efforts from citizens, stakeholders, community leaders, social organizations and administration to address the focus areas for tribal districts under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra including sickle cell anaemia elimination, enrolment in EKLAVYA, Scholarships, Forest Rights titles, Self Help Groups and Van Dhan Vikas Kendra.

further directed all District Commissioners and Administrative officials to focus on saturation of individual forest

In other districts, the outreach activities will start from 3rd week of November. Route plan for IEC Vans has been prepared and control room has also been established at UT and District level for overall coordination.

Sonam Lotus

service delivery, and the establishment of a robust human resource development framework. His focus on the swift execution of government schemes and fostering a lively working environment marked a turning point for the department.

As per the details, one of his notable achievements includes the revival of the "Weather Forecasting and Flood Met Office in Srinagar" after nearly two decades of dormancy due to the turmoil in the valley.

Lotus's efforts significantly contributed to

the drastic improvement in forecast accuracy, including the installation of an Automatic Weather Station at the Amarnath Holy Cave at an altitude of 3888m.

It was Sonam Lotus who hinted about the flood of 2014, which took over Kashmir, and after that, he became popular among each and every house in the valley.

Beyond his official duties, Lotus actively engaged in popularising meteorology, as his contributions ranged from the publication of a book on the 'Climate of Srinagar' to delivering lectures on relevant topics and participating in conferences and seminars. As a founding member of the IMS Chapter in Srinagar, he further strengthened the meteorological community.

Lotus's outstanding contributions have not gone unnoticed, as he received numerous accolades, including the Best Employee of IMD and recognition from the Prime Minister of India in July 2018. Letters of appreciation poured in from dignitaries such as the Governor of J&K, the Director-General of IMD, and the Additional Director General of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), J&K Police.

As his official farewell is scheduled on Wednesday, November 16, 2023, Sonam Lotus leaves behind a legacy of excellence and dedication, and a joyful 15-year career. The 'Weatherman of Srinagar' has not only saved lives and property through accurate forecasts but has also played a vital role in boosting the state's economy.

"My 15-year career serving in J&K has been eventful, adventurous and satisfying as I had a great learning experience both professionally and personally. I thank the people of J&K for their love and respect and the government for giving me the opportunity to serve in I&K and Ladakh. I am taking a bag full of memories from Kashmir, and my experience here has been amazing," Lotus said

The Meteorological Centre in Srinagar expressed sincere gratitude to Sonam Lotus for his "unwavering commitment". The newlyappointed Director of Metrology, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, wished him the "very best" in his future endeavours.

"The legacy of Sonam Lotus's meteorological excellence will continue to shine brightly in the years to come," Dr Mukhtar

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and equipment to tackle such situations. "We have intimated the higher-ups from time to time regarding this, but nothing significant has been done to mitigate the issue as of now", the official said.

"Through this medium, I would like to reach out to the higher ups again and request them to take the things into consideration so that the life and property of people is saved every once such a situation arises anywhere

in the district", the official added. **Properties Of 3 Drug**

the spokesperson said. The three accused were already booked in four different cases of drug peddling in various police stations in Poonch, he said.

NIA Chargesheets

Kupwara-resident Mohammed Ubaid Malik also to join the JeM.

The agency has alleged that Dilwar Iqbal was motivating Kashmiri youths as part of a larger conspiracy hatched by proscribed terrorist organisations and their affiliates to carry out terrorist acts and activities in the

region.
"Dilwar would incite youth having a militancy background to pursue Jihad by sharing with them inflammatory audio clips and videos as well as images of Maulana Masood Azhar Alvi, showing the latter preaching radical Islam. He would also send videos related to encounters in the Kashmir valley and would provoke the youth to pick up arms," an NIA spokesperson said.

The agency has been probing the terror conspiracy case since June 21, 2022 which it took on suo motu basis. The case pertains to the conspiracy hatched by Pakistan-based terrorist organisations to "unleash violent terrorist attacks in J&K with sticky bombs, IEDs and small arms, etc" to carry out terrorist attacks and violence in the Union Territory.

