

Encounter Rages On In Rajouri

2 Captains Among Four Army Men Killed



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Jammu: Four Army personnel, including two captains, were killed and two others were injured during an encounter between security forces and terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Wednesday, officials said.

The fierce gunfight was going on in the area with the induction of more troops to neutralise two terrorists trapped there, they said.

Officials said two captains, a havildar and a jawan have lost their lives during the encounter.

A major and another jawan suffered injuries in the encounter, they said, adding the

injured have been shifted to the Army's Command Hospital in Udhampur.

The encounter broke out between terrorists and joint forces of the Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police in the Bajimaal area of Dharmasal following a cordon-and-search operation, the police said.

In a post on X, the White Knight Corps of the Army said that based on specific intelligence, joint operations were launched in the Kalakote area of Gulabgarh forest in Rajouri on Sunday.

"Contact established on 22 Nov and intense firefight ensued. The terrorists have been injured | More on P10

Cold Wave Sweeps Kashmir, Pahalgam Coldest At -3.3 Deg Celsius

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Srinagar: Srinagar city recorded the coldest night of this season as the minimum temperature settled below the freezing point across Kashmir, officials said here on Wednesday.

Fog engulfed the valley in the morning hours, disrupting incoming air traffic to Srinagar international airport.



KO Photo | Abid Bhat

However, normal flight operations resumed soon as the fog dissipated due to increase in temperature.

The dense fog cover in the mornings is due to the intensifying cold wave conditions in the valley.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 1.8 degrees Celsius compared to minus 1.2 degrees | More on P10

Announcement On Winter Vacations Soon: Div Com

The Jammu and Kashmir administration is "seriously" considering winter vacation for schools in the valley in view of the minimum temperatures dropping below the freezing point over the last three days, a senior official said on Wednesday. "I cannot say anything definitely till a formal announcement is made but we are seriously considering it (winter vacations). A proposal has been submitted in this regard (to the administration)," Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, V K Bhiduri told reporters here. | More on P10

KPDCL Cracks Down To Curb Power Theft, Recover Dues

Electricity Supply To Nearly 600 Commercial, Industrial Units Disconnected Over Rs 13.50 Cr Pending Dues

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Under fire for failing to provide adequate electricity supply to its consumers, the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) on Wednesday launched a massive crackdown against power theft by carrying out night patrolling, and disconnecting lines of nearly 600 commercial and industrial units for failing to pay



electricity dues amounting to Rs. 13.50 crore | More on P10

Power Scenario To Improve Within A Week: Div Com

As resentment continues to grow in Kashmir over the serious electricity crisis, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday assured people about the overall improvement in power scenario | More on P10

IGP Birdi For Strong Anti-Terror Grid

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The inspector general of police (IGP) Kashmir, V. K Birdi on Wednesday called upon his officers to take proactive measures to strengthen the anti-terrorist grid, generate specific intelligence and intensify operations for peace and stability in South Kashmir's Kulgam district.

Birdi, who recently took charge as IGP Kashmir, passed these directions while chairing a comprehensive review meeting in Kulgam to discuss the prevailing security scenario, existing security grid, operational challenges, and countermeasures. Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of police South Kashmir Rayees Mohammad Bhat, SSP Kulgam, Addl. SP Kulgam and all DySPs of district Kulgam | More on P10

'Crackdown Against Terror Ecosystem' Doctor, Policeman Among 4 Govt Employees Sacked

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Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday sacked four more government employees, including a doctor and a policeman, for their alleged terror links in the Union Territory, officials said.

Assistant professor (medicine) at SMHS Hospital, Srinagar, Nisar-ul-Hassan, constable Abdul Majeed Bhat, laboratory bearer in the Higher Education Department Abdul Salam Rather, and teacher in Education Department Farooq Ahmad Mir were dismissed | More on P10

'Dismissed Teacher Paid Salary While In Jail'

The charge sheet against Farooq Ahmed Mir, who is among the four government employees dismissed from service by the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Wednesday, shows that he | More on P10

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J&K Bank B/U Parimpora Qamarwari
بنام
Mohammad Yaseen Kar
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Mohammad Younis Pandow
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The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 12th session Bi-Annual Private 2018-19 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
Fresh to NIT:74, S.No. 01 & 03
NIT No: Fresh/83/9581-90/ SPN/RnB/e-Tendering/2023-24 Dated:- 22-11-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor Union Territory of J&K E-tenders (In single cover system) from qualified contractors registered with the J&K UT Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments are invited for Snow Clearance (Stage-wise) on a Percentage Rate basis for a contract period of one year that may be extended to three years depending on the performance of the successful bidder.

Table with 6 columns: S.No, Stage Name, Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees), Earnest Money (In Rs.), M.H of Account, Class of Contractor

For Stages refer to annexure "A"
The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, (if any), Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

Table 1: Bidding schedule with columns for Date of Issue of Tender Notice, Period of downloading of bidding documents, Bid submission Start Date, Bid Submission End Date, Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)

15 The equipment used by the Contractor must be of a caliber, size, and type appropriate for carrying out the required work. The equipment of the Contractor must be in good condition and capable of running effectively and safely.
16 The Contractor's equipment shall be of a quality, size and type suitable for accomplishing the required work. The Contractor's equipment shall be in good repair and able to operate efficiently and safely.
17 The Contractor's equipment shall have the proper safety devices maintained at all times while in use. If equipment does not contain proper safety devices and/or is being operated in an unsafe manner, the Department shall direct the Contractor to remove such equipment and/or operator until the deficiency is corrected to the satisfaction of the Department.

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From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present : Mr. Jawad Ahmad
1. Dr. Gowhar Gadyari S/o Mehraj Ud Din Gadyari R/o Umer Heir, Buchpora Soura Srinagar

Notice to public at Large
Where the petitioner(s) FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITION BEFORE THIS COURT OF ISSUANCE OF SUCCESSION certificate in favour of Petitioner(s) in respect of Rs 12,35,217 as debits and securities in name of Deceased Namely: Late Ghulam Hassan Gadyari s/o Gh Rasool Gadyari R/o Saida Kadet Srinagar who died on 07-04-2021. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 06-12-2023

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JK Munificent Organizes Successful Medical Camp In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: JK Munificent Angels, the implementing agency of the Targeted Intervention Project for (FSWs) in Srinagar, led the medical team along with other dedicated staff members.

The primary objective of the medical camp was to provide free medical treatment and medications to women from the local area.

Dr. Irfana, representing JK Munificent Angels and serving as the executing agency for the Targeted Intervention Project for (FSWs) in Srinagar, led the medical team along with other dedicated staff members.

Over 120 women/patients were attended to on the spot, receiving free consultations and essential medicines. This initiative reflects the commitment of JK Munificent Angels to addressing the healthcare needs of vulnerable populations.

DC Srinagar Chairs DLTC Meeting; Approves SoF For Agriculture, Allied Sectors

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to approve the proposed Scale of Finance (SoF) of Agriculture, Horticulture and other allied sectors for the financial year 2024-25, a meeting of District Level Technical Committee (DLTC) was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner held detailed deliberations on all related aspects of each sector with regard to the proposed scale of finance (SoF) as per the cost of cultivation for all the KCC Crops including Horticulture Crops/KCC Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries Sericulture and Floriculture activities in District Srinagar to extend the KCC facility to the farmers.

After having detailed discussion on Existing and Proposed Scale of Finance (SoF) for various KCC Crops & Allied Activities, the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the Chairman DLTC finalizes the Scale of Finance of different Agriculture and Horticulture Crops for Kissan Credit Card (KCC) holders of Srinagar District under different crops including Ce-

reals, Vegetables, Pulses, Rapeseed, Mustard/Potato, Fodder, Spices, Plantation (Sericulture, Floriculture), Animal/ Sheep Husbandry, Poultry, Fisheries etc.

During the meeting, it was decided to increase about 10% Scale of Finance (SOF) in Horticulture, Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Agriculture sectors.

Similarly, increased SOF was also proposed under Fisheries, Floriculture and other allied sectors for the year 2024-25.

On the occasion, the DC was informed that for the first time as many as 3769 Fishermen from Dal Lake, Nigeen Lake, Anchar Lake and River Jhelum registered with Fisheries Department have been covered under the ambit of KCC in Srinagar District so that they can avail the benefits scale of finance upto Rs 60000 to purchase fishing gears.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the fixation of finance for the Agricultural and allied activities shall help the farmers of the District to take maximum advantage of various types of free credit in a hassle-free manner. He also said that the fixation of finance shall also create employment opportunities in the District through Agricultural Entrepreneur activities.



Despite significant drop in the minimum temperature, people exercising in a park on a cold, foggy Wednesday morning in Srinagar. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Div Com Inspects Developmental Works Of Northern-Shore Road Directs Executing Agency To Accelerate Development Work

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today inspected developmental works of Srinagar Smart City Limited and R&B department at Habbak. He also inspected the beautification & feature development works of Shalimar Canal and Nishat Sethu.

He was accompanied by the CEO, SSCL Athar Amir and officers of R&B and Smart City Limited.

During his visit, Div Com inspected progress of work on the Foreshore Road at Habbak where the development work on the 2nd Track under Phase-2 is being ex-

ecuted by R&B and SSCL.

On the occasion, Div Com directed concerned executing agencies to accelerate the work for development of Road and macad-

joined to complete the construction of tow wall and remaining developmental activities at an earliest.

Besides, Divisional Commissioner also visited Nishat Sethu

Div Com inspected progress of work on the Foreshore Road at Habbak where the development work on the 2nd Track under Phase-2 is being executed by R&B and SSCL

amize it so that the road shall be declared open for the transport before winter.

Div Com also took the stock of the beautification & construction works of Shalimar Canal. He en-

where he inspected the pedestrian walkway and directed concerned to give final touch to the ongoing work on the pedestrian walkway and prepare it for the formal inauguration.

SP College Organizes Art Exhibition

Observer News Service

Srinagar: SP College, Srinagar today organized an art exhibition under the guidance of Principal, Prof. Ghulam Jeelani Qureshi.

The exhibition was kick-started from the Department of Botany where the objectives of the exhibition were highlighted by the Head,

Department of Botany, Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Wani.

Prof. Mir Khusrav, Assistant Professor apprised the students about the impact of such exhibitions on the motivation, understanding and learning opportunities for students.

The event was curated by Sri-raj Thanyam (former Journalist with the newspaper "The Hindu")

who showcased a diverse array of artistic expressions, bringing together a vibrant collection of artworks. In conclusion the exhibition presented a rich tapestry of artistic talent in India.

The thoughtfully curated collection and engagement opportunities made it a memorable experience for both the faculty and the students of the institution.

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

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PRAYERS

FAJR	5: 42
ZUHR	12:14
ASR	3: 50
Magrib	5:30
ISHA	6: 50

This Day In History

- 602- Byzantine senate elects army officer Phocas Emperor in a mutiny against the reigning Emperor Maurice (who is then killed along with all his family)
- 800- Charlemagne arrives in Rome to investigate the alleged crimes of Pope Leo III
- 1165 - Pope Alexander III returns from exile to Rome
- 1499 - Flemish pretender to the English throne Perkin Warbeck hanged for reportedly attempting to escape from Tower of London. Invaded England in 1497, claiming to be the lost son of King Edward IV
- 1556 - King Philip II confers with Dutch financial experts
- 1654 - French mathematician, scientist, and religious philosopher Blaise Pascal experiences an intense, mystical vision that marks him for life.
- 1700 - Cardinal Francesco Albani elected Pope Clements XI
- 1832 - French take Antwerp in liberation of Belgium
- 1844 - Independence of the Duke of Schleswig-Holstein from Denmark.
- 1863 - Battle of Chattanooga & Orchard Knob, TN, begins
- 1863 - Patent granted for a process of making color photographs
- 1864 - Battle at Ball's Ferry Georgia (30 casualties)
- 1892 - Battle of Lomani Congo: Belgian unit beats Arabs, 1000-3000 killed
- 1899 - Battle at Belmont, Cape colony: general Methuen beats Farmers
- 1914 - The US Army withdraws from Mexico.
- 1915 - On the Tigris River in Mesopotamia, the Battle of Ctesiphon between Allied and Turkish forces enters its second day
- 1940 - Romania signs Tripartite Pact
- 1941 - German troops conquer Klin, at NW of Moscow
- 1942 - 3rd & 5th Romanian army corps surrenders
- 1942 - US Coast Guard Woman's Auxiliary (SPARS) authorized
- 1942 - German 4th & 6th Army surrounded at Stalingrad
- 1942 - Japanese bombing of Port Darwin, Australia
- 1943 - 1st printing of illegal "Warheid"
- 1943 - British Forces Broadcasting Service begins operations
- 1943 - US forces take control of Tarawa, Gilbert Island & Makin from Japanese
- 1944 - US 7th army under General Alexander Patch conquers Straatsburg
- 1945 - Most US wartime rationing of foods, including meat & butter, ends
- 1946 - French Navy fire in Haiphong Vietnam, kills 6,000.
- 1971 - China People's Republic seated in UN Security Council.
- 1973 - Arab summit conference adopts open and secret resolutions on the use of the oil weapons; embargo extended to Portugal, Rhodesia, and South Africa.
- 1983 - Soyuz T-9 lands.
- 1983 - USSR leave weapon disarmament talks.
- 1996 - The Republic of Angola officially joins the World Trade Organization.
- 2011 - Arab Spring: After 11 months of protests in Yemen, the Yemeni president Ali Abdullah Saleh Signs a deal to transfer power to the vice president, in exchange for legal immunity.
- 2014 - A suicide bomber kills 40 people at a volleyball tournament in eastern Afghanistan.
- 2015- President Yahya Jammeh of Gambia bans "Khatna", the Islamic ritual practice of genital mutilation of young girls
- 2017- Brazilian footballer Robinho sentenced to nine years in prison for rape in Italy
- 2018- Phil Mickelson claims \$9m winner-takes-all prize in dramatic matchplay golf duel with Tiger Woods, finishing under floodlights in Las Vegas; match goes to 22nd hole before Mickelson sinks 4-foot putt for rich victory
- 2020- AstraZeneca is the third drugmaker to report an effective vaccine for COVID-19 (62% or 90% effective depending on how it is given) and easy-to make and distribute

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailoo

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
FOR NABARD WORKS
TWO COVER SYSTEM

NIT No. 61 of 2023-24/5726-35 DATED: 21/11/2023.

Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Vailoo on behalf of Governor of J&K State, invites **percentage rate bids** in electronic tendering system for the following works **including their maintenance for five years** from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

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

S. No	Name of Work	(Rs in lacs.)				Estimate Money (@2% of Advt/Cost) (in Lacs)	For Construction work	Project Intending Department	Time and Date of opening of tenders online (Technical Bid)	Class of contractor
		Construction Part	Maintenance Part	Total cost of work	Cost of document					
1	Construction / upgradation of Soaf Shali Ziyarat Shareef road including Gurvan Mohalla and Soaf Gratwalipora link road	477.57	47.75	525.32	8500/-	10.50	03 Years	PWD R&B	18.12.2023 11.00 am	AAY Class
2	Strengthening/upgradation of Khanpora Utresso road including IR at Khanpora	197.19	19.71	216.90	5500/-	4.33	03 Years	PWD R&B	18.12.2023 11.00 am	AAY Class

Position of AAA :- Accorded

Position of TS :- Accorded

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21.11.2023
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 22/11/2023 11.00 A.M to 12/06/2023, 4.00 P.M
3. Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	23/11/2023 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Ang/Kul HQ Khanabal
4. Bid submission Start Date	24/11/2023 From 10.00 A.M
5. Bid Submission End Date	16/12/2023 upto 4.00 P.M
6. Date & Time of opening of Technical Bids (Online).	18/12/2023 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Ang/Ku HQ Khanabal.
7. Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online).	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Vailoo (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money @2% pledged to Superintending engineer PWD R&B Circle Ang/Kul. The Performance Security has to be submitted by the lowest bidder 1% (5% of Alloted cost) within the period as specified in SBD. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.
- 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 Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Ang/Kul HQ Khanabal (tender receiving authority).
- Security Deposit shall be deposited by the contractor within 10 days of issuance of LOI, failing which the concerned tender issuing authority shall forfeit the EMD and recommend contractor for blacklisting and issue a fresh tender forthwith.
- The contractor shall initiate the work within 10 days of entering into the agreement, failing which the undersigned shall terminate the contract and issue a fresh tender after imposing penalties via forfeit security/LD as per 1% of the Bid document and recommend contractor for blacklisting.
- The work shall be completed by the concerned contractor as per the timeline stipulated in the bid document/agreement, failing which action shall be initiated against contractor by forfeiting EMD and shall be recommended for blacklisting.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, if-
 - Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 - Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No 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 the bid.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.**

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

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Executive Engineer R&B
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Pension Is A Basic Entitlement And Its Payment Cannot Be Denied: Bombay High Court

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Pension is a basic entitlement and retired employees cannot be deprived of this payment, which is a very source of livelihood for them, the Bombay High Court has said, rapping the Maharashtra government for withholding the dues of a man for more than two years after his retirement.

