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LS Okays 33 Percent Reservation For Women In J&K Assembly



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed two bills that seek to extend the provisions of the women's reservation law to the legislative assemblies of the **Union Territories of Puducherry** and Jammu and Kashmir.

Replying to a debate on the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Second Amendment) Bill and the Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said the twin measures will enable greater representation and participation of women as public representatives in lawmaking processes in the two legislative assemblies.

Hitting out at the opposition, Rai said that "be it the Mughal rule, the reign of aggressors, the British rule or Congress governments", women's rights were snatched, they were never given adequate opportunities to grow and injustice was meted out to them.

Rai said post revocation of Article 370, widow pension has reached 100 per cent saturation coverage in Jammu and Kashmir and one-stop centres for the benefit of women have come up in every district of the Union territory.

In Puducherry, provisions have been made for gender budgeting in the 2023-24 budget to the tune of Rs 1332 crore for the first time, the minister said, adding the 33 per cent reservation has been given to women in police, fire services and local bodies.

During the rule of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, women have got respect and the right opportunity, Rai said, adding that women were creating new records | More on P6

RAI SAID POST REVOCATION OF ARTICLE 370.

widow pension has reached 100 per cent saturation coverage in Jammu and Kashmir and one-stop centres for the benefit of women have come up in every district of the Union territory.

Two Absconders Held After 14 Years

Srinagar: Police on Tuesday arrested two people, who were evading arrest for the last 14 years in a case filed against them in Police Station Awantipora in South Kashmir.

According to a police spokesperson, non-bailable warrants under section 512 CrPC issued by the Court of JMIC Pampore on November 23, 2009 against two absconders Balvinder Kumar Bhagat of Chalyari Samba, involved in case FIR No. 186/1996 under section 279, 304-A RPC of Police Station Awantipora and Jagjeet Singh of Simbal Camp Jammu, involved in case FIR No. Police Station Awantipora.

Accordingly, he said, a special team was constituted and the accused were arrested from Jammu. Subsequently, he said, the accused were produced be-

Articles 370, 35 (A) Were Major Obstacles: PM Says All Central Laws Now Applied to J&K Without Fear

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that Article 370 and Article 35 (A) were major obstacles in development of Jammu and Kashmir and those suffering as a result were the poor and downtrodden. He said that the last four years in Jammu and Kashmir have been marked with a renewed faith in grassroots democracy, with development, democracy and dignity replacing disillusionment, disappointment and despondency.

In an opinion piece which appeared in several newspapers on Tuesday following the Supreme Court upholding the validity of the government abrogating Article 370, Modi noted as to how as a BJP member associated with the issue for many decades he had developed a nuanced understanding of the specifics and

complexities involved. The prime minister said he was crystal clear about one



WITH ITS VERDICT, THE SUPREME **COURT HAS STRENGTHENED the** spirit of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat"

thing that people of Jammu and Kashmir want development and want to contribute to the development of India based on their strengths and skills.

They also want a better quality of life for their children free from violence and uncertainty, he noted, adding his government gave primacy to three pillars of understanding citizens' concerns, building trust through supportive actions, and prioritising "development, development and more development".

With its verdict, the Supreme Court has strengthened the spirit of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' and has reminded us that what defines us are bonds of unity and a shared commitment to good governance.

"Today, every child in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh is born with a clean canvas, where he or she can paint a future full of vibrant aspirations. Today, the dreams of the people are no longer prisoners of the past but about possibilities for the future. After all, development, democracy and dignity have replaced disillusionment, disappointment and despondency," he said.

Earlier, women, SCs, STs and marginalised sections of society were not getting their due while the aspirations of Ladakh were ignored, he said, asserting that August 5, 2019 changed all that, a reference to the momentous decision of nullifying Article 370 and carving out two Union territories from the state.

All central laws are now applied in the region without fear or favour, he said.

"Representation is also more widespread, a three-tier Panchayati Raj system is in place, BDC elections have been held, and | More on P6

Govt Employees To Get DA On **Revised Rates**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday approved the payment of dearness allowance to its employees on revised rates effective from July 1, 2023.

"In continuation to the Government Order No. 93-F of 2023 dated 04.05.2023, it is hereby ordered that Government employees working in regular pay scale under 7th Pay Commission recommendations shall be paid Dearness Allowance as; Existing Rate of DA per month 42% of Basic Pay to 46% of Revised Rate of DA per month with effect from 01.07.2023", reads an order issued by the Finance department.

Giving further details, the order issued by Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary to the government, Finance Department also reads that the term 'Basic Pay' in the revised pay structure means the pay drawn in the prescribed level in the Pay Matrix as per 7th Pay Commission | More on P6

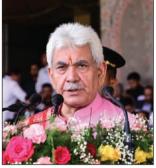
J&K Now Known For Tourism, Not Terrorism: LG

- "SC's Article 370 Verdict To Boost Government's Goal For New J&K"
- Says Stone-Pelting Has Become A History

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Supreme Court upholding the abrogation of Article 370 would boost the efforts of the centre and Union Territory administration to take Jammu and Kashmir to new heights of development and provide justice to the deprived sections, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday.

He said the central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation of a 'New J&K' on August 5, 2019, and the SC judgment has brought a new hope among the people and will strengthen the roots of unity and integrity of the nation.



The Supreme Court has given its verdict (on Article 370) yesterday and made it clear that the resolution passed by the parliament (in August 2019) for the benefit of the people of J&K was completely constitutional. I welcome the

judgment which is bound to further strengthen the roots of unity and integrity of the nation," Sinha said, addressing a function organised to pay tributes to Zorawar Singh, a military General of Dogra Rajput ruler Gulab Singh who achieved martyrdom on this day in 1842.

The SC decision will ensure social justice and constitutional rights to the deprived sections and boost the efforts of the government to achieve its goal of a 'new J&K' and take it to new heights of development, he said.

Sinha said the decision will create a new enthusiasm among the people and further the efforts of | More on P6

Sherwani, **Gen Zorawar**

■he Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday announced that history of great personalities like General Zorawar Singh, Brig Rajinder Singh and Magbool Sherwani will be taught to the students in schools across the Union Territory. Sinha made this announcement while unveiling a statue of General Zorawar Singh, at University of Jammu here. He also | More on P6

fore the Court of Law. To Be In Moreover, the spokesperson **Textbooks** said, one more | More on P6 **KPDCL Draws Flak For**

Publicly Naming Power Pilferers 'Move Aimed At Building Social Pressure: Principal Secretary, PDD

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: The Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) is facing backlash for publicly identifying consumers engaged in illegal practices like hooking, meter bypass, and surpassing agreed load limits.

An official from KPDCL told Kashmir Observer that the "operation" to publicly identify individuals was launched to combat pilferage and minimize power theft.

He mentioned that more than two thousand consumers have been fined so far, and the operation will continue.



He further said that over 15000 inspections have been conducted so far and fines of Rs.2 crore have been imposed. "Over 1000 illegal connections have been regularized so far." he said.

While the initiative has

received support from a crosssection of society, a number of citizens have criticized KPDCL on social media platforms. They argue that the department should provide the accused individuals with an opportunity to prove their innocence before

taking public actions. "This is a violation of the right to privacy," said Fahrah Ahmad, a resident of Srinagar said, adding, "Nobody is endorsing power theft, but there should be other options rather than publicly filming individuals and sharing it on social media.

Notably, a video of an old man accused of | More on P6

Let Jammu & Kashmir Go To Hell: Dr Farooq

NC Leader Loses Cool, Says Nehru Not Responsible For Art-370

Observer News Service

New Delhi: National Conference chief and former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Farooq Abdullah, when questioned about the Supreme Court's verdict on the abrogation of Article 370, said that Jammu and Kashmir should "go to hell."

"Let Jammu and Kashmir go to hell...They betrayed people. They want to win people's



hearts. How'd you win that if you'd do such things to push people further away?' Mr Abdullah said on Tuesday while talking to reporters.

After senior Abdullah's comments started making rounds on | More on P6

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GOI Retrieves Over 2900 Kanals Of KP's Land

"5675 Migrants Provided Govt Jobs So Far"



Agencies

Srinagar: The Centre on Tuesday said in the Lok Sabha that over 2900 Kanals of and belonging to Kashmiri encroachment from Jammu and Kashmir.