"It involves radicalization of local youth and mobilization of overground workers of newly floated terrorist groups, such as The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu & Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu & Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers, PAAF and others. These outfits are affiliated to proscribed terrorist outfits like Laskhar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizbul-Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr, Al-Qaeda, etc," the agency has alleged.

India Beat New Zealand To Reach World Cup Final

MUMBAI: Making the big stage his own, Virat Kohli added more lustre to his larger than life persona with a historic 50th ODI century that extended India's bullish World Cup run to the title clash even as New Zealand threatened to spoil the home team's party with a lion-hearted fight, here Wednesday.

The semifinal tilted heavily in India's favour after Rohit Sharma's team put on board a massive 397 for four, bulldozing the Kiwi attack but before the hosts romped home by 70 runs for an unprecedented 10th win in a row, New Zealand did cause considerable anxiety in home team's camp.

It was Daryl Mitchell's valiant 134 off 119 balls that had the Indian hearts racing as the equation became a gettable 112 from 54-balls with six wickets in hand but Kuldeep Yadav delivered under pressure a price-less two-run 42nd over that released the pressure.

Pacer Mohammed Shami, who had scalped top four Kiwi batters earlier, then sealed the fate of the Kiwis by ending Mitchell's belligerent knock and ended up with a gold-standard seven-wicket haul.

Shami is serving reminders of



his class in each and every game since making the playing XI after being left out initially and he only made it bigger at the big stage.

When it was alleged that India tried to take advantage by opting for spin-friendly track, it was a fast bowler that made the

New Zealand folded for 327 in 48.5 overs and India rejoiced a hard-earned memorable victory with yet another team effort, that earned them a shot at their third ODI world title.

A fearless Rohit Sharma (47

off 29) dented the confidence of New Zealand bowlers with his ultra-risk, power-packed knock that blew away the pressure of the big semifinal, leaving the stage for Kohli (117) to conjure up the knock that perched him atop a mountain from where displacing him does not seem

possible for a long time to come. Shrevas Iver not only watched Kohli take the crown from his idol, Sachin Tendulkar (49 ODI centuries), from the best seat in the house but he himself made a huge contribution in India raising a mammoth total, albeit his knock of 105 was overshadowed due to the sheer significance of Kohli's milestone mark.

New Zealand has always been a big-match team and it fought through Mitchell and inspiring leader Kane Williamson (69) but in the end their efforts only saved them from the ignominy of losing by a bigger margin.

Rachin Ravindra (13) and Devon Conway imploded under pressure and the Kiwis did not get the kind start which is required for such targets.

Virat Kohli Slams 50th ODI Ton To Make History, Breaks Idol Sachin Tendulkar's World Record

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Virat Kohli on Wednesday climbed a peak that no one ever has conquered - 50th hundred in ODIs, and, rest assured, the Indian superstar will stand alone on that high point for foreseeable future.

With that century against New Zealand in the World Cup semifinals here, Kohli moved past his idol Sachin Tendulkar, who had held the record for most ODI centuries till now with 49 of them.

Tendulkar also might have felt a bit of gratification seeing his successor dethroning him, as the batting maestro himself had asked Kohli not to delay in getting to the mark.

After Kohli reached his 49th ODI hundred against South Africa in Kolkata, Tendulkar took to X (formerly Twitter) to wish the Delhiite.

"Well played Virat. It took me 365 days to go from 49 to 50 earlier this year. I hope you go from 49 to 50 and break my record in the next few days," Tendulkar had



this day in Tendulkar's home ground.

Here is a stat-crunch from India's innings.

50: Kohli is now the only batsman to have 50 hundreds in ODI cricket. Among the active cricketers, Indian skipper

Rohit Sharma tails him at 31. 5: This was Kohli's 5th hundred in World Cup, going equal with Kumar Sangakkara the list with seven centuries.

3: This the first time 3 players from same team score more than 500 runs in World Cup: Kohli, Shreyas, Rohit.

711: Kohli is now the highest run-getter in this World Cup. He is the only batsman to score more than 700 runs in the showpiece. The previous best was Tendulkar's 673 in 2003 World Cup.

