

## Security Situation Not Alarming In J&K: DGP

Says Terror Attacks Nothing But Pin-Pricks Caused By Pakistan

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain on Saturday said the situation in the Union Territory is not alarming as is being projected, while describing terror attacks in the valley as "pin-pricks" orchestrated at the behest of Pakistan with a sole motive to sell the bloodshed to keep its politics and economy running.

However, Swain said all the security agencies, with active public support, are determined to put an end to such "pin-pricks or cuts" as the Indian State and its government have the will to defeat terrorism and not allow it to become a cause of concern where normal life is derailed.

The police chief also said they have, at times, thought of getting photographs of slain foreign terrorists circulated through the Interpol so that their parents at



After Kashmir, the DGP R R Swain on Saturday held his first public grievance redressal meeting at the police headquarters in the winter capital of Jammu.

least get to know that their children are dead.

The DGP was interacting with reporters during his first public grievance redressal meeting at the police headquarters in the

winter capital of Jammu.

Replying to a question on the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of a recent encounter in Rajouri where five Army personnel and two foreign

terrorists were killed, he said, "I do not think we should be over-alarm. Yes, there is a porous and difficult border and a whole country (Pakistan) and a whole system is subverted and convoluted, so we have a challenge.

"No one is shying away from the reality that there is a challenge, but the Indian State and its government have the will and resoluteness to defeat it (terrorism) and not allow it to become a cause of concern where normal life, business activities, peace and security would be derailed (in Jammu and Kashmir)," Swain said.

He said people, especially those living in Jammu province, should remain mentally alert because the intent of the adversary continues to be inimical even as its capability to harm is not as it intends to project.

The DGP said isolated incidents keep taking place but a terror attack does | [More on P10](#)

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## Top Security Brass Hold Review Meet In Jammu

A high level security review meeting was held here on Saturday with participants from the Army, police and other security and intelligence authorities discussing and deliberating the prevailing situation across the Jammu region, officials said. The core group security review meeting was co-chaired by General Officer Commanding (GOC) of 16 Corps Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain and Director General of Police R R Swain and comes close on the heels of a major encounter in the border district of Rajouri that left five Army personnel and two terrorists dead. The Jammu-based white Knight Corps said the meeting was attended by senior officers of the Central Armed Police Force, intelligence agencies and police along with senior Army officials. Matters pertaining to the security situation, sharing of intelligence and synergy in the Jammu region were discussed and deliberated during the meeting, it wrote on X.

'Incredibly Enriching Experience'

## PM Modi Undertakes Sortie On Tejas Aircraft



Press Trust Of India

Bengaluru: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday undertook a sortie on the indigenously designed, developed and manufactured Tejas Twin Seat Light Combat Fighter aircraft, and said the experience has bolstered his confidence in the country's indigenous capabilities.

This is the first time an Indian prime minister has flown a fighter aircraft sortie, according to the Indian Air Force (IAF).

Clad in the uniform of an Air Force pilot, a delightful Modi seemed to enjoy the moments as he waved multiple times.

Taking to social media platform 'X', the prime minister said, "Successfully completed a sortie on the Tejas."

"The experience was incredibly enriching, significantly bolstering my confidence in our country's indigenous capabilities, and leaving | [More on P10](#)

## Four New Industrial Estates To Come Up In J&K: Govt



Projects Aim To Boost Investments, Promote Local Employment

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Union Territory administration on Saturday approved setting up of four new industrial estates in Jammu and Kashmir to boost investments, promote local employment.

The decision to approve creation of industrial estates at Budhi Kathua, Medicity Jammu, Chandgam and Lelhar in South Kashmir's Pulwama district over 1379 kanal of land with an investment of Rs 136.65 crores, was taken by Administrative Council (AC), which met under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha here on Saturday, an official spokesperson said. LG's Advisor Rajeev Rai | [More on P10](#)

## Govt To Buy Land In Delhi For New JK House

The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Saturday approved a proposal to purchase land for construction of a new building for J&K Guest House in New Delhi. The proposal of the Hospitality & Protocol Department to purchase land for construction of a new building of J&K Guest House in the National Capital was approved in the Administrative Council (AC) meeting chaired by LG Sinha on Saturday. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 26 crore. LG's Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta. | [More on P10](#)

## DOODH GANGA RESTORATION

### J&K Govt Sanctions Rs 32 Cr After NGT Rap

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has sanctioned Rs 32 crore for the restoration of the Doodh Ganga and Mamath Kull streams in the valley after the NGT directed it to pay compensation for discharging untreated sewage into the water bodies.

In October last year, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) said there were "serious lapses" on the part of the administration in waste management as well as in failing to control illegal mining and asked it to pay a compensation of Rs 35 crore.

"There are serious lapses on the part of the administration in waste



management and in failing to control illegal mining which has resulted in huge damage to the environment and public health," the NGT had said in an order while hearing an application moved by activist Raja Muzaffar Bhat.

The tribunal said the amount be used for the restoration of the environment,

which will include preventing the discharge of sewage in an unscientific manner in drains or otherwise and improving the water quality of the drain.

While filing its response in the tribunal on Thursday, the Counsel appearing for the State submitted that the action plan in terms of the directions of the tribunal

has been approved.

He provided the details of the sanctioned amount of Rs 32 crore which included a Sewerage Treatment Plant for daily dry weather flow discharging into Doodh Ganga Nallah at an amount of Rs 28.93 crore.

The counsel also told the tribunal that Rs 3.07 crore has been sanctioned for the beautification and restoration of the aesthetic view of the Mamath Kull and Doodh Ganga in Budgam district.

The tribunal has directed the counsel for the state to disclose if the aforesaid sanctioned amount has been released by filing of the fresh report, on the next date of hearing -- February 7, 2024. | [More on P10](#)

## KPDCL Gets Rs 29.89 Cr Revenue in 4 Days

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Intensifying its on-going crackdown against power pilferage and defaulting consumers, the Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) snapped power supply to over 1000 domestic, commercial and industrial units in the Valley, besides recovering a revenue of Rs 29.89 crore in the last four days.

In order to provide relief to the genuine consumers, KPDCL has escalated its night patrolling and inspection drives to tighten noose against erring consumers who indulge in widespread hooking, violation of agreed load and bypassing of the meters, a KPDCL spokesperson said Saturday.

The corporation, he said, also collected a revenue of Rs.29.89 crore from consumers over the last 4 days amidst scaled up drives to check energy pilferage that primarily results in outages and damage to transformers, thus bringing hardships upon genuine consumers. On Friday, he said, Rs.9.18 crore as pending arrears were collected by the Corporation.

Giving more details, the spokesperson said that out of 1153 inspections carried out in Kashmir Division on Saturday, 98 were conducted in Circle I Srinagar, 233 in Circle II Srinagar, 367 in Circle Ganderbal, 140 in Circle Pulwama, 142 in Circle Bijnbehara and 154 in Circle Sopore. Around | [More on P10](#)

## Schools Upto 8th Std Close For Winter Break



Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: With Kashmir gripped by cold weather conditions, authorities here on Saturday announced that schools in the valley will

remain closed for about three months for the winter break.

While the winter break for students up to class 8 will begin on November 28, that for students of classes 9 to 12 will begin on | [More on P10](#)

## Srinagar Records -1 Deg Celsius

A day after slight respite from cold, the minimum temperature has dropped below the freezing point at most places in Kashmir, officials said on Saturday. Barring Kokemag, in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, all other weather stations in the valley experienced sub-zero night temperatures, the MeT officials said. The officials said Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1 degree Celsius on Friday night down from 0.9 degree Celsius the previous night. The minimum temperature on Friday night was one degree below the normal for this part of the season, they added.

**FOR STUDENTS OF CLASSES 9 TO 12** vacation will begin on December 11. It will end on February 29, 2024 for all students.

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## Scholarships This Week

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

### Scholarship Name 1: Nikon Scholarship Program 2023-24

Description: An initiative of Nikon India Private Limited to financially support students from underprivileged sections of society to pursue photography-related courses.  
Eligibility: Open for Indian students who have completed Class 12 and are pursuing photography-related courses with a duration of three months or more. Annual family income should be less than INR 6 lakh.  
Prizes & Rewards: Up to INR 1 lakh  
Last Date to Apply: 31-12-2023  
Application mode: On-

### Scholarship Name 2: Technip Energies India Scholarship Program 2023-24

Description: Technip Energies India invites applications from female students coming from Delhi NCR (Ghaziabad, Noida, Gurugram, Faridabad), Bihar, Assam, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Maharashtra who are currently enrolled in the first-year of B.E./B.Tech. courses.  
Eligibility: Open for female students from Delhi NCR (Ghaziabad, Noida, Gurugram, Faridabad), Bihar, Assam, Rajasthan, Tamil

Nadu, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Applicants must be currently enrolled in the first-year of B.E./B.Tech. (Chemical, Electrical, Civil, and Mechanical Engineering) courses. Must have scored 70% or more marks in Class 12. Annual family income of the applicant must not be more than INR 4,00,000 from all sources.  
Prizes & Rewards: NR 30,000  
Last Date to Apply: 31-12-2023  
Application mode: On-line applications only  
Short Url: [www.b4s.in/observer/TSPSS4](http://www.b4s.in/observer/TSPSS4)

## NOTICE

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## Public Notice

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S/O Abdul Rehman Waza  
R/O Mamoosa Pattan  
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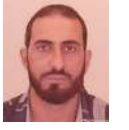
## From The Office Of The Advocate Tahir Hussain Mir

In the case of:  
1. Bashir Ahmad Bhat  
2. Manzoor Ahmad Bhat  
Ss/o OF Late Abdul Rahim Bhat  
3. Taja  
4. Farida Shah  
5. Jameela  
6. Fehmeeda Daughters Of Late Abdul Rahim Bhat  
7. Mohammad Shafi Baba S/O Mohammad Sidiq R/O Naqaashpora Barabarshah Srinagar  
(Caveator)  
Vs  
Public At Large  
(Non-Caveator)

In the matter of Caveat Petition in terms of Section 148-A of CPC  
The Caveator has reasons to believe/apprehension that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, suit or any other type of proceedings before this Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief / order at their back/ in exparte against the Caveator and in such eventuality the caveator will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that Caveator is given Opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any order.  
Sd/-  
Advocate  
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## THE JAMMU & KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

NEW CAMPUS, BEMINA SRINAGAR  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
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Now I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education, New Campus Bemina, Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Deputy Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained. This is published for the information of the general public. The correct particulars be recorded as under:-  
Name: Jahangir Ahmad Rather  
Father's Name: Mohammad Ramzan Rather  
Mother's Name: SAJA  
Date of Birth: 01-03-1987  
Residence: Shalteng Srinagar  
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## THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)

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Subject: Provisional Selection List of the candidates for admission to vacant AYUSH-UG seats in Government/Private Colleges/Institutions of UT of J&K after conduct of Special Stray Vacancy Round of counselling.  
Reference: - (i) Notification No: 120-BOPEE of 2023 Dated: 19-11-2023

### Notification No. 126-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 25-11-2023

Pursuant to Notification No. 120-BOPEE of 2023 Dated: 19-11-2023, the Board has conducted Special Stray Vacancy of counselling for filling up of seats of Ayush Courses -2023 which had remained unfilled or received as shortfall after the conduct of Mop Up round of counselling held on 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 at BOPEE office Srinagar/Jammu simultaneously. The list of candidates provisionally Allotted seats in Government/Private Colleges/Institutions of UT of J&K, is hereby notified as per Annexure-A to this notification, which shall be available on the official website of the Board viz. [www.jkbopee.gov.in](http://www.jkbopee.gov.in) only.

The provisionally selected candidates shall report to the colleges allotted to them upto 30.11.2023 till 4:00 p.m. along with the following documents in original: -

1. Domicile Certificate.
2. 12<sup>th</sup> Class Marks Card.
3. DOB Certificate/10<sup>th</sup> Class Marks Card issued by the Board.
4. Category Certificate, wherever applicable.
5. NEET-2023 score card.
6. Any other document as may be required by the college authorities.

The provisionally selected candidates shall have to mandatorily report for admission to the allotted Colleges / Institutions by or before 30.11.2023 upto 4:00 p.m. along with their relevant certificates/documents in original.

The concerned Colleges/Institutions shall furnish the shortfall, if any, on 30.11.2023 upto 05:00 p.m. positively to enable the Board to take further appropriate action in the matter.

#### Note:

1. The admission of candidates shall be purely provisional and liable to be cancelled in case any information furnished by any candidate(s) proves to be false / fabricated and action as warranted under law shall be initiated against them.
2. If any candidate(s) is found to have concealed any information, his/her selection/admission shall be cancelled ab-initio and fine/penalty shall also be imposed upon him/her as may be deemed proper by the Board in accordance with the laid down rules.
3. All the provisionally selected candidates are advised to visit their respective allotted Colleges/Institutions for fee and other relevant documents required by the respective Colleges/Institutions.
4. It is the sole responsibility of the concerned Colleges/Institutions to check and verify the documents and eligibility of the provisionally selected candidates before allowing them to join in their respective Colleges/Institutions.
5. All the concerned Heads of the Institutions/Colleges are requested to keep their admission counters open on Holidays/Off days, falling if any, to facilitate the candidates to complete their admission well in time and the candidates should in their own interest, avoid waiting for the last day for completing the admission formalities as the delay in such matters has the potential of causing hardships to the candidates only.
6. The Heads of the concerned Colleges/Institutions shall keep the record of the admissions and send the shortfall of the candidates, if any, who have not completed their admission formalities within the prescribed time mentioned above through E-mail viz. [coejakbopee@gmail.com](mailto:coejakbopee@gmail.com) & [helpdesjkbopee@gmail.com](mailto:helpdesjkbopee@gmail.com) on 30.11.2023 upto 5:00 p.m. positively along with a hardcopy duly signed by the Heads of the Institution.
7. The Heads of the concerned Colleges / Institutions are advised to release the fee/documents in favour of the candidates who have been upgraded during any round of counselling to enable them to complete their admission formalities in the respective colleges/institutions without any delay.
8. This Notification is issued without any prejudice and subject to final outcome of writ petition, if any, pending before any competent court of law.
9. The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in the e-Information Brochure and Notifications/Notices issued by the Board in this regard from time to time.

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Sd/-

Controller of Examinations  
J&K BOPEE

No. BOPEE-EXAM/11/2023(7313777)

DIPK-NB-4455/23  
dated: 25-11-2023

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Subject: Provisional Selection List of candidates for admission to the B.Sc. Nursing / B.Sc. Paramedical / B.Sc. Technology Courses-2023 after conduct of Second /Mop Up Round of (Physical) Counselling in Government / Private Colleges / Institutions of UT of J&K/Ladakh.

- Reference: i) Notification No. 040 - BOPEE of 2023 dated 15.07.2023  
ii) Notification No. 063-BOPEE of 2023 dated 20.08.2023  
iii) Notification No. 086-BOPEE of 2023 dated 24.09.2023  
iv) Notification No. 101-BOPEE of 2023 dated 25.10.2023  
v) Notification No. 017 of 2023 dated 31.10.2023 issued by INC.  
vi) Notification No. 109-BOPEE of 2023 dated 02.11.2023.

### Notification No. 124-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 25-11-2023

Pursuant to Notification No. 109-BOPEE of 2023 dated 02.11.2023, Second /Mop Up Round of counselling of eligible candidates for admission to the B.Sc. Nursing/ B.Sc. Paramedical/ B.Sc. Technology Courses-2023 was conducted w.e.f. 05.11.2023 to 20.11.2023 at BOPEE office Srinagar/Jammu simultaneously. The list of candidates who have participated in the said counselling and have been Provisionally Upgraded/Allotted seat(s) as per their merit cum preferences for admission to the said courses in various Government/Private Colleges/Institutions of UT of J&K/Ladakh is hereby notified as per the Annexure-A to this notification which is available on official website of the Board ([www.jkbopee.gov.in](http://www.jkbopee.gov.in)) only. The provisionally selected candidates shall be allowed to complete their admission formalities by or before 25.11.2023 upto 4:00 p.m. along with the following documents in original: -

1. Domicile Certificate.
2. Marks Card of 12<sup>th</sup> Class Examination.
3. D.O.B Certificate of Matriculation.
4. Diploma for Lateral Entry Candidates.
5. Any other certificate/document as required by the College/Institution.

As notified vide Notification No. 109-BOPEE of 2023 dated 02.11.2023 the provisional selection letters have already been issued to the candidates on spot after their participation in the counselling and the candidates were advised to report to the allotted Colleges /Institutions immediately after receipt of provisional selection letter. It was further notified that the Provisional Selection List of the candidates indicating Application Number, Name, Gender, Category, Name of Institution and Discipline allotted shall be issued after conclusion of the counselling. However, in case of errors, if any, in the allotment letters, the Heads of the concerned institutions shall proceed as per Annexure-A to this Notification issued on the subject.

The provisionally selected candidates are advised to report to the allotted Colleges/Institutions upto 25.11.2023 positively. It shall be sole responsibility of the concerned Colleges/Institutions to ensure proper check and verification of documents / eligibility as per the guidelines issued by INC / J&K Paramedical Council before the candidate is allowed for admission and in case of any discrepancy in the requisite eligibility / documents, the same shall be reported to the Board for further course of action under rules.

In order to complete the admission process within the prescribed cut-off date, the concerned Colleges / Institutions shall keep their admission counters open even on holidays/off days to facilitate the candidates to complete their admission process well in time. However, the candidates should in their own interest avoid waiting for the last day to complete admission formalities since delay has the potential of causing hardships to the candidates only.