In a written reply, Minister

of State for Home Affairs, Nitiyanand Rai said that the government has taken several measures to rehabilitate Kashmiri migrants back into the Valley.

He said that as per the data provided by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 46,631 | More on P6

SPOs' Induction as Constables

HC Closes PIL Seeking CBI Inquiry

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has closed a Public Interest Litigation, seeking a probe by Central Bureau of Investigation into the induction of Special Police Officers (SPOs) as Constables in the

cadres of Police Department from 2018 upto March, 2020. The PIL was filed by a Kashmiri

Pandit, Dr. Sandeep Mawa, Chairman J&K Reconciliation Front who had demanded investigation of the SPOs as Constables for the period, alleging the same to be illegal. "In the order dated

03.02.2021, this Court has

observed that on perusal of the petition, allegations were found to be vague and the petitioner has also not disclosed his credentials properly," said a division bench of Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi said.

Accordingly, the court said, one month's time was granted to Mawa to file a better affidavit in support of the petition.

"However, despite deferring the matter on number of occasions, needful has not been done," the court said, adding, "Further the matter pertains to selection and appointment of SPOs as Constables, thus, falls in the realm | More on P6

HC Dismisses Omar's Divorce Plea

he Delhi High Court on Tuesday dismissed National Conference leader Omar Abdullah's plea seeking divorce from his estranged wife, saying there was no merit in his appeal. A bench of Justices Sanjeev Sachdeva and Vikas Mahajan upheld an order of the trial court which had also refused to grant divorce to Abdullah. The high court said there was no merit in the appeal filed by the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister challenging the trial court's 2016 verdict. Abdullah has sought divorce from | More on P6

Two Suspects Arrested In Anantnag

he Army on Tuesday said two "suspected individuals" were arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district and a pistol was recovered from their possession.

"Based on intelligence inputs, a Joint Mobile Vehicle Check Post (MVCP) was established on Monday, #IndianArmy & @JmuKmrPolice at Zabilpura, Bijbehara, Anantnag, two suspected individuals have been apprehended with recovery of 01xPistol & war-like stores," the Army's Chinar Corps | More on P6

Army Captain Found Dead

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he body of an Army captain was found hanging from the ceiling of a room at a camp on the outskirts of Srinagar city on Monday, officials here said. The incident took place at the Army's Sharifabad camp. The officials said the | More on P6

Woman Among 4 Held With Arms

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ecurity forces arrested four people, including a woman, in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district and recovered arms and ammunition from them, police said on Tuesday. "Bandipora police along with Army, **CRPF** and Sopore Police arrested four persons, including a woman. Huge quantities of arms and ammunition recovered," the police said in a post on X. The police identified them as Adil Tariq Wasil, Shafkat Nabi, Musaib

Khursheed, all | More on P6

Two IPS Officers Among 4 Shifted

he Union Territory

government on Tuesday ordered transfer of two Indian administrative service (IAS) and as many Jammu and Kashmir administrative offices (JKAS) officers in the interest of administration with immediate effect. According to an government order, Nitish Rajora, IAS (AGMUT:2021), awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Jammu (North), vice Nagesh Singh, JKAS, who has been asked | More on P6

India Logs 164 New Covid Cases

ndia recorded a single-day rise of 164 new COVID-19 infections while the active caseload rose to 1,013, according to Union Health Ministry data.

The death toll was recorded at 5,33,307 (5.33 lakh), the data updated on Tuesday showed. The country's Covid case tally currently stands at 4,50,03,341 (4.50 crore). The number of people who have recuperated from the disease is currently at 4,44,69,021 (4.44 crore) while the national recovery rate stands at | More on P6



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بالاموري 2023-11-13 اصالتًا يا وكالتًا بروقت تحجيري حاضرة كرمقدمه مذاكي الاموري 2023-11-13 اصالتًا يا وكالتأ بروقت تحجيري حاضرة كرمقدمه مذاكي پیروی کریں۔بصورت عدم حاضری حسب ضابطہ کاروائی بعمل لائی جائے گی شخریر 📗 پیروی کریں۔بصورت عدم حاضری حسب ضابطہ کاروائی بعمل لائی جائے گی شخریر ایڈیشنل ڈسٹر کٹ جج بنک مقد مات سرینگر

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In The Court Of 2Nd Addl. Munsiff/Judicial Magistrate 1St Class, Srinagar

Present:-Ahtzaz Ahmed

In the Case of:-Sajad Ahmad Bhat S/O Naseer Ahmad Bhat R/O Brein, Nishat, Srinagar, Kashmir

.. (Complainant)

V/S Irfan Hafeez Lone S/O Hafeezullah Lone R/O Bug, Rud Bug, Natsuna, Kupwara, Kashmir

(Accused person)

In the matter of:-Complaint u/sec 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act.

PROCLAMATION U/SEC 82 Cr.P C REQUIRING THE APPEAR-ANCE OF ACUSECD PERSON Whereas a complaint has been made before me that the ac-

cused/respondent(s) mentioned above has/have committed the offence punishable u/sec 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused/respondent(s) cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that accused /respondent(s) has/have absconded or is/are concealing himself/themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant. Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused/

respondent(s) is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on the day of 25 January-2024.

2nd Additional Munstff dicial Magistrate 1st Clas 2 Addl. Mundicial Magistrate Srinagar

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Manzoor Ahmad Wani

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Manzoor Ahmad Wani S/o Abdul Gaffar Wani R/o Kaalipora Khanyar Sgr

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This is to inform the general public the date of birth and name of my son has been wrongly mentioned in his school records as 29/07/2022 and Mohammad Hammad Mir instead of 29/07/2019 and Muhammad Hammad Mir .Now I want to apply for its correction.If anybody has any objection he/she may contact concerned department within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.No objection shall be entertained

Shabir Ahmad Mir F/o Muhammad Hammad Mir R/o Hanjura Chadoora Budgam

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R/o Kuchey Pora Magamhis

Office Of The Executive Engineer Sub Transmission Division-IInd, Rajbagh, Srinagar

Tender Notice

eNIT No STD-II /45 of 2023-24 Dated 12-12-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from A-class Electrical contractors / registered firms enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/DGS&D and Inspection Agency for "Augmentation of Receiving Station Chanapora from 26.3MVA to 30MVA (PART A)."

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SNO	Description of Work	Earnest Money	Estimated Cost(In	Last date of sub-
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	to 30MVA (PART A)			

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The tender document is available on website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view or download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid on line up to date as per the details mentioned in the table below:

Α	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Docu-				
	ment	be downloaded over http://jktenders.			
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В	Sale of Bid Document (Start)	14-12-2023; 5:00pm			
C	Sale of Bid Document (End)	04-01-2024; 2:30pm			
D	e-Bid submission (start) date and time (submission of	21-12-2023; 10:00am			
	e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in				
	PDF/XLS format)				
E	e-Bid submission (End) date and time (submission of	04-01-2024; 2:30pm			
	e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in				
	PDF/XLS format)				
F	Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date	06-01-2024; 2:30pm			
	and time	•			
G	Online financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the	Will be communicated to the techni-			
	technically qualified bidders)	cally qualified bidders			
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		II. Raibagh, Srinagar			
I	Cost of e-bid document	Rs3150.00 (Rupees Three Thousand			
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J	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs 125150.00 (Rupees One Lac			
		Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred			
		Fifty Only)			

The bidders need to submit the proof/Cost of e-Bid document as stated above through e-Challan/Treasury Receipt pledged to Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar to be credited to M.H-0801-Power payable at Srinagar. The scanned copy of the e-Challan/Treasury Receipt must be enclosed along with the e-Bids. No demand Draft shall be accepted.

All the e-Bids must be accompanied by EMD in the form of CDR/FDR from a Nationalized Bank only pledged to the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Raibagh, Srinagar

Hard Copy of e-bid (complete) shall have to be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar only from the bidder who is declared L1 after opening of financial bids.

The date and time of opening of financial bids shall be notified on web site http://iktenders.gov.in. This is conveyed to the qualified bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The financial bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same web site at the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar.