A division bench of Justices G S Kulkarni and Jitendra Jain on November 21 said such a "state of affairs was totally unconscionable".

The HC was hearing a petition filed by one Jayram More, who used to work as a 'hamal' (coolie) with the Savitribai Phule Pune University since 1983, seeking a direction to the Maharashtra government to release his pension amount.

The high court noted that More had rendered a meritorious and unblemished service but still on untenable and technical grounds for a period of two years from his retirement (May 2021), he was not paid pension.

More in his plea claimed that the pension was not being paid despite submission of all necessary documents by the University to the concerned department of the state government.

"From the beginning of the present proceedings, we were wondering as to whether any person who superannuates after a long unblemished service should at all suffer such a plight, after having rendered a long service of about 30 years and be deprived of basic en-



titlement of pension, being the very source of livelihood," the bench said.

The bench referred to a four-decade-old Supreme Court order and said the antiquated notion of pension being a bounty, a gratuitous payment depending upon the sweet will or grace of the employer and not claimable as a right, was held as wrong.

"In such a decision, the Supreme Court had authoritatively ruled that pension is a right and payment of it does not depend on the discretion of the government and would be governed by the rules," the high court said.

The bench noted that from a large number of cases coming to this court with people seeking for their pension amount to be paid to them, it appears that the SC order was "more forgotten than applied and implemented in its true spirit".

The high court had in its earlier orders noted that More had suffered for three years and had directed the government to take all necessary steps to release the pension benefits to More within four weeks.

Israel, Hamas Agree On Four-Day Truce, Hostage Release And Aid Into Gaza

Agencies

GAZA/TEL AVIV: Israel's government and Hamas agreed on Wednesday to a four-day pause in fighting to allow the release of 50 hostages held in Gaza in exchange for 150 Palestinians imprisoned in Israel, and the entry of humanitarian aid into the besieged enclave.

Officials from Qatar, which has been mediating secret negotiations, as well as the US, Israel and Hamas have for days been saying a deal was imminent.

Hamas is believed to be holding more than 200 hostages, taken when its fighters surged into Israel on Oct. 7, killing 1,200 people, according to Israeli tallies.

A statement by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said 50 women and children will be released over four days, during which there will be a pause in fighting.

For every additional 10 hostages released, the pause would be extended by another day, it said, without mentioning the release of Palestinian prisoners in exchange.

"Israel's government is committed to return all the hostages home. Tonight, it approved the proposed deal as a first stage to achieving this goal," said the statement, released after hours of deliberation that were closed to the press.

Hamas said the 50 hostages would be released in exchange



for 150 Palestinian women and children who are held in Israeli jails. The truce deal will also allow hundreds of trucks of humanitarian, medical and fuel aid to enter Gaza, the Palestinian group said in a statement.

Israel had committed not to attack or arrest anyone in all parts of Gaza during the truce period, it added.

US President Joe Biden said he welcomed the deal. "Today's deal should bring home additional American hostages, and I will not stop until they are all released," he said in a statement.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas also welcomed the foreign-mediated humanitarian deal and called for wider solutions to the long-running Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Abbas' administration, based in the occupied West Bank, "appreciate(s) the Qatari-Egyptian (mediation) effort", wants an extended truce

with Israel and "the implementation of a political solution based on international legitimacy," a social media post by senior Palestinian aide Hussein Al-Sheikh said.

The Qatar government said 50 civilian women and children hostages would be released from Gaza in exchange for the release "of a number of Palestinian women and children held in Israeli prisons."

The starting time of the truce would be announced within the next 24 hours, it said in a statement.

The accord is the first truce of a war in which Israeli bombardments have flattened swathes of Hamas-ruled Gaza, killed 13,300 civilians in the tiny densely populated enclave and left about two-thirds of its 2.3 million people homeless, according to authorities in Gaza.

But Netanyahu said Israel's broader mission was unchanged.

What We Know: Israel-Hamas Truce Deal

Agencies

JERUSALEM: Israel and Hamas announced a deal on Wednesday allowing at least 50 hostages and scores of Palestinian prisoners to be freed, while offering besieged Gaza residents a four-day truce after weeks of all-out war.

The first major diplomatic breakthrough in the conflict follows weeks of painstaking negotiations brokered by Qatar with help from Egypt and the United States, and is also intended to allow the delivery of desperately needed food, medicines and fuel to the 2.4 million civilians trapped in Gaza in increasingly dire conditions.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's cabinet approved the truce accord early Wednesday after a near-all-night meeting, in which he told ministers this was a "difficult decision but it's a right decision".

The deal is crafted to take effect in stages that the mediators hope can be extended and broadened. Here is what we know so far.

Mediator Qatar to announce start

Qatar said it would announce the start of the four-day humanitarian pause in Gaza, during which Palestinian prisoners will be released



in exchange for 50 of the hostages Islamists hold in Gaza.

"The starting time of the pause will be announced within the next 24 hours and last for four days, subject to extension," Qatar's foreign ministry said in a statement.

"The agreement includes the release of 50 civilian women and children hostages currently held in the Gaza Strip in exchange for the release of a number of Palestinian women and children detained in Israeli prisons," it said.

Qatar said the deal would include "the entry of a larger number of humanitarian convoys and relief aid, including fuel designated for humanitarian needs".

"Truce can be extended" Qatar's foreign ministry spokesman Majed Al-Ansari

told AFP the release of 50 hostages held by Hamas would be staggered over the four-day truce.

"The truce begins and then every day within the four days we will have a number of hostages coming out... and that number should reach 50 by day four," he said.

The expectation was that the initial 50 women and children hostages freed by Hamas would be followed by further releases to extend the initial four-day truce.

"If by then the Palestinians can commit to an additional number, then the truce can be extended," Ansari said.

During the period hostages are moved, Israeli reconnaissance of Gaza will be put on temporary hold, said the spokesman, who is also a key adviser to Qatar's prime minister.

Ramayana, Mahabharata Should Be Included In Social Sciences Curriculum: NCERT Panel

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Epics such as the Ramayana and the Mahabharata should be included in social sciences textbooks and the Preamble of the Constitution written on classroom walls, a high-level NCERT panel has recommended, according to its chairperson C I Issac.

The seven-member committee, which was constituted last year, has made several recommendations for its final position paper on social sciences, which is a key prescriptive document for laying down the foundation for the development of new NCERT textbooks.

The National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has not taken a call on the recommendations yet.

"The panel has stressed teaching epics like Ramayana and Mahabharata in the social sciences syllabus to students. We think that students in their teenage years build their self-esteem, patriotism and pride for their nation," Issac said.

He noted that every year thousands of students leave the country and seek citizenship in other countries because of a lack of patriotism among them.

"Therefore, it is important for them to understand their roots and develop love for their country and their culture. Some boards already teach Ramayana and Mahabharata but it should be done in a more elaborate way," he said.

Issac earlier said that the



same panel had also recommended replacing the country name 'India' with 'Bharat' in textbooks, introducing 'classical History' instead of ancient History in the curriculum, and highlighting 'Hindu victories' in the textbooks for classes 3 to 12.

"Our Preamble gives importance to social values including democracy and secularism. It is noble. Therefore, we have recommended writing it on the walls of the classrooms so that everyone can understand and learn from it," Issac added.

The NCERT is revising the school curriculum in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The new NCERT textbooks are likely to be ready by the next academic session.

The panel's recommendations may now be taken into consideration by the 19-member National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC) notified in July to finalise the curriculum, textbooks and learning material for these classes.

Gandhi Family Must Pay For Its 'Sins': BJP On ED's Attachment Of National Herald Assets

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Wednesday hit back at the Congress over its condemnation of the seizure of National Herald assets, as the ruling party asserted that the Gandhi family must pay for its "sins".

Former Union minister and BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad accused the Gandhi family of capturing National Herald assets by converting the now-defunct newspaper's properties into its "personal properties".

An online version of the publication is, however, available.

Addressing a press conference, Prasad asked the Congress to explain as to how the action taken against "rank dishonesty and loot of public property" can be described as negation of democracy.

After the ED attached assets of the Congress-promoted National Herald on Tuesday, the Congress said such "petty vendetta tactics" cannot frighten it and dubbed the probe agency a "coalition partner" of the BJP. Its leader K C Venugopal slammed the BJP and the probe agencies as "murderers of democracy".

Prasad said the newspaper had prime properties in many cities and alleged that senior Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul Gandhi appropriated these pricey assets as the shares of the firm owning it were transferred to

a company where the two controlled 76 per cent of shares.

It was a shameful new low in democracy, he claimed.

The Gandhi family not only appropriated the Congress' legacy of spearheading the freedom movement but also the assets associated with the party, he alleged, adding that both Congress leaders moved judiciary against actions of probe agencies, including Income Tax, but did not get relief.

What the family did was a case of the "Congress and commerce", he said, citing the use of the phrase in past cases of similar nature involving opposition leaders.

Rejecting the Congress' claim that the ED's action was an outcome of the BJP's frustration as it was losing in the current round of assembly polls, Prasad claimed that it was the Congress which will be defeated soundly and noted that the National Herald case probe began on a private complaint before the Modi government came to power in 2014.

Both Sonia Gandhi and Rahul are facing cheating and forgery charges and are currently on bail, he noted and cited the trial court's critical observations about the allegations against them to make his point.

"You think that you keep looting but no action should be taken. The family must pay for its sins, corruption and misuse of power," he said.

7.25 Lakh Indians Are Illegal Immigrants In US: Report

Press Trust of India

WASHINGTON: There were about 725,000 Indian illegal immigrants in the US -- the third largest population of unauthorised immigrants after Mexico and El Salvador, according to new Pew Research Centre estimates.

As of 2021, the country's 10.5 million unauthorised immigrants represented about three per cent of the total US population and 22 per cent of the foreign-born population, the Washington-based think tank said.

Almost every region in the world had a notable increase in the number of unauthorised immigrants in the US from 2007 to 2021, with the largest increase from Central America (240,000) and South and East Asia (180,000).

While the number of unauthorised immigrants from Mexico living in the US -- 4.1 million in 2021 -- was the lowest since the 1990s, El Salvador -- 800,000 -- and India with 725,000 immigrants saw an increase in the numbers, the report said.

Among countries with the largest numbers of US unauthorised immigrants, India, Brazil, Canada and former Soviet Union countries all experienced growth from 2017 to 2021, the report said.



The six states with the largest unauthorised immigrant populations in 2021 were: California (1.9 million), Texas (1.6 million), Florida (900,000), New York (600,000), New Jersey (450,000) and Illinois (400,000), the report said.

In 2021, the population of unauthorised immigrants from other countries was 6.4 million, up by 900,000 from 2017, the report said.

Other countries which accounted for most unauthorised immigrants were Guatemala (700,000) and Honduras (525,000).

The report said India, Guatemala and Honduras all saw increases from 2017 with the unauthorised immigrant population in the US reaching 10.5 million in 2021, according to new Pew Research Centre estimates.

There were increases in unauthorised immigrants from nearly every other region of the world -- Central America, the Caribbean, South America, Asia, Europe and sub-Saharan Africa.

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e-NIT No.11 GMCA of 2023. Dated: 10-11-2023

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, online tenders on JKTENDERS Portal (Jktenders.gov.in) are invited from eligible registered authorized organizations/companies for the supply of under mentioned article(s) to Govt. Medical College and Associated Hospitals, Anantnag during the year 2023-24.

Sr. No	Name of the Article /Item	App. Qty. (in Nos)
1	High Speed Diesel	70,000 litres

Important Dates and Cost of EMD:-

S.No.	Event	Date
1.	Date of issuance of tender Notice	21-11-2023 (03:30 PM)
2.	Bid submission start date	22-11-2023 (04:00 PM)
4.	Bid submission end date	30-11-2023 (02:00PM)
5.	Date and time of opening of Bids	30-11-2023 (12:00 Noon)
6.	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 50,000/= (Rupees fifty thousands)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria and detailed terms and conditions of contract can be downloaded from official website www.gmcanantnag.net. Or www.jktenders.gov.in.

The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders received without assigning any reason thereof.

NO:- GMCA/Pur/98(A)/1738-42
Dated: 10-11-2023

Principal,
Govt. Medical College, Anantnag

THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Extension Notice for online submission of Registration Returns in respect of class 9th students for the Academic Session 2023-24.

In continuation to this office Notification No:- F(Acad-C)RR,IX/23-24/On-Roll/23 dated 22-09-2023 and F(Acad-C)RR,IX/23-24/Ext/On-R/23 dated 31-10-2023, all the concerned are hereby informed that the dates for online Registration Process for the students who are on rolls in class 9th for the Academic Session 2023-24 in JKBOSE affiliated Institutions/Schools of the UTs of J&K and Ladakh have been extended as per details given below:-

S. No	Description	Prescribed Fee	Date extended from	Date of closing of link
01.	Submission of Registration Returns by the on-rolls eligible students of class 9th for the Academic session 2023-24.	Rs.610/- per candidate	22-11-2023	01-12-2023
02.	With late fee 1st count of 10 days Rs.70/- in addition to normal prescribed fee of Rs.610/- i.e.Rs. 680.	Rs.610+70 = Total Rs.680 per candidate	02-12-2023	11-12-2023
03.	With late fee 2nd count of 10 days Rs.80/- in addition to normal prescribed fee of Rs.610/- i.e.Rs. 690.	Rs.610+80= Total Rs.690 per candidate	12-12-2023	21-12-2023
04.	With late fee 3rd count of 10 days Rs.95/- in addition to normal prescribed fee of Rs.610/- i.e.Rs. 705.	Rs.610 + 95 = Total Rs.705/-per candidate.	22-12-2023	31-12-2023

Rest of terms and conditions as envisaged in earlier notification shall remain same.

No: F (Acad-C)/E-7324798/EXT-2/RR/IX/2023
Dated:21-11-2023.

DIPK-NB-4380-23
DT: 22/11/2023
Director Academics

Every Judicial Order Should Contain Sound Reasons: HC

M Ahmad

JAMMU: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Wednesday said that every judicial order should contain sound reasons.

Allowing an appeal against an order passed in July last year by Additional Deputy Commissioner (with the powers of Agrarian Reforms Commissioner) Jammu, a bench of Justice Rajesh Sekhri observed that the judicial order must be based on sound reasons on two counts—one if valid reasons are not found in the order, such an order become erroneous and two; if an order is informed of reasons, the person aggrieved can avail the opportunity to demonstrate that reasons were erroneous.

"It is trite that inevitability to document reasons is aimed to prevent injury in reaching the conclusion and disclose how mind was applied in substance of the litigation," the court underlined. Therefore, the court said, recording of reasons in support of a decision on a disputed claim would ensure that decision is not a result of fancy, but was arrived at having due regard to the position of law.

"What emanates from the perusal of the impugned order is that learned appellate court has

failed to judicially sift the contentions of the parties and inspect the plea made in the appeal," the court said and allowed the appeal filed against the July order.

"The petitioner had not only detailed factual aspects of the case in the appeal before the appellate court but raised various legal issues against the order passed by learned court below," the court observed.

In the circumstances, the appellate court was required to scrutinise the pleadings in its wisdom and obliged to pass the orders on merits, the high court said. However, the appellate court, by merely referring to the pleadings of the parties and arguments advanced at bar, has dismissed the appeal preferred by the petitioner in a cryptic fashion without assigning any reason.