The Heads of the concerned Colleges /Institutions are advised to furnish the shortfall, if any, to the Board through e-mail [helpdesjkbopee@gmail.com](mailto:helpdesjkbopee@gmail.com) / [jakbopee@gmail.com](mailto:jakbopee@gmail.com) / [coejakbopee@gmail.com](mailto:coejakbopee@gmail.com) on 25.11.2023 till 5:00 p.m.

#### Note: -

1. The admission of the candidates is purely provisional and shall be cancelled in case any information furnished by any candidate proves to be false / fabricated, and action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against such candidates.
2. It is hereby implored upon the management of all the concerned Colleges/ Institutions to ensure the veracity of documents, particularly the Category Certificates wherever the admission is to be granted in lieu of a Reserved Category. So far as the Persons with Disability are concerned, if selected under Open Merit or against a Reserved Category, it shall be ensured that his / her PwD Certificate / eligibility is in conformity with Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 and wherever required shall refer the matter to the concerned Medical Board i.e. Government Medical College Jammu / Government Medical College Srinagar to assess the disability of such candidate(s) and make recommendations that if the candidate does not fulfil benchmarks of eligibility, he / she shall not be admitted to the course/college and the matter shall be reported to the Board for further course of action.
3. The Principals of the concerned Colleges/Institutions are advised to download the copy of this Notification along with Annexure-A from the website of the Board ([www.jkbopee.gov.in](http://www.jkbopee.gov.in)) for reference and record.
4. The Heads of the Institutions are also advised to release the documents and refund the fee in favour of such candidates who have been upgraded during the Second /Mop Up Round of counselling to enable them to complete their admission formalities within the prescribed date.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in the e-Information Brochure and Notifications/Notices issued by the Board in this regard from time to time.

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Controller of Examinations  
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No. BOPEE-EXAM/21/2023 (7320671)

DIPK-NB-4446/23 dated: 25-11-2023

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مقدمہ مندرجہ عنوان صدر میں مدعا علیہ/مدعا علیہ کی تعمیل کرانے کی بسیار کوشش کی گئی۔ الا ن تو پتہ جدید پر مدعا علیہ/مدعا علیہ دستیاب ہوئے اور نہ ہی بذریعہ معین تعمیل لائی گئی۔ بدین وجہ حسب استنادی مدعا علیہ/مدعا علیہ جو بذریعہ اشتہار ہذا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ کے خلاف مقدمہ بعنوان بالا اجراء بغرض وصولی رقم مبلغ = /=  
Rs 95431 زیر سماعت عدالت ہذا ہے۔

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### از عدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر

با اجلاس: اروند شرما  
J&K Bank B/U Soura Sgr

بنام  
Mehraj U Din Kundoo  
Rs 170825.95

دعویٰ وصولیائی رقم مبلغ = /=  
اشتہار بمراد آگاہی بنام

Mehraj U Din Kundoo S/o Ghulam Ahmad Kundoo R/o Manz Mohalla Anchar Soura Sgr

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### از عدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر

با اجلاس: اروند شرما  
J&K Bank B/U Soura Sgr

بنام  
Fayaz Ahmad Bhat  
Rs 1,08207.15

دعویٰ وصولیائی رقم مبلغ = /=  
اشتہار بمراد آگاہی بنام

Fayaz Ahmad Bhat S/o Ghulam Ahmad Bhat R/o Awanta Bhawan Hajam Mohalla Srinagar

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## Kak Sarai Residents, Shopkeepers Aghast Over Dilapidated Roads

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The residents of Kaka Sarai area in the old city are grappling with deplorable road conditions, raising concerns about the poor state of infrastructure in their locality.

The deteriorating roads have become a major source of inconvenience for the local population, the inhabitants said. The locals in Kaka Sarai expressed their anguish over the poor condition of the roads, saying that they are facing challenges while commuting through the road on a regular basis.

The roads, riddled with potholes and uneven surfaces, not only pose a threat to vehicle safety but also contribute to increased travel times for residents.

Local resident, Amir Bashir expressing his an-

guish said, the road conditions here have become absolutely pathetic. "It's a daily struggle to navigate through the potholes, and we fear for the safety of our vehicles," Bashir said.

Similarly, shopkeepers and business owners in the area are also feeling the impact of the shambles condition of the road.

Saleem Ahmed, who runs a shop, said, "The customers hesitate to visit our shops due to the poor condition of roads and thus affecting our businesses. We urge the authorities to address this issue urgently."

Meanwhile, Kaka Sarai residents here have demanded authorities to take immediate steps to repair and upgrade the roads, as the deteriorating infrastructure not only affects daily life but also raises concerns about emergency services' ability to reach the area promptly.



A launderer washes woolen felted floor rugs (Namda's) used for furnishing floors during winters on a Jhelum River bank in Srinagar on Saturday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## Union Housing Secy Reviews Works Under Srinagar Smart City Project

Appreciates officers for making project a grand success

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Union Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Manoj Joshi, today visited Srinagar to review development works being carried out under the Srinagar Smart City Project.

Union Secretary, who is on a 2 day visit to Srinagar, is being accompanied by Chairman Advisory Board Smart City, Keshav Varma.

Principal Secretary H&UDD, Prashant Goyal; CEO SSCL/Commissioner SMC, Athar Aamir Khan; VC LCM, Bashir Ahmad; ACEO SSCL/Joint Commissioner SMC, Riyaz Ahmad Shah; GM (UD)SSCL, Anuj Malhotra and other senior officers from allied departments were present during the visit.

During the first day of the visit, Manoj Joshi visited Dal Lake Sunset Plaza on Boulevard, Char Chinari, Cycle Track Nishat Sathu, Nishat Selfie Point, Northern Foreshore Road, Shalimar Canal, Dal-Habbak STP at

Habbak and Maharajanj Downtown to take stock of the completed and ongoing projects.

Later, the Union Secretary chaired a PowerPoint Presentation on Solid



Waste Management and ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes given by Principal Secretary H&UDD at the TRC meeting hall.

Furthermore, the Union Secretary interacted with the officers of allied departments like Jai Shakti, PDD, R&B, I & FC, P&UD etc. regarding implemen-

tation and execution of GOI initiatives in bringing the city of Srinagar at par with all the metro and smart cities of the country. He assured the government commitment in providing all possible help and assistance for the overall development of the UT of J&K.

The Union Secretary appreciated and recognized the efforts of all the officers and allied departments/agencies in making the Smart City Project a success.

The Union Secretary also visited Riverfront Rajbagh, Zero Bridge and Jhelum Right Bank Riverfront and Polo View Market.

CEO SSCL/Commissioner SMC, Khan briefed the Union Secretary regarding the ongoing Smart City Projects.

The representatives of Maharaj Gunj Shopkeepers Association extended their gratitude to the dignitaries regarding the redevelopment of the Maharaj Gunj Market.

## Traffic Dep't Warn Owners For Plying Without Necessary Documents

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Traffic Police City Srinagar today warned vehicle owners for plying without necessary documents including Fitness Certificate, Road Tax, Validity of Permit, Payment of Passenger Tax, etc.

In a statement issued

here, the Traffic authorities informed vehicle owners of their vehicles updated within 15 days positively failing which all violating vehicles would be black-listed and action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against them without giving any further chance.

## Grand Conclusion Of Audit Diwas Celebrations Held At SKICC

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The culminating ceremony of Audit Diwas by AG Office Srinagar, held today at SKICC, marked a splendid conclusion to a week-long celebration from November 19 to 25.

PAG, Pramod Kumar and DAG Inabat Kahliq, joined by dignitaries including Nazir Ahmad Ganie, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-K, Dr. Masood Tanveer, Principal Government Medical College Srinagar, and Javid Bakshi, MD SKICC Srinagar, illuminated the lamp in a symbolic gesture.

Audit Diwas and its

festivities served as a tribute to the vital role played by CAG and AG Office. The week unfolded with diverse activities, ranging from an Audit Marathon cum Cleanliness Drive to a lively cultural evening. Events such as blood donation drives, Rangoli and painting competitions, and sports competitions including cricket, football, badminton, volleyball, and chess were conducted.

The academic community also participated through quiz and inter-debate university/college competitions at SKUAST-K.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I Zainab Bashir needs to correct my Fathers Name as well as Date of birth which is wrongly written in passport as Bashir Ahmad Yattoo & date of birth 14/03/2003 while my correct fathers name as well as date of birth is Bashir Ahmad Yattoo & date of birth 14/05/2003 which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file the same in the office of Regional Passport officer Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained.

Zainab Bashir  
Daughter of Bashir Ahmad Yattoo Date of Birth 14/05/2003  
R/o: Alamdar Pora Magam bmg

## Jammu & Kashmir Forest Development Corporation Ltd.

SOUTH CIRCLE HARNAG ANANTNAG

ABBREVIATED TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

e-NIT No. 02 of 2023-24/SOUTH Dated: 23-11-2023

For and on behalf of Managing Director, J&K Forest Development Corporation Ltd., General Manager, J&K FDCL Extraction South Circle, Harnag Anantnag invites e-tenders from Contractors registered with J&K Forest Development Corporation Ltd. for execution of various timber logging operations viz extraction, off road transportation and road transportation of markings in advertised Compartments as per details given in the Annexure-I to the General Tender Notice (SBD & BOQ) issued vide this office e-NIT endorsed vide No. 1391-1408/GM/S/JKFC/Hrg dated: 23/11/2023. The tenders shall be submitted online on J&K e-Procurement portal <https://jktenders.gov.in>. The calendar of events shall be as under :-

#	Activity	Date & Time
1.	Publishing Date	29.11.2023 1800 Hrs.
2.	Document Download start date	30.11.2023 1800 Hrs.
3.	Pre Bid Meeting (if required)	30.11.2023 1100 Hrs.
4.	Bid submission start date	01.12.2023 0900 Hrs.
5.	Document Download End date	15.12.2023 1800 Hrs.
6.	Bid submission end date	15.12.2023 1800 Hrs.
7.	Technical Bid opening date	16.12.2023 1030 Hrs.
8.	Uploading of Technical Bid Evaluation Sheet	To be notified later on
9.	Financial Bid opening date	Immediately after the completion of technical evaluation.
10.	Uploading of Financial Bid evaluation Sheet	Immediately after the completion of financial evaluation.
11.	Declaration of the Successful Bidder	To be notified later on

The sequence of different tender ID's of various advertised Compartments as this figure in Annexure-I to e-NIT is given as under :-

1.	2023_JKSFC_238163_1	2.	2023_JKSFC_238163_2
3.	2023_JKSFC_238163_3	4.	2023_JKSFC_238163_4
5.	2023_JKSFC_238163_5	6.	2023_JKSFC_238163_6
7.	2023_JKSFC_238163_7	8.	2023_JKSFC_238163_8
9.	2023_JKSFC_238163_9	10.	2023_JKSFC_238163_10

A Pre-bid conference shall be held on 30.11.2023 at 1300 hours in the Office of the General Manager, South Circle, J&K Forest Development Corporation Ltd., Harnag Anantnag, to clarify the queries of prospective bidders if any. All intending bidders should attend said conference to clarify matters related to this tender enquiry if any.

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The tenders (Technical Bids) will be opened online in the office of Managing Director, J&K Forest Development Corporation Ltd., Sheikh-ul-Alam Complex Rajbagh, Srinagar. In case of un-foreseen circumstances, the date of opening will be next working day or else notified separately. The detailed tender documents (SBD) with terms and conditions are available on <https://jktenders.gov.in>.

{Firdous Ahmed Mir}  
General Manager South  
J&K Forest Development Corporation Ltd.

No. 1409-26/GM/S/JKFC/Hrg  
DIPK-NB-4450/23  
Dated: 25/11/2023

### NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE/G/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders (www.ireps.gov.in) against below titled Tenders. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only.

Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost. (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
251-Elect-T-51/2023-24	Electrical work in c/w Provision of Illumination improvement and power backup to improve security in Jammu and Kashmir valley region.	3,30,13,132.62	3,15,100.00	06 Months	15.12.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
251-Elect-T-49/2023-24	Electrical work for Provision of Security Infrastructure Phase-I on Jammu-Lakhanpur in c/w Security works of Multi-Disciplinary Committee Report.	3,88,89,315.50	3,44,500.00	06 Months	15.12.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
251-Elect-T-52/2023-24	Electrical work for Provision of security infrastructure Phase-1 at SVDK & JAT-SVDK section in c/w Security works of Multi-Disciplinary Committee Report.	64,49,306.90	1,29,000.00	06 Months	15.12.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
251-Elect-T-50/2023-24	Electrical work in c/w Security infrastructure over Kashmir valley in Phase-I.	6,47,32,156.76	4,73,700.00	06 Months	15.12.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

251-Elect/T. Notice No. 39-Elect/2023-24, Dated : 24.11.2023

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

- TRAFFIC POLICE: 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092, 2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES: 2479488, 2452222, 2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

### AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

### RAILWAYS

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

### HIGHWAY STATUS

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



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### PRAYERS

FAJR	5: 45
ZUHR	12:16
ASR	3: 46
Magrib	5:26
ISHA	6: 50

## This Day In History

- 43 BC- Second Triumvirate alliance of Roman leader Octavian (later Caesar Augustus), Marcus Aemilius Lepidus, and Mark Antony formed 1580-French Huguenots & Roman Catholics sign peace treaty
- 1688- French King Louis XIV declares war on Netherlands
- 1688- King James II escapes back to London
- 1741- French & Beiers army occupies Prague
- 1778- British explorer Captain James Cook is the first European to visit Maui in the Sandwich Islands (now Hawaii)
- 1791- 1st US cabinet meeting, held at George Washington's home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of War Henry Knox, and Attorney General Edmund Randolph attend.
- 1842- The University of Notre Dame is founded
- 1865 - "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll is published in America
- 1865 - Battle of Papudo: The Spanish navy engages a combined Peruvian-Chilean fleet north of Valparaiso, Chile
- 1901 - Italy and Britain sign an agreement fixing the frontier between their colonies of Eritrea and Sudan in East Africa
- 1924 - Mongolian People's Republic proclaimed
- 1925 - Netherlands & Germany sign trade agreement
- 1940 - Nazi Germany began walling off the Jewish Ghetto in Warsaw
- 1941 - Japanese naval carrier force left its base & moves east toward Pearl Harbor
- 1942 - Anti-fascist Council for National Liberation (AVNOJ) forms
- 1948 - 1st polaroid camera sold for \$89.75 in Boston at the Jordan Marsh department store. The Land Camera model 95 becomes prototype for all Polaroid Land cameras for next 15 years
- 1949 - The Constituent Assembly of India formally adopts a new constitution
- 1956 - USSR single sculls winner Vyacheslav Ivanov wins Olympic gold medal in his excitement he jumps for joy, & loses his medal, it sinks
- 1963 - Explorer 18 spacecraft launched by NASA
- 1965 - France launches 1st satellite, 92 lb (42 kg) A1-capsule (Asterix), named after the popular French comic character
- 1984 - US & Iraq re-establish diplomatic relations
- 1985 - 23rd Space Shuttle Mission (61-B)-Atlantis 2-is launched
- 1985 - France performs nuclear test at Mururoa atoll
- 1989 - India's Congress Party led by then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi loses the general election to an opposition front led by V. P. Singh
- 1990 - Mikhail Gorbachev tells Iraq to get out of Kuwait
- 1998 - Tony Blair becomes the first Prime Minister of the United Kingdom to address the Republic of Ireland's parliament.
- 2003 - India accepts Pakistan's offer of a ceasefire in Kashmir
- 2003 - Supersonic airplane the Concorde makes its last ever flight, returning to Bristol, England.
- 2011 - NATO forces in Afghanistan attack a Pakistani checkpoint in a friendly fire incident, killing 24 soldiers and wounding 13 others
- 2017 - British Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton finishes 2nd in season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix at Yas Marina Circuit to claim his 4th F1 World Drivers Championship; wins title by 46 points from Sebastian Vettel
- 2018 - NASA's InSight mission lands on Mars after a 7 month voyage
- 2018 - Ukraine declares martial law in areas bordering Russia after Russia seizes three of its naval vessels
- 2018 - Chinese scientist He Jiankui claims to have made the first genetically edited baby
- 2018 - General Motors announces it will close five factories in North America, cutting 14,000 jobs



## Indian Doctor's Issue Warning As Mystery Disease Spreads In China



Agencies

**NEW DELHI:** Amid the reported outbreak of H9N2 cases and clusters of respiratory illness in children in northern China, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital Director Dr Ajay Shukla advised people to be careful, follow routine practices of cleanliness and if there's someone who has got this respiratory illness or infection they should try to maintain distance from other people.

"I would just advise people to be careful. Follow routine practices of cleanliness and if you feel that there's someone who's got this respiratory illness or infection, since a lot of these cases are viral and they can be transmitted, try to maintain distance from other people," Dr Shukla said on Friday.

The advice comes after an undetermined pneumonia outbreak in China is hitting children hard, with media reports describing overwhelmed children's hospitals in multiple locations.

"Because we are also dealing with pollution if you're going out, and if you can afford it, it's better you should use a mask, preferably an N95 and N99 mask. Wash your hands and maintain safe, healthy practices," he added.

Speaking on exercising pre-

cautions among children Dr Shukla said, "If children are going to school, then take special care that they do not have cough, cold, fever or any other symptoms, and talk to them and ask if any child in their class is sick, and if this happens, inform the school teacher about it and if your child is sick then do not send him to school."

Dr Shukla said that the increase in the number of small children going to hospitals with respiratory illnesses has disrupted the situation in China.

"It's very early I would say the amount of information that we are able to access is very, very little. The WHO is definitely very much concerned about it. And, it is trying to get in touch with the authorities in China to extract as maximum details as possible. But so far the picture that is coming out, is that there is a great increase in the number of small children going into hospitals with respiratory illnesses, and in a few centres, they have reported an increase of almost 1200 children a day which is a huge number and a lot of schools have told children not to come to their classes inside the school. So the situation is definitely being disrupted," Dr Ajay Shukla said.