GCOPE Annual **Athletic Project Meet Held At Ganderbal**



Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: The Government College of Physical Education Gadoora Ganderbal held the first day of its 46th Annual Athletic Project Meet on Wednesday.

The two-day event is being held at the college's campus, with 164 students competing in 12 Track & Field disciplines, including 100 Meter (Men & Women). 200 Meter (Women), 400 Meter (Men), 800 Meter (Women), 1500 Meter (Men), 4x100 Meter Relay Race (Women), 4x400 Meter Relay Race (Men), Shot Put (Men & Women), Discus Throw (Men & Women), Javelin Throw (Men & Women), Long-Jump (Men & Women) and High-Jump (Men & Women).

Students of B.P.Ed (Semester-II & IV) and M.P.Ed Semester-I participated in various events. M.P.Ed Semester-III students organised the meet. March Past was presented by the students of the colleges.

Various dignitaries, includ-

ing Nuzhat Ishfaq, Chairperson DDC Ganderbal as Chief Guest, Sareer Ahmad Mir District Treasury Officer, Wajahat Qayoom ARTO and Shafkat Iqbal DYSSO Ganderbal as Guests of Honour and other officers/officials of the college added pres-

tige to the inaugural function. Welcome address was presented by Dr. Hartej Singh, Principal Government College of Physical Education Gadoora Ganderbal. During his speech, he revitalized the on-field activities conducted by the college under the aegis of Department of YSS J&K at different levels and also professed that Annual Athletic Project Meet is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and collaborative spirit of the entire college community.

Dr. Nazir Ahmad Waza, Sr. Assistant Professor presented a gracious vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and praise for the students who brought vibrancy to the event with their

Goalie Maroof Shafi Selected For FIFA ID Talent Trials

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sports Council Football Academy product Maroof Shafi has been selected to participate in the FIFA Talent ID Academy selection trials at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

The Talent ID academy is the first of its FIFA-sponsored academy in India, and was inaugurated by FIFA president.

Maroof Shafi is an upand-coming goalkeeper from Budgam. He recently participated in the Under-14 Sub Junior National Football Championship 2023-24 and caught the attention of many scouts. Maroof is the only footballer from J&K in the 45-player list released by the acad-

The trials begin No- roof Shafi," it added.

vember 20 and go on till November 24.

J&K Football Association also released a statement congratulating the young prospect.

'The JKFA is thrilled to extend its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Maroof Shafi of Budgam. ... We would like to express our deepest gratitude to coaches for their unwavering commitment to nurturing and recommending these outstanding young players for FIFA Talent ID," the FA said in a

"On behalf of Nazir Ahmad Andrabi (Chairman JKFA), B.A Shah (General Secretary JKFA), and Wasim Aslam (Chief Coordinator JKFA), we extend our warmest congratulations to Ma-



SRINAGAR PREMIER LEAGUE

Aakif Scores 3 As J&K Bank Beats AG's Office 4-1



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 2023 Srinagar Premier League action continued on Wednesday with one Round 20 game played between J&K Bank FC and AG's Office XI at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

The match was anticipated to be highly competitive, with favourites J&K Bank facing a stern test in AG's Office.

The first half of the game saw both teams try to maintain possession, but with the attacking prowess of J&K Bank, the defence of AG's Office began to show cracks. Furkan put I&K Bank ahead in the 35th minute, game begins at 3:00 PM.

before talismanic striker Aakif Reshi made it 2-0 in the first half added time.

AG's Office came flying in the second half, as Ifham pulled one back for his team. With the comeback on, Aakif stepped up and made it 3-1 in the 66th minute. He scored his hat trick in the added time to help his team to a comfortable 4-1 win. Aakif was awarded man of the match for his performance.