"Despite reflection of pleadings and legal grounds urged by the petitioner in the impugned order, learned appellate court has neither adverted to the pleadings nor addressed the legal issues to show thoughtful consideration of the controversy," the court said, adding, "It is surprising to note that learned appellate court on the one hand observed that court below had violated Section 28 of the Act and then refused interference. It is absurd."

2 OGWs Arrested In Srinagar: Police

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police on Wednesday claimed to have arrested two terror associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) along Srinagar-Baramulla highway in Bemina area of this capital city.

The arrests were made by a joint team of Police and quick reaction team (QRT) of CRPF at a checkpoint setup near Sham Lal petrol pump in Nund Reshi colony in Bemina area of the city on Wednesday, a police spokesperson said. He said a checkpoint was established after information about the movement of suspected terrorists along highway bypass was received.

During naka checking, the spokesperson said, a white-co-

lored Santro car (JK09A- 2788) heading towards Tengpora tried to flee upon seeing the police party. However, the joint team, he said, tactfully apprehended them.

The police identified the duo as Mumtaz Ahmad Lone and Jahangir Ahmad Lone; both residents of Trehgam Kupwara were arrested on spot.

"A huge cache of arms and ammunition was recovered from their possession which included 02 Pistols, 04 magazines, 02 filler magazines and 08 grenades," the spokesperson said.

He said that a case FIR No.128/2023 under relevant sections of law of ULAP Act, Explosive Substance Act and Arms Act stands registered in PS Batmaloo and investigation initiated.



PEOPLE AT MANY PLACES lit bonfires on Wednesday to keep themselves warm from severe cold that has swept Kashmir Valley.
KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

J&K's Unemployment Rate Dips To 4% From 5.2 Pc In 2021-22: Official

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir's current unemployment rate has decreased to around four per cent from 5.2 per cent in the financial year 2021-22, a senior official said.

Director (Employment) Nisar Ahmad stated this during a meeting here to give an overview of the employment scenario in Jammu and Kashmir.

"In the recent survey of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI), the unemployment rate in the Union territory has taken a dip and reduced to around 4 per cent from earlier 5.2 per cent (2021-22)", Ahmad said here.

He said that the employ-

ment department is going to facilitate all those implementing employment generation schemes so that the rate of unemployment is brought to just 3 per cent, which is on par with the national average in the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary (Labour and Employment), Rehana Batul called upon all stakeholders to work towards further bringing down the unemployment rate of the UT and said that more than a dozen departments are working for employment generation

and were going to implement many more schemes in this pursuit.

Batul maintained that all departments should learn from each others' best practices for replicating them in the implementation of their schemes.

"Our sole motive should be to contribute towards providing ample opportunities to the aspiring youths," she said.

She asked them to be ready to sit with the financial institutions to iron out any differences in meeting targets smoothly.



Man Kills Brother In Budgam, Arrested: Police

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- A man has been arrested for killing his own brother after fight over some issue in Sail village of Beerwah area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district, police said on Wednesday.

A police official said that on November 20, Police received information about body of a man lying behind his residence.

He said following this an investigation was initiated by police and Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) teams. The deceased was identified as Sameer Ahmad Rather.

Several suspects were called in for questioning including the family members of the de-

ceased. On questioning the family members, Aqib Ahmad Rather, Sameer's brother, confessed to his involvement," he said.

He said that Aqib revealed a confrontation between them took place, during the intervening night of 19 and 20th November, resulting in Sameer's death.

"Father and sister of the deceased also confessed, providing details about Aqib Ahmad's role. Aqib was arrested, and a thorough investigation was conducted, leading to the recovery of essential evidence including the weapon of offence used by Aqib to assault Sameer," the official said. He said that a case has been filed under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in this regard.

Parents Association Of DPS Srinagar Meets FFRC Chairman

Raise Several Issues Of Concern, Including Arbitrary Fee Hike

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Executive Body Members of Parents Association of Delhi Public School, Srinagar on Wednesday held a meeting with Chairman of Fee Fixation and Regulation Committee (FFRC), Justice (Retired) Sunil Hali, at his office to discuss the recent arbitrary fee hike approved by the committee in favour of the DPS Srinagar.

During the meeting, the executive members of the Association sought clarification regarding the order issued recently by the FFRC which approves almost 50 per cent hike in annual fee and above 20 per cent hike in the tuition fee.

The members also highlighted various issues and factors where the said school was found violating various orders issued by the FFRC from time to time. During the meeting the FFRC chairman was appraised that the school charges more than approved transport charges in clear violation of the FFRC orders.

It was also brought to the notice of the chairman that while FFRC has issued a clear-cut orders that the school must refund that admission fee charged from the parents for the past many years, the school was yet to act upon the same.

The Chairman was appraised that there were many other instances wherein the school has violated various government orders from time to time like charging of additional money in the name of in-house camping, exposure visits, picnic etc.

The members also urged the Chairman to take action against the school for the alleged financial irregularities which were highlighted by the ex-FFRC chairman in his order 636-FFRC(FF) of 2021 dated 01-11-2021.

The members welcomed various steps taken by the current chairman in making the school management answerable and were optimistic that the recent orders regarding the arbitrary fee hike will be revoked and also the committee will come forward to help the parents resolve several issues as have been mentioned in a detailed representation submitted to the office recently.

J&K First In Country To Add 1100 Services To eUnnat, 500 Services To RAS Portal

CS Commends IT Dept For Remarkable Feat, Felicitates Winners Of UT Foundation Day Competitions

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday commended the role of IT Department in adding 15 more services to the eUnnat portal and reaching the tally of 1102 online services and integration of 500 services on Rapid Assessment System (RAS) portal offered by different Departments in the UT.

Dr Mehta called these achievements quite extraordinary with no parallel. He said that these have changed the governance system of the UT forever and brought the public offices right into the hands of people. He maintained that nothing is more empowering than transferring the power into the hands of people

through use of IT tools.

He observed that only a couple of years back, nobody could have imagined where we are today. He said that it is sheer commitment on part of the 'Team J&K' that has made these herculean tasks a reality for all of us. He stated that wherever he goes people are all praise for the relief the online services had brought to them. He added that these IT tools have removed distance barriers and have essentially eradicated the idea of remoteness from our lexicon. Staying connected is the new mantra.

During this meeting the Chief Secretary also reviewed the progress made towards the development of 'One UT One Database' initiative and Byakti Pehchan for pro active Governance.

He made detailed assessment of the steps to be taken for launch of the initiative for delivery of government services without need for submitting multiple documents. He instructed that all the existing databases available with the government departments in the shape of Aadhar, Ration Cards, Gold Cards, Land passbooks, pensions by social welfare, Power/Water/Gas connections besides Anganwadi and school registrations should be integrated so that they are accessible and form one data base. He emphasized that by linking data bases, a complete database can be built in a matter of few months only. He advised the IT Department to coordinate with GAD for designating an authority to oversee this process for taking it to logical conclusion.

UT of Jammu & Kashmir

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TENDER NOTICE

TWO COVER SYSTEM

E-tendering NIT No:77/EEA/R&B of 2023-24/ 3063-73 DATED: 22-11-2023.

Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Awantipora on behalf of Lt.Governor of UT of J&K, invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

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

S.No	Name of Work	Tendered Cost (Rs in lacs.)			Cost of Tender Documents (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (Bid Security)	Time of completion For Construction (work)	Class of contractor	AA-Status	TS-Status
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Upgradation of Patalbagh road to Bejbagh (Musafir Qabar) via International School Patalbagh I/C allied Links.	Rs. 814.82	Rs. 81.48	Rs. 896.30	Rs. 8500/-	2% of Advertised cost shown in column 5	15 Years	"AA" Class	CE(R&B) K/AAA/242 of 2022-23 dated: 08/08/2022	CE(R&B) SK/TS/01 of 2023-24 Dated 16/11/2023.

M.H Account= NABARD RIDX XXIX
TS: Sanctioned.
Position of AAA = Accorded Position Of
Position of funds =Available. Proj
ect Authority: = Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department South Kashmir

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	22-11-2023.
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	23-11-2023 from 10.00 AM.
3	Date for Pre bid / Receiving Queries	25-11-2023 Upto 4.00 PM. in the office of Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department South Kashmir
5	Bid Submission Start Date	27-11-2023 from 10.00 AM.
6	Bid Submission End Date	18-12-2023 upto 4.00 PM.
7	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	19-12-2023 11:00 AM in the office of Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department South Kashmir.

- 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 Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Pulwama-Shopian HQ: Pulwama. (tender receiving authority).
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape Treasury Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (Treasury Challan) must be written boldly the Name of Work, Name of Contractor along with Cell No, NIT No. & Sr. No of NIT) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Chief Engineer PW (R&B) Department South Kashmir. The Successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be released after successful completion of the defect liability Period of the work. The EMD of 2% successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security.

All other terms and conditions shall be available in website www.jktenders.gov.in

Head Draftsman
DIPK-12664-23
DT: 22/11/2023

Technical Officer

Executive Engineer,
R&B Division Awantipora

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

JAMMU & KASHMIR SERVICES SELECTION BOARD

CPO Chowk Panjirthi, Jammu/ Zamzam Complex Rambagh Srinagar.

NOTICE

Subject: Conduct of PST/PET for the post of Sub-Inspector (Home).
The J&K Service Selection Board has scheduled the conduct of Physical Standard Test (PST)/ Physical Endurance Test (PET) for the post of Sub-Inspector (Home Department), tentatively from 2nd December, 2023 at Jammu & Srinagar centres.

All such candidates who have opted for Kashmir as Test centre for the post of Sub Inspector, Home Department (as per the application form) and are desirous of appearing in PST/ PET at Jammu centre are hereby called upon through the medium of this notice to represent before the Board through offline mode only at J&K Services Selection Board Office Zam-Zam Complex Rambagh Srinagar, within 03 days from the issuance of this notice i.e. upto 25-11-2023, in the format enclosed as Annexure A to this Notice.

No further request in this regard shall be entertained beyond 25-11-2023.
No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM (UT)/54/2022-03
Dated: .11.2023

Ab Baseer Ahmad (JKAS)
Deputy Controller of Examinations
Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board

ANNEXURE A

To
Controller of Examinations
J&K Services Selection Board.
Sir,
I,.....S/O,D/O.....R/O..... shortlisted for participation in the PST/PET vide Notice No: JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/54/2022-03 dated: 06.11.2023, whose details are given below, am desirous of appearing for the PST/PET at test venue identified in Jammu Division instead of Kashmir Division.

Application ID	Roll Number	Name of Candidate	Father's Name	Category	Serial No. in the Shortlist

Your's Faithfully
Name.....
Signature.....
Mobile No:.....

DIPK-12704-23
DT: 22/11/2023

Date.....

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MACHINERY DIVISION SRINAGAR

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GIST OF NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No:	MDSK/TS /2023-24/16
Date	21.11.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from Registered contractors for the below mentioned work:-

Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Doc. (In rupees)	Estimated Cost (In Rs)	EMD in Rs	Time of completion (in days)	Position of Funds
1	2	3	4	5	6
Supply , installation, Testing and Commissioning of 50-60W Solar street Lights with remote Control and programmable Motion sensor at MED Complex Shalteng Srinagar.	200/-	4,42,500/-	9000/-	20	Under MH-2059

Position of AAA: ; Works program approved vide No. MED/K/Acctt/403 of 2023 Dated :- 26-05-2023.
Position of TS: Sanctioned vide No. S.E.No. 11 Dated :- 17-11-2023.

- Downloading of Bids: The Tender document 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 Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from 21.11.2023(18 Hrs)
- Submission of Bids: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 21.11.2023(18 Hrs) to 29-11-2023 (18 Hrs) in two covers.
- Opening of Bids: The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on 30-11-2023(14 Hrs) in Office of the undersigned

No: MDSK/TS/1992-96
Date: 21.11.2023

DIPK-12646-23
DT: 22/11/2023

(Er.Reyaz Ahmed Khan)
Executive Engineer,
Machinery Division, Srinagar

KASHMIR OBSERVERTM

Thursday | 23-11-2023

A Fragile Truce

The agreement between Israel and Hamas, brokered through intense negotiations and mediated by Qatar, has paved the way for a temporary pause in the ongoing conflict. The delicate truce signifies a momentary respite from the violence that has plagued the region for the past six weeks resulting in over 13,000 Palestinians getting killed, most of them children.

The agreement hinges on a prisoner exchange—a gesture that aims to bring relief to families torn apart by war. However, this truce remains tenuous, contingent upon the release of hostages—Israelis held captive in Gaza in exchange for Palestinians in Israeli prisons. While this humanitarian act is welcome, it underlines the intricate web of geopolitical tensions and human suffering that continues to define the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

This pause offers some optimism, albeit fragile, amid the wreckage of war. It lets the international community to step forward and seize this moment to work to prolong the ceasefire. Yet, it also demands caution and vigilance, recognizing the fragility of temporary ceasefires in a conflict riddled with deep-seated grievances and complex historical narratives.

The toll of this conflict is immeasurable. Homes destroyed, lives lost, and communities shattered—these scars are etched deep into the psyche of people of Gaza. The United Nations reports staggering numbers: over 13,000 killed, millions displaced. Each life lost underlines the urgent need for a durable resolution that goes beyond fleeting pauses in violence. Qatar's played a critical role in mediating the truce. However, their work is far from over. This ceasefire presents an opportunity to engage in substantive dialogue, to address the root causes of the conflict, and to chart a course toward comprehensive peace.

As the guns momentarily fall silent, the international community must not retreat into complacency. The four-day truce, extendable with further releases, must serve as a platform for meaningful negotiations, not merely a hiatus before resuming hostilities. It is incumbent upon all stakeholders to capitalize on this fragile window of opportunity, and to earnestly commit to a roadmap that ensures the cessation of violence and fosters a sustainable peace for generations to come.

The stakes are high, and the road ahead is fraught with challenges. But in this delicate moment of pause, let us not squander the chance to steer the course of history towards reconciliation and understanding, and a future where the Israeli state and a sovereign Palestinian state live side by side.

OTHER OPINION

Caste out

Insecurity can be triggered by the environment. The situation today has made caste an acutely sensitive issue in institutional contexts. Students view it with suspicion; it is their peers in different educational institutions who allegedly face discrimination, occasionally culminating in suicide. In spite of the negative associations, a few companies conducting placement interviews in Indian Institute of Technology campuses asked students for their caste or their Joint Entrance Examination results in the application forms. Students foresaw in this a "potential career risk" since their credentials as engineers have nothing to do with their caste background. Applicants from scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes feared that the companies would promote discrimination at the entry point or later. They blamed the IITs, which were either complicit in allowing or ineffectual in preventing such inquiry. The JEE ranks would indicate whether they came in on reserved seats, since the entry marks are lower for these. So asking for three-year-old JEE results was just a roundabout way to reach the same information—the caste identity of the applicant. It was not surprising that the students felt anxious or insulted.

Among the protests, one alumnus wrote to the SC and ST minority commissions and the education ministry, focusing on the complicity of the IITs in creating the fear of discrimination. Other alumni said that these questions were asked earlier as well, but there had been no protests. Clearly the protests this time suggest that not just the fear but also the experience of being discriminated against is sharp enough for students to speak up. Oppressive divisiveness is too widespread now for the environment to emanate security. There might be a contributory reason too. As another alumnus pointed out, many students from reserved categories did not apply when asked their caste background for they felt a sense of 'shame', however misplaced. Here, then, the discrimination is silent, invisible, as though it never happened. Others have said that recruiting companies should not ask for caste backgrounds unless they are offering benefits. This relates to a broader point—asking for caste identity is a breach of privacy; it can only be relevant in the case of reservations. No assurances of non-discrimination and diversity in recruitment from the companies would be adequate answer for the questions the students' protests have raised.

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To Save Democracy, Fight Inequality



KAUSHIK BASU

“When future generations look back at today's world, they will likely be shocked by the extreme levels of inequality and social injustice we have tolerated, just as we are horrified by our ancestors' acceptance of practices like slavery and feudalism. But, beyond their inherent immorality, the political implications of today's economic disparities often go unnoticed

In these tumultuous times, it often feels like one shock quickly eclipses another. Before one problem can be solved, another crisis emerges. Just a few weeks ago, the war in Ukraine dominated headlines, but the recent outbreak of violence between Israel and Hamas has since taken center stage.