## Palestinian Families Rejoice Over Release Of Minors And Women In Wartime Prisoner Swap

Agencies

**BEITUNIA (WEST BANK):** Over three dozen Palestinian prisoners returned home to a hero's welcome in the occupied West Bank on Friday following their release from Israeli prisons as part of a cease-fire deal between Israel and Hamas.

The procession of freed prisoners, some accused of minor offences and others convicted in attacks, at a checkpoint outside of Jerusalem stoked massive crowds of Palestinians into a chanting, clapping, hand-waving, screaming frenzy.

Fifteen dazed young men, all in stained grey prison sweat-suits and looking gaunt with exhaustion, glided through the streets on the shoulders of their teary-eyed fathers as fireworks turned the night sky to blazing colour and patriotic Palestinian pop music blared.

Some of those released were draped in Palestinian flags, others in the green flags of Hamas. They flashed victory signs as they crowd-surfed.

"I have no words, I have no words," said newly released 17-year-old Jamal Brahma,



searching for something to say to the hordes of jostling journalists and thousands of chanting Palestinians, many in national dress. "Thank God."

Tears fell down his father Khalil Brahma's cheeks as he brought his son down from his shoulders and looked him in the eye for the first time in seven months. Israeli forces had arrested Jamal at his home in the Palestinian city of Jericho last spring and detained him without charge or trial.

"I just want to be his father again," he said.

The release of the Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails

came just hours after two dozen hostages, including 13 Israelis, were released from captivity in Gaza in the initial exchange of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners during the four-day cease-fire that started Friday.

Under the deal, Hamas is to release at least 50 hostages, and Israel 150 Palestinian prisoners, over the four days. Israel said the truce could be extended an extra day for every additional 10 hostages freed. Although the atmosphere was festive in the town of Beitunia near Israel's hulking Ofer Prison in the West Bank, people were on edge.

## Escaped from Al-Shifa, A Palestinian Surgeon Recalls Impossible Choices

Agencies

**BERLIN:** With the power out, the water off, medical supplies short and hundreds of war injured and sheltering Palestinians crowding the Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City, Ahmed Abunada was faced with impossible choices.

"Who do I let die, this woman or that man?... I do not have the time to do reconstructive surgery on this child, I will have to amputate," said the 47-year-old surgeon, who left Gaza earlier this month to escape the fighting between Israel and Hamas.

"These are very difficult decisions for a doctor," said the German doctor of Palestinian origin.

Abunada was received on Friday by German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier along with seven of his compatriots, who were evacuated from the Gaza Strip when the Rafah border crossing between the Palestinian territory and Egypt was opened to foreign



nationals. "We were operating on the floor, on gurneys. There were no beds left," he told AFP about his time in the hospital.

"The week that I left the hospital, the situation got worse. We had no more electricity, no more water, no more oxygen," he said. Without oxygen, it was no longer possible for Abunada to operate. "That is why I left, on the 28th day of the conflict."

Al-Shifa, the largest hospital in the Gaza Strip, was a key focus for the Israeli military,

who said Hamas used a tunnel complex under the compound to stage attacks -- a claim the Palestinian militants and hospital officials denied.

"I worked there as a doctor and I did not notice anything like that," Abunada said, when asked about Hamas's alleged presence at the facility.

Last week, the hospital's director Mohammad Abu Salmiya, who has been frequently quoted by international media about conditions inside the complex, was arrested by Israeli forces.



## Israeli-Owned Ship Hit In Suspected Iran Drone Attack

Agencies

**DUBAI:** An Israeli-owned cargo ship was damaged in a suspected drone attack by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in the Indian Ocean, a US defence official said on Saturday.

"We are aware of reports that there was a suspected IRGC-initiated Shahed-136 UAV (that) struck a civilian motor vessel in the Indian Ocean," the official said, confirming the attack on Friday and adding that "the ship incurred minor damage" and there were "no injuries".

Maritime security company Ambrey said the Malta-flagged, French-operated container ship was reportedly damaged when the unmanned aerial vehicle exploded close to it.

"The vessel was managed by an Israeli-affiliated company, which was assessed to be the reason why it was targeted," Ambrey said, adding that in the days before the attack, the ship's tracking transmissions had stopped shortly after departing port in the United Arab Emirates.

The reported attack comes almost a week after Yemen's Iran-backed Huthi rebels seized an Israel-linked cargo ship in the southern Red Sea.

Ambrey said in a separate incident on Friday the Huthis cautioned a tanker southwest of Yemen's Red Sea port city of Hodeida "to change course and warned that an attack would follow if they did not follow the instructions".

The security firm said the warning was issued several times, adding it is "likely a Huthi operation is imminent".

The Huthis, declaring themselves part of the "axis of resistance" of Iran-affiliated groups, have launched a series of drone and missile strikes targeting Israel since October, following an unprecedented attack by Hamas militants on Israel.

Israel has vowed to "crush" Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, after the Palestinian militants killed about 1,200 people and took around 240 hostages on October 7, according to Israeli authorities.

Gaza's Hamas government says nearly 15,000 people have been killed in Israeli aerial bombardment and ground operations in the Palestinian territory since then.

On Monday, the Huthi rebels pledged further maritime attacks until Israel halts its Gaza campaign.

## Woman Punches Husband To Death For Not Taking Her To Dubai On Birthday

Agencies

**PUNE:** In a shocking incident, a 36-year-old man died after he was punched on the nose by his wife after he refused to take her to Dubai for her birthday celebration.

The incident took place at the couple's apartment, located in a posh residential society in Pune's Wanavdi area, on Friday.

The victim, identified as Nikhil Khanna, a businessman in the construction industry, had a love marriage with his wife, Renuka (38), six years ago.

According to a senior police officer posted at the Wanavdi Police station, "The incident occurred on Friday afternoon. As per the primary investiga-

tion, it has been revealed that the couple had a fight because Nikhil did not take Renuka to Dubai to celebrate her birthday and did not give her expensive gifts on her birthday and anniversary. Renuka was also upset with Nikhil for not giving a favourable response to her wish to go to Delhi to celebrate the birthdays of some relatives."

The police further informed that "during the fight, Renuka punched Nikhil in the face. The impact of the punch was so hard that Nikhil's nose and some teeth were broken. With heavy bleeding, Nikhil lost consciousness."

Meanwhile, the police have registered a case against Renuka under IPC Section 302 and arrested her for further investigation.

## Delhi Man Gets Himself Shot At To Frame Lenders In False Case

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** To implicate lenders in a false case, a 43-year-old man allegedly got himself shot at with a country-made pistol in northeast Delhi, police said on Saturday. The man allegedly asked his 19-year-old nephew to fire a bullet at his arm and throw the weapon used in the crime in a pond, which was later recovered, said the investigators.

"On Friday morning, at around 6 am, we got a call that a man had been shot at near an agricultural land in Kodhi Colony, Tahirpur of Nand Nagri. A team was sent at the location," Deputy Commissioner of Police (northeast) Joy Tirkey said.

Police said that it was found that Sundar, a resident of New Seemapuri, had sustained a gunshot injury on his right upper arm. And an empty shell of

(point)-315 bore was found at the spot. His nephew, Himanshu alias Anshu was also present with him.

"They told police that they were feeding fish at the pond when a person came and shot at Sundar from behind after abusing him. Sundar was taken to the GTB Hospital, where he is undergoing treatment and his condition is stated to be out of danger," said the DCP.

Police said that during the investigation, it was found that Sundar owed money to some people and was trying to implicate them in the firing incident.

During interrogation, his nephew Anshu, allegedly admitted that he had shot his uncle as part of their conspiracy. He had planted an empty shell at the spot to make it look convincing. He had thrown the country-made pistol into the pond after the incident.

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NIT: EDB/e-tender/72 of 2023-24 Date: -25-11-2023

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-tenders are hereby invited from Registered Class-A Electrical Contractors for following works under Untied Grants.

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost. (Rs Lacs)	Cost of e-Bid/ tender document (Rs)	EMD
1.	Improvement of LT Network and providing of conductor at various spots in DDC constituency Bijbehara under District Capex 2023-24.	2.00	200	4000

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz Quoted percentage of NIT	Additional performance security
01	Upto and including 15% below	Nil
02	>15% upto and including 20% below	05% of Advertised Cost
03	>20% upto and including 25% below	10% of Advertised Cost
04	>25% upto and including 30% below	15% of Advertised Cost
05	>30% below	20% of Advertised Cost

No: -EDB/TS/5651-58  
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Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
O&M Division Bijbehara

Office of the Principal

### GOVERNMENT UNANI MEDICAL COLLEGE & ASSOCIATED HOSPITAL GANDEARBAL, KASHMIR

**DASTI QUOTATION**

In view of urgent requirement and non-availability of the items on GeM Dasti quotations affixed with Rs 5/- revenue stamp are invited from authorised suppliers/distributors for supply of below mentioned Raw Drug Samples for Departments of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, Govt Unani Medical College Gandera, Kashmir. The quotations should reach the office of the Head, Local Purchase Committee by 30<sup>th</sup> of Nov 2023 upto 4.00 PM at Govt Unani Medical College, Gandera, Kashmir.

**DEPT OF PHARMACOLOGY**

S. No	Name of Sample	Qty Required in grams	S. No	Name of Sample	Qty Required in grams
1	Baladur	200	26	Babchi	200
2	Madar	200	27	Brahmi	200
3	Hab u Salateen	200	28	Bozidaan	200
4	Shahme Hanzal	200	29	Behroza	200
5	Gongchi	200	30	Chaksu	200
6	Bhang	200	31	Charvita	200
7	Atropa belladonna	200	32	Darmulakhwain	200
8	Azraq	200	33	Zarishk	200
9	Beesh	200	34	Zaffran	10
10	Khashkhash	200	35	Supari	200
11	Sam ulfaar	200	36	Shahrtara	200
12	Mercury	50	37	Sandal surkh	200
13	Seesa	200	38	Aaqarqaraha	200
14	Surma	200	39	Ushba	200
15	Naushadar	200	40	Sandal safed	200
16	Tobacco	200	41	Garifis	200
17	Aabnoos	200	42	Aabresham	200
18	Aas (Morad)	200	43	Marjaan	200
19	Amla	200	44	Abrak	200
20	Abahi	200	45	Zaharmohra	200
21	Arjun chaal	200	46	Safedakashgari	200
22	Arand (caster)	200	47	Suhaga	200
23	Ushna	200	48	Shora kalmi (Potassium nitrate)	200
24	Amaltas	200	49	Gandhak	200
25	Ewa	200	50	Gile Armani	200

**DEPT OF PHARMACY**

S. No	Name of Sample	Qty Required	S. No	Name of Sample	Qty Required
1	Kasni	500gm	25	Sana	1000gm
2	Kafoor	500gm	26	Zeera Siyah	250gm
3	Badiyan	1000gm	27	FilifilDaraz	250gm
4	Tukhme Jozi Masil (Dhatoora)	500gm	28	Asaroon	250gm
5	Revende Chini	1000gm	29	Mastagi	500gm
6	Zanjbeel	1000gm	30	Arq Gulab	2000ml
7	Samag Arabi	1000gm	31	Poste Haleela Zard	2000gm
8	Safaidda Kashgari	250gm	32	Haleela Siyah	500gm
9	Cows Ghee	2000gm	33	Poste HaleelaKabli	1000gm
10	Bee Wax	500gm	34	Amla	500gm
11	Raal	500gm	35	Poste Baleela	500gm
12	Kattha Khaal	500gm	36	Kishmeez Khushk	500gm
13	Rognikunjad	500gm	37	Roghni E Badam	1000ml
14	Kalonji	500gm	38	Ajwain Desi	500gm
15	Malkangni (Seeds)	500gm	39	Zeera Safaid	500gm
16	Barley Seeds (Jau)	1000gm	40	Gul E Surkh	500gm
17	Unnab	500gm	41	Namak E Lahori	2000gm
18	Sirka(Vinegar)	1000gm	42	Magzi Badam	1000gm
19	Sapistan	500gm	43	Asrol	500gm
20	Asil Soos	1000gm	44	Filfil Siyah	500gm
21	MaghziFaloosKhayar Shamber	1500gm	45	Nishassita Makai	500gm
22	Kateera	500gm	46	Honey	05kg
23	Burada Sandal Safaid	500gm	47	Sugar	25kg
24	Suranjan Shireen	500gm			

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- The quotations must be submitted in properly sealed envelope.
- The rates shall be quoted inclusive all taxes, duties, freight.
- The rates quoted should be written legible without any cuttings over writings, interpolations, and erasures and in case any of these is found the quotation shall not be entertained.

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Chief Accounts Officer  
Govt Unani Medical College  
Gandera, Kashmir



## Kashmir Hospitals Witness Surge In Patients With Respiratory Tract Infections

Doctors Advise People To Wear Masks, Stay Hydrated, Consume Fruit And Vegetables

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** With the onset of winter, the hospitals across Kashmir are witnessing a surge in patients with respiratory tract infections. This surge is attributed to the influenza virus and its subtypes, including H3N2 and partly H1N1.

Doctors from various hospitals informed that there is an increase in patients seeking treatment for respiratory tract infection symptoms. They said the replication of different respiratory infection-causing vi-

in India, as per ICMR, are very similar to other seasonal flu symptoms. They include a runny or stuffy nose, sore throat with cough, headache, fever, chills, body aches, fatigue, diarrhoea, and vomiting.

According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the H3N2 virus has been responsible for a significant increase in flu cases in India in recent weeks.

Doctors from other hospitals stressed the importance of covering the nose and mouth when sneezing, staying at home if ill



uses, including influenza and RSV, peaks in winter.

Dr Fayaz Ahmad, Assistant Professor at General Medicine SKIMS Soura, said many patients with upper respiratory tract symptoms have been visiting hospital OPDs, with most presenting flu-like illness. He called upon the people to wear masks, especially in crowded places, shops, malls, and public transport. People should keep themselves warm and hydrated, consume more fruits and vegetables, and consider getting flu shots if they haven't already.

The symptoms of the H3N2 flu virus currently circulating

to prevent the spread of the virus, and avoiding high sugar and salt-containing foods to reduce dehydration. They recommended drinking plenty of water, eating fruits and green leafy vegetables, taking adequate rest and practising good hand hygiene.

Doctors said that respiratory tract infections are common in Kashmir from October to March due to cooler temperatures, increased indoor crowding, reduced humidity, and a weakened immune system. While there is no need to panic, they advised taking precautions to avoid the severity and spread of infections—(KNO)



**TRADITIONAL DRY CLEANERS** washing bedsheets on the banks of Dal Lake in Hazratbal locality of Srinagar on Saturday.  
KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

## Two Kashmiri Youths Held In Nagpur For 'Abducting' Girl

### Press Trust Of India

**NAGPUR:** A joint team of police from Jammu and Kashmir and Nagpur on Saturday arrested two youths for allegedly abducting a 15-year-old girl from the Union Territory and bringing her to Maharashtra, an official said.

The minor, a Class 10 student, was apparently in a relationship with one of the accused, Mohd Muddasir Hussain (19), said the Sitabuldi police of Nagpur city.



Muddasir allegedly promised to marry the girl and get her a job in Hyderabad. Muddasir, his cousin Mohd Yasir Hussain Shaheen (19) and the

girl left J&K and first headed to Delhi. They arrived in Nagpur on a train on Saturday, said the official.

A team of J&K police and their Nagpur counterparts arrested the young men at the railway station, he said. While Muddasir hails from Kishtwar district in J&K, Yasir is a resident of Doda district there.

The girl has been sent to a government hostel in Nagpur, while the J&K police are carrying out further investigations in the matter, he added.

## ASI Preserving 56 Monuments In J&K: Senior Archaeologist

'Verinag, Pari Mahal Proposed By Archaeological Survey Of India For World Heritage'

### Agencies

**ANANTNAG:** The Archaeological Survey of India on Saturday said they are maintaining 56 monuments in Jammu & Kashmir to preserve for future generations while two historical sites in the region have been proposed for World Heritage status.

Rahul Ramesh Bhosle, Superintending Archaeologist at the Archaeological Survey of India, said, "There are a total of 56 monuments in the state of J&K that are being preserved by the

tively participated.

"Some sites that we have excavated were featured in a week-long exhibition at Verinag," he said.

Explaining the preservation process, Bhosle stated, "To safeguard heritage sites, we first study the case and identify structural issues. We then restore them originally, using appropriate methods."

Asked about the risk of heritages losing their original structure, he reassured, "Not a single structure in J&K has un-



Archaeological Survey of India. In Kashmir, there are 41 centrally protected monuments and 15 in the Jammu division, making a total of 56."

"We are committed to maintaining and preserving them for future generations," Bhosle said, adding that an exhibition was set up at Verinag to showcase the moments of J&K, where students, local residents, army personnel, and judges ac-

dergone changes in originality." Propelling the cultural heritage of J&K onto the global stage, the Archaeological Survey of India has proposed Verinag and Pari Mahal for World Heritage status.

"Verinag in Anantnag and Pari Mahal in Srinagar have been proposed by the Archaeological Survey of India for World Heritage status," Bhosle added—(KNO)

## Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Commences At Shopian

### Observer News Service

**SHOPIAN:** The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) commenced on Saturday in 6 Panchayats of the district with an inaugural function presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb.

The Panchayats where Yatra started include Chotipora, Heerpora, Pahnoo, Trenz, G.Hadoo and GP Arsh of the Shopian block.

The Yatra has been started with an aim to connect with the people and aware them about the multitude of government schemes, the process to avail benefits, besides reaching out to the unreached population and by interacting with beneficiaries.