The Thursday's fixture of the 2023 Srinagar Premier League will witness league leaders Downtown Heroes FC take on Sports Council Football Academy at TRC. The

J&K Women Suffer 1-0 Loss In Senior National

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K Senior Women's football team lost 1-0 to Uttarakhand on Wednesday in the 28th Senior Women's National Football Championship 2023-24 being played at Amritsar, Punjab. Bhagwati Chauhan scored the lone game of the goal in the 24th

The team is coached by Qudsiya

Altaf and will be happy with the fight shown in a tough matchup. J&K will next play Ladakh on

Friday, November 17 at GNDU Sports Complex. The game begins at 10:00 AM.

J&K Starting XI vs Uttarakhand: 1 Afshan 2 Seerat 4 Afreena 8 Zaara 11 Shranya 13 Riya 14 Tanzeela 17 Shabnam 19 Nidha 7 Nadiya 12 Mahrukh



South Africa Look To Drop WC Chokers Tag Against Nemesis Australia

Agencies

KOLKATA: Should South Africa finally shed the World Cup 'chokers' tag by beating Australia in their semi-final on Thursday it may feel doubly sweet given the prominent role their opponents have played in creating the myth of the panicky Proteas.

Nearly a quarter-century has passed since the classic 1999 World Cup semi-final where South Africa needed one run from four balls for victory, only to draw the match and be eliminated due to Australia's higher placed finish in the Super Sixes stage

Far more than just a bleak day for South African cricket, the Edgbaston debacle remains a historical reference point for all the ills that have since befallen the Proteas at World Cups.

While the semi-final was dramatic enough in isolation, South Africa's doom was actually a tragicomedy in two parts, with act one being the final Super Six match against Australia days earlier.

Australia captain Steve Waugh played the villain to perfection, scoring a matchwinning, unbeaten century af-



ter being bizarrely reprieved by Herschelle Gibbs.

Gibbs had jogged to his side at mid-wicket to take a simple catch but spilled the ball when set to fling it skyward in cel-

"You've just dropped the World Cup," were the words attributed to Waugh after Gibbs's drop, though neither player has

ever corroborated the remark. It proved the sharpest of turning points as Waugh guided Australia to victory with two balls to spare, saving his team from the brink of elimination.

South Africa, chasing a modest 214 for victory in the teams' re-match in the semi-final, entered the final over at 205 for nine, with Lance Klusener on strike and tail-ender Allan Donald at the other end.

Klusener thumped fours off paceman Damien Fleming's first two balls to leave South Africa needing one run from the final four balls for a place in their maiden World Cup final.

Klusener mishit the next two deliveries but made an ill-fated dash for a run on the second, only for Donald to be caught unawares.

South Africa's humiliation was complete when Donald dropped his bat when finally taking off for the run and wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist whipped off the bails.

HISTORY REMINDER

World Cup setbacks have piled up for the Proteas ever since.

They were eliminated from their home World Cup in 2003 after miscalculating the adjusted winning target in a rain-hit match against Sri Lanka.

Four years later they crashed to a heavy defeat in the semis against Australia, and a stunning batting collapse in the 2011 quarter-finals saw them beaten by New

In 2015, New Zealand batsman Grant Elliot smashed Dale Stevn for six to sink South Africa in the semi-final in Auckland.

Former Australia wicketkeeper Brad Haddin said he would waste no time in bringing up South Africa's World Cup misfires if he was playing against them in Thursday's semi-final in Kolkata.

"I'd be reminding them of that (history) as soon as we walk on the field," TV pundit Haddin said this week.

"They'll have enough going on in their own heads and we'll have a few players reminding them of that.'

Babar Azam Resigns As Pakistan **Skipper From All Formats**

Press Trust of India

KARACHI: Babar Azam on Wednesday quit as Pakistan captain across formats, four days after his team's elimination from the World Cup, where the former champions finished fifth. The Pakistan Cricket Board

(PCB) appointed Shaheen Shah Afridi as their new T20I captain and Shan Masood as their Test captain shortly after Babar stepped down from the role. Babar announced his decision on social media.

'Today, I am stepping down as captain of Pakistan from all formats. It's a difficult decision but I feel this is right time for this call," Babar wrote in his statement, posted on X.

Babar faced scathing criticism for his team selection and many accused him of creating a coterie with the players of his liking, including Imam ul Haq, Mohammed Nawaz, Shadab Khan to name a few. With no ODIs scheduled in the near future, the PCB has not named a captain for the format.