To be sure, during times of crisis, our instinct is to focus on extinguishing the fire that is closest to us. But it is equally crucial to understand and address the root causes so that we have fewer fires to fight.

As populist forces have polarized electorates and deepening social divides worldwide, the global political climate has grown increasingly volatile. While determining the causes of this shift will undoubtedly take some time, one could argue that the rapid advance of digital technologies, unchecked globalization, and rising inequality have transformed our political and economic systems, fueling sociopolitical unrest.

While the debate over whether economic inequality has increased over the past few decades is still ongoing, the question is moot. We know for certain that global economic inequality increased steadily between 1820 and 1910. Since then, it has fluctuated, and any estimate depends on the specific methods and metrics researchers use. But the data clearly show that economic disparities have reached intolerable levels, with the world's richest 1% gaining 38% of the increase in global wealth between 1995 and 2021, compared to just 2% for the bottom 50%.

Moreover, regardless of the overall inequality, it is undeniable that the concentration of wealth continues to increase. Between 1995 and 2021, global wealth grew by 3.2% annually. Over the same period, the richest 0.000001% increased their wealth by 9.3% per year.

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rified by our ancestors' acceptance of practices like slavery and feudalism. But, beyond their inherent immorality, the political implications of today's economic disparities often go unnoticed. In this age of digital connectivity and globalized commerce, excessive wealth concentrations undermine democracy in two main ways.

First, the globalization of finance and supply chains has enabled wealthy and powerful countries to affect the well-being of citizens far beyond their borders. But while the citizens of Burkina Faso, for example, cannot vote in US presidential elections, the decisions made by American presidents affect their daily lives as much as those made by their own leaders, if not more so. Imagine a scenario where only the residents of the District of Columbia were allowed to vote in a US presidential election—such a system could hardly be called a democracy.

This dynamic suggests that globalization erodes global democracy. Yet, there is not much that developing countries can do to challenge American hegemony, given that the United States is not going to allow the whole world to participate in its presidential elections.

Second, given that extreme wealth often translates into political power, the concentration of wealth in few hands is anathema to democracy. This is particularly evident in the age of Big Tech, when billionaires can gain an outsized influence on public discourse by taking over critical media platforms or manipulating search results. One can hope that advances in generative artificial intelligence will level the playing field in the tech sector and thus help curb inequality.

As an economist, I recognize the potential damage that poorly designed interventions can cause. History is replete with examples of well-meaning but ill-conceived policies that sought to reduce inequality, only to backfire and inadvertently

bolster the right-wing narrative that all government intervention is inherently problematic.

Nevertheless, by combining moral intentions with thoughtful design, such policies can yield significant returns. In a recent paper that I co-authored with my students Fikri Pitsuwan and Pengfei Zhang, we explore the megaprofits generated by Big Pharma and Big Tech companies. While imposing patent waivers might reduce the incentive to innovate, just as placing profit caps can cause production to fall, it is possible to design mechanisms that limit excess profits without sacrificing efficiency. One such strategy is to use a commodity tax to cap the profit of a group of companies, such as all the Big Tech firms. By heightening competition within the group, this intervention can neutralize the incentive to cut production.

We must also recognize that beyond a certain threshold, what matters most to people, including the wealthiest, is relative rather than absolute inequality. Therefore, we can levy significant taxes on the rich without reducing their incentives, provided that they maintain their relative standing. In other words, as long as billionaires like Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos understand that the taxation will not alter their rankings among the world's wealthiest individuals, they will remain motivated to increase their earnings, and the rest of us will reap the rewards of their efforts.

In short, neoliberals got it wrong: pursuing greater equality without reducing incentives is entirely feasible. By mitigating inequality and curbing the outsized influence of a few ultra-wealthy individuals, we can establish a fairer society. If we want to save democracy, we cannot afford to wait.

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Addressing Obesity

It is well known that a large population of the country is battling obesity, the root of all diseases, due to which diseases like diabetes, thyroid, and high blood pressure have increased not only among adults, but also in adolescents and children. The good thing is that like the epidemic, now the government has also become alert about the increasing obesity. NITI Aayog, the country's policy-making body, has recommended to identify the major factors of its growth such as sugar, salt and fat-rich foods and increase the excise duty on these foods to make citizens free from obesity. In this episode, it has been said to take steps like 'front of the pack labeling' on products, so that people can be warned about the danger of obesity. The purpose is that people should be careful while choosing food items and they should know what is dangerous for their health. The report of the Research Institute of NITI Aayog for the

year 2021-2022 warns that the problem of overweight and obesity among children, adolescents and women is increasing continuously in the country. NITI Aayog is taking steps in this direction in collaboration with the country's Institute of Economic Development and the Public Health Organization of India. In fact, Indian food has traditionally been a trend of namkeen, chips, bhujia, etc., but in recent years, in the name of snacks, there has been an increase in the popularity of such foods which are injurious to health. It should be a matter of our concern that according to the National Family Health Survey, the number of women suffering from obesity in the country has gone up to 24 percent, while the figure for men is 22.9%. In such a situation, the need of the hour should be said that the government should take steps in this direction. Undoubtedly, obesity is the root of all diseases and the Indian medical system feels the pressure due

to the diseases caused by it.

Actually, due to change in urban lifestyle and eating habits, the problem of obesity has become worrying. Talks continued about this problem, but no serious initiative was seen in this direction. Due to the market gimmicks, the use of junk food and packaged food items increased in the country. In this, the producers searched the market but did not care about the health of the common man. The irony was also that there was mention of factors that increase obesity, but serious efforts were not seen to stop them. The steps taken to stop them were only symbolic. The market is full of such foods which are tempting in taste, but are heavy on health. They have a long-term harmful effect on health, due to which obesity increases and under its guise serious diseases ranging from diabetes to heart disease start growing. Which over time takes a frightening form due to neglect. Undoubtedly, the need

of the hour is to strictly regulate the factors causing obesity. People should know that what they are consuming affects their health. In fact, due to the change in eating habits, the problem of obesity in developed countries has started spreading rapidly in India too. In India, such a problem assumes a formidable form because people are not conscious in time. We have failed to create awareness among the general public about obesity. We do not care when the factors that increase obesity have become a part of our daily life. Also which foods are really fattening. When the body becomes a home of deadly diseases due to such carelessness, the person does not even realize it. But while taxing such food items, keep in mind that the lives of common and poor people are not affected. Along with this, there is also a need to run an awareness campaign against obesity in the country.

Vijay Garg

From the Bridges of Old City, I Found Jehlum Dying

Mushtaq Hurra

Last Sunday, I and my close friend visited Zaina Kadal, Aali Kadal, Kadi Kadal, Jamalta and other adjoining areas of old Srinagar city to procure a pair of pruning secateurs and hedge shears, as this area of the city is famous for indigenously made agrarian and gardening tools. We parked our vehicle near a big mosque, and went straight shopping. We approached almost a dozen smithies, and bought the hedge shears very easily but couldn't find a pair of pruning secateurs despite a deep hunt. One of the shopkeepers suggested we visit one said shop. We at once proceeded towards our destination with a hope to gain possession of the desired tool. But we were dejected and sad when a young salesman of the warehouse shook his head in denial.

Though we failed to procure the secateurs, the fragrance of the old Srinagar city left us fascinated and hypnotized. The aroma of spices opened the unexplored corners of our brains. A young man selling mutton barbecue adjacent to the guardrails of the historic Zaina kadal bridge, induced us to relish the piquant and appetizing barbeques. Blobs of molten butter would burn on the blazing embers of the brazier, to fill the surroundings with a tempting and spicy smell. Our urge to gulp the grilled mutton pieces instantly reached its climax. We asked the vendor to roast half a dozen skewers for us. The vendor put six metallic skewers on the brazier, and began to fan the embers with a strong piece of cardboard. My friend asked for some spicy chutney to solace his hungry taste buds. But, I was lost in the picturesque beauty of the river Jhelum.

Below the Zaina kadal bridge, I saw a group of young men angling with their sophisticated rods, and interestingly, it is still one of my favorite sources of amusement. When I peeped through

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the tough metallic balustrade, erected on the edges of the bridge to have a glimpse of the gushing waters, the sight of whirlpools beneath the bridge was looking quite petrifying. Surroundings of the river with alluringly magnificent buildings were testimonial to the prosperity of its custodians. Tall minarets were enough to make a dense network of mosques evident to my eyes. Even a temple with typical architectural style was quite distinguishable from a good distance. Asar Azaan resonating from multiple loudspeakers scratched our devotional vibes. Artistic stonework done on the embankments of the river exhibited official care and concern for the safety of the river and the buildings erected on and around its banks. My admiration for local people and administration of the city grew in abundance.

Meanwhile, the vendor placed the simmering barbeque skewers before me. I took a skewer and began to draw the crispy mutton pieces stacked tightly together. Dipping the hot pieces in cold chutney of coriander and curd, would add new volumes of flavour to these barbeques. Though my taste buds had been

relishing the legacy of the old city, my eyes were struck on an ugly blot which was enough to irritate and exasperate me. My appreciation and respect for the locals of the area began to abruptly evaporate. A sense of retribution and revenge for the local people, obsessed with my nerves. I was appalled and enraged.

I was shocked and disappointed to see that all the human excreta from the surroundings was thrown into the bosom of the river. Dense network of pipes, leading into the center of the river, was enough to mar my little joy and admiration that I had experienced a while ago. Black stinky sewerage was blemishing the Adam's ale. My friend asked me to empty the skewers as the sun had begun to spread its yellowish red hue over the horizon. A couple of locals were basking on the bridge rails. I at once approached them, and narrated the ordeal of the jugular vein (River Jhelum) of my land to them. They bowed their heads down in shame and obloquy. They had no answers to my queries, which might have pierced their hearts like poisonous arrows.

My monologue attracted a good

crowd, when I lamented the plight of the Veath, and shot volleys of curses on the enemies of Vitasta:

"It is not only human excreta which greets the mornings and the evenings of the river but also respected butchers of the area maim the river with the stinky offal and trash in the wee hours of mornings.

O my Jhelum! How long shall you nourish a buffoonish and selfish nation that vandalises and scars you in the broad daylight. Let them know that their own brethren down the line, have no access to tap water from Alstaying and Doodhgangah water supply schemes, except the water of the Veath, which they have turned as poisonous as Hemlock. Let someone tell these braying donkeys that we consume the water of the Veath without any filtration and processing. Who will tell these obliviously egomaniacal masses that we consider the water of the river, as the only nectar and the antidote known to us. Alas! Our children are caught up in deadly diseases of hepatitis. Your callousness and insensitivity has subject us to lethal and murderous ailments. Are you really the vicegerents of Allah

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SWT? Have you really been to Universities and colleges? I wonder if your magnificent mosques do any good to you. Your prayer and charity are an act of boasting and bragging. Your degrees and diplomas haven't brightened up your conscience. You are moving statues of pride and showoff. Compassion and empathy are none of your stations. Heavenly deluge is in store for you lest you mend your ways."

My words moved their hearts, a sense of guilt was obviously visible in their eyes but they couldn't even reassure me with promises of action because they have reached the state of Summum, Bukmun, Umyun (Deaf, Dumb, Blind). Official apathy has worsened the situation. If this is preservation and conservation of the Veath, then keep it in your pockets.

I appeal to the LG administration of J&K to take concrete steps to save the river qualitatively and quantitatively for the continuation of life in the valley because Vitasta is the only major source of irrigation and drinking water for most of the valley populace. Any further complacency can lead to catastrophic consequences. Custodians of the river should ignite their civic sense to save Jhelum from further damage and destruction.

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Social Media Showoff vs. Reality: The Illusion Unveiled

Syed Faraz

In the digital age, social media has become an integral part of our lives, offering a platform for self-expression, connection, and networking. However, behind the glossy filters and meticulously crafted posts lies a pervasive issue – the culture of social media showoff. People often present idealized versions of themselves, showcasing only the highlights while concealing the struggles and imperfections that make us human.

The Allure of the Perfect Image

Social media platforms entice users to showcase an image of perfection. From exotic vacations to mouthwatering meals, glamorous events, and envy-inducing possessions, users often project an idyllic life that appears to be the epitome of happiness and success. This portrayal, albeit a curated one, garners attention, likes, and validation from followers, feeding a cycle of seeking external approval and admiration.

The Psychological Impact

As individuals constantly compare their realities to the seemingly perfect lives of others, it can lead to feelings of



inadequacy, anxiety, and even depression. The pressure to maintain an impeccable image pushes many to strive

for unattainable standards, triggering a detrimental impact on mental health. Moreover, this obsession with external

validation may hinder authentic connections and discourage vulnerability, essential components of genuine human interaction.

Unveiling the Reality

Amidst the facade of grandeur, a growing movement emerges, encouraging transparency and authenticity on social media. Influencers, celebrities, and everyday users are stepping forward to unveil the reality behind the perfectly curated images. Some share their struggles, setbacks, and moments of vulnerability, breaking down the illusion of perfection and encouraging a more genuine, relatable online presence.

Embracing Realness and Balance

While social media can be a powerful tool for inspiration and connection, it's crucial to strike a balance between its benefits and potential pitfalls. Acknowledging that life is a mix of ups and downs, and that imperfections are part of the human experience, is essential in fostering a healthier relationship with social media.

Tips for a More Authentic Online Presence

1. Be Genuine: Share your authentic

experiences, joys, and challenges. Embrace vulnerability, as it fosters meaningful connections with others.

2. Limit Comparison: Remember that social media is a highlight reel, not the full story. Comparing your life to others' curated posts only fosters negative emotions.

3. Mindful Consumption: Be conscious of the content you consume. Unfollow accounts that trigger feelings of inadequacy or promote unrealistic standards.

4. Seek Support: If social media is affecting your mental well-being, don't hesitate to seek support from friends, family, or mental health professionals.

5. Balance Online and Offline: Take breaks from social media to focus on real-life connections, hobbies, and personal growth.

In conclusion, social media showoff culture has created a stark contrast between online personas and authentic lives. By embracing transparency and vulnerability, we can foster genuine connections and ultimately redefine the way we use social media, making it a force for positivity, understanding, and authentic self-expression.

Problem Screen Use Hits Attention, Higher-Level Thinking: Study

Press Trust Of India

Problematic screen use impairs a range of cognitive processes, in particular the ability to concentrate and the so-called executive functions, which include impulse control, planning, organisation and problem solving, a study shows.

The research, published in the journal *Neuropsychology Review*, is an overview of more than 30 studies of people who fall into the broad category of disordered screen use.

The classification includes excessive gaming, internet browsing, or use of social media or smartphones, that result in serious negative effects on the person's life.

These effects can include deterioration in mental health, poorer performance at school or work, social isolation and relationship problems, and neglect of personal health or hygiene, the researchers said.

Disordered screen use shares characteristics with behavioural addictions like problem gambling, and some people may even develop symptoms of severe dependency like those associated with addictions to alcohol and illicit substances.

The researchers from Macquarie University in Australia identified 43 studies that assessed the neuropsychological effects of disordered screen use, ultimately including 34 in their analysis.

Twenty of the 34 included studies were on online and offline gaming, 12 were on internet use, and one each on social media and smartphone use, the researchers said.

The bias towards gaming and internet use were due to these platforms having been around longer, while smartphones and social media are relative newcomers to the screen-use landscape.

The research mostly looked at young males, and tested a total of 58 different neuropsychological measures,

with most examining attention and executive functioning.

"This is the first time anyone has reviewed all the available evidence together," said study lead author, Mic Moshel from Macquarie University.

"The studies used different tests, which makes it more difficult to compare apples with apples, but there was clear evidence across the board of a reduction in cognitive performance in people with disordered screen use," Moshel said.

While there is an effect, the researchers noted that the extent of that reduction is unclear because only



eight of the studies assessed the severity of symptoms.

Previous research has shown that children and adolescents are the most vulnerable to disordered screen use, and developing brains are highly sensitive to cognitive impairment.

While cognitive impairment resulting from some other causes can be remediated, if left untreated, it can compound over time, the researchers said.

Moshel says mild traumatic brain injury provides a good analogy, as it can lead to reduced cognitive performance that affects their ability to learn.

"If it is not remediated quickly and effectively, then you have what is called the widening of the gap, where you see an increasing distance develop between these children and their peers academically," the researcher added.