Addressing the gathering, the DC informed that the Yatra provides a platform for the departments to reach out to the people and disseminate vital information. He also held interactive sessions with residents to get feedback on the government interventions and schemes.

The DC said that the collaborative spirit exhibited

by residents and local authorities reflects a collective determination to build a more vibrant and empowered community.

The locals and students were upbeat and ensured overwhelming participation and engagement with the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra on Day One. They showcased colourful cultural per-

formances to register their determined involvement.

Departments installed Stalls showcasing the department schemes. Medical camps were held on the occasion along with distribution functions of government handouts.

Flagship schemes including PM KISAN, Vishwakarma, Suraksha Bima Yojana, Jeevan Jyoti, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, JJM, Poshan Abhiyaan and scores of other schemes including welfare, employment and income generation based schemes were either showcased or highlighted during the initial day of the yatra.

### POWER CRISIS

## Omar Offers 'Technical Assistance' To LG Sinha

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Former Chief Minister and National Conference Vice-President, Omar Abdullah Saturday offered technical assistance to LG administration led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in addressing the current power crisis in Kashmir, citing concerns over the administration's perceived failure to tackle the issue.

Speaking at a day-long party convention in Sumbal, Bandipora, Omar Abdullah raised his apprehension regarding the unprecedented power outages in Kashmir, drawing attention to his past role as a power minister.

Asserting his willingness to assist, he suggested that if the LG administration faces challenges in resolving the issue, they should consult him, stating, "If the LG Administrator fails to address the power crisis in the valley, I will guide him, drawing on my experience as a former power minister, and help find effective solutions."

"The government initially introduced digital meters for electricity, but when these failed, they replaced them with smart meters. However, these are not smart meters; they are more like 'Toofan meters.' Even if we don't use any heating

gadgets at home, they still display a significant consumption of electricity," he added.

Omar Abdullah raised doubts about the BJP's claims of normalcy, citing the recent loss of five soldiers in Rajouri. He pointed out the increasing number of young lives lost, mentioning that despite attempts to make Rajouri free from militancy, it has now become a hub for militants.

Looking back at the past, Omar talked about the previously friendly relationship between the PDP and NC. He remembered extending support to the PDP in 2014, cautioning against the risks of involving the BJP in the valley, and expressed regret that their concerns turned out to be accurate.

When asked about the chances of winning elections, Omar said he is hopeful for significant support for the National Conference. He acknowledged that not all votes may go to the NC, but he aims for a considerable mandate.

The former Chief Minister has been actively organizing party conventions in the Kashmir valley for several weeks, aiming to strengthen the party's foundation in preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. (KNO)

## Bhatnagar Addresses First J&K Orthodontic Symposium At Jammu

### Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Saturday addressed the first J&K Orthodontic Symposium at Radisson Blu here.

The Symposium was organised by Indian Orthodontic Society in collaboration with Jammu Orthodontic Study Group and Indira Gandhi Dental College Jammu.

Addressing the gathering, Advisor Bhatnagar said the present LG led Administration has prioritised the health sector in UT of Jammu and Kashmir and significant strides have been made in the last few years with the establishment of world class infrastructure. He highlighted that seven new medical colleges, two AIIMS, State Cancer institutes and other advanced health care facilities have been established here to provide state of art medical facilities to the public.

Highlighting on the significance of this symposium, Advisor Bhatnagar remarked that this gathering will provide a significant platform for the orthodontists and healthcare professionals to delve into the latest advancements and best practices in orthodontics. He added that orthodontics have pivotal role in enhancing oral health and its broader impact on overall well-being of any individual.

The Advisor in his address also upon the participants to stay abreast of advancements in dental sciences to ensure the delivery of high-quality dental services.

During the symposium, the Advisor also released the Souvenir of J&K Orthodontic Society and also inaugurated the fair of dental equipments and other related medicines.

The J&K Orthodontic Symposium marked a significant milestone in the regional dental landscape, providing a forum for practitioners to enhance their skills, share experiences, and build a network of support.

## J&K SERVICES SELECTION BOARD

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**Subject: Document Verification of candidates falling under consideration zone for the posts of Labour officer, Advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2020 dated: 16.12.2020, Item No. 72 -regarding.**

### NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board advertised 03 posts of Labour Officer vide Notification No. 04 of 2020 dated: 16.12.2020 and the CBT exams for the said posts was conducted on 06.02.2023; and Whereas, the J&K Services Selection Board, vide Notification No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/06/2023-04 (7110979) Dated: 31.05.2023, issued the result/ scoresheet of the candidates who appeared in the Computer Based Test (CBT); and Whereas, the details of the candidates, who are falling in the consideration zone for the aforementioned posts, are given in Annexure-A. Now, therefore, the candidates figuring in the consideration zone are hereby called to appear in person for Document Verification before the designated Document Verification Committees of the Board on 29.11.2023 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM, as per the schedule indicated against each at Divisional Office, Shekhari Bahwan Rail Head Complex Jammu (Jammu based candidates) and JKSSB Central Office, Zum Zum Building, Rambagh, Srinagar (Kashmir based Candidates). The candidates who fail to appear before the respective Document Verification Committee(s) on the scheduled dates shall forfeit their right to selection.

The candidates are required to produce following original documents/certificates in original, along-with two self-attested copies, before the designated Document Verification Committees:

1. Copy of Online Application Forms.
2. Two passport size recent colour photographs.
3. One original photo ID Proof i.e. Aadhar card/Voter Card/Pan Card/Passport etc.
4. D.O.B Certificate (10th Diploma / Marks card).
5. Valid Category Certificate, if any applicable.
6. Domicile Certificate.
7. 10+2 Marks Sheet / Diploma, if applicable.
8. Bonafide certificate on the format prescribed by the Board duly issued by the Controller/Registrar of the concerned University in respect of candidates, who have obtained Degrees from the Universities / Colleges/ Institutes outside the UT of J&K and other than Central Universities.
9. Other documents and certificates as prescribed in the Advertisement Notification and Qualification prescribed therein.

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Dated: 24.11.2023

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

### Annexure-A

Jammu based Candidates									
D.V Sr. No	Roll Number	Application No.	Post	Item	Name of the Candidate	Father's Name	Category	Shortlisted Category	Committee
1-JMU	4060210009	294337	Labour Officer	72	Azeem Ahmed	Bhag Hussian	ST	OM	Jammu
2-JMU	4060210115	507689	Labour Officer	72	Mridul Pakhetra	Rakesh Kumar	OM	OM	Jammu
3-JMU	4060214214	420711	Labour Officer	72	Akshay Bamotra	Puran Chand	OM	OM	Jammu
4-JMU	4060210349	644588	Labour Officer	72	NEERAJ KUMAR	ASHOK CHANDER	SC	SC	Jammu
5-JMU	4060210335	100121	Labour Officer	72	Arun Kumar	Sh. kamal kishore	SC	SC	Jammu
6-JMU	4060211032	130273	Labour Officer	72	Sumit Kumar	Subash chander	SC	SC	Jammu
7-JMU	4060214148	228070	Labour Officer	72	BONITHAPPA	TARSEM LAL	SC	SC	Jammu
8-JMU	4060210065	115363	Labour Officer	72	Ravinder Singh	Jasbir Singh	SC	SC	Jammu
9-JMU	4060213032	517404	Labour Officer	72	SUNIL KUMAR THAPPA	TILAK RAJ	SC	SC	Jammu
Kashmir Based Candida!									
Sr. No.	Roll Number	Application No.	Post	Item	Name of the Candidate	Father's Name	Category	Shortlisted Category	Committee
1-KMR	4260222048	130008	Labour Officer	72	IRFAN SHAFI BABA	MOHAMMAD SHAFI BABA	RBA	OM/RBA	Kashmir
2-KMR	4660226181	255291	Labour Officer	72	Abdul Waheed Bhat	Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Bhat	OM	OM	Kashmir
3-KMR	4660226033	606100	Labour Officer	72	MUBASHIR AHMAD BHAT	MOHAMMAD AFZAL BHAT	RBA	OM/RBA	Kashmir
4-KMR	4160218114	585130	Labour Officer	72	AASHIQ HUSSAIN DAR	ABDUL RASHID DAR	RBA	RBA	Kashmir
5-KMR	4260222130	249911	Labour Officer	72	Junad Ahmad Naikoo	Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Naikoo	RBA	RBA	Kashmir
6-KMR	4260222121	110330	Labour Officer	72	AMAR Bashir	Bashir Ahmad	RBA	RBA	Kashmir
7-KMR	4660226256	239107	Labour Officer	72	Irfan Ahmad Taley	Mohd Sultan Taley	RBA	RBA	Kashmir
8-KMR	4160218124	222341	Labour Officer	72	DAR KHURSHEED AHMAD	GH HASSAN DAR	RBA	RBA	Kashmir

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# GPS-Based Attendance: Unique Challenges, Necessary Solutions

The GPS-based attendance system served as a crucial tool to revive and sustain the ailing education apparatus, serving as a necessary remedy to a complex problem

Farooq Shah

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**The remarkable success achieved through the implementation of GPS-based attendance in the education sector signals a pivotal moment for considering its application in other critical domains, particularly healthcare. Much like the education sector, healthcare also suffered severe setbacks and challenges, bringing it to a precarious state**

In Jammu and Kashmir, a region marked by historical conflict that deeply affected its work environment, individuals who previously wielded influence entrenched themselves in the conflict, exercising a significant control on almost all the spheres of life. From time to time, they issued strict directives that disrupted the work culture, especially within the Education sector.

For years if not decades, a persistent issue plagued the schools in our region. The self-styled managers of the conflict would arbitrarily force the closure of schools for extended periods.

At the slightest provocation or due to their interference, schools would shut down for weeks on end, causing a substantial loss of instructional days throughout the academic year. This recurring practice persisted unchecked, resulting in a significant impact on students' education and disrupting the entire schooling system.

The routines of all staff members, particularly teachers, were so disturbed that specific individuals with vested interests manipulated the entire system, causing the education system in the valley to almost collapse. Both education and healthcare emerged as two primary sectors severely impacted by the conflict, resulting in widespread consequences.

The conscientious members of the community persistently pursued remedies for this issue, actively seeking methods to free the education system from the influence of those wielding power. They made relentless efforts to disentangle the education system from the hold of such authoritarian figures, but their endeavors were consistently blocked.

Just before the situation could worsen and the valley's education faced a crisis, the administration intervened and introduced a highly effective system that ultimately resolved the issue: GPS-based attendance. This system greatly increased attendance rates, almost reaching maximum capacity and indicating a remarkable enhancement.

The newly implemented attendance system imposes strict control on the teaching staff, prohibiting tardiness or early departures by requiring them to check in and out with remotely monitored timestamps using their own cellphones.

This system's strength lies in its ability to verify a teacher's physical presence within their designated location, substantiated by their photograph, preventing any chance of impersonation. This stringent system compels teachers to alter their behavior, disallowing any laxity in their approach even if they had previously considered it.

Despite its seemingly intrusive nature, the implementation of GPS-based attendance was an imperative step considering the dire state of the education system, particularly within the valley.

While critics might contend that teaching, being a noble profession, shouldn't be subjected to such stringent monitoring, it's essential to recognize the unique circumstances in this region.

Unlike certain Western societies where individual responsibility is more pervasive, the situation here necessitated a more structured approach. Just as treating a severe illness often requires therapy or even surgery, addressing the significant issues plaguing the education sector demanded a similarly drastic intervention.



The GPS-based attendance system served as a crucial tool to revive and sustain the ailing education apparatus, serving as a necessary remedy to a complex problem.

The implementation of GPS-based attendance wasn't an experimental or trial initiative; rather, it was a deliberate government endeavor aimed at re-establishing stability in the valley. Its primary goal was to grant students, who had endured immense hardship for decades, the opportunity to attend school regularly.

This effort not only fulfilled the crucial educational objective but also provided fatigued students with additional advantages. These included engaging in sports activities and participating in various co-curricular programs, allowing them to benefit from a broader spectrum of opportunities.

The joy and contentment witnessed among students and their parents is a testament to the transformation seen in these young minds, now liberated from the confines of disrupted education.

For decades, they were denied the simple pleasure of going to school, a basic right that had been withheld due to the turmoil in the region. The psychological impact on a child forced to stay home instead of attending school is profound. It undoubtedly was a kind of imprisonment that stifled not just their academic growth but also their emotional and mental well-being.

However, with the resumption of regular schooling, there's a tangible shift in their morale. The newfound freedom of attending classes regularly has lifted their spirits, allowing them to embrace a sense of normalcy. Their minds are now open to learning, exploring, and envisioning a brighter future.

This restoration of regular education has provided a beacon of hope, showing a clear path forward after years of uncertainty. The children are regaining their confidence, finding joy in learning, and discovering the endless possibilities that education offers. For both students and parents, seeing their children liberated from this educational confinement has become a source of immense happiness and a promising outlook for the future.

The sentiments echoed by citizens and parents

regarding the recently implemented system are overwhelmingly positive. When asked for their feedback, they express genuine happiness and gratitude towards the government for its introduction.

Their collective praise underscores the appreciation and satisfaction felt within the community. This widespread approval signifies the system's success in meeting the needs and expectations of those directly impacted by its implementation. The resounding support from citizens and parents serves as a testament to the system's efficacy and its significant contribution towards enhancing the educational landscape.

The remarkable success achieved through the implementation of GPS-based attendance in the education sector signals a pivotal moment for considering its application in other critical domains, particularly healthcare.

Much like the education sector, healthcare also suffered severe setbacks and challenges, bringing it to a precarious state. Despite efforts to revive it, the health sector is still struggling, unable to operate at its full potential.

Expanding the scope of GPS-based monitoring to encompass the healthcare sector appears to be a logical step forward. Introducing a similar robust system could help address the existing deficiencies, streamline processes, and ensure accountability in healthcare delivery.

By incorporating technological advancements similar to those witnessed in the education system, it's possible to bring about a transformative change in healthcare. The integration of such a system has the potential to elevate the standards of healthcare services, aiding in better management, efficient resource utilization, and ultimately, improving the overall health outcomes for the community.

Therefore, it's imperative to expedite the inclusion of this technology in the healthcare sector to initiate a much-needed revival and ensure its ability to function effectively.

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

## Crown Of Thorns

T.C.A. Raghavan

Pakistan is accustomed to living dangerously. Iskander Ali Mirza was Pakistan's last governor-general and its first president under the 1956 Constitution. His was the career of a military officer-turned-civil servant and, then, after the creation of Pakistan, he turned to politics. As president, he went on to stage a de facto coup, abrogate the Constitution, declare martial law, and appoint the then chief of army staff, Ayub Khan, as the chief martial law administrator. But within days, he found himself deposed and exiled to London. Denied permission to return to Pakistan, he died in London in relative obscurity in 1969. He was buried in Tehran; requests for a burial in his own country were turned down.

To tell his side of the story of why he abrogated Pakistan's Constitution and paved the way for Ayub Khan — his nemesis — and of Pakistan's long tryst with military rule, Mirza had written an autobiography that had remained unpublished. Its publication now in Pakistan has reignited curiosity about the many ironies of his life and political career. Perhaps the greatest of these was that as a Bengali, he was the initiator of Pakistan's abrogation of its first Constitution as well as its martial-law regime.

His story also has parallels with the last days of another military dictator, General Pervez Musharraf, who died in exile in Dubai, although his body was buried with military honours in Karachi. These two instances of military generals and coups ending with exile also underline the contrast with the trajectories of civilian politicians. In the latter category, we find that alongside instances of being deposed, assassinated or even executed, there is a template of triumphal return from exile — a template denied to Pakistan's generals.

The late Benazir Bhutto demonstrated this abil-

ity to return from exile twice; the former prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, ending his exile in London and returning this October to spearhead his party's effort to regain political power is an even more striking illustration of the same screenplay.

With his return to Pakistan last month, a sliver of clarity over Pakistan's political direction has started emerging: the general election will be held in early February 2024. The pressure on the other former prime minister, Imran Khan, now in jail, continues and the vectors in favour of Nawaz Sharif appear to have an irreversible traction. There are still naysayers however — after all, February is still some time away.

Nawaz Sharif being a key element in a military-led concert expected to form the next government is ironic. He had been ousted by the army thrice — through backroom conspiracy, through a military coup and, finally, through what was a judicial coup. His countrymen have taken this in their stride. Things in Pakistan are seldom straightforward: as Benazir Bhutto once wrote, "There are always circles within circles, rarely straight lines."

Will Nawaz Sharif's return to power and a smooth interface with the military provide Pakistan with the stability it so desperately needs? Many hope so. But even the most optimistic are daunted given the scale of issues Pakistan confronts even beyond its splintered politics and perpetually imbalanced civil-military relationship. A tottering economy for which there are no easy answers is eas-

ily at the top of the list. Perhaps even more serious is the erosion of public confidence and morale as terrorist attacks acquire a frequency and intensity reminiscent of Pakistan's age of trouble between 2007 and 2015.

The latest attack on a Pakistan air force base recalls earlier episodes when defence installations were targeted almost at will by the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan. This latest attack also coincided, as in the past, with a deterioration in Pakistan-Afghanistan relations. There is in Pakistan a deep sense of grievance that the Taliban, which has been in power since August 2021, has not done anything to curb the Tehrik-e-Taliban and its attacks on Pakistan. This accumulated tension has now acquired a new front. After a series of terrorist attacks, Pakistan has started deporting a large number of Afghan refugees regarded as unregistered and 'illegal' residents.