The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representa-5. tives, who choose to attend at the identified venue on indicated date and time mentioned or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder' representative will be required to be produced.

The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e- Bids/ the e- Bid process without assigning any reason thereof .The decision of department will be final and binding.

In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being a holiday/closed day for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the same time and place.

All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOO should be up loaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.

To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate(DSC)'class III(b) as per InformationTechnologyAct-2000,to participate in online bidding.

Hard Copy of e-bid (complete) shall have to be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II,

Rajbagh, Srinagar only from the bidder who is declared L1 after opening of financial bids. The name of the bidder and e-NIT no. shall be clearly written on the cover.

Any other information regarding e-tendering process can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar.

Sd/-**Executive Engineer, Sub Transmission Division-II,** Rajbagh, Srinagar.

I have applied for the issuance of Death Certificate of my Father Namely Late Syed Rasool R/o Tantraypora Pattan who died on 13-12-2021 at home. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may contact BDO Office Shareabad Khore within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained Khatija Begum

D/o Late Syed Rasool R/o Tantraypora

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My name and DOB has been wrongly written as Abbas, DOB (15-02-2005) while my correct name and DOB is NAME: Meesum Abbas Mir & DOB: 15-05-2011 which needs to be corrected. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/ she may file his/her objection in the office of the Muicipal Committee Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Meesum Abbas Mir (DOB: 15-05-2011 S/o Aijaz Hussain Mir R/o Magam Yagi Pora

BMG

From Office of the Advocate Mudasir Gulzar

In the case of

Mufaiz Baba S/o khusrheed Baba

R/o house no 31 Al Farooq colony Hakeem Bagh Rawalpora (Caveator)

Public at large

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

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

ازنيابت پلهالن

ضمون: درخواست منظوراحد كنائي ولدمحدا كبركنائي ساكة تايرواري يوره نسبت اجرائي DOB

اشتهار بمرادا گاہی ہرخاص وعام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض اجرائی DOB سرٹفیکیٹ جق ولا دان پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے سائل نے اپنے دختر کی سرٹفکیٹ DOB اجراء شدہ ہیڈ اسٹر مڈل سکول تابرواری یورہ زیرنمبر N12 مورخہ 2023-12-08 پیش کی ہے۔جس کے مطابق سائل کی دختر کی پیدائش201-06-18 اندراج ہے۔ اب سائل DOB سرٹفیکیٹ سمجق دختر حاصل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے لہذا اس ضمن میں اگر کسی شخص یا اشخاص کو کوئی عذریا عتراض ہوتو وہ سات یوم کےاندرپیش کرے معاد گز رنے بعد کوئی بھی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگاہ۔

از نیابت پلہالن

عنوان: درخواست منجانب محمر مزمل وعادل احد كمار پسران عبدالا حد كمارسا كنه پابهالن تخصيل يين بمرادا جرائى شوشل كاست بذمره كمار

اشتهار هرخاص وعام

معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض سوشل کاسٹ سرٹفیکیٹ بذمرہ کمار پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے ریورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل واقعی کمار ذات ہے تعلق رکھتا ہے۔ اور سائل پلبالن مخصیل پیٹن میں رہائش یذ بریہےاور بھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل مذکورہ شوشل کاسٹ سرٹھیکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خوال ہے اور کنبہ کی مہوارہ آمدنی 6800رویے تک ہے ۔ سر فعیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کہ اگر سی شخص کو کوئی عزریاا عتراض ہوتووہ بعدمشتہرا خبارسات دن کے اندراندرآ پنے مذر یاعتراض ودالت هذا کودفتری ادقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میعادکویی عذریاعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

زنيابت كوم احمد بوره رخواست از جانٰب غلامٌ صطفاتُهوكر ولدعبلي تُصوكر ساكنه ٱلذُخواجبة قاسم تخصيل سنگھيو ره پيڻن بار بهموله بمراد

اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی خاص وعام

عامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر کے نسبت رپورٹ پنچایت سکٹری ونمبر دارد ہدوچوکیدارعلاقہ وآشا میڈم سے وصول ہوا ہے کہ متو فی عبلی ٹھو کر ولد صفدر ٹھو کر سا کنہ گنڈ خواجہ قاسم مور خیہ 1974-01-20 کوفوٹ ہوا ہے اور تا حال ڈیتھ سرٹفکیٹ حاصل نہیں کی ہےاب غلام مصطفا ٹھوکر ولدعبلی ٹھوکرا پنے والد کی ڈیتھ سرٹفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے۔ اس بارے میں بذر بعیداخباراشتہار مشتمر کیا جاتا ہےا گر کئی شخص کوکوئی اعتراض نسبت اجراء سرٹفکیٹ ہوتو دفتر

فیڈ میں اندرسات یوم پیش کریں _ بعد گزرنے میعاً دکوئی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا _

IDARA FALAH AAM WAQF (IFAW)

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APPEAL

Today, we reach out to General Public with hearts heavy with concern for following three young souls, who are currently facing severe health crisis.

Syed Shoaib Rizvi S/o: Syed Ahmad Rizvi, Srinagar. The patient, a young man of 35 years age, who had undergone kidney transplant in 2014, is yet again suffering from Kidney failure, thus necessitating Transplantation of kidney at an estimated cost of Rs 20.00 lacs.

2. Shabir Hussain Bhat S/o: Mohd Havat Bhat, Srinagar, a young man of 37 Years age, requires kidney transplant at an estimated cost of Rs 6.00 lacs Sobia Maqbool Dio: Mohammad Maqbool, Kulgam, a young girl aged 23 years, is suffering from

CA Bone Marrow and needs treatment outside state, at an estimated cost of Rs 25.00 lacs. As members of the Idara Falah Aam family, we stand united in our commitment to explore every possibility in saving these lives, and humbly seek your support to make this mission a reality. In the trials of life, we are reminded of the Quranic verse:

"And whoever saves one life, it is as if they have saved all of humanity" (Quran 5:32).

The three young adults, we speak of, are fighting a difficult battle, and your support can be means through which Allah's mercy manifests itself. We, at Idara Falah Aam, have dedicated ourselves to this noble cause, and we invite you to join

us. Your donation, whether big or small, is an expression of your faith and a demonstration of the Islamic principles of charity. In the spirit of unity and brotherhood, let us come together, remembering the words of the prophet Muhammad (SAW):

"The example of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body, when any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever," You can contribute to this cause by donating on below mentioned bank account number or directly pay cash at Idara's office

J&K BANK ACCOUNT NO:1112040102856261 J&K BANK Branch Alamgari Bazar IFSC: JAKAOALMGRI

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Issued By Idara Falah Aam Waqf Alamgari Bazar

No.:STD-II/3284-86/Ts

Conference On 'Managing School Finances & Bridging Learning Gaps' Held

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: In a bid to spearhead transformative changes in private education in Kashmir Schools, and address the educational void resulting from extended winter breaks, a conference titled "Managing School Finances and Bridging Learning Gaps" con-

vened here on Tuesday. With a resolute focus on fostering prostudent reforms within private schools, the conference served as a strategic platform for educators, administrators, and policymakers to collaboratively explore inno-

vative solutions. The gathering was marked by impassioned discussions on optimizing school finances to educational enhance quality and resilience.

The participants, who had come from different parts of the Kashmir Valley, engaged in conversations aimed at 'bridging the learning gaps' exacerbated by prolonged winter vacations.

The conference was organized by the Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK).

Pertinently, the PSAJK has partnered with Edu-fintech LEO1 and Edubull to bring out the necessary reforms in the education sector.

Speakers attending the conference said the reforms will bring much needed relief to students. their parents, teachers and school management. Besides getting world class education, under the new system the students can even claim a fee refund.