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1.	317-2023-24-BDGM-DRM-FZR	Construction of 17 Nos. security Morcha, 14 Nos. Guard rooms, new GRP barracks (01/60 bedded at HRSB & 01/60 bedded at SDUA) and new RPF barracks (01/50 bedded & 01/08 bedded for SOs at SDUA) under SSE/Works/BAHL as per Phase-I of Multi Disciplinary Committee report in BAHL-BRML section, Package:1

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S. No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Incl. GST & Carriage) (Rs. In lacs)	Cost of T/ @ 2% of Adv. Cost (In Rupees)	Earnest Money/Time of Completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1.	Face lifting of A1 blocks at New Phase Tulsibagh Srinagar.	2.36	200/-	₹120/-	28 Days	DEE
2.	Face lifting of A2 blocks at New Phase Tulsibagh Srinagar.	2.36	200/-	₹120/-	28 Days	DEE
3.	Face lifting of A3 blocks at New Phase Tulsibagh Srinagar.	2.36	200/-	₹120/-	28 Days	DEE
4.	Painting of roof tops of Block B1-B2 of New Phase blocks at Tulsibagh Srinagar.	1.68	200/-	₹360/-	21 Days	DEE
5.	Face lifting of block B1 at New Phase Tulsibagh Srinagar.	2.09	200/-	₹410/-	21 Days	DEE
6.	Face lifting of block B2 at New Phase Tulsibagh Srinagar.	2.09	200/-	₹410/-	21 Days	DEE
7.	Upgradation / Renovation of Set No. K-22 and D-22 at Lal Nagar Quarters.	1.83	200/-	₹360/-	21 Days	DEE
8.	Renovation by way of Panelling, Painting, Tiling, Kitchen remodeling and other allied works for Y-4 & F-6 at New Natpora Quarters.	2.47	200/-	₹490/-	20 Days	DEE
9.	Upgradation / Renovation by way of Panelling, Painting and other minor repair works for D-29, I-B at Lal Nagar Quarters.	2.47	200/-	₹490/-	28 Days	DEE
10.	Face lifting for T-8 Quarter at Tulsibagh Srinagar.	0.76	200/-	₹150/-	14 Days	DEE
11.	Renovation / Remodelling of Set No. M-1 at Tanky block Tulsibagh Srinagar.	2.43	200/-	₹4860/-	28 Days	DEE
12.	Repair / Renovation of Govt. Quarter No. L2 at Tanky block at Tulsibagh Srinagar.	0.46	200/-	₹90/-	10 Days	DEE

Position of AAA : Accorded by Director, Estates Department
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Position of Funds : Available
Project Authority : Estates Department, Kashmir

SCHEDULE OF TENDER:-
1. The Bidding documents consisting of pre-qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q.), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the scheduled date given below in Table 2.

S. No.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	21.11.2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	22.11.2023 From 10.00 AM
3.	Bid submission Start Date	22.11.2023 From 10.00 AM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	30.11.2023 up to 04:00 PM
5.	Date and Time of Opening of Bids (Online)	01.12.2023 up to 12:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Project Division-III, Polo View, Srinagar.

DOCUMENTS COMPRISING THE BID:-
1. Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)
2. Bill of Quantities (BOQ)
3. INTEGRITY OF THE BID PROCESS:-
4. Information leading to clarification, examination, evaluation, Comparison of bids and recommendations for award of contract extra during the bid process is confidential.
5. All bidders are advised not to make any attempt to influence any officer or official of the department or any person related to them, and any such attempt made will result in disqualification of the bidder at any stage of the bid process including appropriate action under existing provision of law.
6. Misconduct / Misbehavior observed during the tender opening process with any officer/official shall be dealt under rules and in terms of the enlistment of registration of contractor in the Department and shall be subject to cancellation of registration card issued by this department or any other department.
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8. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after the due date and time as per server time.
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10. For this, the bidder need not make any additional payment towards the cost of the tender document.
11. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier.
12. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid.
13. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted.
14. In the online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential submission of bids is allowed any number of times.
15. The bidders may withdraw their bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, re-submission of the bid is not allowed.
16. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
17. 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.
18. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, PW(R&B) Project Division III Polo View Srinagar.
19. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
20. UNBALANCED BID:-
21. The successful bidder (L1) shall have to deposit an additional performance security in addition to Normal performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/DD/BG/before award of contract in case the bid of the successful bidder is found to be unbalanced and the following scale shall apply there to:-

S. No.	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz. advertised cost on account of low rates	Additional Security Adversised value of work as a percentage of advertised cost
1.	Up to and including 15% below	Nil
2.	Greater than 15% up to 20% below	5%
3.	Greater than 20% up to 25% below	10%
4.	Greater than 25% up to 30% below	15%
5.	Greater than 30% below	20%

The additional CDR/FDR/DD/BG in respect of works shall be released only after successful completion of work in case of the successful bidder.
6. CONSIDERATION OF ABNORMALLY LOW BIDS
7. An abnormally Low Bid is one where the Bid price, along with other components of the Bid, appears excessively low, raising significant concerns about the Bidder's ability to execute the contract at the proposed price.
8. In such instances, the Division reserves the right to request written clarifications from the Bidder.
9. These clarifications may encompass a comprehensive/detailed analysis of the Bid price concerning the project's scope, timeline, resource allocation, risk distribution, and other specifications outlined in the bidding documents.
10. Upon conducting a thorough evaluation of the price analyses, if the Division concludes that the Bidder has failed to sufficiently demonstrate its capacity to fulfill the contract at the specified price, the Division retains the discretion to reject the Bid.
7. BIDDER/TENDERER DEBARMENT CASES:-
8. The bidder shall be debarred for tendering process for a period of 3 years, from the date of notification, if:-
9. Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
10. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security @ 5% of the Adversised cost within the specified time limit.
11. Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required additional performance security @ (as per TABLE 3) in addition to normal performance security @ 5% of the Adversised cost for unbalanced bid in the form of CDR/FDR/DD/BG, wherever applicable
12. Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
8. TENDER FEE (Cost of Tender documents):-
9. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan Dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date. Deposited in M.H. 0059 Mentioning therein the Name of work, e-NIT No. & Dated. In the name of Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Project Division III (Tender Inviting Authority) As the cost of the tender document mentioned in Table 1 in this NIT.
9. EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD):-
10. At the time of bidding, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Adversised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/DD/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e., Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Project Division III Srinagar.
11. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of Normal Performance Security of 5% of the Adversised Cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period and Submission of Treasury Challan.
12. Earnest money of the bidder(s) will be forfeited in following cases:
13. When the bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity on account of any reason.
14. The successful bidder (L1) will be required to submit all original documents of the bid in the office of Executive Engineer, PW (R&B) Project Division III Polo View Srinagar within 31 days of opening of the financial bids. Failure of which the CDR/FDR/DD/BG of the L1 bidder shall be forfeited and he will be also debarred from participating in future tendering in this Division for the next 2 years.
15. On failure of the successful bidder in furnishing additional performance security @ (as per TABLE 3) in addition to normal performance security @ 5% of the Adversised Cost for unbalanced bid in the form of CDR/FDR/DD/BG, wherever applicable, immediate on the demand of department for allotment/Letter of Intent (LOI) of contract.
10. PERFORMANCE SECURITY:-
11. Normal Performance Security
12. Within 07 (seven) days after the date of receipt of the Letter of Acceptance, the successful bidder/contractor shall deliver to the Employer/concerned authority, a Normal Performance Security in any of the required form of CDR/FDR/DD/BG for an amount equivalent to 5% of value of contract (Adversised Cost) as per Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure Procurement Policy Division's office Memorandum dated 30th December 2021.
13. The performance security shall be released after expiry of Defect Liability Period (DLP).
14. If the Performance Security is provided by the successful bidder in the form of a bank guarantee, it shall be issued by either (a) at the Bidder's option, by a Nationalized / Scheduled Indian Bank or (b) by a foreign bank located in India and acceptable to the Employer.
15. Additional Performance security
16. Additional Performance Security is applicable only for the unbalanced bids specified in PARA 5.
17. Within 07 (seven) days after the date of receipt of the Letter of Acceptance, the successful bidder/contractor shall deliver to the Employer/concerned authority, additional performance security in addition to the Normal Performance Security in any of the required form of CDR/FDR/DD/BG for an amount equivalent to percentage specified in the TABLE 3 of value of contract (Adversised Cost) as per PWD ENGINEERING MANUAL 2020 under 26.4 clause CHAPTER 20.
18. The additional performance security shall be released after successful completion of the work.
11. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process:
12. 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.
13. To participate in the bidding process, bidders must get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificates from any approved vendors.
14. The bidders must submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature.
15. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
16. Bids will be opened online as per the time schedule mentioned in TABLE 2.
17. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents with the bid.
18. Besides, original documents related to bid are submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as L1 immediately after opening of financial bid.
19. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if the need arises.
20. Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
21. The department will not be responsible for delays in online submission due to any reasons.
22. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Project Division III, Srinagar uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR.
23. (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Project Division III, Srinagar.
24. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents.
25. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.
26. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the rates including of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
27. Bidders should be fully cognizant that if the documents uploaded/submitted based on which the contract was awarded are later discovered to be fake/not genuine, the contract will be cancelled and the Contractor/bidder will be blacklisted from participating in this Division/ Department for a period of three years, in addition to the performance security deposited for the said work being forfeited.
28. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
29. The bidder, at his own cost and responsibility, may visit the site to acquaint himself or herself with various aspects of the site and work before submission of bid.
30. The bidders at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid.
31. Bid submitted by the bidder shall be under two separate parts:-
32. Technical Bid
33. Financial Bid
34. PRICES/ALLOCATION & TAXES:-
35. The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work unless otherwise, specified deductions 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.
36. Defect Liability Period (DLP):-
37. The DLP shall be calculated from the date of certified completion of work and shall be 12 Months.
38. Defects, if any, noticed in the work during the defective liability period shall be corrected by the contractor in a time frame specified by the department.
39. In case the contractor fails to rectify the defects to the satisfaction of the department within the time frame specified by the department.
40. The department shall assess the cost of rectification of such defects and contractor will be liable to pay this amount to the department.
41. The same can also be recovered from the Normal Performance security or additional performance security furnished by the contractor.
42. Any damage caused to private/public property during execution of works shall be the liability of the contractor and no claim on account of any such restoration to be carried by the contractor shall be entertained by the Department.

Office Of The Executive Engineer,
Distribution, KPDCL Division
BIJBEHARA, KASHMIR.

Contact No/ Fax: - 01932-234398 E-mail:- exenedbij@yahoo.co.in

Extension Notice-I

In view of poor response to this office NIT No. EDB/e-tender/66 of 2023-24 dated: 11-11-2023 for "Improvement of HT Network from Wajoor to Ichnard on Road Side (Wajoor) under PRI Grants 2023-24."

The last dates for downloading/ uploading and tender opening is hereby extended as per the details given below.

S.No	Description	Date & Time
1	Seek Clarification End Date	24-11-2023 (1000 Hrs)
2	E-bid uploading / submission End Date	25-11-2023 (1000 Hrs)
3	Tender Opening Date	28-11-2023 (1300 Hrs)

No: EDB/TS/5627-34
DIPK-NB-4367/23
Dated: - 22/11/2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Electric Division Bijbehara

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Wular Conservation and Management Authority Kashmir

Tender Notice
e-NIT NO: -12 of 2023-24 DATED: 22/11/2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders are invited from experienced and eligible Bidders for conducting drone Survey of Wular lake boundary as scheduled under:

Name of Work	Adv. Cost (In lacs)	Bid Security (EMD) INR	Cost of Tender Document INR	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion
Drone survey of Wular lake boundary upto 41 sqkm covering entire perimeter of lake with 250 m buffer on either side of perimeter involving preparation of orthomosaic images for recording and monitoring the land use changes along the periphery	Rs. 3.34 lacs	Rs. 6680/-	Rs. 200/-	Proprietorship firm/ Partnership firm/ Limited company/ Corporation / Company	45 days

Note: The micro and small enterprises registered with the NSIC/MSME are exempted from the submission of EMD/ Bid Security Deposit on production of requisite proof in the form of valid certification from NSIC/MSME for the tendered item/services. Micro and small enterprises having Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum are also entitled for the above exemption for which submission of valid memorandum certificate is must.
The position of codal formalities in respect of above work is as under:
Position of Funds : Budgeted
Position of AA : Accorded
Position of TS : Accorded
The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.Q.), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website:- www.jktenders.gov.in.

Date of Issue of Tender Notice : 22-11-2023
Download Start Date : 22-11-2023 from 06:00 PM
Bid submission Start Date : 22-11-2023 from 06:00 PM
Bid submission End Date : 04-12-2023 up to 06:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid Online : 05-12-2023 at 01:00 PM in the office of the Project Coordinator CAT, WUCMA
Date of Opening of Financial Bid Online : To be opened online after technical evaluation is completed. Date will be notified separately

TERMS & CONDITIONS
01. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website:- <https://jktenders.gov.in>
02. The date for opening of Technical & Financial bids online shall be as per time schedule mentioned.
03. Bids uploaded cost of tender documents must be accompanied with Treasury Receipt-0406 Forest/Demand Draft in favour of Project Coordinator CAT WUCMA with the tender document for the prescribed amount and Earnest Money/Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR for the shown amount pledged to Project Coordinator CAT Wular Conservation & Management Authority Rajbagh Srinagar Kashmir
04. The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and surroundings before submission of bid.
05. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
06. The successful bidder has to produce a performance security of 3% of the advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Coordinator WUCMA before issuance of contract allotment.
07. The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form.
08. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
09. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e:-
(i) Cost of Tender document (Treasury Challan or Demand Draft)
(ii) Earnest Money Deposit FDR/CDR as bid security deposit.
(iii) Valid Registration/certificate of proprietary firm/ partnership firm/ limited company or Corporation / Company registered under Act 1956 / 2013
(iv) PAN Card with ITR/TDS certificates.
(v) Valid GST Registration with latest returns and clearance certificate.
(vi) Work order for same or similar nature of work from last 3 years for experience.
10. The successful bidder shall submit original Treasury Challan/Demand Draft (Cost of tender document) and CDR/ FDR (earnest money/bid security) of the relevant bid to tender opening authority by registered post or by hand before issuance of the award of contract.
11. The contractor shall have to follow all labour laws/acts/codes which are in vogue in the Union Territory of J&K for all purposes.
12. The Department shall not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
13. The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
14. The Tender Opening Committee however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
15. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of quantities) contents, in no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved in the same name as it contains.
16. The unit rate and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rate quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to the completion of work physically/financially. The deduction of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill prevailing at the time of recovery.
17. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed tender document.

No: Coord/WUCMA/WUCMA/23/1245-49
DIPK-NB-4372/23
Dated: 22/11/2023

Sd/-
Coordinator, Water Management,
Wular Conservation & Management Authority

Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited
Zonal Office Baramulla

PREMISES REQUIRED

The Jammu & Kashmir Bank invites offers from Owners of premises for **outright purchase/ on lease basis** for housing its **Branch / Office / ATM at Boniyar, Baramulla**, preferably on **Ground Floor**, as per the details given below:

S. No	Name of the Branch / Office / ATM	Location	Carpet Area in sq. ft (approx.)	Built up Area/Land Area (approx.), in case of outright purchase basis
01	Boniyar, Baramulla	Locality: Boniyar, Tehsil: Boniyar, District: Baramulla.	2,500.00-2,700.00 sq. ft	15.00 Marias

Further details, requirements, terms and conditions, Technical Bids and Financial Bids proforma relating to the same can be obtained in person from **Zonal Office Baramulla** during working hours and also can be downloaded from Bank's website www.jkbank.com from 24/11/2023 under the link "EOI & Tender / Notification" in the Quick Access Tab.
The interested parties/persons owning the premises and having a clear title over the property should submit their offers in format prescribed by Bank by or before **26/12/2023 (05:00 PM IST)** at **Zonal Office Baramulla**.
Bank reserves the right to cancel/reject any/all offer(s) without assigning any reason thereof.