The presence of numerous Afghan refugees in Pakistan has been a central factor in the relationship between the two countries for four decades. That Pakistan used these refugees to advance its interests is well-known: various mujahideen groups and the different iterations of the Taliban were all incubated in the refugee camps of Pakistan. But the other aspect of this story is seldom heard outside Pakistan — that it has shouldered an extraordinary burden of 3-4 million refugees for such a long period of time notwithstanding its own resource constraints. It is a measure of the failure of Pakistan's

Afghan policy that its search for the elusive 'strategic depth' in Afghanistan has meant that it has comprehensively squandered the goodwill it could have legitimately earned from the refuge it has provided to so many Afghans for so long. The large-scale deportations now underway mean that even more trouble in the coming months can be easily forecast across the Af-Pak border.

Notwithstanding the drama of its domestic issues, what is also present in Pakistan is an extraordinary level of interest in the daily tragedy unfolding in Gaza. This is not surprising; there is always high priority attached to what is happening in the world of Islam and the interest is even higher if the contestation is with a non-Islamic player. To many in Pakistan, Palestine is a metaphor for its own failure vis-à-vis Kashmir as well as a more general indictment of the West and the loss of power of the Islamic world.

The Gaza situation may not directly impact Pakistan in a tangible way but it contributes to the cocktail of different frustrations brewing in that country — a restive Af-Pak border, mounting terrorist attacks, and a failed economy. In case Nawaz Sharif's present trajectory continues uninterrupted and the February election tilts in his favour, he may well find his next tenure as prime minister to be the most onerous of all. Triumphant returns may be the politicians' preserve in Pakistan but they can also be a crown of thorns.

*Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer. The article was originally published by Telegraph India*





# Drass Half Marathon: A Daunting Feat



Tani Khan

In the heart of the majestic Himalayas, lies the enchanting region of Ladakh. Known for its rugged beauty and extreme weather conditions, Ladakh attracts adventurers from all over the world. Two of such adventurers, Tani Khan and Jalal Jeevani, have an insatiable thirst for challenges. I am one of them.

I had always been captivated by the allure of the mountains and had a deep desire to explore the uncharted territories of our homeland. This winter, I along with my friend, decided to embark on a daring 30-kilometer run from Meena Marg (Meena Bridge) to Drass, a small town known for its breathtaking landscapes and freezing temperatures.

One fine morning when our breath was visible in the frigid air, we were set to begin our run. We dressed in layers of warm clothing, our running shoes firmly laced, and with a determined look on our face. With a deep enthusiastic sigh, we set off on this remarkable journey.

The first few kilometers were relatively smooth, as our excitement and adrenaline propelled us forward. The snow-covered landscape stretched out before us, glistening under the winter sun. The silence of the mountains enveloped us, broken only by the sound of rhythmic footsteps.

As we ventured deeper into the wilderness, the terrain became more challenging. The path was steep and treacherous, covered in thick layers of snow and ice. Our heart pounded in our chest but we refused to let fear take hold of us. We focused on each step, carefully navigating the icy patches and rocky obstacles that stood in our way.

The biting wind whipped against our face, threatening to freeze our spirit. But determination burned bright within us, and we pressed on; our minds focused on the destination that awaited. We knew that the journey would be difficult but we were prepared to face whatever challenges came our way.

As we ran, we marveled at the untouched beauty of the winter landscape. The snow-capped peaks towered above us, their grandeur reminding us of the indomitable spirit of nature. The frozen rivers and lakes sparkled like diamonds, casting an ethereal glow on the surroundings.

Hours passed, and our body grew weary but our spirit remained unyielding. We drew strength from the sheer beauty that surrounded us, finding solace in the knowledge that we were experiencing something truly extraordinary.

As the sun began its descent, casting long shadows across the landscape, we finally reached Drass. Exhausted but elated, we

stood at the town's entrance, our breath misting in the cold air. The sight before us was awe-inspiring — a winter wonderland that seemed straight out of a fairytale.

The 30-kilometer run from Meena Marg to Drass in winter had been a test of our physical and mental endurance. It had pushed us to our limits but it had also rewarded us with a sense of accomplishment that words cannot describe.

As we stood there, taking in the beauty of Drass, we knew that this journey was just the beginning. We had discovered a love for pushing boundaries, for embracing the unknown, and for finding strength in the face of adversity.

With a heart full of gratitude and a mind brimming with new dreams, we made a silent promise to ourselves: we would continue to explore the wonders of our homeland, to keep challenging ourselves in new ways, and to inspire others to follow their own paths of adventure.

And so, as the sun dipped below the horizon, we turned our gaze towards the mountains once again. With a smile on our faces and fire in our heart, we set off into the unknown, ready to conquer new heights and create our own extraordinary stories.

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## Shining A Light On Winter Depression

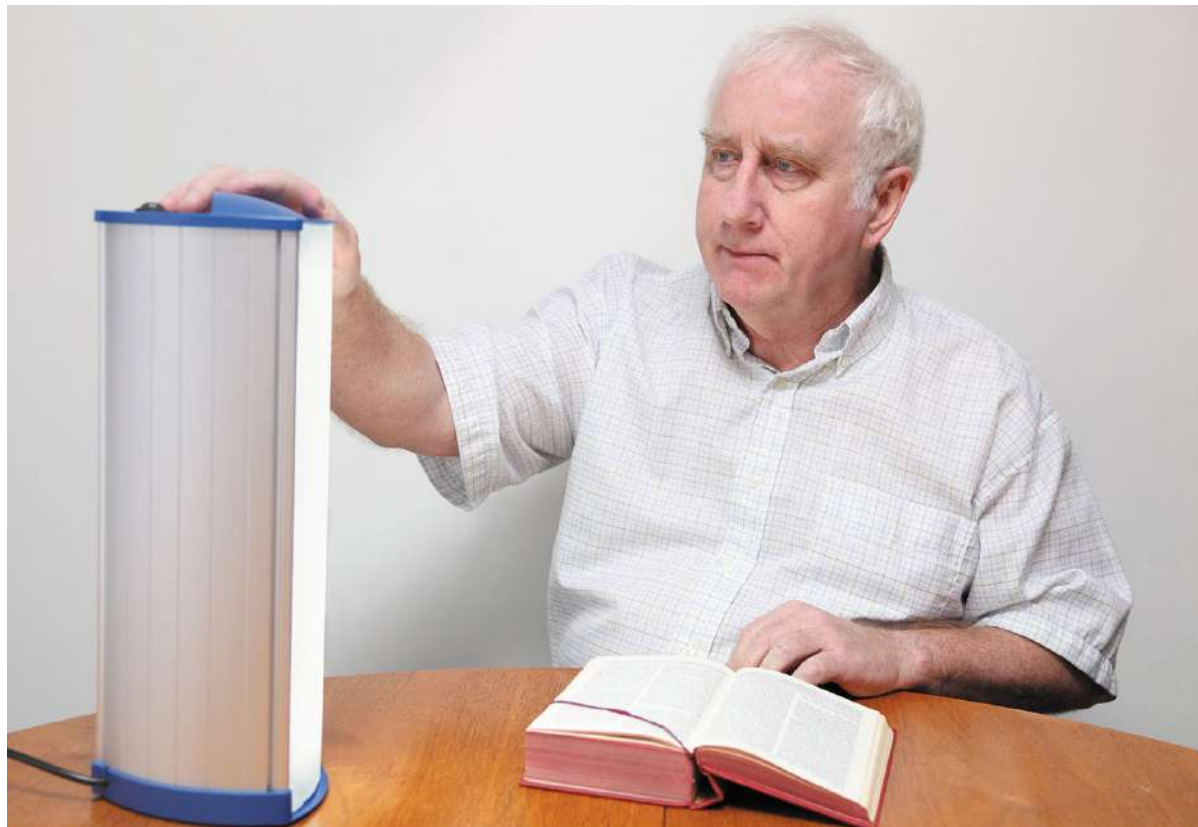
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Winter does not officially begin until Dec. 21, but as the days grow shorter and sunlight exposure becomes scarcer, seasonal affective disorder (SAD) becomes more common. SAD is a type of depression that occurs during the late fall and early winter and often ends by spring or early summer. The exact cause of SAD is unknown, but research points to lack of light as the main contributor.

"SAD is not a minor condition, but because people typically experience it only during certain months, they don't see it as a serious issue. However, it is imperative to treat," says Dr. Paolo Cassano, a psychiatrist who specializes in low-level light therapy at Harvard-affiliated Massachusetts General Hospital.

Chemical imbalances  
How does SAD occur? Sunlight exposure stimulates the hypothalamus, a part of the brain that helps control your circadian rhythm — the body's internal 24-hour sleep-wake clock.

Lack of light can throw off your circadian rhythm. This can cause your brain to produce too much of the sleep hormone melatonin and to release less serotonin, the feel-good brain chemical that affects mood. The result of this chemical imbalance?



You feel low and lethargic. Other common symptoms of SAD include lack of sexual energy, overeating (especially from craving high-

carbohydrate and high-calorie comfort food), and social withdrawal.

SAD affects more than just mood. It is also associated with impaired

cognitive function, including problems with concentration and working memory — like having trouble recalling just-learned information or

finding the right words when speaking.

People who live in the northern states, where there's noticeably less light in fall and winter, tend to suffer more from SAD than those who live in the south. A family history of SAD or depression also raises your risk.

Drugs and light therapy  
The most common drugs used to treat SAD are antidepressants. Bupropion (Wellbutrin) primarily increases levels of dopamine, while selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and serotonin-noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs) increase mostly serotonin levels.

If medication is not for you, or you want to avoid drugs because of possible side effects, then light therapy may be a better option. The idea behind light therapy is to replace the missing sunshine with artificial light.

Light therapy uses light boxes that produce a bright white light. As far as your brain is concerned, artificial light works just like natural sunlight. "Even if you don't yet have the clinical signs and symptoms of SAD, using light therapy during the winter may help prevent it," says Dr. Cassano.

There are many light boxes available online. Here are some tips for finding the right one and using it correctly.

Get enough exposure. Your light box should have 10,000 lux exposure. ("Lux" is a measure of light intensity.) A bright sunny day is 50,000 lux or more.

Don't stare. Keep your eyes open, but don't look directly at the light. Keep the box in front of you or just off to the side and about a foot away. "Spend your time reading, meditating, or watching TV," says Dr. Cassano.

Get enough time. You should absorb light for about 30 minutes a day. You don't have to do it all at once, either.

Begin in the morning. Try to get in some light time before 10 a.m.

"As days become longer and sunnier, you will use light therapy less often, or may even stop during the spring and summer except for the occasional cloudy weeks," says Dr. Cassano.

Light therapy is relatively safe, although there can be some minor, temporary side effects like headaches and irritability.

Also, some medications, especially antibiotics like tetracycline, can make your skin more sensitive to light, and if you have a family history of macular degeneration, exposure to light therapy over the years may increase your risk. If any of these situations applies, check with your doctor before trying light therapy.



Government of Jammu &amp; Kashmir

**Office Of The Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Ganderbal**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

CIVIL WORKS

SINGLE COVER SYSTEM (upto Rs.2.50 Crores)

EE/R&amp;B/Divn/Gbl/e-Tender NIT No. 170 of 2023-24 issued under endorsement No. 13812-17

Dated: 25.11.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S.No	Name of the Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Rs. In Rupees)	Earnest Money (Rs. In Rupees)	Time of completion (45-Days)	M.H of Account (HAPD)	Class Of Contractor (CEE/BEE)
1.	Strengthening and Modernization of existing Govt. Farms at NFSF Manasbal under HADP Project	Rs.19.73 Lacs	Rs.800/-	Rs.39,460/-			

Position of AAAs: Accorded.  
Position of funds: Available.

1. 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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	25-11-2023 2:00 PM
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	25-11-2023 from 4:00 PM
3.	Bid submission Start Date	25-11-2023 from 4:00 PM
4.	Bid Submission End Date	02-12-2023 upto 4:00 PM
5.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (online)	04-12-2023 at 10:35 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury Receipt/ Challan in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Ganderbal.

Note:- The Date of Treasury Challan and CDR must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date.  
Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.

1. The Bidders shall upload earnest money equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering pledged in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal. The Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG by the successful bidder pledged in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Ganderbal. The Performance Security i.e. 5% shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. The EMD of 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security/after award of the contract for the Work is issued.

2.1 Note:- All bidders shall submit the uploaded Treasury Challan in Original before issuance allotment.

3. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bid of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Ganderbal (tender receiving unit).

4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bid.

5. Earnest money shall be forfeited if:-  
a) 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.  
b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified timeline.  
c) Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

6.1 (A) Instructions to bidders regarding tendering process.  
6.2 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) to acquaint bidders with the bidding process.

6.3 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.

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

6.5 Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

6.6 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original photocopies of documents related to the bid to be submitted physically I by registered post / through courier before the date specified in Para-1.

6.7 Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies and all other documents required as per NIT with technical bid. No document (s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained for technical evaluation in the form of hard copy. However in case of any clarification the bidders all have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

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

6.8 (B) Bidders should note that if the documents uploaded/submitted on the basis of which the contract has been awarded are forged/fake/not genuine at any time, the contract shall be cancelled and the contractor/bidder shall be recommended for blacklisting and debarred from taking part in tendering which the PWD/Other Departments for a period of one year in the first instance, besides the performance security deposited for the said work shall be forfeited.

7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

8. For item rate method 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 upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

9. The %age rate method requires the bidder to quote a percentage above/below/at par at the bottom of the BOQ percentage template for the work. The percentage quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

10. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually.

11. Price escalation on and Taxes:- deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor of the gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.

12. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in the user on R&B-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

13. In case of CRF and any other specified project. The relevant guidelines standard bidding document shall be followed.

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

No.13812-17  
DIPK-12888/23 Dated: 25-11-2023

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Ganderbal

Government of Union Territory Jammu &amp; Kashmir

**Office Of The Executive Engineer Mechanical And Hospitals Division Handwara**E-mail, id, [xenmhdhandwara@gmail.com](mailto:xenmhdhandwara@gmail.com)

Tender Notice Inviting e-Tender

e-NIT No: 18 of 2023-24

Date: 24-11-2023

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

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

1. **Downloading of Bids:** The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Qs), Set of Terms & Conditions of Contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from **25-11-2023 (06.00PM)**

2. **Submission of Bids:** The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from **26-11-2023 (10.00 AM)** in two covers up to **02-12-2023 (12.00 PM)**.

3. **Opening of Bids:** The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on **04-12-2023 (14.00 PM)** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara.

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

5. The bid for the work shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. (Cover-II)

**Cover-I shall contain: Scanned copies of following documents:**

I	Tender Fee	Rs. 500.00 (Rupees five hundred only) in shape of e-Challan / e-receipt / online Bank transfer acknowledgement excluding mPay or any other mobile banking App., to be uploaded with each online bid pledged to Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara. Tender Id to be written also on the voucher. Bank: J&K Bank. Branch: Handwara main. IFSC Code: JAKA0HNDWAR Account No: 013101057000099.
II	EMD	Scanned copy of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of CDR/FDR equivalent to 2% of value of the advertised cost pledged to Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara. The Earnest money shall be released after completion of works in favour of the successful Bidder while as for unsuccessful bidders it shall be released immediately after placement of work order
III	Terms & Conditions	Scanned copy of the Annexure duly accepted by the bidder.
IV	Tax Clearance	Registration Certificate of Sales Tax Department quoting GST Number.
V	GST	Scanned copies of PAN Card / GST Registration / Latest GST clearance certificate or acknowledgement of latest returns.
VI	Undertaking	Undertaking that the bidder has not been blacklisted or debarred by any Govt./Semi Govt. Department.
VII	Performance guarantee	An amount equivalent to 05% of the value of the Contract shall be submitted by the successful bidder before release of his EMD as "Performance Guarantee" in the shape of BG pledged to Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara, and shall be retained by the department during the currency of contract and shall be released on completion of 60 days after expiry of DLP.
VIII	Dealership certificate	In case of authorized dealer or workshop holder, the bidder shall submit documentary proof of the same.

**Note:- Successful Bidder (L1) needs to furnish original EMD and Fee Receipt to this Division / Department for obtaining Letter of Acceptance / L.O.I from this Division / Department.**

**Cover II shall contain the price bid as per BOQ which shall be inclusive of all taxes under GST. The price bid is to be uploaded only.**

- The complete bidding process will be online.
- The Financial bid of only qualifying bidders shall be opened online in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara after evaluation of the technical bid.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) content. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- The cost of tender document is non-refundable and the tender shall in no case be accepted if submitted by any firm other than the purchaser.
- Any tender found to have been submitted by the firm by furnishing false information to the Department shall be cancelled and the firm shall be penalized as and when it comes to the notice of the Department even during the currency of the contract. The tenders should be addressed to the Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara.
- The Department shall not be responsible for delay in submission of bids due to any reasons, whatsoever.
- The Department reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in part or in full without assigning any reason thereof.
- The successful bidder has to carry out the repair jobs based on allotment order issued by the Department at the rates allotted under this contract from the date of issue of Allotment Order.