Pakistan lost five of their nine games, including a shock



defeat to Afghanistan in the World Cup, bringing Babar's leadership under scanner.

The 34-year-old Masood has featured in 30 Tests, scoring 1,597 runs, which includes four centuries and seven half-centuries but was overlooked for the Asia Cup and World Cup.

His first assignment will be a three-match Test series in Australia starting December 14.

Afridi's first assignment as captain will be the five-match T20I series in New Zealand from January 12 to 21.

The 23-year-old Afridi has captained Lahore Qalandars to two Pakistan Super League titles in the last two years.

Tagore's timeless 'Kabuliwala' to hit silver screen again after six decades in Mithun-starrer Bengali film



KOLKATA: Nearly six decades after filmmaker Tapan Sinha dished out cult movie 'Kabuliwala', based on a timeless story written by Rabindranath Tagore, another Bengali film with Mithun Chakraborty in the lead role will retell the tale, hitting the screens this Christmas.

Kabuliwala, written in 1892, showcases the fatherly love of a middle-aged Afghan man named Rahmat for Mini, a little girl from Kolkata.

Rahmat, who comes to the then capital of the British Indian empire to sell dry fruits and enter the moneylending business, bonds with one of his patron's five-year-old daughter who reminds him of his own child back home.

While Chakraborty will essay the role of Rahmat, child artist Anumegha Kahali, famous for her role in 'Mithai' Bengali soap, will portray the role of Mini in the new film, also named 'Kabuliwala', directed by Suman Ghosh.

Bengali actors Chatterjee and Sohini Sarkar will essay the roles of Mini's parents. The new film is set in the Kolkata of 1960s and is a heartwarming tale transcending geographical borders and cultural disparities.

"Kabuliwala is scheduled for a festive release during Christmas 2023 to bring cheers among the audiences including children during the festive season," the producers said in a statement on Children's Day on

Sinha had first Tapan brought the story to the celluloid in 1957.

Bengali actor Chhabi Biswas had portrayed the role of Rahmat in the movie.

Sixty-six years later,



story is being retold in another Bengali film by Ghosh, who had earlier directed 'Nobelchor'. a movie based on the theft of Tagore's Nobel prize medal from Santiniketan.

Chakraborty said he will interpret the character of Rahmat in his own way.

"This 'Kabuliwala' has no similarities (with the earlier film)," the director had told PTI

The story has inspired Hindi movies, including a 1961 movie of the same name made by Hemen Gupta with Balraj Sahni in the lead role, and 'Bioscopewala', a 2008 Danny Dengzongpa-starrer directed by Deb Medhekar.

After Beatles, AI To Bring Edith Piaf Voice Back To Life For Biopic



A new biopic on the life of Edith Piaf will use artificial intelligence to allow the French star to narrate her own story, Warner Music and her estate said on Tuesday.

"Edith" is "in the final phase of development", sources close to Warner Music France said, but no release date has been

The unveiling of the "innovative and revolutionary technological project using AI to re-create her voice and image", the statement said, comes 60

years after Piaf's death.

It also follows the success of the Beatles' latest release "Now And Then" which, with a little help from AI, last week soared to the band's first UK number one single in 54 years

Artificial intelligence helped isolate the late John Lennon's vocals from a tape he recorded in 1978, two years before he was murdered.

The two surviving Beatles, Paul McCartney, aged 81, and Ringo Starr, 83, finished "Now And Then" last year, including the late George Harrison's guitar parts recorded in 1995.

For the singer of French classics "La vie en Rose" and "Non, je ne regrette rien", AI will be fed hundreds of voice and image clips, some more than 80 years old, to re-create her unique style and "further enhance the authenticity and

emotional impact of her story". Original recordings will be used for her greatest hits, Warner said.

The 90-minute film will move between Paris and New York from 1920 to 1960 and be narrated by the singer's voice, including hitherto unknown "aspects of her life".