Dated: 21/11/2023

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CIN: L65101JK3985C000048; T: +91 (0194) 2481 930-35; F: +91 (0194) 248 1928; E: info@jkbank.com; W: www.jkbank.com

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Kishtwar Saffron Earns Prestigious GI Tag, Branded As Grade 1

Marks big breakthrough towards Success and Global Marketing
Observer News Service

KISHTWAR: The traditional saffron growers of Kishtwar, particularly from Mandal and the Saffron Development Farm in Berwar, have achieved a significant milestone in the cultivation and global marketing of saffron.



With nature's blessings and the dedication and expertise of the growers, in alignment with the efforts of the District Administration Kishtwar, spearheaded by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav and instrumental efforts of Saffron Development Office Kishtwar under the guidance of SDO Amarjeet Sen besides CAO Kishtwar Amjad Hussain Malik, a monumental accomplishment has been realized—the GI labeling of Kishtwar Saffron, marked as Grade 1, a first for the region.

This triumph was realized through the diligent efforts of the concerned departments in collaboration with Zaffran FPO Ltd. The breakthrough came after 1150 grams of saffron flowers collected from Berwar was processed for physical and chemical analysis at the India International Kashmir Saffron Trading Centre (IHKSTC), Dussu Pampore, it yielded 110 grams of fresh saffron filaments and 20 grams of premium dry Lacha saffron, subsequently branded as Grade 1.

Packaged meticulously in 20 glass bottles with GI labeling and Grade 1 certification at the India International Kashmir Saffron Trading Centre, this marks a defining moment for the Kishtwar Saffron brand.

This accomplishment signifies not just a remarkable achievement but also a commitment to further endeavors. The District Administration Kishtwar, in collaboration with the Saffron Development Office and FPOs, would continue to strive towards securing separate GI tagging specifically for Kishtwar saffron, ensuring the recognition and distinction it rightfully deserves in the national and international markets.

'Faceless Scrutiny Assessment Under GST May Take Some Time'

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: GST authorities may take some time to introduce faceless scrutiny assessment of tax returns filed under Goods and Services Tax (GST), a senior official said on Wednesday.

The faceless assessment -- under which there is no physical interaction between the tax officer and the assessee and no physical submission of documents -- was first introduced by the Income Tax department and later extended to Customs.

"We may take some time to introduce faceless assessment in GST. GST assessments are linked to a particular jurisdictional officer or unit. Changing that may take some time. Some changes would also be required at the policy level to make it effective," GST Network Vice President (Services) Jagmal Singh said at a Fici event here.

Introduced on July 1, 2017, indirect tax reform GST has subsumed 17 local levies, including excise duty, service tax, VAT and cesses.

SKUAST-K Holds Mushroom Cultivation Awareness Program For Women Farmers

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A daylong entrepreneurship awareness program on Mushroom by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir was held at Nadigam village of district Shopian.

The training was organised by the SKUAST-K's Krishi Vigyan Kendra Shopian under the sponsorship of the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for the women farmers of the village.

Coordinator of the training Dr Shabeer Ahmad Ganie, scientist plant protection KVK Shopian, emphasised upon Nutritional and medicinal value of mushrooms. He also explained the benefits and nutrient profile of Mushrooms. Scientist Agri. Extension Dr Bilal Ahmad Zargar enlightened upon that How to develop DPR on mushroom cultivation. In addition to this, Dr Zafar Afroz Badri, Senior Scientist and head KVK Shopian shared his valuable and vast experience on Cultivation of white button mushrooms.

A total of 80 trainees participated in the programme and showed keen interest in starting a venture in entrepreneurship opportunities in Mushroom cultivation.

Meanwhile, with an aim to em-

power the tribal communities with skills for scientific beekeeping, SKUAST-K commenced two five-day training programs in Bandipora and Kupwara districts.

The training is being organised under the project, 'Developing Beekeeping as Livelihood in Tribal Community' at Chate Banday Village of Bandipora and Marhama village of District Kupwara sponsored by the Department of Tribal Affairs (Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir) at Research and Training Centre for Pollinators, Pollinizers and Pollination Management (RT-CPPM), Division of Entomology, SKUAST-K, Shalimar.

Associate Director Research, SKUAST-K, Prof Naseer Ahmad Dar, who was the chief guest at the inaugural session, urged the participants to get fully acquainted with the techniques of beekeeping so that they will act as professional beekeepers in future and also pollination service providers to the farming community of Kashmir Valley. Prof MA Paray, Head, Division of Entomology in his address elaborated upon the challenges and opportunities in the beekeeping sector and desired that scientific beekeeping for unemployed, Educated Tribal Youth needs to be prioritized.

CS Fixes All Time High Target Of Realizing ₹4000 Cr Investment During Current FY

Also launches online NOC & Pvt Land Bank Modules on SWP



Observer News Service

JAMMU: In a review meeting of the Industries & Commerce Department chaired by the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta Wednesday, it was informed that an investment of ₹2153 Cr was made by different players under the New Industrial Policy of the UT government generating an employment for more than 11,000 people during the year 2022-23 here.

Besides the Principal Secretary, Finance and Commissioner Secretary, I&C the meeting was attended by Secretary in Industries Department; Director Industries, several other HoDs and other concerned officers either in person or virtually through video conferencing.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary impressed upon the officers to achieve the target of ₹4000 Cr till the end of current fiscal, which is 5 times higher than highest ever prior to 2019. He asked them that the same is immensely achievable as the available land in our Industrial Estates and proposals received are sufficient to meet the target.

Dr Mehta stressed on streamlining the land use or change in land use in the UT for vibrant development of industrial sector, besides addressing issues related to dif-

ferent kinds of lands such as jhad, khola, khad etc in accordance with rules. He advised for constitution of a committee to look after the land use issues in new industrial estates. He directed for resolving all the issues related to development of these industrial estates at the earliest.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the officers of the Department to accept applications exclusively through the Single Window System instead from different departmental portals. He advised them to carryout a random survey of the users of this Single Window Portal (SWP) each month to check their satisfaction and aspiration level and take measures accordingly.

He took this occasion to stress on the officers to publicize their achievements through social and other media. He asked them to make public aware about the big investment proposals received by the Department so far and the timelines during which these units would come to production here.

He said that the land allotments made by the Department should be periodically reviewed so that any allottee found violating any terms be considered for cancellation as per the rules in vogue. He told them to pace up the work on development of all the 46 new Industrial estates besides identifying new chunks of

land out of retrieved land for this purpose.

During this meeting the Commissioner Secretary, I&C, Vikramjit Singh revealed that during this fiscal in these 7 months only the Department has realized an investment of ₹2079.76 Cr in the UT. He also informed that 169 units making an investment of ₹7096 Cr and employment generation potential for more than 21000 persons is commencing their production shortly.

It was given out that out of 28 new IEs, the IEs numbering 7 and 11 are being developed by IRCON and NBCC respectively and as per MoU, these are going to be completed by March 2024.

Moreover it was given out that the Single Window Portal onboarded 182 services across 19 departments, which are PSGA compliant besides being integrated with national portal, RAS, eUnnat, DigiLocker, Umang, Sandes, NGDRS, e-Abghari, Vahan portals for ensuring 'Ease of Doing Business' in the UT.

Later on the Chief Secretary also inaugurated the Online NOC's and Private Land Bank Modules under the Single Window Portal that would greatly help the industrial units to seek NOCs from different departments or buy land patches online without having to physically visit offices or meet the buyers till final settlements are made.

India Invites Investments From Nordic-Baltic Nations

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday sought investments from Nordic-Baltic countries in the development of ports, renewable energy, food processing and fisheries, saying India has put in place institutional frameworks for closer business-to-business cooperation.

Addressing the India Nordic Baltic Business Conclave here, Jaishankar also said that India has opened embassies in Tallinn and Vilnius recently and plans to start an embassy in Latvia very soon.

He said India has set up an ambitious target to set up renewable energy capacities of 450 gigawatts by 2030, lined up port-led development involving over 600 projects under the Sagarmala program, while the food processing sector has the potential to attract USD 33 billion over the next decade.

"So these offer real opportunities for the NB8 (Nordic-Baltic) countries for investment, for trade and for tech collaboration and exchange of mutual



expertise and best practices. The growth of fisheries, too, is a domain of natural collaboration," Jaishankar said.

The minister said India's combined trade in goods with the NB8 countries was around USD 7.3 billion in 2022-23, and the cumulative FDI received from Nordic countries since 2000 stood at USD 4.69 billion.

He said more than 700 Nordic companies were present in India, and close to 150 Indian companies have their presence in that region.

"So this is the economic baseline on which we need to build further," Jaishankar said.

He said India's talent pool, digital adoption and start-up ecosystem align well with the Baltic region's prominence in e-governance, digital innovation,

supply chain management, and other frontier industries.

"As open economies, they have adopted a model of a responsive government, a prudent fiscal policy, a favourable investment climate, and flexible labour markets, hence a natural synergy to expand and deepen our relationship further with this region," Jaishankar said.

The minister said India's space programme has opened up new opportunities for collaboration with the NB8 group.

"Given the fast-transforming nature of space technology, the significance of launching sites in the Arctic region and commercialisation of space and geospatial sectors in India can boost public-private collaboration," Jaishankar said.

Tougher Unsecured Loan Norms A Preemptive Move, In Interest Of Sustainability: RBI Governor

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said the central bank's tougher stance on unsecured loans earlier this month is a "preemptive" move in the interest of sustainability.

Underlining that the banking system continues to be resilient and there is no immediate cause of worry for the system, Das advised lenders to be more cautious and spot any trend of risk building early.

"We have recently announced a few macro prudential measures in the overall interest of sustainability. These measures are pre-emptive in nature, they are calibrated and targeted," Das said, addressing the annual FIBAC event here.

Speaking to reporters after delivering the speech at the event organised by industry lobby groupings Fici and IBA, Das said it is very early to speak about a sunset date for the newly introduced norms.

It can be noted that after asking lenders to be cautious, the Reserve Bank had increased risk weights on unsecured lending for both banks and non-banks earlier this month.

More capital will have to be devoted for such riskier loans by a lender which will result in higher buffers in case of any stress, and the move will also make personal loans and credit card borrowings dearer for an individual.

Das said the RBI has left out loans taken for vehicle and home



buying, and also lending to small businesses because of the benefit to growth that such segments portend, and also added that the central bank does not see a possibility of stress building up in such segments. He asked lenders to strengthen their risk management practices and build additional buffers to face any situation if the business cycle turns adverse, and added that RBI has significantly strengthened its regulation and supervision.

"While banks and NBFCs are showing good performance now, sustaining it requires concerted efforts. In good times like these, banks and NBFCs need to reflect and introspect as to where potential risks could possibly originate," he said.

Das said lending entities will continue doing stress tests and in a departure from the past, also advised entities in the "real sector" to undertake similar efforts.

On the RBI's part, the central bank is undertaking efforts like on-site and off-site inspections, stress testing, vulnerability assessments, thematic studies and data-dump analysis, Das said, adding that these initiatives are being undertaken as part of its efforts to be proactive and forward looking in supervisory approach.

DGCA Suspends RedBird's Authorisation To Carry Out Maintenance Of Its Planes

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Aviation regulator DGCA on Wednesday said it has suspended the authorisation of RedBird Flight Training Academy for carrying out maintenance of its aircraft after finding deficiencies in an audit carried out in the wake of two incidents of crash landing last month.

After the two incidents of aircraft crash landing within a span of one week in October, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had suspended the operations of Redbird Flight Training Academy at all its bases.

A special maintenance audit was carried out at the training academy's main base in Bara-mati, Maharashtra and at four sub-bases in Seoni, Madhya Pradesh; Kalburgi and Belgavi in Karnataka; and Lilabari, Assam.

"The findings from the special maintenance audit revealed deficiencies in personnel training, maintenance schedules and records, internal audit practices, tool and store management and fuel storage and handling," DGCA said in a release.

Subsequently, the regulator initiated enforcement action against the training academy and a show cause notice was issued.

"DGCA has reviewed the corrective actions taken by Red Bird Flight Training Academy Pvt. Ltd. on the findings of the maintenance audit.

"The review has indicated that the flying training organisation has failed to continuously adhere to the provisions of Aircraft Rules, 1937 and Civil Aviation Requirements in order to ensure proper maintenance of the aircraft for ensuring continued safe operations.



Accordingly, recertification of the maintenance organization and continuous airworthiness management of M/s Red Bird Flight Training Academy Pvt. Ltd. is being undertaken afresh by DGCA," the statement said.

In one of the two crash landing incidents, the crew suffered minor injuries as well. The incidents happened on October 19 and October 22.

RedBird has a fleet of 30 aircraft. These include both single and twin-engine planes.

DGCA Slaps Rs 10 Lakh Penalty On Air India

DGCA has imposed a penalty of Rs 10 lakh on Air India for its failure to comply with norms pertaining to facilities that are required to be provided to passengers, including non-payment of compensation to international business class passengers who were made to travel on unserviceable seats.

After carrying out inspections of airlines at Delhi, Kochi and Bangalore airports, the regulator observed that Air India was not complying with the provisions of the relevant Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR).

Later, a show-cause notice was issued to Air India on November 3.

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Subject: Advance notice for conduct of OMR Based Written Examination for the various posts.

It is hereby notified for the information of candidates that J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB) is scheduled to conduct the written test for various posts, tentatively on 24-12-2023 as per the details given in Annexure "A" to this notice. The exact dates along with the schedule for downloading of admit cards shall be notified separately in due course of time. This is an advance notice for the information of concerned candidates.

The syllabus for examination for the post of Chemist (Finance Department), notified vide No. SSB/Secy/Syl/2021/498-501 dated 19.01.2021 is annexed herewith as Annexure "B", with the modification that distribution of marks shall be 120 marks instead of 100 marks. The question paper shall comprise of 120 questions to be attempted in 02 hours duration.

The syllabus for the examination for the post Driver/Driver-II/Tractor Driver and Truck Cleaner are annexed herewith as Annexure "C".
No. JKSSB-COEEXAM/UT/10/2023-04 (705504)
Dated: 21-11-2023

(Reyaz Ahmad Malik) JKAS
Controller of Examinations
J&K Services Selection Board

DIPK-12629-23
DT: 22/11/2023

Government of Jammu and Kashmir,
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, KASHMIR
MESSAGE FOR FARMERS

All the orchardists/farming community of the valley are advised not to Purchase/ use the below mentioned batch No of pesticide product in their fields, which has been declared as Misbranded by the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage NH-IV, Faridabad (Haryana)
The details of Misbranded Pesticide product is as under:-

S.No	Name of the Product	Active Ingredient	Batch No	Date of Manufacture	Date of expiry	Manufactured/Marketed by
1	Talante	Thiamethoxam 25% WG	ATX0423A06	14.04.2023	13.04.2025	Aristo Biotech and Life Science Ltd.

All the Enforcement Officers/ Inspectors are directed to seize stocks of the above said pesticide product under Batch No: ATX0423A06 proceed further as per the provisions of Insecticides Act-1968 and Rules made there under.

Sd/-
Deputy Director Law Enforcement
Kashmir

DIPK-12676-23
DT: 22/11/2023

SC directs Centre to review if change in law needed in regimes on grant of driving licences

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed the Centre to review by January 17 the legal question of whether a person holding a driving licence for a light motor vehicle is also entitled to legally drive a transport vehicle having unladen weight not exceeding 7,500 kilograms.

Observing that these are policy issues impacting "the livelihood of lakhs of people", a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud had said the government needed to take a "fresh look" at the matter which needed to be taken up at the policy level.

"Whether a person holding a driving licence in respect of 'light motor vehicle' (LMV), could on the strength of that licence, be entitled to drive a 'transport vehicle of light motor vehicle class' having unladen weight not exceeding 7500 kgs," reads the legal question being dealt by the bench.

The legal question has given rise to various disputes over payment of claims by insurance companies in accident cases involving transport vehicles being driven by those having licences to drive LMVs.

During a brief hearing on Wednesday, the bench noted that the exercise for amendment would require consultation with multiple stakeholders which will take time.

"We direct the Union to pursue the exercise with utmost expedition. Since the consultation with the state government is envisaged, we direct all state governments to comply with the timeline set by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

"The proceedings shall now be listed on January 17, 2024, by which date we expect that the consultation will be concluded in its entirety and a clear road map of further steps which Union proposes to take should be placed before this court," the bench, also comprising

Justice Hrishikesh Roy, Justice P S Narasimha, Justice Pankaj Mishal and Justice Manoj Misra, said.