No: - M&HDH/TS/784-87  
DIPK-12894/23 Dated: - 25-11-2023

Sd/- Executive Engineer  
Mechanical & Hospitals Division  
Handwara

Union Territory of Jammu &amp; Kashmir

JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT

**Office of the Executive Engineer FBI Division Tangmarg**Office Phone No.01954-254611 Email Address: [fbidivisiontangmarg@gmail.com](mailto:fbidivisiontangmarg@gmail.com)

e-TENDER NOTICE No.34 of 2023-24 FBI Division

Tangmarg

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders on Percentage basis are invited from approved registered eligible contractors with J&K UT Govt. for following works:-

S No	Name of work	Estt. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Rs. Cost of Doc. (in Rs.)	T/Earnest money (in Lacs)	Time of Completion (in Days)	Class of contract	M.H of Account
1	Providing Laying and Fitting of HDPE/GI pipes construction of Chain link fencing construction of Anchor/ Saddle blocks for Raw Water Main for WSS Gobarpur/Kashipora under NABARD	210.54 lacs	3000/-	421080/-	120 days	As defined in SBD	NABARD
2	Providing /Laying and Fitting of HDPE/GI pipes /construction of Chain link fencing / construction of Anchor/ Saddle blocks /road restoration during laying of pipes and renovation / improvements to existing pipe network WSS Ferozpora under NABARD	56.19 lacs	3000/-	339020/-	120 days	As defined in SBD	NABARD
3	Providing /Laying and Fitting of HDPE/GI pipes /construction of Chain link fencing / construction of Anchor blocks for Raw Water Main and improvements to existing pipe network for WSS Poskher, under NABARD	69.51 lacs	3000/-	312380/-	120 days	As defined in SBD	NABARD

- Position of funds: Approved Under NABARD (Available)
- Ref:- 1. AAA No. CE/PHE/DB/80 of 10/2018, Dated:- 26.10.2018, WSS Ferozpora Shrai
- TS No. Order No. CE/PHE/DB/953 of 11/2023, Dated:- 04.11.2023.
- AAA No. order 132-PW (Hyd) of 2018, dated:- 27.03.2020,
- TS Order No. CE/PHE/DB/952 of 11/2023, Dated:- 04.11.2023. WSS Gulabjaj/Poskhar.
- AAA No. CE/PHE/DB/81 of 10/2018, Dated:- 26.10.2018, WSS Gobarpur/Kashipora
- TS No. Order No. CE/PHE/DB/954 of 11/2023, Dated:- 04.11.2023.

The tendering authority is Executive Engineer, FBI Division Tangmarg. The awarding authority is Superintendent Engineer Hyd Circle Sopore).

Critical Dates:

01	Date of issue of Tender Notice	24/11/2023
02	Date of downloading of bidding documents	24/11/2023 from 6:00 PM
03	Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid meeting	30/11/2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of Superintendent Engineer Hydraulic Circle Baramulla HQ, Sopore.
04	Bid submission start date	1/12/2023 from 10.00 AM
05	Bid Submission end date	11/12/2023 upto 04.00 PM
06	Date & time of opening Technical Bids (online)	12/12/2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of Superintendent Engineer Hydraulic Circle Baramulla HQ, Sopore.

Date &amp; time of opening Financial Bids (online)

To be notified after technical bid evaluation

Terms and Conditions:-

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of 2% CDR/FDR/BG tender document non-refundable / non-transferable) to be deposited under M.H 0215 Rev Misc in the shape of Treasury challan/e-challan (mentioning therein NIT No. S.No of work) to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti FBI Division Tangmarg and date on it must be prior to date of issuance of this tender notice, EMD)
- The contractor has to arrange all key construction and any other material required for the execution and successful completion of the works, as per orders of Engineer in charge, on his own. However, if any such material is available in the divisional stores, the same shall be supplied on stock issue rates prevailing at the time of the supply of such material including rapidite etc. if required at site.
- Bidders must upload the scanned copy of all necessary documents like CDR /PAN/ in GSTIN/treasury Challan/E- Challan/ latest GST Clearance Certificate/Registration card duly renewed and hard copies of L1 physically to Tender Receiving Authority after the date of opening of bid.
- The rates quoted by the contractor shall be inclusive of charges for dewatering if any. No extra charges shall be paid on Account of dewatering (if any)
- The tenderer should in his own interest inspect and examine the site, its surroundings /topography, nature of ground, climatic conditions, accessibility or other relevant information at his own expenses and responsibility to satisfy himself before Tendering his rates for the different components of these advertised work.
- If L1 fails to start the work within 15 days of the issuance of letter of intent or allotment, whichever is earlier, the department shall Allot the work to the other willing Lowest bidder like L2, L3, L4 and EMD additional Security Performance of the lowest bidder shall be forfeited, besides debarring the Contractor for a period of two years for participating in the e-Nit's issued by this division
- In case of seriously unbalanced bids from bidders (i.e more than 15% lower than adv. Cost) The additional performance security deposit of 50% of unbalanced cost shall be mandatory for the bidder if he qualifies as the lowest bidder.
- The tender documents can be down loaded on e-procurement Portal <http://www.jktenders.gov.in> The tender documents can be down loaded as per schedule shown in the e-nit. The e-tender so uploaded shall be accompanied with a e-Challan or Treasury Challan/Govt. Receipt drawn in favour of Executive Engineer JSD FBI Division Tangmarg towards the cost of
- The Bidders will firmly note that the above items of work involved for aforesaid Work(s) shall include but not limited to the following:- Excavation and disposal of all types of soils and rocks from open excavation etc. including extraction/removal of tree trunks and their clearance to the best satisfaction of Engineer in-charge, including Nallah diversions, dewatering etc. All safety arrangements as per relevant IS, IRC and IRS Code so practice and as specified in the tender documents. Construction of all access roads as required to different construction spots and construction of all temporary diversions of roads, laying of temporary Pipe crossings, maintenance of all roads and dismantling same after completion & making same good. Construction of all temporary cross drains as required and construction of all temporary diversions of streams /Nallah/ Canals, maintenance of all diversions etc. as per site conditions and as directed by the Engineer. The rates shall include the Charges for Sub mission of progress photographs (digital), video graphic record through the professional person before, during & after construction and progress reports in both hard and soft copies. Taking Cross-Sections/L-Sections by Auto Level/ ETS before and after execution. Preparation of work abstract of executed work, preparation no Bills. The information and data stated and incorporated into tender document elsewhere in for the General guidance only and may vary result of more detailed construction drawings and as per site requirements. Also Providing of First Aid medical facilities to the Labourers, working staff if of working addition as mentioned at above site(s) & the insurance as well. Maintaining pollution free, dust free conditions at site.
- Tenders will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in the office Superintendent Engineer Hyd Circle Sopore on the day as mentioned in SBD and referred on Top Sheet above or any Subsequent working day, (which shall be informed through e-mail, WhatsApp, mobile) in presence of such tenderers or the authorized representatives who wish to remain present at the time of opening of tenders initially only the technical bids shall be opened and will be evaluated.
- If it is found that any tenderer /shall/have furnished misleading/wrong or fraudulent information /documents, his/their tender shall not be considered and the EMD of the tenderer/s will be forfeited.
- If the documents/information submitted is found to be wrong/ fraudulent at any stage after award of work, the contract may be terminated and the work shall be executed at the risk and cost of the Tenderer / contractor's-Tender received without value specified in the tender document shall be summarily rejected.
- The Chief Engineer concerned Kashmir/ Superintendent Engineer hydraulic Circle Sopore / Executive Engineer, FBI Division Tangmarg (whichever applicable) reserves the right to postpone the tender submission/ opening date and to accept/ reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. The decision of the Chief Engineer Concerned/ Superintendent Engineer hydraulic Circle Sopore / Executive Engineer FBI Division Tangmarg (whichever applicable) after assessment of suitability as per eligibility criteria shall be final and binding.
- The defect liability period (DLP) shall be twelve months after the completion and successful commissioning of the work the date of completion of the works shall be taken financial as recorded by concerned Asstt. Executive Engineer in the works register maintained by him for the said works 10% of the payment retained as deposit money shall be released after completion of defect liability period (DLP) of one year.
- The validity of the offer shall be 90 days from the date of opening Price Bid".
- For any clarification the Bidders can contact divisional office or can email the Department at the email: [fbidivisiontangmarg@gmail.com](mailto:fbidivisiontangmarg@gmail.com) / [sehydbla@gmail.com](mailto:sehydbla@gmail.com)
- Any item of work which is required for satisfactory completion of the scheme/ individual activity shall be exclusively responsibility of the contractor and no additional cost shall be paid to the contractor.
- In case of any disputes/differences, the jurisdiction shall be to the Courts situated in Srinagar only. Supplies, if involved any, will be deducted at prevalent stock rates at the time of tender for such material. We look forward to your active participation.
- The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specification, Bill of Quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Department's website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).
- The tenders shall be uploaded in electronic format on the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) in the tenders uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened as per the schedule above in the office of the Executive Engineer, FBI Division Tangmarg.
- The complete bidding process will be online.
- Tenders must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in the shape of Treasury Receipt/ CDR/E challan pledged to Tender Receiving Authority and bidders shall quote EritNo:-/S.No. of the work on E Challan/treasury Challan/.
- The penalty shall be imposed if:-  
a) any tenderer withdraws his tender during the period of tender validity  
or make any modification in terms and conditions of the tender.  
b) the contractor fails to execute the agreement within 07 days after fixation of contract.
- Instructions to bidder regarding e-tendering process: Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the Downloads option as well as from Bidder Manual Kit on website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per information Technology Act-2000.
- Bidders have to submit their bids on line in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
- The original instrument in respect of Treasury Receipt, CDR /FDR and relevant copies with the technical bid documents as specified above must be submitted by lowest bidder (L1) to Executive Engineer F.B.I Division Tangmarg by hand or by speed/registered post before the allotting of work or as and when demanded. If the bidder fails to produce the same within the prescribed time period, he will be debarred from participation in tendering process in this division for at least one year.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Note:- Scan all documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The successful bidder shall also submit the bank account statement for release of payments against work done claims.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.
- The payment shall be made only when the funds are received under proper head of account by this office.
- The Tender receiving authority reserves the right to post pone/cancel/reject/accept the tender/work without assigning reasons.
- Bidder shall note that terms and conditions of the contract circulated by the authorities from time to time applicable on the contract even if not incorporated in this tender notice.
- In case of any dispute regarding the work The Concerned Chief Engineers shall be the sole ARBITRATOR.
- Any other information can be obtained from the office of the U/S on any working day during office hours.
- All other terms and conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD Form No.-25(double), and as per the GFR-2017.
- Taxes in vogue under new tax regime shall be deducted at sources at the time of payment i.e. IT/GST etc
- In case of any typographical error or confusion found in the advertised rate list the items quantities Rate/nomenclature etc. shall be deemed as per the proposed estimate and SOR of 2022.
- If the work is not completed within the stipulated time, penalty @ 10% of allotted amount will be levied and deducted from contractor's claims.
- In no case, the quantity of work executed shall exceed the allotted quantities, the contractor is himself / herself responsible for such extension and no payment in excess of allotted cost shall be paid by this division.
- The date of start of the work shall be reckoned as communicated by concerned Asstt. Executive Engineer.
- Rest terms and conditions as defined in SBD.

No:- FBID/CC/5570-86  
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Dated:- 25-11-2023

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Technical Officer

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Executive Engineer,  
FBI Division Tangmarg



## ED Searches Realty Major DLF In Money Laundering Case Against Supertech

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has searched the premises of realty major DLF in Gurugram as part of a money laundering investigation against real estate firm Supertech and its promoters, official sources said on Saturday.

The central agency has recovered some documents during the action that was carried out over the last two days, they said.

The action is linked to the ED investigation against Supertech, the sources said.

DLF, later in a stock market filing, said "a team of officials from the Enforcement Directorate visited our premises seeking information with respect to investigation being conducted in the matter of Supertech."

The officials sought details of transactions relevant to the said investigation and the company extended full cooperation by providing them all relevant documents in this regard, it said.

The ED had arrested Supertech promoter R K or Ram Kishor Arora in this case in June. He is in judicial custody at present.

It had then alleged that Arora was the main controlling person of the group who decided to "divert" crores of funds of investors and homebuyers to



various shell companies.

The money laundering case, filed under the criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), stems from as many as 26 FIRs registered by the police departments of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh against Supertech Limited and its group companies on allegations of cheating 670 homebuyers for an amount of Rs 164 crore.

The ED had said "huge amounts of money running into hundreds of crores were siphoned off through Supertech Group and they failed to adhere to their agreed obligations to provide the possession of flats to customers on time".

It claimed that Supertech Group "siphoned off Rs 440 crore received from customers and homebuyers for purchasing land in Gurugram in 2013-14 at highly inflated prices while their already promised projects in Noida were not completed".

## Global Air Passenger Traffic Hit Highest Number Since Pandemic On Nov 24

Domestic Air Passenger Traffic Hits New Peak As Airlines Carry 463,417

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The international air passenger traffic touched 1,06,827 on Friday, the highest level post the coronavirus pandemic, according to union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.

In a post on X, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Saturday said international air passenger traffic stood at 1,06,827 on November 24 and it was the "highest post Covid international air traffic".

"A landmark day for Indian aviation sector! After reaching the milestone of carrying 4.63 lakh daily domestic passengers, the sector has achieved yet another feat of carrying more than 1 lakh daily international passengers," he said.

Meanwhile, Domestic air passenger traffic touched a new high on Thursday as airlines carried 4,63,417 people.

"Post-Covid, India's domestic aviation's turnaround story has not just been overwhelming but inspiring as well. Positive attitude, progressive policies, and deep trust among passengers are taking it to new heights with every flight, every day," the civil aviation ministry said in a post on X on Friday.

As per official data, the total number of domestic passen-



gers was 4,63,417 and flight movements were 5,998 on Thursday (November 23).

In a post on X, civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said a new record has been set in Indian domestic aviation.

Earlier this month, domestic air traffic had touched new peaks for three consecutive days — November 18, 19 and 20.

## Govt Makes Biogas Blending Mandatory



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The government on Saturday announced compulsory blending of compressed biogas, which is extracted from municipal and agriculture waste, in natural gas to cut reliance on imports.

Initially, 1 per cent of biogas will be blended in gas used in automobiles and household kitchens for cooking from April 2025, a government statement said. The share will be increased to around 5 per cent by 2028.

The government also plans to have 1 per cent sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in aircraft turbine fuel by 2027, doubling to 2 per cent in 2028. The SAF targets will initially apply to international flights, the statement said.

This is in line with the aim of

achieving net zero emissions targets by 2070.

"CBG Blending Obligation (CBO) will promote production and consumption of Compressed Biogas (CBG) in the country," it said.

"The key objectives of the CBO are to stimulate demand for CBG in city gas distribution sector, import substitution for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), saving in forex, promoting circular economy and to assist in achieving the target of net zero emission.

The CBO will encourage investment of around Rs 37,500 crores and facilitate establishment of 750 CBG projects by 2028-29, the statement said.

The CBG blending will be voluntary till FY 2024-2025 (April 2024 to March 2025) and the mandatory blending obligation will start from FY 2025-26.

## Retail, E-Commerce Likely To See Fairly Good Year Ahead: Snapdeal CEO

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Retail and e-commerce businesses are likely to see a "fairly good" year ahead, given the strength of the Indian economy and uptick of demand in various categories as well as traction from semi-urban locations, according to Snapdeal CEO Himanshu Chakrawarti.

"As we are seeing currently, our economy is in a very good shape and all aspects of the business, specifically the categories that we operate in, which is in the disposable income categories... I think we're going to see a significant boost-up next year," Chakrawarti told PTI.

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He was speaking on the sidelines of Digital Acceleration & Transformation Expo (DATE with Tech).

"We are seeing green shoots come through even in the semi-urban areas and with the tailwind that we have, I think both retail and e-commerce should see a fairly good year in 2024," Chakrawarti said.

On Snapdeal's expansion plans, the top boss of the e-commerce platform said it is looking at ways to reach out to more and more people in the hinterland, and to encourage them to buy online.

"And there's a lot of effort that we are making predominantly in the voice and the



vernacular space. That is one area where we are going to see a lot of innovation that we will carry out for the Tier-2 and beyond audiences, as we bring technology to them," he said.

The company is also looking at ways to get more buyers to opt for digital payments.

"The second part which we are working on is to how to convert a lot of them (users) from cash-on-delivery to digital payments. With government's initiatives that we've seen and the amount of digital penetration, it is something that we are working on...to increase the digital payments penetration," Chakrawarti said.

Whether Snapdeal is looking at an IPO, Chakrawarti said the company will look at how to capitalise the business further "at the right moment", be it through the public market or private.

"But having said that, our

preference has always been for the public market... to go public. So at the opportune moment, when it is right and we feel it is, and when we are ready for it, we will be looking at it," he said.

On the funding winter in the startup ecosystem, Chakrawarti believes there is no dearth of capital for ventures focusing on business fundamentals.

"I don't think there's lack of capital availability. What has happened is that the capital is going to businesses which are working on generating revenues and profits, and focusing on basics of business not just growth and customer acquisitions... which in any case is what should have been," he said.

Investors are looking at these aspects very carefully now, and startups that prioritise business basics will not face any issues. "There is enough capital available in the market," he said.

## Sebi To Amend Rules To Facilitate Small And Medium REITs

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** Sebi on Saturday decided to bring entities facilitating fractional investment in real estate under a regulatory framework, whereby they will be required to operate as Small and Medium Real Estate Investment Trusts.

Such SM REITs should be set up as a trust with the ability to establish separate scheme for owning real estate assets through wholly-owned special purpose vehicles constituted as a company, the regulator said.

Sebi's board, at its meeting on Saturday, approved amendments to REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014 in order to create a regulatory framework for the facilitation of SM REITs, with an asset value of at least Rs 50 crore vis-a-vis minimum asset value of Rs 500 crore for existing REITs.

"SM REITs shall have the ability to create separate scheme (s) for owning real estate as-



sets through special purpose vehicle(s) constituted as companies," Sebi said in a release after its board meeting.

The proposed regulatory framework would help to develop the real estate market, provide investor protection measures and lead to an orderly development of the market.

The regulatory framework approved by the board for SM REITs provides for the structure, migration of existing structures meeting certain specified criteria, obligations of the investment manager including net worth, experience and minimum unit holding requirement, investment conditions, minimum subscription, distribution norms and valuation of assets.

## SKUAST-K Kick-Starts 3 Management Development Programs For Upskilling Youth

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir kick-started three one-week Advanced and Existing Management Development Programme (A-MDP & E-MDP) to upskill the youth in leadership and managerial skills for entrepreneurship.