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Sciences & Technology of Kashmir

Estates Wing, Main Campus Shalimar – 190 025

Notice Inviting e-Tender

E-NIT No. (84) of 2023-24Dated:11.12.2023

For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST(K), e-tenders (in single-cover system) are invited on-

percentage basis from approved and eligibleCivil contractors whose cards are valid up to 31-03-2024

registered with State PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. departments for the fol-

Cost (in lacs) Money

Earnest

The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifica-

18.12.2023 (06.00 PM)

19.12.2023 (12.00PM)

tions, set of terms and conditions and other details can be downloaded from the departmental web-

11.12.2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my PNB MetLife police bearing Policy no 1200800716391 as Mr. Parvaiz Ahmad Matt while my correct name is as per aadhar is Parvaiz Ahemad Matoo which needs to be corrected. . as Mr. Parvaiz Ahemad Matt and Mr Parvaiz Ahemad Matoo is one and same person. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may contact the concerned Insurance Company within a period 3 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Surgeons From Mainland India To Be Trained At GMC Srinagar

Observer News service

surgeons from various parts of the country are gathering in Srinagar to undergo specialized training in laparoscopic hernia procedures.

Prof Dr Iqbal Saleem Mir, Head of in the field.

seven surgeons from different parts undergo a two-day training session on advanced laparoscopic hernia surgery, scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday. "It is a commendable achievement for Kashmir medical sciences to attract professionals from outside for training," he said.

Renowned for their proficiency in the field, the faculty of the Surgery Department will share valuable skills and knowledge with the visiting surgeons,

would typically travel outside the region for specialized training, and it is for the first time that doctors are visiting Kash-

Explaining the laparoscopic her-

nia repair technique, Dr Mir said it is a minimally invasive surgical procedure utilizing three to four small incisions and a laparoscope—a thin tube with a camera on the end-to guide the surgeon. In some cases, mesh may be used to support protruding tissues. The procedure typically takes one hour or less

Hernias, a gap in the abdominal wall resulting from muscle weakness, allow abdominal tissues or intestines to protrude. "If left untreated, hernias can lead to serious health complications, including infection and/or loss of blood to the intestine, he said.

"Laparoscopic hernia repair is employed to treat hernias across age groups and genders, from children to the elderly," Dr Iqbal said.

Bhupinder Kumar, Administra-

tive Secretary, Health and Medi-

cal Education, J & K was the Chief

Guest for the event. Dr. Hilde De

Graeve, Team Lead Health Sys-

tems, WHO Country Office, India

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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PRAYERS

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This Day In History

- 1266- Rebels holed up inside Kenilworth Castle surrender after 172 days to Henry III, ending one of the longest sieges in medieval English history
- 1294 Saint Celestine V abdicates the papacy after only five months; Celestine hoped to return to his previous life as an ascetic hermit.
- 1545 Council of Trent (19th ecumenical council) opened by Pope Paul III
- 1570 Sweden and Denmark signs Peace of Stettin 1572 - Spanish army beats Geuzen fleet (confederacy of Calvinist Dutch nobles) under admiral Lumey
- 1577 Sir Francis Drake sets sail from England on a circumnavigation of the world
- 1643 English Civil War: The Battle of Alton takes place in Hampshire.
- 1668 Jean Racine's "Britannicus" premieres in Paris.
- 1734 Britain & Russia sign trade agreement 1861 - Battle of Alleghany Summit, WV
- 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg, VA (Marye's Heights) 1864 - Battle of Ft McAllister, GA
- 1916 Avalanche kills 10,000 Austrian & Italian troops in 24 hrs in Tyrol. 1918 - US army of occupation crosses Rhine, enters
- 1920 League of nations establishes International Court of Justice in The Hague. 1920 - Netherland breaks contact with
- of Serbia, Croatia & Slavia forbid National Front & Netherland Union.
- 1941 Lawine battlers destroy Haaraz, Peru; about 3,000 die. 1962 - Relay 1 communication satellite launched.
- 1966 1st US bombing of Hanoi part of Operation
- Rolling Thunder during the Vietnam War. 1966 - 1st battle for Bijlmer flats Amsterdam.
- 1974 Malta becomes a republic.
- 1982 Earthquake hits Northern Yemen; 2,000 die.
- 1988 Arafat addresses UN in Geneva.
- 1993 Space shuttle STS-61 (Endeavour 5), lands President.
- 2001 The Indian Parliament Sansad is attacked by terrorists. 15 people are killed, including all the
- 2002 Enlargement of the European Union: The European Union announces that Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania,
- Malta, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia will become members from May 1, 2004. 2003 - Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein
- is captured near his home town of Tikrit, during Operation Red Dawn by US forces. 2014 - The British Government announces it will
- send hundreds of troops to Iraq, to train Iraqi and Kurdish forces in the conflict with Islamic State. 2015 - COP21 climate change summit in Paris
- reaches a deal between nearly 200 countries to attempt to tackle rising global temperatures. 2016- UN claims 82 civilians have been summary
- executed in Aleppo by pro-government forces 2017- Online dictionary Merriam-Webster's most
- searched word of the year is Feminism 2017- Prehistoric bones of a penguin as tall as a human (1.77m) found on Otago beach, New
- Zealand, reported in "Nature Communications" 2017-Prime Minister Theresa May's UK Conservative government loses key vote in Parliament for an
- amendment to allow MPs to vote on Brexit 2017- Scientists begin checking interstellar asteroid Oumuamua for signs of alien technology through radio signals (later studies conclude it a piece of
- sliced off planet) 2018- Apple announces new \$1 billion campus in Austin, Texas and expansion in other US cities
- 2018- Cease-fire in port city of Hudaydah, Yemen, by Houthi rebels and Saudi-led coalition announced by the UN 2018- US Senate passes non-binding "war powers
- resolution" against long-term ally Saudi Arabia 2020- Germany announces a strict lockdown till Jan 10 after looser restrictions failed to prevent COVID-19 numbers surging

Advanced Laparoscopic Hernia Surgery

Srinagar: In a significant development,

the Department of Surgery at GMC & SMHS Hospital, informed that GMC Srinagar, particularly SMHS Hospital Srinagar, has become a focal point for learning and exchanging expertise in this advanced surgical technique, highlighting the region's growing influence

Dr Iqbal said that for the first time, of India are visiting GMC Srinagar to

TAAK Condoles Demise Of Wangnoo

Srinagar: Travel Agents Association

of Kashmir (TAAK) has Tuesday ex-

pressed grief over the demise of vet-

eran tourism player Abdul Khaliq

Wagnoo, who breathed his last after

Tramboo in a statement said the de-

parture of Abdul Khaliq Wangnoo is

an immense loss to the tourism in-

dustry of Jammu and Kashmir.

President TAAK, Rauf Ahmad

Observer News Service

protracted illness.

Dr Iqbal said the effort is aimed at enhancing the medical community's proficiency in laparoscopic techniques, fostering a cross-cultural exchange of medical expertise. "The local doctors

mir to learn," he said.

GMC Srinagar Commemorates Universal Health Coverage Day

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: On the occasion of World Universal Health Coverage Day 2023, Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO) India commemorated the event at the College Auditorium by organizing an array of activities.

J&K Bank

was the Guest of Honor, while Principal and Dean, GMC, Srinagar Prof. Masood Tanvir was the Patron for the event. Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited Impaired Assets Portfolio Management Department

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Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas Mr. Mehraj ud din Bhat, as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 25.09.2023 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely Mr Imtiyaz Ahmad Yatoo S/o. Mr. Ghulam Mohamed Yatoo R/o. Loolipora Pattan to repay an amount of Rs.18,34,622.51 (Rupees Eighteen Lacs Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Two and Paise Fifty One Only) being the balance outstanding as on 31.08.2023 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the O7th of December, 2023.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said o the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount ing to Rs. 18,90,608.51 (Rupees Eighteen Lacs Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Eight and Paise Fifty One Only) being the balance outstanding in the accounts of the Borrower as on 30.11.2023 together with future interest thereon from **01.12.2023** (For Working Capital Loan, the interest is to be applied from 01.04.2023) and other charges incurred or to be

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

Description of the Immovable Property

(As per the schedule provided in mortgage deed/latest particulars including any accreditations) Land measuring 01 kanal 08 Marlas under Khasra No.250 Min, Khata No.48 & Khewat no.37 situated at Mouza Lolipora, Tehsil Pattan, District Baramulla (J&K) standing in the name of Mr. Ghulam Mohamed Yatoo S/O. Mr. Ghulam Mohi-ud-din Yatoo R/O. Lolipora, Pattan, Baramulla (Mortgagor).