At the outset, Attorney General R Venkataramani submitted a note from the Centre and said the Union Government was considering a larger picture rather than piecemeal amendments to address the issue.

The top law officer urged the bench to adjourn the proceedings sine die (indefinitely) in the meantime. The apex court, however, refused to adjourn the proceedings and posted the matter for hearing on January 17.

It also clarified that during the pendency of the matter, the judgment in the Mukund Dewangan case shall hold the field.

The apex court had earlier asked the Union government if a change in law is warranted on the legal question of whether a person holding a driving licence for a light motor vehicle is entitled to legally drive a transport

vehicle of a particular weight.

It had earlier sought the assistance of the attorney general in dealing with the legal question.

The constitution bench had said that knowing the position of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways will be necessary after it was argued that the apex court's 2017 verdict in the case of Mukund Dewangan versus Oriental Insurance Company Limited was accepted by the Centre and rules were amended to align them with the judgement.

In the Mukund Dewangan case, a three-judge bench of the top court had held that transport vehicles, the gross weight of which does not exceed 7,500 kg, are not excluded from the definition of LMV.

"There may be lakhs of drivers across the country who are working on the basis of Dewangan judgment. This is not a constitutional issue. It is purely a statutory issue," the bench had said.

"This is just not the question of law but also the social impact of the law... Road safety has to be balanced with the social purpose of the law and you have to see if this causes serious hardships. We cannot decide issues of social policy in a constitution bench," it had said.

The apex court had said once the government informs its stand to the court, the hearing in the constitution bench will be taken up thereafter.

On July 18, the constitution bench commenced hearing as many as 76 petitions to deal with the legal question.

It had then heard the arguments of senior advocate Siddharth Dave, appearing for one of the petitioners, on alleged anomalies in the Motor Vehicle Act about regimes for dealing with the grant of driving licenses for different categories of vehicles.

The lead petition was filed by M/s Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co Ltd.

Entry of buses from other states to be restricted if GRAP Stage IV invoked in Delhi

New Delhi: The Delhi government has notified that the entry of buses, barring CNG, BSVI diesel and electric ones, will be automatically banned in the city whenever restrictions under the final stage of the Centre's air pollution control plan are invoked.

Stage IV is the final stage of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot shared the notification on microblogging site X.

"Entry of all buses, including All India Tourist buses/Contract Carriage buses/State Transport Buses or holding any other kind of permit into Delhi from other states except CNG / Electric or BS-VI diesel buses will be restricted as and when GRAP IV invokes.

"The above-mentioned restrictions shall stand automatically applicable, as and when GRAP-IV is invoked from the

date of issuance of this order in Delhi Gazette, and if the GRAP IV is revoked the said restrictions stand terminated automatically, no separate order will be issued," the notification said.

Last month, the Delhi government directed that all buses entering the national capital from Haryana will have to run on electricity, CNG or BS-VI diesel. Buses entering from the NCR regions of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan also need to follow these norms.

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), a statutory body responsible for formulating strategies to combat pollution in the NCR region, had on November 18 asked Delhi and NCR states to revoke all emergency measures under which CNG, electric and BS VI-compliant vehicles from other states are allowed to enter Delhi, with exemptions granted to those involved in essential services.

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2 Captains

and surrounded and operations are in progress, amidst acts of valour and sacrifice by own bravehearts in trying to prevent collateral damage to women and children in the highest traditions of Indian Army. #Whiteknightcorps salutes the supreme sacrifice," it said.

Officials said the operation has been intensified with induction of additional troops.

Local residents said that a cordon-and-search operation has been going on in the area since Sunday to track down terrorists operating in the area.

"Due to the operation we were asked to stay back at home and not venture out. Our children stayed back at home and did not attend the school," a villager told PTI.

The firing is going on in the forest area close to the village, he said.

Officials said the two terrorists trapped at the encounter site in Bajmaal appeared to be foreign nationals and had been moving around in the area since Sunday. They even took shelter at a place of worship, they said.

The latest encounter in Rajouri comes close on the heels of another gunfight in Behrote in Budhal area on November 17, in which one terrorist was killed.

Two earlier ambushes in the Mendhar area of Poonch and Kandi forest of Rajouri on April 20 and May 5 respectively had claimed the lives of 10 soldiers.

According to officials, 46 deaths have been recorded in terrorism-related incidents in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch and nearby Reasi district since January this year.

While 23 people, including seven terrorists and nine security personnel, were killed in Rajouri, 15 terrorists and five security personnel have been killed in Poonch district. Three terrorists were killed in Reasi district.

Cold Wave Sweeps

Celsius a night earlier, the officials said, adding it was the coldest night in the city this winter.

Pahalgam was the coldest recorded place in Kashmir as the minimum settled at minus 3.3 degrees Celsius while Pulwama recorded a low of minus 3.2 degrees Celsius on Tuesday night, they said.

Qazigund, the gateway town to Kashmir, recorded a low of 1.0 degrees Celsius while Kupwara recorded a low of minus 1.4 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg ski resort in north Kashmir and Kokernag in South Kashmir were the only places where the minimum settled above the freezing point on Tuesday night. Gulmarg recorded a minimum temperature of 0.6 degrees Celsius while Kokernag recorded 0.3 degrees Celsius, they said.

Announcement On Winter

Bhiduri said while it is easy for the administration to announce winter vacations, it also has to ensure that the students do not suffer academically.

"We have to balance both things. The academic session of schools is planned and we have to figure in several things, including board examinations. The way the weather has changed, the government is considering this issue (winter vacation). A formal announcement will be made in a day or two," he said.

The officials said schools are likely to be closed in a phased manner according to past practice.

"We may not close all the classes in one go. Maybe primary classes will be closed in the beginning, then middle level and later senior secondary classes. In all likelihood, the primary classes will continue only till the end of this week," he said.

The minimum temperature in Kashmir valley has fallen significantly since Sunday night with the mercury in a freefall in Srinagar where the minimum temperature last night was minus 1.8 degrees Celsius, two degrees below normal for this time of the year.

Over the last three days, dense fog has been witnessed in the early morning when children go to school.

Asked if the government has directed educational institutions to make heating arrangements, Bhiduri said the schools have been sensitized about this need.

"We cannot issue general instructions as some schools have good heating arrangements and some don't. However, we have sensitised the schools about the issue," he said.

Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir has asked the government to consider announcing winter vacations for lower classes because of the cold wave conditions in the valley.

IGP Birdi

attended the meeting, a police spokesperson said.

The officers, he said, briefed the IGP on various aspects, including security challenges and measures taken.

Emphasizing the need for a robust security grid, he said, IGP Kashmir urged officers to enhance coordination among ground agencies.

"He stressed proactive measures to strengthen the anti-terrorist grid, generate specific intelligence and intensify operations for peace and stability in the district," the spokesperson said.

He further said that special attention was given to monitoring anti-national elements, particularly terrorist

associates, with a commitment to maintaining peace. The IGP, he said, highlighted a zero-tolerance policy towards drug dealings, urging strict action against peddlers.

"In discussions about investigations, the IGP urged prompt resolution of pending cases. Emphasizing police-public relations, he encouraged a public-centric approach, advocating service-oriented policing to build trust and bridge the gap between the police and the public," the spokesperson said.

KPDCL Cracks

The KPDCL has accelerated the pace of night patrolling and inspections across all 10 districts of Kashmir Division to combat incidents of massive hooking and power theft by consumers that often result in outages and damage to distribution transformers, an official spokesperson said.

KPDCL, he said, also warned that legal action shall be taken against offenders who are found involved in rampant hooking and connecting electricity lines of their own.

"While incidents of hooking in metered areas on bare conductor has witnessed a steep rise over the last one month, consumption of energy by consumers in unmetered areas over and above their agreed load has also sharply grown, putting huge strain on the power curtailment schedule. In unmetered areas, the usage of power by consumers is three to four times their registered load, leading to frequent DT damages, low voltage condition thereby resulting in distress cuts," he said.

Giving more details, the spokesperson said that extensive inspection drives have been conducted by KPDCL in the first seven months of the current financial year.

"53,016 inspections have been conducted till October 31 this year, which includes 2370 by the Central Squad targeting high-end commercial and industrial consumers," he said, adding that a penalty of Rs.12.68 crore has been imposed for unauthorized power use in terms of Section 126 of the Electricity Act.

The spokesperson further stated that special teams have been constituted across all 6 Circles of KPDCL for late night inspections to book those resorting to illegal hooking and using crude heating gadgets including banned nichrome-based, in a bid to reduce soaring energy demand in winter.

"On a tip off through social media, inspection teams from Electric Division II, Srinagar, conducted surprise inspections in Ikhrajpora, KP Bagh and Sadaat Colony areas of ESD Chanapora and booked many offenders for illegal hooking. Fines in terms of Section 126 of the Electricity Act for unauthorised use of power have been imposed on such consumers," he said.

The spokesperson also attributed damage to Distribution Transformers (DTs), LT AB cables and Distribution Boxes to illegal hooking by consumers and use of crude heating gadgets.

He said that 64 DTs were damaged on Tuesday alone, a direct outcome of heavy loading of the electric transformers, over and above their approved capacity.

"While 64 DTs were reported damaged on November 21, 67 DTs were also repaired and replaced by the Central Workshop at Pampore and Workshops across all 19 Electric Divisions in Kashmir Valley," he added.

KPDCL assured the consumers that all DTs are serviced and maintained to provide smooth power supply, provided they are not overloaded due to power pilferage and illegal hooking.

The spokesman further assured the registered consumers of improvement in power situation if they use power judiciously as per agreed load, especially during peak time, in the mornings and evenings. "Cases of power theft increase in winter months, which leads to severe overloading of the distribution system at certain places, resulting in unscheduled power cuts", he said.

"In a bid to improve revenue realization, Circle I, Srinagar, disconnected 448 commercial and 147 industrial units on Tuesday for having failed to pay energy dues for the last three months amounting to Rs. 13.50 crore. The commercial and industrial units whose power connections were disconnected are situated in Sheikhbagh, Dalgate, Habbakadal, Nishat, Kunhum in Electric Division I and Khanyar, Hawal, KK Moulla, Rainawari and Zakura in ED IV," he added.

The spokesperson further stated that KPDCL is targeting improvement in billing and collection efficiency to improve revenue realization and bringing down AT&C losses to the levels fixed by the Government under RDSS norms.

Power Scenario

in the Valley within a week.

"We are expecting an improvement in the power scenario as Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary have constituted a committee over the issue of power purchase and a decision in this regard is expected soon," Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri said Wednesday.

He said that the power schedule announced earlier by the Kashmir Power Development Corporation Limited (KPDCL) was not being adhered to as the demand has abruptly gone high due to the early onset of winter.

He added that the government is aware of the sufferings of people as the unscheduled power cuts are more painful, but the administration is focused on improving the

electricity scenario and it is expected to improve within a week only.

The Div Com further said that the peak power demand has risen to 1900 megawatts while the supply remains around 1000-1200 megawatts. Bidhuri also urged people to use electricity judiciously and avoid using crude gadgets.

Doctor, Policeman

in terms of Article 311 of the Constitution of India, they said.

In the last three years, the Union Territory administration has invoked Article 311 (2)(c) of the Constitution to sack more than 50 employees, who were allegedly operating in shadows within the government and drawing a salary from the public exchequer, officials said.

However, they were helping Pakistani terror outfits, providing logistics to terrorists, propagating terrorists' ideology, raising terror finances and furthering secessionist agenda, they said.

The General Administration Department, in separate but almost identical dismissal orders, said the Lt Governor was satisfied with the action taken after considering the facts.

On the basis of the information available, the activities of the four employees are such as to warrant their dismissal from service. The Lt Governor is satisfied under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution that in the interest of the security of the State, it is not expedient to hold an enquiry in the case of the employees, it said.

The officials said the dismissals were a part of the ongoing crackdown against the terrorist ecosystem and its key stakeholders who were surreptitiously inducted into the government machinery by previous regimes of different shades in the past.

The officials said Hassan, a self-styled president of Doctors' Association Kashmir (DAK) from Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, has been spearheading "secessionism brazenly and unabatedly" and had a "clear mission mandated from across and was instructed to orient the medical professionals in J&K, towards secession against India."

They said Hassan, who has established himself as a staunch separatist and would consistently provide moral and background support to secessionists and terrorists, is a "potential time-bomb" who can be re-installed by Pakistan and its terrorist-secessionist network at any given point in time to cause wide-spread violence and disturbance against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India.

Rather, a resident of south Kashmir's Kulgam has a long history of terror links who got his adopted daughter married to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Habibullah Malik alias Sajad Jutt of Kasoor area of Pakistan's Punjab.

Malik remained active in the valley for several years before fleeing to Pakistan in 2005, officials said.

Rather's real job was to recruit gullible youth for terrorist outfits Hizbul Mujahideen and LeT, and build a network of overground workers and logistic supporters, they said.

He was first inducted into the government system in 1990 as a daily wageer and was subsequently regularised in 1998, they added.

Besides, several attacks on police and security forces, dozens of workers of mainstream political parties were killed by LeT terrorists under Malik's command, duly supported by Rather between 1998 and 2005, the officials said.

They said the investigation has also revealed that Rather gave shelter to Malik in his house. But when the noose tightened, Rather facilitated Malik's escape to Pakistan.

Malik not only spearheaded a wide terrorist network while being active in Kashmir but also continued to mastermind several attacks from across the border like the suicide attack on the Army in Hyderpora, Srinagar resulting in the deaths of eight personnel and Station House Officer of Chadoora Police Station Shabir Ahmad in 2013.

In cohorts with killed terrorist commander Abbas Sheikh of Kulgam, Malik established a terror outfit The Resistance Front' (TRF), as an offshoot of the LeT, which continues to pose a serious security challenge and is linked to dozens of innocent killings of Kashmir Pandits, non-local labourers and off-duty policemen, the officials said.

They said Malik has been sending money, weapons and contraband through drones and other means from Pakistan besides grooming and luring gullible youth to recruit them in terror ranks.

Being his close relative, Rather is the most important entity and confidante for Malik in Kashmir who continues to be in contact with him directly or indirectly through his daughter, the officials said.

Rather visited Pakistan on two occasions to meet Malik on February 5, 2016, and July 11, 2017, staying there for 18 days on the first visit and for 10 days during his second visit, they said.

The officials said constable Bhat was arrested last year following recovery of 1.8 kg of heroin and is presently under judicial custody for his involvement in narco-terror activities.

Bhat, a resident of the Kunan area of Kupwara district, was appointed as a special police officer in 2011 and was confirmed as a constable five years later even though he had studied only up to ninth standard, the officials said.

They said Bhat got involved in narcotic trafficking of an organised syndicate operating in Kupwara and successfully

survived in the trade for more than a decade, using his official position and connections.

Bhat was part of the syndicate which was receiving heroin consignments sent from Pakistan through Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist handler Shakir Khan to fund terror activities in the valley, the officials said.

Mir, also a resident of Kupwara, was a Pakistan-trained terrorist who was initially appointed to the education department in 1994 and was later promoted to a teacher in 2007, the officials said.

Dismissed Teacher

was appointed despite being a terrorist of the banned Hizbul Mujahideen and paid a salary while he was in jail, officials said.

Mir, who has been sacked under the provisions of Article 311 of the Constitution, is a resident of Kupwara in north Kashmir and had exfiltrated in 1990 and received arms training at ISI-operated camps before infiltrating back after a year.

He was a top commander of the Hizbul Mujahideen terrorist outfit before being arrested in 1991, the officials said.

He was arrested by security forces and remained under detention for two years to be subsequently released in 1993, they said, adding immediately after his release, Mir made good use of his affiliation and influence within the secessionist-terrorist ecosystem to get himself appointed as a Class-IV employee in the education department.

Jammu and Kashmir was under Governor's rule at that time.

Mir, a resident of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, was initially appointed to the education department in 1994 and was later promoted to the post of a teacher in 2007, a time when the PDP-Congress government was in power.

"Propriety and sanity would expect that after joining the government, Mir would refrain from indulging in anti-national activities. But he openly began preaching and practising secessionist ideology and emerged as the most active and remarkably senior functionary of secessionist organisation Tehreek-e-Hurriyat (TeH) led by headline Hurriyat Conference leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani," the official said.