The entrepreneurship skill trainings are being conducted by various SKUAST-K faculties

and 'Entrepreneurship and Employment Generation' is organised by the Division of Aquaculture, Faculty of Fisheries, Rangil in which 25 youth, entrepreneurs and students are participating. Dr Mansoor Ahmad of the division is the coordinator of the training.

The E-MDP on 'Quality Assurance of Pashmina and Pashmina Products' is organised by the Division of Livestock Products Technology, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences. A total of



and centres under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. Ministry of MSME has sanctioned 550 skill trainings to SKUAST-K to be conducted in the year 2023-24.

The seven-day A-MDP on 'Scientific Management in Rainbow Trout Culture for En-

twenty-five participants, most of them being associated with the pashmina trade and some students from National Institute of Fashion Technology, Srinagar have been shortlisted for participation in the training programme. Head, Division of LPT, Dr Asif Hassan Sofi is the coordinator of the program.

## Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Rajioon

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Bushra Begum, mother of Syed Askar Aga on 24th November 2023. May Almighty Allah (SWT) bestow His choicest blessings on the departed soul. Fateh Khuwani will be observed on Monday the 21st of November, 2023 at our ancestral graveyard at Baba Mazaar (Zadibal) at 730 AM followed by a condolence meet at the residence in Rangreth (Old Airport Road), Srinagar for the whole day.

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## Sebi Plans To Introduce Same Day Trade Settlement By March 2024

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Capital markets regulator Sebi aims to introduce same-day settlement of trades on stock exchanges by March 2024 and eventually have real time settlement, its Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch said on Saturday.

Already, the watchdog reduced the settlement timelines to as short as one day.

"Sebi wants the T plus zero (T+0) settlement norm to be in place from March-end 2024 and T plus instantaneous settlement 12 months from thereon," Buch told reporters here after the regulator's board meeting.

T+0 refers to the same-day settlement of trades and instantaneous settlement means settling the transactions on a real time basis.

According to Buch, market makers are of the view that it makes better sense to move directly from T+1 hour to T+instantaneous as there is no benefit to be drawn from the middle ground which is T+0.

The investment banker-turned-regulator said that Sebi is "fully open" to the suggestions made by the market makers on instantaneous settlement of trades.

She said that the new settlement

will be parallel to the existing settlement system and will fully be optional.

Moreover, it will be available on select large products, and even that will be optional to choose from.

The country's stock markets moved to T+1 settlement, where trades are settled the next business day, in January this year. Earlier, it was T+2 system.

The changes from T+2 to T+1 and T+1 hour have been eventless from an infrastructure point of view, she added.

Sebi's plans hinge on the success of the newly introduced Application supported by the locked amount (Asba) for secondary market transactions.

Earlier, concerns were raised by certain foreign portfolio investors on the shortening of the settlement cycles citing forex-related worries.

In July, the chairperson announced that Sebi was aiming to introduce instantaneous settlement of trades on the stock exchanges by next fiscal.

Later, in September, Sebi official said the regulator will introduce one-hour trade settlements by the end of this fiscal, in the run-up to making such processes instantaneous.

## Tata Technologies Offer Price Finalised At Rs 500 Per Share

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Tata Motors on Saturday said its arm Tata Technologies has finalised the offer price, including the anchor investor offer price, at Rs 500 per equity share for its Initial Public Offering (IPO).

The Rs 3,042.5 crore IPO of Tata Technologies, which provides engineering and product development digital services, was subscribed 69.43 times on the final day of subscription on Friday, driven by remarkable participation from institutional buyers.

"...Tata Technologies Ltd in consultation with book running lead managers to the

IPO, has finalised the offer price, including the anchor investor offer price, at Rs 500 per equity share of face value of Rs 2 each," Tata Motors said in a regulatory filing.

The public issue had a price band of Rs 475-500 per share.

Accordingly, the size of the IPO aggregates to Rs 3,042.51 crore comprising an offer for sale of 4.63 crore equity shares by Tata Motors amounting to Rs 2,313.75 crore, 97.17 lakh equity shares by Alpha TC Holdings Pte Ltd amounting to Rs 485.84 crore and 48.58 lakh equity shares by Tata Capital Growth Fund I, amounting to Rs 242.92 crore, subject to finalisation of basis of allotment, the filing added.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE DEVSAR**  
Subject:- Extension of Tender vide E-NIT No: MC/DVR/2023/40 of 2023  
Dated:28.10.2023  
Due to poor response to the Tender Notice issued/ circulated vide this office No. MC/DVR/2023/40 of 2023 Dated:28.10.2023, is hereby extended upto 28-11-2023. The documents can be obtained/downloaded from the jktenders web site/office of the undersigned till 28-11-2023 upto 11:30 am, during the working days/ hours. The other terms & conditions will remain same as laid down in the basic Tender Notice. The bid shall be opened on the same date i.e; 28-11-2023 12.30 pm  
No.- MC/DVR/2023-24/2134-37  
Dated:-23-11-2023  
Sd/-  
Executive Officer,  
Municipal Committee, Devsar  
DIPK-NB-4457-23  
Dt: 25/11/2023

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## 4 convicts get rigorous life sentence for killing TV journalist Soumya Vishwanathan in 2008

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: In a rare order, a Delhi court on Saturday handed down double rigorous life imprisonment to four members of an organised crime syndicate for killing TV journalist Soumya Vishwanathan around 15 years ago here.

The special court awarded two life imprisonments to Ravi Kapoor, Amit Shukla, Bajjeet Malik and Ajay Kumar under Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and U/s 3 (1) (1) of The Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (committing organised crime resulting in the death of any person) and made clear that they will run "consecutively".

Vishwanathan, who was working with a leading English news channel, was shot dead in the early hours of September 30, 2008, on south Delhi's Nelson Mandela Marg while she was returning home from work.

The special court did not agree to the vehement submissions of the prosecution seeking the death penalty, saying the act of the four convicts to murder the victim does not fall within the category of "rarest of rare cases".

Referring to some apex court verdicts, guidelines regarding the sentencing policy, submissions on behalf of the state and on behalf of the convicts and the pre-sentence report as filed



by the probation officer, the court said, "the present case and the act of the (four) convicts to murder the victim do not fall within the category of rarest of rare cases category in which the death penalty can be imposed."

The court also observed that it was "unfortunate" that Vishwanathan who was a "young, dynamic and hard-working journalist" lost her life due to the act of the convicts.

While sentencing Kapoor, Shukla, Malik and Kumar to double life imprisonment, the court also imposed a fine of Rs 1.25 lakh each on them.

It also handed down three years of simple imprisonment to the fifth convict Ajay Sethi under IPC section 411 (dishonestly receiving stolen property). It, however, underlined that Sethi had remained in custody for more than 14 years and accordingly the convict was sentenced to the period already undergone in incarceration during the trial for the offences under IPC Section 411 and MCOCA provisions for conspiring to abet, aid, or knowingly facilitate organised crime and receiving proceeds of organised crime.

The court imposed a fine of Rs 7.25 lakh on Sethi. During the trial, the prosecution sought maximum punishment of death penalty for the four convicts, saying they had murdered the victim in a cold-blooded manner, without any reason or previous enmity, to rob her for the financial gain of their organised crime syndicate.

It said the convicts had caused the victim's death by firing upon her "while treating her as a prey" and there was no provocation on the victim's part. Citing an International Labour Organisation (ILO) report, the court said, 52 per cent of women in India express a

desire to work either in paid jobs or in both paid jobs and care for families and home, but India's female work participation rate has been declined over past two decades, dropping from 32 per cent in 2005 to 19 per cent in 2021.

"One of the reasons for the decline in the women's workforce is that women face a higher risk of harassment, abuse and assault while travelling to the workplace from their home and from the workplace to their home," the court said.

"Women empowerment in the workforce will get momentum if the women's safety during their daily commute is ensured. After the incident of the Nirbhaya case, the Indian Parliament has enacted and the government has formulated many welfare legislations and schemes... to ensure the safety and well-being of the women at workplace..." the court added.

The court further said that if the total fine amount was paid by all the convicts, then Rs 12 lakh was to be released as compensation to the parents of the victim, Rs 20,000 be deposited as litigation expenses and Rs 5,000 be paid as fine to the state.

According to the prosecution, Kapoor shot Vishwanathan with a country-made pistol while chasing her car to rob her. Shukla, Kumar and Malik were also with Kapoor. Police recovered the car used in the murder from Sethi alias Chacha.

## Railway Minister Conducts Detailed Review Of Safety Aspects Of Indian Railways

Instructed For Fortnightly Safety Action Plan And Its Review On Regular Basis



Observer News Service

New Delhi: Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday presided over a meeting with the Board members of the Ministry of Railways, Zonal Officers, Divisional Officers and RDSO.

Various security aspects were discussed in detail in this meeting. While discussing the safety issue in the meeting, Railway Minister emphasized on various

safety aspects like automatic signalling, long working hours of crews, yard modernization and yard infrastructure, disaster management team.

He said that any lapse in respect of safety in operations is not acceptable in any way. All established rules should be ensured to be followed by taking all possible precautions.

Further, he has instructed for a fortnightly safety action plan and its review on regular basis.

## It may take long time to rescue 41 workers trapped in Silkyara tunnel: NDMA

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The operation to rescue 41 workers trapped in the Silkyara tunnel may take a long time with the auger machine for horizontal drilling facing repeated hurdles, and rescuers are now preparing to start vertical drilling, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said on Saturday.

The vertical drilling will start in the next 24 to 36 hours, NDMA member Lt Gen (ret'd) Syed Ata Hasnain said, adding the front part of the auger machine was broken and efforts are being made to retrieve those from the tunnel.

"We need to have patience as it is a dangerous operation... 'is operation main lamba samay lag sakta hai' (this operation may take a long time)," he said, without mentioning any timeline for the completion of rescue operations.

According to Hasnain, this rescue operation is getting technically more



complex every day.

Drilling at the collapsed portion of the Silkyara tunnel to rescue the trapped men halted again on Friday

night after the auger machine engaged in drilling through the rubble to prepare an escape passage faced a hurdle, apparently a metal object, and busted.

The NDMA member said 47 meters of horizontal drilling have been done, and efforts are on to remove the broken part of the auger machine.

Rescuers are exploring other options such as drilling the remaining stretch manually and undertaking vertical drilling.

On the vertical drilling option, the NDMA member said that machines are being placed on a platform on top of the tunnel and vertical drilling operations will start in the "next 24 to 36 hours".

The second fastest way (after horizontal drilling) to reach the stranded workers would be top-down (vertical) drilling of 86 meters, he said.

Hasnain also said that a 1.5-km access road to the top of the tunnel on the Silkyara side has already been built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for starting vertical drilling.

"We need to have some patience. We need to understand that a very

difficult operation is going on," Hasnain said, and added two methods are being used currently, but a third method, that is drift method, may also be used.

"As per the prevailing situation, we need to keep the pipe stable, remove the broken parts of the auger, prepare to begin the drift on the side, prepare for top-down drilling, and stabilize and strengthen the 41 brothers trapped inside and keep monitoring their mental well-being, since this operation can go on for long," the NDMA member said.

He also said that advanced machinery is required to cut the stuck parts of the auger inside the tunnel, and the assistance of the Indian Air Force is being sought to airlift this machinery.

Besides the two options being adopted now, we may perhaps adopt a third method of drift tunnel as well. However, there is no certainty about it yet," Hasnain added.

The multi-agency rescue effort began November 12 when a portion of the under-construction tunnel on Uttarakhand's Char Dham route collapsed following a landslide, trapping workers inside. Asked to comment on micro tunnelling expert Arnold Dix's remarks that the 41 trapped workers would come home by Christmas, Hasnain said, "When you look at any problem from a distance, then you get the correct picture."

"Wahan par se kisi ka yeh kehna ki 20 din ya 45 days lag jayega rescue karne me, toh main nahi samajhta hun ki woh shobha deta hai' (It will be insensitive on the part of anyone to say that rescue operation to bring workers out will take 20 days or 45 days)," he added.

Asked if an environmental impact assessment (EIA) had been conducted for the project, NHAI member Vishal Chauhan said, "EIA of this project has also been done. Himalayan geology behaves differently... There are several things that cannot be predicted."

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### Security Situation

not mean that terrorists are in a position to take over the region.

He said Jammu and Kashmir is a border state with legacy issues.

"There is an enemy with an intent which is linked to its politics and economy. They are moving in their own ecosystem and we have to remain prepared mentally to fight it (terrorism)."

"Today, we had a meeting with the Army and other security agencies, and we were very satisfied that people themselves are coming forward to inform us (about terrorists). The flow of information shows that the people are willing to be a partner in this fight," the police chief said.

He said the enemy can only "pin-prick us or go for a cut, but we are like an elephant, a lion and if they think by doing so, they will pull us down, they are mistaken".

Swain said the perpetrators of violence are selling the bloodshed in Jammu and Kashmir to serve their interest.

"They are misleading their public and recruiting the children of poor citizens (for terrorism) even as they themselves are living a lavish life in bungalows and playing golf," he said.

Swain said the security agencies are working to put an end to the pin-pricks and cuts from the enemy. "We are finding ways, collecting all our energies and sitting with the public to end terrorism," he added.

The DGP said there are elements who have infiltrated into the Indian side from across the border and when they are killed in encounters, their identities remain unknown.

"We have thought of getting their photos circulated through the Interpol, so that their parents at least get to know that their children have been killed," he said.

### Schools Upto

December 11. It will end on February 29, 2024 for all students, he said.

All government and recognised private schools of the Kashmir division will observe the winter vacation for around three months, said an order issued by the Directorate of School Education, Kashmir.

The winter break for students up to class 8 will be from November 28 to February 29, 2024. This makes Saturday the last working day of the season for these classes as Monday is a national holiday on account of Guru Nanak Jayanti, according to the order.

For students of classes 9 to 12, the winter break

will be from December 11 to February 29, 2024, the order stated.

The teachers, however, shall report back to their respective schools on February 21 to make arrangements for the upcoming examinations, it said.

"All teachers shall remain available on demand for any online guidance of students during the vacation period," it said.

### Srinagar Records

The officials said the tourist destination of Pahalgam in south Kashmir Anantnag district was the coldest recorded place in the valley at minus 3.4 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg, another popular tourist spot, in north Kashmir recorded a low of minus 1 degree Celsius.

The mercury in Kupwara town in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 0.5 degree Celsius, while Qazigund, the gateway town to the valley in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 0.8 degree Celsius.

Kokernag town registered a low of 1.5 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

The Met Office has said the weather is likely to stay partly to generally cloudy with mainly dry weather till November 28.

There are chances of light rain/snow at isolated places in the higher reaches of Kashmir on November 29-30, it said. PTI

### PM Modi Undertakes

me with a renewed sense of pride and optimism about our national potential," he said.

The sortie was carried out from the Aircraft Systems Testing Establishment, Bengaluru, the IAF said, adding, during the 30-minute sortie, capabilities of fighter aircraft Tejas were demonstrated to the prime minister.

In the videos and pictures, the prime minister can be seen flashing thumbs-up gestures with a broad smile, after boarding the aircraft and on landing.

He also posed standing next to the aircraft, pointing at 'Tejas' writing on it.

"Flying in Tejas today, I can say with immense pride that due to our hard work and dedication, we are no less than anyone in the world in the field of self-reliance. Heartiest congratulations to the Indian Air Force, DRDO and HAL as well as all Indians," he added.

Modi earlier walked towards the waiting pilot and had a short chat with him, before boarding the twin-seater aircraft and positioning himself properly with the help of Air Force

staff.

During the sortie, he can be seen keenly observing the surroundings and waving at another fighter aircraft, flying at a visible distance -- taken from cameras inside the cabin and the other aircraft.

On landing, the prime minister waved and made thumbs-up gestures again, applauding the Air Force officials.

According to IAF, Modi, who has given a strong impetus to 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in defence manufacturing, applauded the scientists, engineers and flight test crew associated with the designing, development and production of the state-of-art fighter aircraft.

He expressed pride in the capabilities of Indian engineers and scientists, it said.

Modi arrived in the city earlier today and visited Defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to review the ongoing work at its manufacturing facilities, officials said.

The prime minister has been pushing for indigenous production of defence products and highlighting how his government has boosted their manufacturing in India and also their exports.

Several countries have evinced interest in buying Tejas, a light combat aircraft, and US defence giant GE Aerospace had inked a pact with HAL to jointly produce engines for the Mk-II-Tejas during the prime minister's recent state visit to the US.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh noted in April this year that India's defence exports have reached an all-time high of Rs 15,920 crore in 2022-2023. It is a remarkable achievement for the country, he said.

The LCA trainer is a lightweight, all-weather, multirole aircraft which can undertake all roles of a single-seat Tejas fighter and can also be used as a fighter trainer. This is the first time that an indigenous twin-seat fighter has been designed, developed and manufactured in India, IAF said in a release.

Noting that with an amalgamation of contemporary concepts and technologies such as quadruplex fly-by-wire flight control, carefree manoeuvring, advanced glass cockpit, integrated digital avionics systems and advanced composite materials for the airframe, it is a state-of-the-art aircraft, it said, "the fighter aircraft has enhanced the defence capabilities and preparedness of the nation."

The IAF test crew has been involved with the Tejas project right from the conceptual stage till prototype testing. The first version of

the aircraft was inducted into the IAF in 2016. Currently, two squadrons of IAF, 45 Squadron and 18 Squadron, are fully operational with LCA Tejas.

An order worth Rs 36,468 crore for delivery of 83 LCA Mk 1A aircraft has been placed with HAL and delivery is scheduled to begin by February 2024. HAL has the current capacity to build eight LCA aircraft per year. This is being increased to 16 aircraft every year by 2025 and further to 24 aircraft every year in the next three years, IAF explained.