Dated: 07-12-2023 Place: Goushbagh Pattan Mr. Mehraj ud din Bhat **Authorized Officer**

Registered office: Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India :IN: L65110JK1938SGC000048; T: +91 (0)194 2481 930-35; F: +91 (0)194 248 1928; E: info@jkbmail.com; W: www.jkbank.c



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Development of Farm field by 5.51

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SKUAST-Kashmir(HADP)

Position of AAA:

Position of T.S:

Position of funds:

site www.iktenders.gov.in as per following schedule:

Date of issue of Tender Notice

Date & Time of opening of Tech-

of qualifying bidders (online)

Date of opening of Financial bid 20.12.2023

Further information can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Date of start of downloading

Pre-bid meeting date

nical bid (online)

No. Au/Estates/e-NIT(84)/1005

Head Office :

Bid submission start Date

Bid submission end date

etc at KVK Srinagar at Narkara

IDARA FALAH AAM WAQF (IFAW) KASHMIR

Sd/-

Executive Engineer

SKUAST-Kashmir

Alamgari Bazar Srinagar 190011 Kashmir (J&K) India 0194 4058203 Phone idarafalahaam@gmail.com E-mail Id

Dated: 12.12.2023

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Idara Falah Aam offer free one year Job oriented coaching in stenography and computer typing, to the young marginalized girls preferably from weaker section of the society. The course will be one year and will commence from 1st of January 2024 at Career plus Academy of Stenography &

Computer Learning (a reputed stenographic Institute) MK Chowk Hawal Accordingly, Applications are invited from eligible girl candidates having passed graduation in any discipline with 60% marks, falling within the age group of 22-28 years and residing in Srinagar city, for undergoing the captioned course.

During the course period, the students shall be provided free books, journals, stationery as may be required for the purpose. The classes shall be daily 1 ½ hours (45 minutes each for shorthand and typing). The number of seats available is (Ten) 10. Registration forms are available at Idara Falah Aam Alamgari Bazar Srinagar, free of cost, on any working day w.e.f 10th December 2023 from 11:00am to

The selection of candidates shall be made on the basis of %age of marks in academics as well as performance in the interaction session

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:





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BJP's Headstart

JP has elected two fresh faces as chief ministers in Madhya Pradesh, ushering in a new guard. Both choices are surprising considering the party has passed over veteran leaders such as Shivraj Chauhan and Vasundhara Raje. At the same time, the party has led by example, showing that it offers space to younger leaders to grow and take over bigger responsibilities. And considering that the party has made these changes in the run up to general elections in May 2024, this is set to give it a big political boost. On the other hand, the Congress has proved itself singularly incapable of letting its crop of new leaders take the lead, seen as one of the important factors in its decline in recent years.

With its victories in three major states - Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chattisgarh - the BJP has already got a head-start months ahead of national polls. The setback faced by the INDIA Alliance, led de-facto by the Congress party and Rahul Gandhi, has triggered some introspection within the coalition. Congress's unilateral approach and subsequent weakened position after the elections might strain the alliance's cohesion, potentially fostering internal conflicts and undermining its collective strength against the BJP. The BJP's expansion in various states since 2014, coupled with prime minister Narendra Modi's enduring popularity and welfare-driven policies, foretell a possible southern foray. However, the south India remains a formidable challenge, with the BJP yet to secure a solid presence.

But the lack of foothold in south is unlikely to go to disadvantage of the BJP. For, the party's overwhelming presence in the north more than makes up for this. The PM Modi's charisma underlines the BJP's electoral prowess, buttressed by its ground-level organizational strength. The state election outcomes have shown that the BJP's policies and direct benefit transfers resonate strongly.

Voters' rejection of the proposed Nationwide Caste Survey, despite opposition backing, signals a preference for stability over potential social upheaval. Moreover, the BJP's surge in tribal areas signifies a paradigm shift in voting patterns. Also, the rise in women voters has altered the traditional political landscape, creating a new beneficiary class and reshaping electoral dynamics.

This has created a formidable challenge for the opposition. Though the INDIA alliance received a lot of public and media attention when it was created some months ago, it seems to have lost the momentum ever since. The fallout within the INDIA Alliance post-elections has been palpable. Congress's independent approach during the election campaign in recent state elections and refusal to concede to allies' demands have strained relationships. This rift, highlighted by canceled meetings and expressions of doubt over the alliance's future, threatens its unity and collective strength.

Looking ahead, the BJP's momentum ahead of the 2024 polls indicates an endorsement of stability and continuity in governance. The INDIA Alliance needs to do much more than photo op meetings to offer a credible challenge to the saffron party.

OTHER OPINON

Making more iPhones

t a time of heightened US-China rivalry and derisking of supply chains from the dragon, the growing scale of Apple's local iPhone production is definitely good news. India must step up its efforts to capitalise on this process as there is only a short window of opportunity to exploit, as has been rightly pointed out by EO RVR Suhrahmanyam Annle is make 50 million iPhones a year within the next 2-3 years, which, if achieved, would entail India accounting for 25% of its global production. The US tech giant's preferred contract manufacturers, which include the Tata Group, are already more than achieving their production-linked incentive targets for FY24 and are ramping up capacities. The steel-tosoftware Tata Group, for instance, acquired Wistron Corporation's operations near Bengaluru. Besides making iPhone components near Hosur in Tamil Nadu, the Group has plans to build a new facility that will have 20 assembly lines and employ 50,000 workers to assemble iPhones.

To facilitate Apple's growing level of ambition, there is a critical need for replicating the iPhone ecosystem in the country. The US major is now pushing its existing battery manufacturers in the mainland like Desay and Taiwanese Simplo Technology to establish local facilities for its forthcoming iPhone 16, according to Financial Times. The Japanese company TDK is also setting up a facility. However, this could be challenging considering the intensified screening of foreign direct investment proposals since April 2020 from countries sharing land borders with India, obviously targeting China. Although half of China's proposals have been cleared, one of Apple's exclusive vendors, Luxshare, did not receive approvals for its expansion plans. For such reasons, Desay, too, might face obstacles to establish local facilities. However, this may not affect Sunwoda to supply batteries as its local facility was established before the FDI screening kicked in.

To be sure, there are enormous opportunities with Apple deepening its footprint by shifting 25% of its iPhone global production to India. While that is the good news, there is warrant to dampen expectations that the country will be the preferred choice of supply chains, especially the Taiwanese, diversifying out of China. Foxconn, for instance, is in no tearing hurry to do so despite recent raids by Chinese tax authorities on its subsidiaries in two Chinese provinces. The bulk of its spending on production facilities will continue to be in the mainland alongside investments in Vietnam, India and Mexico. However, the company has plans to deepen its presence in India. The first phase of Foxconn's plant under construction in Karnataka is expected to be operational in April 2024 to make 20 million mostly iPhones annually, with plans to build another mega plant in the future.

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Persons with Disabilities and Their Visionary Feats



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

A scientific study has found that persons with disabilities report experiencing more mental distress than those without disabilities. The only way to overcome this is to involve physically challenged people in different activities and provide them skills to earn a decent livelihood. Involving PWDs in spiritual and sports activities is also the best remedy for them to overcome depression

few days back, the International Day for Persons with Disabilities was celebrated across the world. This day is commemorated every year on the 3rd of December. I along with my colleagues had decided to felicitate some Kashmiri activists, who are persons with blindness, working for the empowerment of their community.

The Jammu & Kashmir RTI Movement in association with the NGO KOSHISH and J&K Blind Welfare Trust organised an event in Srinagar to felicitate activists working for welfare of blind people and to discuss and debate challenges faced by Persons with Disabilities -PWDs especially visually challenged persons.

We also discussed how laws meant for PWDs like Rights Of Persons with Persons Disabilities (RPWD) Act 2016 could be implemented on ground so that its benefits reach the concerned people. In addition to members of the J&K Blind Welfare Trust, we had invited former Chief Information Commissioner G R Sufi, religious scholars and social workers to speak during this programme.

Showkat's Struggle

Showkat Ahmad Lone from Lanoora Budgam works actively for persons with blindness. 28-years-old Showkat is blind due to an eye disease which he suffered from at the age of six years. He could not recover and lost his vision. As fate would have it, only after a year, Showkat lost his fa-ther as well. His mother and elder sisters were his primary caretakers. They tried admitting him in a local school but the school had denied him admission. The headmaster of the school had conveniently defended his decision of not admitting Showkat by saying, "Mujhe Sarkar Nokri Say Nikaal Degey" (I will lose my government job).