The charge sheet showed that Mir had gained prominence in Kupwara as a staunch supporter and sympathiser of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI).

"Being a Pakistan-trained terrorist and having a significant position in the secessionist camp, bestowed him with huge powers. Like many such other entities, his name would instil fear and awe in common people and local administration," an official said.

Continuing his secessionist and terrorist incitation, the officials said Mir played a major role in the 2008 Amarnath land row agitation and was openly propagating 'Jihad' against India and exhorting the youth to join terrorism.

A case under relevant sections of the law, including the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, was registered against him at Kupwara police station on November 13, 2009.

In this particular incident, he not only incited and provoked youth to join terrorist ranks but also hatched a criminal conspiracy with other secessionist elements to orchestrate large-scale violence in Kupwara.

On July 23, 2010, the officials said he instigated, incited and provoked an unruly mob to commit violence and leading the violent mob he made forcible entry in the police guard room at Kupwara district hospital and set the guard room on fire.

In this connection, another criminal case was registered against him and others in police station Kupwara, they said, adding for his incorrigible unlawful behaviour, he was finally detained under the provisions of the Public Safety Act (PSA) in 2010 and lodged in Central Jail Kot Balwal, Jammu for a period of six months.

"The strange and sad state of affairs is that despite being detained under PSA and arrested many times, no disciplinary action was taken against him by the department. He paradoxically was never marked absent despite being in jail for six months for one occasion and was shown on duty and paid full salary," the official said, adding this evidence shows the "influence and penetration of adversary" within the government system.

Not mending his ways, they said, Mir played a major role in the 2016 violent agitation that erupted after the killing of poster boy of Hizbul commander Burhan Wani and was at the forefront of mobilising mobs and instigating violence in Kupwara town.

"The actions of Mir were at a huge cost to human lives and property. Many young people were killed and many more got injured due to his incitation. Public and private property worth scores of crores got destroyed," the charge sheet reasoned.

"It is not a hidden fact that thousands of unscrupulous people, having affiliation with the secessionist-terrorist ecosystem and even the Pakistan-trained terrorists were appointed in government services blatantly throwing all norms to the winds.

Mir was dismissed along with an assistant professor (medicine) at SMHS Hospital, Srinagar, Nisar-ul-Hassan, constable Abdul Majeed Bhat and laboratory bearer in the Higher Education Department Abdul Salam Rather in terms of Article 311 of the Constitution of India, they said.

J&K Play Karnataka In Vijay Hazare Today



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and Mizoram. The game begins at 9:00 AM.

SRINAGAR: J&K senior men's cricket team will begin its Vijay Hazare Trophy campaign today, Thursday, November 23, against domestic heavyweight Karnataka at Sardar Patel Stadium B in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. J&K and Karnataka are placed in Group C alongside Delhi, Uttarakhanda, Chandigarh, Bihar

J&K VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY 2023-24 SQUAD:
Shubham Khajuria (c), Qamran Iqbal, Vivrant Sharma, Shubham Pundir, Abdul Samad, Henan Malik, Abid Mushtaq, Auqib Nabi, Fazil Rashid (vc), Sahil Lotra, Abhinav Puri, Lone Nasir, Rasikh Salam, Yudhvir Singh, Umran Malik

India's Young T20 Stars Face Australia Test

Press Trust of India

VISAKHAPATNAM: Suryakumar Yadav will have to suppress the massive disappointment of a World Cup final defeat somewhere in the deeper confines of his heart while leading a sprightly bunch of 'Gen-Next' stars against a strong Australian side in a five-match T20 International series, starting here on Thursday.

The scars of defeat are too deep and it would take time for those wounds to heal.

With just around 96 hours of turnaround time from World Cup to the next series, it hardly leaves 'SKY' with any chance of introspection as he gets ready to play his favourite format.

As the captain of the side,



he will not only want to win the series but also check out some of the best young Indian exponents of the shortest format, who will be on trial for next year's ICC T20 World Cup in June and July in the Americas (West Indies and USA).

The young guns like Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rinku Singh, Tilak Verma, Jitesh Sharma and not-

so-young Mukesh Kumar have all made their international debuts in past few months but their first real Test will be against a very strong Australian T20 side which will have some of their World Cup heroes like opener Travis Head, Glenn Maxwell, leg-spinner Adam Zampa and former skipper Steve Smith in its ranks.



District Level Trekking For Girls Flagged Off In Anantnag

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ANANTNAG: Additional Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Muhammad Ashraf on Wednesday flagged off a batch of 60 girls for a trekking camp to famous health resort Pahalgam.

The camp is organised by Department of Youth Services & Sports District Anantnag. The batch of 60 girls trekkers have been selected from various schools of all 12 Zones from AAG.

At the flag off location, Dis-

trict Youth Services and Sports Officer was also accompanying the chief guest. It is pertinent to mention here that Department of Youth Services and Sports is regularly organising trekking once a month for both boys and girls.

Adequate arrangements have been already kept in place by the department along with all logistic support, including experienced trekkers as guides. The trekking camp will be five days long and is residential based.

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

Anticipating the post festival rush of passengers, Railways have planned to run the following post Festival Special Trains as per schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY						
Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Thursday, Sunday	23.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03256	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	Friday, Monday	24.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
02391	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:00	Saturday	25.11.2023 to 09.12.2023
02392	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Patna Jn	17:20	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03635	Gaya Jn	14:15	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Mon, Wed, Fri	upto 08.12.2023
03636	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:00	Gaya Jn	20:45	Tue, Thu, Sat	upto 09.12.2023
05557	Jaynagar	06:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Tuesday	upto 05.12.2023
05558	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:30	Jaynagar	06:30	Wednesday	upto 06.12.2023
04678	Firozpur Cantt Jn	13:25	Patna Jn	17:00	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
04677	Patna Jn	18:45	Firozpur Cantt Jn	22:40	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04012	New Delhi	19:20	Darbhanga Jn	16:45	Tue, Friday	upto 28.11.2023
04011	Darbhanga Jn	18:00	New Delhi	16:40	Wednesday, Saturday	upto 29.11.2023
04518	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	18:20	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04517	Gorakhpur	22:05	Chandigarh	14:10	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04530	Bhatinda Jn	20:55	Varanasi Jn	17:30	Sunday, Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
04529	Varanasi Jn	20:40	Bhatinda Jn	19:10	Monday, Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04060	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:30	Jaynagar	15:15	Tuesday, Friday	upto 28.11.2023
04059	Jaynagar	17:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:55	Wednesday, Sat	upto 29.11.2023
04488	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Gorakhpur	14:00	Saturday	upto 25.11.2023
04487	Gorakhpur	17:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:40	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
04010	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
04009	Jogbani	09:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:05	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
01664	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:10	Saharsa Jn	11:20	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
01663	Saharsa Jn	14:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:55	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
03257	Danapur	07:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	00:30	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
03258	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:00	Danapur	20:45	Monday	27.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
05577	Saharsa Jn	19:10	Ambala Cant Jn	23:15	Friday	24.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
05578	Ambala Cant Jn	03:40	Saharsa Jn	09:45	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05531	Raxaul Jn	22:25	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:00	Sunday	26.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05532	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:00	Raxaul Jn	14:30	Monday	27.11.2023 to 11.12.2023
05273	Muzaffarpur Jn	18:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	Wednesday, Saturday	upto 09.12.2023
05274	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn	07:00	Thursday, Sunday	23.11.2023 to 10.12.2023
05005	Gorakhpur	14:40	Amritsar Jn	09:30	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
05006	Amritsar Jn	12:45	Gorakhpur	08:50	Saturday	upto 02.12.2023
04049	New Delhi	23:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:25	Monday, Saturday	upto 27.11.2023
04050	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:30	New Delhi	06:25	Tuesday, Sunday	upto 28.11.2023
04080	New Delhi	19:20	Varanasi Jn	09:45	Mon, Thu, Sat	upto 30.11.2023
04079	Varanasi Jn	18:35	New Delhi	09:00	Tue, Fri, Sun	upto 01.12.2023
01654	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:20	Varanasi Jn	23:55	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
01653	Varanasi Jn	06:20	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:20	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
04646	Jammu Tawi	05:45	Barauni Jn	12:10	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04645	Barauni Jn	15:15	Jammu Tawi	22:30	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04066	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:00	Patna Jn.	16:00	Monday, Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
04065	Patna Jn.	17:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	10:35	Tuesday, Friday	upto 01.12.2023
04062	Delhi Jn.	08:05	Barauni Jn.	06:30	Sunday	26.11.23 & 03, 10.12.23
04061	Barauni Jn.	08:00	Delhi Jn.	05:50	Monday	27.11.23 & 04, 12.12.23
01676	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:15	Muzaffarpur Jn.	21:15	Monday, Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
01675	Muzaffarpur Jn.	23:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	23:30	Tuesday, Friday	upto 01.12.2023
01678	New Delhi	08:10	Gaya Jn.	00:30	Monday, Friday	24, 27.11.23 & 01, 04.12.23
01677	Gaya Jn.	07:35	New Delhi	23:35	Tuesday, Saturday	25, 28.11.23 & 02, 05.12.23
02250	New Delhi (Rajdhani Spl)	19:10	Patna Jn.	07:30	Thu, Sat, Mon, Wed	23, 25, 27 & 29.11.23
02249	Patna Jn. (Rajdhani Spl)	09:00	New Delhi	21:00	Fri, Sun, Tue, Thu	24, 26, 28 & 30.11.23
05283	Muzaffarpur Jn.	18:11	Anand Vihar Terminal	11:00	Wednesday, Saturday	upto 18.12.2023
05284	Anand Vihar Terminal	13:25	Muzaffarpur Jn.	07:00	Thursday, Sunday	upto 19.12.2023
09097	Bandra Terminus	21:50	Jammu Tawi	08:35	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
09098	Jammu Tawi	23:20	Bandra Terminus	10:10	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
09523	Okha	10:00	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	10:10	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
09524	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	13:20	Okha	13:50	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
03435	Malda Town	09:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	12:30	Monday	27.11.2023
03436	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:30	Malda Town	23:30	Tuesday	28.11.2023
02246	New Delhi (Gati Shakti Spl)	23:45	Patna Jn.	15:50	Daily	upto 30.11.2023
02245	New Delhi (Gati Shakti Spl)	19:00	New Delhi	10:30	Daily	upto 01.12.2023
05734	Katihar	07:50	Amritsar	00:05	Saturday	upto 25.11.2023
05733	Amritsar	12:45	Katihar	03:30	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
04527	Saharsa Jn.	19:00	Ambala Cant.	22:20	Thu, Sun, Wed	23, 26 & 29.11.2023
04528	Sirhind Jn.	11:25	Saharsa Jn.	16:00	Sat, Tue	25 & 28.11.2023
04490	New Delhi	19:35	Darbhanga Jn.	16:45	Fri, Mon, Thu	24, 27 & 30.11.2023
04489	Darbhanga Jn.	18:00	New Delhi	16:40	Sat, Tue, Fri	25, 28.11.23 & 01.12.23
04115	Prayagraj Jn.	21:25	Anand Vihar (T)	08:15	Thursday	23.11.2023
04116	Anand Vihar (T)	10:15	Prayagraj Jn.	20:00	Friday	24.11.2023
05023	Gorakhpur Jn.	20:55	Delhi Jn.	12:30	Sunday	upto 03.12.2023
05024	Delhi Jn.	14:30	Gorakhpur Jn.	07:30	Monday	upto 04.12.2023
05115	Chhapra	17:45	Anand Vihar (T)	11:50	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
05116	Anand Vihar (T)	14:45	Chhapra	09:30	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
05306	Lal Kuan	22:00	Chhapra	07:10	Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun	upto 29.12.2023
05305	Chhapra	08:55	Lal Kuan	18:00	Wed, Thu, Sat, Mon	upto 30.12.2023
02248	Anand Vihar (Terminal)	00:30	Patna Jn.	16:30	Thu, Sat, Thu	23, 25 & 30.11.2023
02247	Patna Jn.	19:10	Anand Vihar (Terminal)	10:50	Thu, Sat, Thu	23, 25 & 30.11.2023
09129	Vadodara	19:00	Haridwar	14:30	Saturday	upto 25.11.2023
09130	Haridwar	17:20	Vadodara	11:25	Sunday	upto 26.11.2023
05065	Gorakhpur Jn.	23:00	New Delhi	12:00	Wednesday	29.11.2023
05066	New Delhi	14:00	Gorakhpur Jn.	04:15	Thursday	30.11.2023
05069	Gorakhpur Jn.	08:00	New Delhi	22:05	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
05070	New Delhi	00:30	Gorakhpur Jn.	14:45	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023

05071	Gomti Nagar	23:00	New Delhi	08:15	Weekly	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
05072	New Delhi	10:00	Chhapra Jn.	04:15	Weekly	Friday	upto 01.12.2023
05159	Chhapra Jn.	23:55	New Delhi	20:00	Weekly	Saturday	upto 25.11.2023
05160	New Delhi	00:30	Chhapra Jn.	19:25	Weekly	Monday	upto 27.11.2023
09557	Bhavnagar	10:10	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	08:50	Weekly	Friday	24.11.2023 & 01.12.2023
09558	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	13:20	Bhavnagar	10:00	Weekly	Saturday	25.11.2023 & 02.12.2023
05527	Darbhanga Jn.	13:15	Delhi Jn.	13:30	Weekly	Thursday	23.11.2023 to 07.12.2023
05528	Delhi Jn.	15:30	Darbhanga Jn.	15:45	Weekly	Friday	24.11.2023 to 08.12.2023
03227	Ara Jn. (Unreserved Spl.)	15:45	Anand Vihar (T)	07:15	Day wise	Wed, Sat	25, 29.11.23 & 02.12.23
03228	Anand Vihar (T) (Unreserved Spl.)	09:30	Ara Jn.	04:00	Day wise	Sun, Thu	23, 26, 30.11.23 & 03.12.23
04018	New Delhi	14:55	Bapudham Motihari	12:15	Day wise	Fri, Mon	24 & 27.11.2023
04017	Bapudham Motihari	15:00	New Delhi	13:15	Day wise	Sat, Tue	25 & 28.11.2023
04028	Anand Vihar (T)	01:00	Bapudham Motihari	23:30	Day wise	Fri, Mon	24 & 27.11.2023
04027	Bapudham Motihari	02:30	Anand Vihar (T)	23:45	Day wise	Sat, Tue	25 & 28.11.2023
02351	Patna Jn.	16:00	Anand Vihar (T)	06:00	Day wise	Thu, Sat, Mon, Wed, Fri	23, 25, 27, 29.11.23 & 01.12.2023
02352	Anand Vihar (T)	08:00	Patna Jn.	21:55	Day wise	Fri, Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat	24, 26, 28, 30.11.23 & 02.12.2023
05315	Chhapra Jn.	11:15	Delhi Jn.	11:20	Day wise	Tuesday, Friday	upto 01.12.2023
05316	Delhi Jn.	14:00	Chhapra Jn.	13:20	Day wise	Wednesday, Saturday	upto 02.12.2023
05089	Banaras	21:00	Anand Vihar(T)	15:30	Day wise	Tuesday	upto 28.11.2023
05090	Anand Vihar(T)	18:15	Banaras	09:50	Day wise	Wednesday	upto 29.11.2023
05464	Varanasi City	10:40	Jaunpur	13:00	6 Days in a week	except Friday	upto 30.11.2023
05463	Jaunpur	13:20	Varanasi City	15:30	6 Days in a week	except Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
02365	Rajgir	20:00	Anand Vihar (T)	15:00	6 Days in a week	Saturday & Tuesday	upto 09.12.2023
02366	Anand Vihar (T)	23:45	Rajgir	19:10	6 Days in a week	Sunday & Wednesday	upto 10.12.2023
05473	Jaunpur Jn	13:20	Aunrihar Jn	14:40	Weekly	Thursday	upto 30.11.2023
05474	Aunrihar Jn	11:35	Jaunpur Jn	13:00	Weekly	Friday	upto 30.11.2023
05073	Gorakhpur	20:55	Anand Vihar (T)	12:30	Day wise	Friday	24.11.2023
05074	Anand Vihar (T)	14:30	Gorakhpur				