More than Rs 9,000 crore have been sanctioned for the development of LCA Mk 2, an updated and more lethal version of LCA Tejas, IAF said, adding, to further promote indigenisation, including of the aircraft engine, Transfer of Technology for manufacturing of the GE engine in India has been negotiated with GE during prime minister's visit to the US in June 2023.

In the coming years, Tejas would be the largest fleet of fighter aircraft to be operated by the Indian Air Force, it said, adding that today's sortie by the prime minister will encourage the aeronautics ecosystem and give a big boost to 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in defence sector.

### Four New Industrial

Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, IAS Principal Secretary to LG Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari attended the meeting.

"A part from attracting the investments, the projects shall provide a boost to local employment and are expected to generate over 11497 jobs in the private sector," the spokesperson said.

The new industrial estates, he said, shall be comprehensively developed in terms of infrastructure, including internal road works, availability of electricity, centralized water distribution system, rainwater harvesting, roadside greenery and plantation.

Besides, he said, the development shall involve setting up of Centralized Effluent Treatment plants on new patterns as per the norms of the National Green Tribunal & other facilities on modern state of art technology. The timeline for completion of projects shall be 18 months.

"The establishment of new industrial estates is in line with the commitment of the government to boost industrial development & entrepreneurship in J&K," the spokesperson added.

### Govt To Buy

IAS Principal Secretary to LG Dr. Mandeep

Kumar Bhandari attended the meeting.

Pertinently, a significant portion of the J&K Guest House at Chanakyapuri (CPGH), New Delhi, was apportioned to the Union Territory of Ladakh following the enactment of the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019. Consequently, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir retained only 10 staff quarters and Block-C of CPGH.

"The additional building will optimize accommodation for common citizens and patients of UT of J&K who frequent the National Capital City, enhancing the overall availability of lodging facilities," an official spokesperson said.

### J&K Govt Sanctions

"He is directed to place on record the copy of the action plan as well as the details relating to the release of the amount for the specified purpose. Let the fresh report disclosing the current status be filed at least one week before the next date of hearing," the NGT said.

### KPDCL Gets

228 KW load was added across the 6 Circles of the Corporation during these drives.

"Penalty of Rs.7.81 lakh was also imposed on those who were unauthorisedly using power in terms of Section 126 of the Electricity Act," he said.

The spokesperson further stated that another 1117 domestic, commercial and industrial connections were also disconnected for non-payment of energy dues which were pending for more than three months. This includes 886 domestic, 212 commercial and 17 industrial consumers.

He said 62 Domestic Transformers (DTs) were also reported damaged on Friday due to overloading, up from 52 reported on Thursday. KPDCL, he said, also repaired and replaced 61 transformers on Friday, to comply with the directions issued for replacement of the damaged DTs.

The spokesman expressed concern over the steady procession of damaged DTs at Central Workshop Pampore and the divisional workshops of KPDCL, thus putting strain on meeting the timelines fixed by the Government.

"In an attempt to collect pending energy dues, KPDCL realized a revenue of Rs.29.89 crore from the consumers, including Rs.9.18 crore on Friday. The corporation requested its consumers to pay their pending bills or the Corporation will be left with no option but to disconnect their power supply," the spokesperson added.



## 2nd T20: Indian Take On Australia Today

Press Trust of India

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** The young Indian bowling unit will have to push behind the timid show in the series opener and find its flow against a forceful Australian batting line-up in the second T20 here on Sunday.

India had won the first game at Visakhapatnam by two wickets to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series, but their bowlers, except pacer Mukesh Kumar, looked incapable of stemming the run flow.

The pitch and conditions at the Greenfield International Stadium will not be massively different, and that makes it imperative for the Indian bowlers to fire collectively.

Despite that, the management might not look to shake the order for this match.

In the opening encounter, pacers Arshdeep Singh and Prasidh Krishna went



for 10.25 and 12.5 runs per over while leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi was carted around for 13.5 runs per over.

India's ambition to double the series lead will depend a lot on them significantly improving their produce here.

However, India will have not much to complain about in the batting

department as skipper Suryakumar Yadav, Ishan Kishan, Rinku Singh and Yashasvi Jaiswal displayed fine touch against the Aussie bowlers, though a bit second string.

The Aussie camp, on the other hand, will be looking to build on a few nuggets of positives from the first match.

Inglis' hundred, his first in top-flight cricket across formats, while coming in as an opener might have given them a breathing space on the road that leads to the T20 World Cup.

But the move to promote Steve Smith as opener might not have fetched the desired result in its entirety. Match starts at 7 pm.

## Dravid, BCCI In Discussion But Board Inclined Towards New Coach

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Rahul Dravid and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) top brass engaged in an in-depth talk about the possibilities surrounding his role as head coach with the board inclined to hand over the reins of the team to a new person keeping the T20 World Cup 2024 in mind.

The person that board has in mind is VVS Laxman, the NCA Director.

Dravid's two-year contract as India's head coach ended with the recent World Cup final in which Rohit Sharma's band suffered a heart-breaking six-wicket defeat to Australia.

Since then, Dravid's future as the back-room helmsman of the Indian cricket team has been constantly debated.

"Rahul and the BCCI had a talk about where things stand now. We will respect the decision taken by him. The general feeling is that with the T20 World Cup about 7-8 months away, there is time for a new



coach to come in and build a team and set a process. He (Dravid) is quite aware of that," a BCCI official close to the development told PTI on condition of anonymity.

However, the official said a decision will be reached only after thoroughly thinking about all angles. "We are also talking about whether continuity (current coach/captain combination) is needed for the (T20) WC. We are

hoping to reach a decision soon so that path forward is clear," he added.

It is also understood that the board is quite happy with the way Dravid has managed the team along with captain Rohit over the last two years despite not landing any global trophies.

The pair has guided India to the semifinals of the T20 World Cup 2022 in Australia and finals of the World Test Championship 2023

in England and the 50-over World Cup at home.

However, India won the Asia Cup beating Sri Lanka by 10 wickets in Colombo in September under their regime.

The official hinted that all the stakeholders involved including Rohit, chief selector Ajit Agarkar and a few other higher BCCI office-bearers will sit together soon to arrive at a final call.



## Australian Spinner Nathan Lyon Mocks 'Bazball'

Press Trust of India

**LONDON:** Australian off-spinner Nathan Lyon has dismissed assertions that "Bazball", an aggressive brand of cricket displayed by the England Test team, has revolutionised the game.

Lyon, who is just four wickets shy of 500 wickets in Test cricket, said he did not see "Bazball" in the two Ashes fixtures he was part of last year before getting injured for the remaining three. The term "Bazball" came into being after Brendon McCullum, who is nicknamed Baz, was appointed England Test coach last year.

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"I'm 2-0 against Bazball so I am happy," Lyon joked on Channel 7's Front Bar programme. "It's a load of s\*\*\*, if you ask me. It's a brand of cricket that the English want to keep going with. Now, it's in

the dictionary, which is pretty extraordinary."

It was not the first time Lyon mocked "Bazball" and here again he termed aggression as an ability to shift through the gears during the course of a Test match.

"I know everyone keeps talking about Bazball, to be honest, I didn't really see Bazball... throughout my two Tests against them.

"I look at the Australian cricket team and the batters we've had, David Warner for example... I've seen him score hundreds in a session and that's off playing an attacking brand of cricket.

"I think there's a lot of smoke and mirrors with Bazball, if I'm being honest with you, and I feel like if you're going to play an aggressive brand of cricket anyway, it's about being able to go up and down in gears and understanding the moments in the game," he added.

Australia had retained the Ashes with the five-match series ending at 2-2 last year.

## 'Australia Exposed India's Little Chinks In WC Final'

Press Trust of India

**MUMBAI:** Australia beautifully exposed "little chinks" in India's batting to crush them

Pandya pulled out of the tournament following a twisted ankle in India's fourth league match against Bangladesh as India were

batting to come," Manjrekar said without mentioning any name.

"Well, India had certain limitations that they cov-



by six wickets and win an unprecedented sixth World Cup title, feels cricketer-turned-commentator Sanjay Manjrekar.

The "lack of batting depth" in absence of premier all-rounder Hardik Pandya was felt sorely in the World Cup summit clash in Ahmedabad as India lost half of their inside 36th over to set Australia a modest 241 in the big final.

"India felt the pressure of not having depth; you know, those little chinks in India's armour came to the fore," Manjrekar told Star Sports.

forced to ring in two changes -- Suryakumar Yadav and Mohammed Shami -- for their remaining matches.

While Shami's inclusion was a big boost to the bowling attack, Suryakumar continued to have a woeful show in the ODI format. Suryakumar managed just 106 runs in seven innings at an average of 17.67 and a strike-rate of 100.95.

"The batting depth wasn't there, and you saw the way KL Rahul played a bulk of the innings with the knowledge that there isn't much

ered beautifully throughout the tournament, with Jadeja at number 7 and their batting finishing at number 6," he added.

Manjrekar further said the pressure of the final had a part to play in India's capitulation.

"Just imagine this game was a league match between Sri Lanka and India; would India have taken that risk? Maybe yes, that is where perhaps temperament comes in, and maybe, if it was a league match, India would have played differently," he said.

## Uday Saharan To Lead India In Under-19 Asia Cup



Press Trust of India

**MUMBAI:** Promising batsman Uday Saharan will lead defending champions India in the ACC Men's Under-19 Asia Cup to be played in the UAE from December 8.

Saharan, a 19-year-old cricketer from Punjab, has been on the selection radar for a while. He was also drafted in as a back-up player after the Indian squad was hit by Covid during last year's Under-19 World Cup in Antigua.

Saumy Kumar Pandey was named as vice-captain of the 15-member side. India are the most successful team in the Under-19 Asia Cup having won the title eight times.

India are grouped with Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nepal in the tournament. They will begin the campaign with a match against the Afghans on

December 8 at the ICC Academy Oval-1.

In a much-anticipated match, India will lock horns with Pakistan on December 10 at the same venue. In their final group match, they will face Nepal on December 12.

The final is scheduled to be played at the Dubai International Stadium on December 17.

India U19 squad: Uday Saharan (captain), Saumy Kumar Pandey (vice-captain), Arshin Kulkarni, Adarsh Singh, Rudra Mayur Patel, Sachin Dhas, Priyanshu Moliya, Musheer Khan, Dhanush Gowda, Avinash Rao (wk), M Abhishek, Inness Mahajan (wk), Aardhya Shukla, Raj Limbani, Naman Tiwari. Travelling reserves: Prem Devkar, Ansh Gosai, Mohamad Aman.

Non-travelling reserves: Digvijay Patil, Jayant Goyat, P Vignesh, Kiran Chormale.



## Liverpool Draw 1-1 With Man City; Haaland Sets Scoring Record

Agencies

**MANCHESTER:** Trent Alexander-Arnold scored an 80th-minute equalizer to earn Liverpool a 1-1 draw with Manchester City in the Premier League on Saturday.

Erling Haaland had given defending champions City a first-half lead at Etihad Stadium, becoming the quickest player to score 50 goals in the league.

But, Liverpool capitalized when the Norwegian failed to add a second from close range in the 79th. The visitors immediately went on the attack, and Alexander-Arnold swept a shot past goalkeeper Ederson to end City's perfect record at home this season.

Ruben Dias put the ball in the net for City in the second half, but it was disallowed because of Manuel Akanji's foul on goalkeeper Alisson.

The draw kept City at the top of the standings but gave Arsenal the chance to move up to first place if it beat Brentford



later in the day.

Haaland opened the scoring with a low effort from the edge of the box in the 27th.

The landmark goal came in 48 games and broke the record held by former Manchester United and Newcastle striker Andy Cole, who reached 50 in 65 games.

There was a double fist pump

in the executive seats where Haaland's dad, former City player Alf-Inge, was celebrating joyously.

Back on the field, the player was mobbed by blue shirts after giving the home side the advantage against the team that is likely to be one of its closest challengers for the title this season.

## Barcelona Needs Own Goal To Draw 1-1 At Rayo In Spanish league

Agencies

**BARCELONA:** Barcelona needed an own goal by Rayo Vallecano defender Florian Lejeune in the final minutes to salvage a 1-1 draw in Madrid on Saturday.

Rayo midfielder Unai Lopez put the hosts ahead with a shot from well outside the area in the 39th minute at Vallecas Stadium.

Barcelona was held in check until late in the second half. Minutes after substitute Raphinha hit the post, Lejeune inadvertently turned a cross by Alejandro Balde intended for Robert Lewandowski into his own net in the 82nd.

The draw left Barcelona in third place in the La Liga. Leader Girona is three points ahead of Barcelona before playing Athletic Bilbao on Monday. Second-placed Real Madrid is a point ahead of Barcelona before visiting Cadiz on Sunday.

Rayo, despite its modest budget, has now gone undefeated against Barcelona in their last



five meetings, winning three and drawing two. Barcelona's last win over Rayo came in January 2021 in the Copa del Rey.

Barcelona played its first match this season without midfielder Gavi Páez, who tore his ACL while playing for Spain last week.

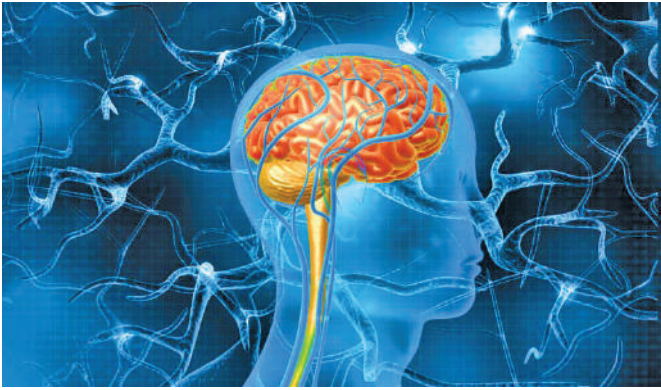
"We didn't play well, today we didn't reach our potential,"

said Barcelona midfielder Frenkie de Jong, who started in his first game since recovering from a muscle injury that had sidelined him since September.

"We have had lots of injuries. I myself just came back from an injury and I did not feel sharp. The only answer is to keep on working."



### New Study Challenges Common Belief About The Brain's Ability To 'Rewire' Itself



Agencies

A new study is challenging the long-held belief that the brain possesses the extraordinary ability to rewire itself in the face of adversity. Scientists from the University of Cambridge and Johns Hopkins University have launched a daring assault on the widely accepted notion that the brain reorganises and repurposes specific regions to compensate for vision loss, amputation, or stroke.

Published in the eLife journal, Professors Tamar Makin and John Krakauer present a paradigm-shifting revelation: the brain isn't rewiring itself; it's unearthing hidden talents that lie dormant within.

Traditionally, it was believed that individuals who lost their sight, or were born blind, witnessed their visual cortex rewiring to process sounds, enabling them to navigate through the world using an astonishing form of "echolocation." Similarly, stroke survivors were thought to enlist alternative brain areas to regain control over their paralyzed limbs.

Renowned neuroscientist John Krakauer, Director of the Center for the Study of Motor Learning and Brain Repair at Johns Hopkins University, acknowledges the allure of the brain rewiring concept. The captivating tales of the blind acquiring superhuman echolocation skills and stroke victims achieving miraculous recoveries fueled this captivat-

ing notion. However, Krakauer boldly claims that the explanation behind these phenomena is fundamentally flawed.

Makin and Krakauer meticulously dissected ten influential studies that supported the brain rewiring theory. They contend that while these studies indeed demonstrate the brain's ability to adapt, they fall short of substantiating the creation of entirely new functions in unrelated regions. Instead, the brain taps into latent capacities that have been silently present since birth.

Drawing from her own groundbreaking research, Makin's 2022 study replicated the effect of amputation using a nerve blocker. Astonishingly, the findings unveiled that signals from adjacent fingers were already mapped onto the brain region responsible for the soon-to-be-amputated finger. Consequently, the brain region didn't exclusively process signals from the forefinger but rather amplified the processing of existing signals from other fingers.

Makin emphasises that the brain's response to injury isn't about seizing control of new brain regions for entirely different purposes. Rather, it's a matter of existing brain regions enhancing or reshaping their pre-existing architecture through repetition and learning. The researchers passionately stress the importance of grasping the true nature and boundaries of brain plasticity to set realistic expectations for patients and guide rehabilitation practitioners.

### 'Amaterasu' Particle: Mysterious Cosmic Ray Leaves Physicists In Awe

Agencies

Scientists have recently made an intriguing discovery by detecting the second-most powerful cosmic ray originating from beyond our galaxy. This "ultra-high-energy" particle, named the 'Amaterasu' particle after the sun goddess in Japanese mythology, has left researchers astounded by its sheer power.

Cosmic rays are charged particles, like protons or electrons, that travel through space at nearly the speed of light. These



cosmic rays may be remnants of celestial events that have disintegrated matter into its subatomic components. Due to their charged nature, cosmic rays

follow a zigzagging flight path as they navigate through electromagnetic fields in the cosmic microwave background. The research was conducted at

the Telescope Array located at the University of Utah, the same facility where the highest-energy cosmic ray ever recorded, known as the 'Oh-My-God' particle, was discovered in 1991. This particle was a source of great perplexity for physicists as it was believed that nothing within our galaxy could generate such high-energy cosmic rays. Moreover, it was previously thought to be impossible for cosmic rays to reach Earth from other galaxies.

Published in the journal Science, the study describes how the international team of physi-

cists measured the particle's energy at a remarkable  $2.4 \times 10^{20}$  electron Volts (eV). The discovery of the 'Amaterasu' particle has provided scientists with more questions than answers.

Scientists are still searching for a conventional explanation for these phenomena and speculate that they may involve particle physics yet to be discovered. The trajectory of the 'Amaterasu' particle, cannot be traced back to any known high-energy source, adding to the mystery surrounding these cosmic rays.



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