This is the mindset Government officials towards persons with disabilities.

Yte, Showkat and his family didn't lose hope. By a stroke of luck, in 2017, a visually challenged person who met Showkat told him about an institution which provides rehabilitation services to blind persons.

Visiting NEIPVD Dehradun

In February 2018, Showkat's mother Zeba Begum, his older sister Haseena and brother Shabir accompanied Showkat to Dehradun to get an admission in the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities-NIEPVD. This was a decisive decision for Showkat.

In the six months that Showkat spent at NIEPVD, he learnt many soft skills.

The National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities- NEIPVD is one of the seven National Institutes working under the administrative control of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwDs) under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. This institute was established wav back in 1943 as St Dunstan's Hostel for the soldiers blinded in war. In 1982 NIEPVD Dehradun was registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and acquired the status of an autonomous body. The NIEPVD is one of the country's prestigious institutions having completed its glorious 75 years of providing rehabilitation services to the visually impaired persons.

Showkat's education

In Dehradun, Showkat was asked to continue his education. He completed his matriculation from Seva Koti School in New Delhi where he was enrolled in 2018. In 2021, he then cleared class XII exams from CBSE board. In 2022, he took admission in Delhi University (Distance Mode) and is now taking a graduation course





Showkat Ahmad Lone

in History and Political science. Showkat also plays cricket and he has motivated many blind youth to play this game.

For visually challenged persons, the Cricket Association for the Blind in India -CABI. has designed a special cricket game. There are some challenges Showkat and his team are facing as they are yet to get registered with CABI. But he is doing a lot of advocacy on this as well.

Setting up Blind Welfare Trust

For a long time Showkat had plans to set up an organisation for the welfare of persons with blindness. A lawyer had taken money from him and assured to get the trust registered but for many months he kept him moving. Finally, Showkat approached me and I got this work done by getting the J&K Blind Welfare Trust registered. The Deputy Commissioner Budgam and SDM Khansahib (Sub Registrar) were really very helpful. The trust was registered early this year and Showkat Ahmad Lone is the Chairman of this trust with some other members as well who too are visually challenged persons. Shafat Ahmad Sofi who is partially blind is its General Secretary. After getting registered as a legal entity, Showkat and his team held several meetings in the last 6 to 7 months and undertook many activities.

Showkat and his team are fond of playing cricket and Birla Open Minds School Pampore provided them with a cricket uniform and entire cricket kit. Recently, they played a cricket match in their school campus which was witnessed by a large gathering. In-fact seeing their talent the school principal Dr Mehnaz offered to take these visually challenged cricket players outside J&K to exhibit their talent in Delhi and Lucknow. I have also requested noted cricketer Parvez Rasool to handhold them and he has given me full assurance to make these people play cricket outside J&K.

Abid Ahmad Dar's struggle

Another visually impaired person, Abid Ahmad Dar, 41, has also struggled a lot for over 7 years now. Abid who hails from

Srinagar's Eid-Gah lived a happy life 7 years back. He was a cricketer and worked with Kashmiri handicrafts. Abid was married in 2015 and after around 4 to 5 months he developed some eye infection. This became a more serious issue and finally he completely lost his eyesight. Abid has two little daughters and a wife whom he loves a lot. For more than 6 years Abid was restricted to his house and would hardly move. This further depressed him and he suffered from psychological disorder. While staying idle at home he would only think about his past life when he would play cricket and do Kashmiri handi-

crafts business. His neighbour and friend Manzoor Ahmad Khanday persuaded him to come out and took him to the composite regional centre (CRC) Srinagar where he started going off and on. This institution is similar to NEIPVD Dehradun, but has some limited facilities. Abid learnt the art of walking crossing roads and got introduced to Showkat as well. The CRC acted as an institution not only to learn soft skills for blind people but also acted as a platform for socialization of this community plus getting organised as well.

Abid was facing mental depression as he is 100 % blind and was restricted to his house for 6 years, but when he got in touch with Manzoor and then met Showkat, they showed him the new way of life. Abid is again playing cricket and keeps moving out of his house. He personally told me at Pampore during the cricket match that his stress level is completely down and he is physically fit now. When he told me all this I recorded that happy moment and that video became viral on social media and has been watched by more than 76000 people in last two weeks https://www.instagram. com/p/Czx2qSwPt8V/

Conclusion

A scientific study has found that persons with disabilities report experiencing more mental distress than those without disabilities. The only way to overcome this is to involve physically challenged people in different activities and provide them skills to earn a decent livelihood. Involving the PWDs in spiritual and sports activities is also the best remedy to overcome depression. We have several sportsmen and sportswomen who in spite of being physically challenged are bringing laurels for the country. Sheetal Devi who is only 16 is one such person who competed in the women's compound bow at the 2022 Asian Para Games and received two gold medals in mixed doubles and women's individual after winning a silver medal in women's double compound championship. The day is not far away when the visually challenged persons like Showkat or Abid would rise and shine. They are helping their community to come out of the depression and I am sure that one day the J&K Blind Welfare Trust would become a responsible institution in J&K that would handhold persons with vision loss and will provide them a platform for empowerment and growth. In the coming months, RTI Movement and KOSHISH are planning to make members of Blind Welfare Trust aware about RTI Act Right to Education , Consumer Protection Act and some other pro people legislations. This is the best way to empower and educate them.

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On Innovation

What Makes People Creative

Muzamil Faroog

nowing what motivates people to be creative is essential for Lany manager, teacher, or student concerned with creativity and, ultimately, innovation. So let's take a look at some extremely creative people. What about Leonardo da Vinci, for example, the well-known 15th-century artist and scientist? He created beautiful paintings as well as nice blueprints for various types of innovations, such as aeroplanes, long before they were built. He is regarded as one of the greatest minds that ever lived. How about Thomas Edison? Among many of his novel inventions, he invented the light bulb and the motion picture camera, both of which were implemented in various products and found to be extremely useful. What about the well-known artist Salvador Dali? He was well-known not only for his beautiful surrealistic paintings, but also for his sculptures and jewellery. What do these individuals have in common? What inspires these creative geniuses? Some argue that creative geniuses are slightly insane, and that it is the madness that drives them to be creative.

Let's take a look at what inspires people to be creative. Teresa Amabile, a Harvard scientist, developed a model that specifies the factors that are important for people to become creative as early as the 1980s. She specified three variables. The first is expertise, which includes technical, procedural, and intellectual knowledge of the domain in which one works. The second factor is motivation, or the willingness to complete a task. Finally, the third factor is creative thinking abilities, which refer to how effectively and imaginatively people can approach problems. According to the Amabile arc, all three of these factors are required for creativity to emerge. So, rather than having just one of them, you need to have all three to some extent in order to be creative.

Let's take a closer look at these three components. When people consider expertise, they frequently believe that there is such a thing as too much knowledge. And perhaps this is true in the sense that some people have been working in a job for too long and have learned so much that they can no longer think outside the box. But, in all honesty, what is far more of a problem is a lack of knowledge. Why is a lack of knowledge such a problem? For





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example, if you don't know enough about a subject, you won't know what has been done before, so you might be working on something that isn't novel. You also have no idea where the boundaries in this area are because you have insufficient expertise. So you could be working on something spectacular and not even realise it, and then abandon it because you don't see the value of your idea. Or you're unsure what's feasible. Maybe you're working on a solution that simply doesn't work,

and because you don't realise it, you keep working on it for far too long. Finally, you might not know what's useful and come up with ideas that are completely unrelated. It is therefore difficult to be creative unless you have sufficient knowledge and expertise to speak for these four elements.