Stranded Whale Calf Pushed Back Into The Sea After 40 Hours In Maharashtra's **Ratnagiri District**

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35-foot-long whale calf that was stranded on the coast of Ganpatipule in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri district was on Wednesday pushed back into the sea after 40 hours of efforts, delighting visitors and locals at the tourist spot, officials said.

The whale calf, weighing nearly 4 tons, reached the coast on Monday but got stuck in the sand near the beach as there was a low tide.

Travellers and locals who spotted the marine mammal struggling in shallow waters alerted the authorities, including Ratnagiri police and Coast Guard, resulting in a spirited rescue operation.

Initial attempts by the fire brigade, police and locals to push back the whale calf deep into the sea did not succeed, triggering concerns about its safety and survival.

Moving quickly on their feet, the rescuers began pouring seawater to keep the calf hydrated and covered it with cotton to create the required environment to save it, said the official.

A team of veterinary doctors also reached the spot and administered fluid to the whale calf to keep it alive.

An effort was made to push the sea animal by tying it with a belt and dragging it, but it caused injuries near its tail, prompting authorities to abort the method. Meanwhile,

marine experts were also roped in to monitor the whale calf's health, he said.

On Tuesday night, a tugboat was brought and the whale was placed on a net under a new rescue plan. During high tide, officials and locals again started pushing the calf into the water. They were inspired to work harder seeing the calf itself making attempts to slide towards deeper water, the official said.

After working relentlessly for several hours, the whale calf was dragged 7 to 8 nautical miles into the sea by the tugboat in the early hours of Wednesday, the official said.

Once back in its natural habitat, the whale calf broke the net and started swimming on its own. It then swam deeper and vanished in the sea, said Dhanajay Kulkarni, superintendent of police, Ratnagiri district.

"It was an important task to save the marine life. All stakeholders, including the district administration, Coast Guard, a private company, local villagers, and marine experts, were involved in the operation alongside the police to rescue the whale," he said. Typically, mammals like this calf face survival challenges after being stranded on the shore for more than 35-40 hours, but this calf defied the odds, he said. "All were very happy as they successfully guided it back into the sea, knowing that it can now resume its natural life," he added.

A 32-Year-Old US Woman Born With Two Uteruses Is Now Pregnant In Both

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t's double trouble, with a unique twist: A 32-year-old woman from Alabama who was born with two uteruses is now pregnant in both.

Kelsey Hatcher, who is documenting her story on her Instagram account "doubleuhatchlings," knew from the age of 17 she has "uterus didelphys," a rare condition where a person has a double uterus, thought to affect about 0.3 percent of females.

It was during a routine

eight-week ultrasound visit in May that the massage therapist and mother-of-three learned not only that she was having twins this time around—but that a fetus was present in each of her

"We were kind of blown away! During that first ultra-sound we had LOTS of laughs," she wrote in an Instagram post.

"Most likely what happened is that she ovulated separately and had one egg come down each fallopian tube, meaning coming down on each side of

the uterus, and then sperm traveled up on each separate uterus and fertilization occurred separately," Shweta Patel, the obstetrician-gynecologist caring for Hatcher at the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Women & Infants Center, told ABC's "Good Morning America."

Although women with a double uterus often face pregnancy complications, all three of Hatcher's previous children were born healthy at full term.

Pregnancies in both uteruses

are exceedingly rare-Hatcher said she was told the odds were 1 in 50 million—with the last widely known case occurring in Bangladesh in 2019 when Arifa Sultana, then 20, gave birth to healthy twins 26 days apart.

Hatcher is hoping to go into labor and give medicated natural birth to both Baby A and Baby B, or "the girlies" as she affectionately calls them, with a due date of Christmas. Both are said to be "thriving."

But the uteruses will contract

at different times, which could be minutes, hours or even days apart, and Kelsey and her husband Caleb Hatcher are aware Cesarean sections-for one, or both-could be needed, depending on how things unfold.

They like to tell me at every doctor's visit that 'You are aware, we've never had a situation like this before, this is a new case for us altogether'...But I feel like I have the best team for this situation and I'm at the best hospital at Alabama for what's going on," she said.