Let's take a look at the second aspect of motivation. People frequently distinguish between two types of motivation when discussing motivation: extrinsic motivation

and intrinsic motivation. Extrinsic motivation refers to doing a task not because you enjoy it, but because of something you gain from it. Consider the carrot and the stick. Maybe you work because you want money or a promotion, or maybe you work to keep your house from being foreclosed on because you owe money on it. All of this is an example of extrinsic motivation. You engage in an activity, but you do so in exchange for a reward. There is also intrinsic motivation, which is when you do

something simply because you enjoy it and would do it anyway if you didn't get anything out of it other than joy and satisfaction. And we know that intrinsic motivation has some advantages. For instance, if you are more intrinsically motivated, you are more likely to overcome obstacles that arise. You are more willing to overcome them and go the extra mile. You are more willing to continue after a failure, and this is an important aspect of creativity, failing, failing, failing before you

can succeed. Intrinsic motivation increases your willingness to work hard and think about the problem continuously, and all of these factors combine to make intrinsic motivation such an important component of creativity. So, if you want to be creative, it helps to be intrinsically motivated.

Let's take a look at the final aspect of creativity. The final component is called creative thinking skills, and it is all about how adaptable and imaginative you can be when approaching problems. This is difficult because many people live their lives like robots, as if everything is preprogrammed for them, which makes sense because it is very efficient. For example, when we say goodbye to someone, we simply wave and say bye bye. This is something we do automatically. We don't have to consider it. This is also true for many of the things we do. We don't consider them; we just do them. While this is beneficial because it is efficient, it works against you if you want to come up with a creative solution. Being creative may be difficult if you behave like a robot. When you use automatic scripts and schemas from your head, you stop thinking too soon before you find the best solution. You also make far too many assumptions about what is going on. In some ways, it's better to think like a child, like someone who hasn't learned all of these assumptions, all of these automatic scripts and schemas, a person who sees a box and thinks it's more than just a box.

It's a fortress. It's a ship. That kind of thinking, thinking outside of the box, is exactly what it takes to create and be creative. So, let's sum it up. What inspires people to be creative? Is this insane? Perhaps for some, but for others, there are three critical elements. Having enough knowledge, being intrinsically motivated, and having creative thinking skills are all necessary for being creative. Creativity is the generation of novel and useful ideas, while innovation is the successful implementation of these ideas within a company. In other words, every innovation begins with a creative idea, and with the mentioned three elements of creativity, the good news is that everyone has the ability to be creative.

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Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra: Transforming J&K's Landscape with Inclusive Development

Firdaus Ali

In a striking showcase of nationwide progress and inclusivity, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi emerges as a source of fervor in various districts across Jammu and Kashmir. Propelled by the resolute call for a Developed India, the Yatra strategically reaches the Panchayats of the Border and Hilly blocks within the Union Territory.

Central to this transformative initiative is a specially equipped van, acting as the epicenter for engaging activities that seize the attention of locals during day-long events. A standout feature includes a pioneering demonstration of Drone technology for agricultural innovation, orchestrated by the Department of Agriculture. This effort not only educates but also captivates attendees, including students and locals, showcasing the incredible potential of drone technology in revolutionizing the agricultural sector.

Educational institutions actively participate in this historic moment for independent India through the Viksit Bharat @2047 initiative. They contribute to a unified effort for comprehensive development, hosting interactive sessions and online webcasts that align with the nationwide call for progress. This collaborative approach emphasizes a commitment to development devoid of discrimination based on caste, religion, creed, or sex.

For the first time in India's independent history, development has permeated the remotest corners of the country. PM Modi's Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra ensures that every scheme achieves 100 percent saturation, leaving no one excluded. This commitment mirrors a transformative vision for the nation, where inclusivity and progress intertwine.

The VBSY stands as a testament to the potency of collective action and an unwavering dedication to ensuring that the benefits of development reach every citizen. As the Yatra unfolds, it vividly portrays a developed and united India, transcending geographical challenges from the hilly terrains of Doda Kishtwar to the plains of Jammu. The overwhelming response attests to the resonance of the Yatra's impact across diverse land-scapes.

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General Manager Reviews Performance Of Northern Railway

Emphasis on Enhancement of Passenger Amenities at stations, Reviews Mobility Enhancement, Safety and infrastructure work; Emphasis on better Crew Management

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

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

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

Chaudhuri emphasized on better crew management and utilization of man power. He instructed to maintained good record of punctuality of trains and expedites the works related with mobility enhancement and conducting drives to check the progress. He reviewed the work done over the zone in improving the maintenance standard of track, welds and removal of scrap lying near the tracks. The GM also took stock of the tree cutting activity and removal of vegetation alongside the tracks.

He emphasized upon minimizing the human failure in train operation, extensive monitoring of rail fractures and rail welds and said no error should be left. He asked the officers should enhance their inspection to assess the progress of works as well as train operations.

He also informed that, loading of food grains & other items have steadily increased with every passing month.

Northern Railway is committed to provide safe, smooth and efficient services to its customers.

LG Inaugurates Online Booking Facility For Ropeway From Vaishno Devi To Bhairon Ji Temple

Observer News Service

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated online booking facility for passenger ropeway from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan to Bhairon ji for the convenience of the pilgrims.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the Shrine Board to provide better facilities and modern amenities to make the pilgrimage convenient and hassle-free.

The tickets for Passenger Ropeway are available through online portal www.maavaishnodevi. org which were earlier only available offline at the counters on first come first serve basis.

Initially, the online ceiling is 2000 tickets per day for the pilgrims and will be scaled up gradually in the coming months. This initiative of Shrine Board will not only facilitate the pilgrims but also reduce annual expenditure of Shrine Board.



The Bhawan-Bhairon passenger ropeway has a carrying capacity of 800 persons per hour which remains

operational for 8 -10 hours in a day.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor handed over the appointment letter to renowned Para-archer Rakesh Kumar.

The Lt Governor congratulated the Para-archer on his appointment as an Assistant Coach in the Shrine Board Sports Complex. He said the remarkable performance of Rakesh Kumar in the international events is a source of inspiration for many aspiring athletes

The Lt Governor also released Panchang Calendar 2024 and diary of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board

Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board briefed the Lt Governor on the action taken report on recent decision of the Board including construction of new Vaishnavi Bhawan, establishment of medical college at Kakryal, passenger Ropeway from Tarakote to Sanhjichhat, widening of track from Sanjhichhat to Bhawan and new langar facility at Bhairon ji.

Members of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board including Dr. Ashok Bhan, Dr. Neelam Sareen, Suresh Kumar Sharma and Raghu K. Mehta; Padma Shri Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri. Member.

K. Mehta; Padma Shri Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri, Member, SMVD Gurukul; Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor and senior official of Shrine Board were present.

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LS Okays 33 Percent

on the strength of their knowledge and talent.

The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Second Amendment) Bill seeks to provide reservation for women in the legislative assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir that came into force following the enactment of the Constitution (One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Act, 2023.

The Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill seeks to provide for as nearly as may be, one-third of total seats in the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory of Puducherry to be reserved for women.

The Constitution (One Hundred and Sixth Amendment) Act, 2023 is the official name of the women's reservation law, that seeks to provide 33 per cent reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies

During a special session of Parliament in September, the Prime Minister had described the law as "Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam".

The law will take some time before being implemented as the next census and the subsequent delimitation exercise -- redrawing of Lok Sabha and assembly constituencies -- will ascertain the particular seats being earmarked for women.

The quota for women in the Lok Sabha and assemblies will continue for 15 years and Parliament can later extend the benefit period.

Articles 370, 35 (A)

refugee communities who were all but forgotten have begun to enjoy the fruits of development," he said.

Through its judgment, the court has upheld the sovereignty and integrity of India, he said.

He said the SC has rightly observed that the decision was taken to enhance constitutional integration and not disintegration. The court has also recognised that Article 370 was not permanent in nature, he added.

The breathtaking landscapes of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh witnessed the worst forms of violence and instability in the last seven decades.

The prime minister blamed centuries of colonisation, most notably economic and mental subjugation, for India becoming a "confused society of sorts" which instead of taking a clear position on basic things allowed duality, leading to confusion.

Jammu and Kashmir became a victim of such a mindset as the then central government had a choice of making a fresh start for national integration but opted to continue with the confused approach even if it meant ignoring the long-term national interests, he said.

"It was always my firm belief that what had happened in J-K was a great betrayal of our nation and of the people living there. It was also my strong desire to do whatever I can to remove this blot, this injustice done to the people. I have always wanted to work to alleviate the suffering of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

"They ensured that the people of J-K never got the rights and development that the rest of their fellow Indians did. Due to these Articles, a distance was created between people belonging to the same nation. As a result, many people who wanted to work to solve the problems of J-K were unable to even if they felt the pain of the people there," he said.

Key central government schemes have attained saturation levels following the removal of the two Articles, he said.

Government vacancies, which were a den of corruption and favouritism, have been filled in a transparent and process-driven manner.

"Earlier, there was a question mark on the status of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. Now, there are only exclamation marks about record growth, development and tourist inflows," he said.

Noting the devastating flood which struck the Valley soon after he took office in 2014, Modi recalled that he went to Srinagar to assess the situation and announced Rs 1,000 crore as special assistance for rehabilitation, signalling our government's commitment to supporting the people during crises.

"The same year, I decided not to mark Diwali in remembrance of those we lost in J-K and decided to be there on Diwali day," he said, highlighting his decision to frequently send ministers to the region.

"From May 2014 to March 2019, over 150 ministerial visits took place. This is a record in itself. The special package of 2015 was a significant step in addressing the developmental needs of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Sports initiatives were among measures to reach out to the youth, he said, and cited the example of talented footballer Afshan Ashiq who was part of a stone-pelting group in Srinagar in 2014 but with the right encouragement she turned to football and was sent for training. She excelled in the game.

Govt Employees

recommendations but does not include any other type of pay like special pay etc.

"The arrears on account of additional instalment of Dearness Allowance from July 2023 to November 2023 shall be paid in cash in December 2023. The revised Dearness Allowance shall form part of monthly pension/family pension from December 2023 onwards," it reads.

"The payment of Dearness Allowance involving a fraction of 50 paisa and above shall be rounded to the next higher rupee and the fraction of less than 50 paisa shall be ignored," the order adds

J&K Now Known

economic and social development of Jammu and Kashmir as envisioned by the prime minister who released the people from the clutches that was Article 370.

"After the abrogation of Article 370 by the centre in 2019, the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a positive change. Now strike calendars are not issued by our neighbouring country and stone-pelting has become a history," he said.

The LG said people are enjoying the fruits of normalcy with the return of nightlife and cinemas in the valley where new dreams and new lifestyles have taken birth.

"Jammu and Kashmir is now known as a tourism hotspot rather than being infamous for terrorism. Last year a record number of 1.88 crore tourists visited the region and by November this year, the footfall had already crossed the two crore mark," Sinha said.

Sherwani, Gen Zorawar

announced the decision of the government to set up a chair in the memory of General Zorawar Singh in University of Jammu.

"The endeavour will inspire students and researchers to build a strong, prosperous J&K which was dreamt of by General Zorawar Singh," he said.

He reiterated the resolve of his administration to honour the valour and sacrifice of immortal heroes of J&K.

"History of great personalities like General Zorawar Singh, Brig Rajinder Singh, Maqbool Sherwani will be taught to the students in schools of J&K. Their life, courage, conquest is a lesson about patriotism, discipline, self-confidence and it will inspire students to achieve the goal of making India a Developed Nation," the LG said.

He directed the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages to prepare a monograph on the life of General Zorawar Singh in Tamil Language.

"It is the duty of every citizen to uphold and protect the unity and integrity of the nation. Young generation must strive to become worthy heirs of great leaders who struggled and sacrificed to build a new destiny of the country. With those ideals, values and civilizational strength we should focus on building a brighter future, he said.

Maj Gen Goverdhan Singh Jamwal (Retd.), Lt Gen RK Sharma (Retd.) and Thakur Gulchain Singh Charak, former Minister also spoke on the

GOI Retrieves

Kashmiri Migrant families comprising 1,57,967 individuals are registered with the Relief Organization (Migrant), J&K who had to migrate from the valley due to security reasons.

"In addition, there are several Kashmiri migrant families who have migrated to other parts of the country. 5,675 Kashmiri migrants have been provided government employment. In order to provide accommodation to the Kashmiri Migrants who are provided government employment in the Kashmir valley, 6000 transit accommodation units are constructed, out of which 880 flats have been completed," he said.

He said that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has launched an online portal in August, 2021 wherein Kashmiri Migrants can lodge online grievances with regards to encroachment, change of title, Mutation and distress sale and till date, 2924 Kanals and 19.55 Marlas land has been retrieved.

He also said that so far, 160856 domicile certificates, 2035 Resident of Backward Area (RBA) certificates, 902 EWS certificates and 31672 migrant certificates have been issued.

Two Absconders

warrant against Davinder Singh of Dingyana Jammu, involved in case FIR No. 63/1998 under section 279, 304-A RPC of Police Station Awantipora was disposed off due to death of accused and on production of death certificate by Police Station Awantipora.

"It is pertinent to mention here that during the current year Police in Awantipora have arrested 4 absconders involved in different criminal cases who were evading their arrests," he added

KPDCL Draws

power theft and engaging in an argument with the KPDCL lineman, apparently in Srinagar, went viral on social media. In the video, the man can be heard saying, "Yum che mae seeth za'aditi ka'rran (they (PDD lineman) are harassing me only)."

"Naming and shaming encourages vigilantism. These families deserve a fair chance or even legal action but not to be subjected to public shaming for life. It bypasses the legal system and denies the accused an opportunity for a fair trial!" Arshie Qureshi, a social media user posted on X. She further reminded the power department that being accused of theft doesn't "deprive anyone of their rights to privacy".

On December 9, the KPDCL made it official on their X handle that they are going to name and shame the power theft accused on social media.

"Look for this space as we start naming & shaming those consumers, who indulge in hooking, bypass of meters and exceeding agreed load. Name, Consumer ID, Address, House - all will go into the public domain. Let us end the loot," Kashmir Power DISCOM posted on X.

The department maintained that a consumer cannot exceed his/her sanctioned load. "The utility provides infrastructure based on the sanctioned load in an area. Using more power than sanctioned can cause damage to equipment," the KPOLL said.

Another post from the official handle of the Superintending Engineer

Operation and Maintenance Circle-I, Srinagar, stated, "This is the only mindset which we are fighting. Please join hands against the BIJLEE CHOOR'S to ensure the savings is used somewhere in the hospital or by a student preparing for his future."

Shayan Nabi Banday, another consumer posted, "Is naming and shaming ethical? Before you start that, can you please give the names of defaulters of electricity bills? Top 10 defaulters?"

Advocate Asif Wani, who practices at High Court of Jammu and Kashmir argues that publicly denouncing the alleged offenders is no less than a pretrial conviction. "It puts the cherished rights of the citizens in jeopardy and amounts to a violation of the rights guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution," he said.

He further added that, besides impinging upon the privacy of the alleged offenders, the practice gives complete go-by to the procedure established by law provided under the Electricity Act 2003, which has been made applicable to J&K post-2019.

"The act provides for the constitution of special courts to conduct trials related to electricity offenses. In J&K the courts of Principal District and Sessions judges are in place in every territorial jurisdiction and they have been empowered to act as special courts for electricity-related offenses," he said.

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"In the presence of a proper legal mechanism, there is no justification for anyone to take it upon themselves to deal with the alleged offenders. Such actions have no place in a society governed by the rule of law. Every alleged offender deserves to be heard before being unilaterally denounced, in whatever manner," he added.

Many consumers told Kashmir Observer that name and shaming individuals publicly takes a toll on their mental health of families.

"We aren't against stopping people from power theft. They deserve to be punished but there should be a proper system. The law of the land should take their own course. Will naming and shaming stop hooking? I don't think so," said Bilal Ahmad, another resident of Srinagar.

However, the KPDCL official told Kashmir Observer that a number of alternative legal approaches for authorities, such as fines, disconnection of power supply, and regular inspections have proven to be ineffective in addressing this issue.

"That's why this operation has been launched and trust me, it's working for us," he added.

Principal Secretary of Power Development Department (PDD) H Rajesh Prasad told Kashmir Observer that people have no right to steal electricity and use it illegally.

"What is shameful for anyone who has stolen the electricity? They should stop. Even in a normal theft case, police name the accused in the FIR, which is a public document. If anyone has a problem they should approach the court, we will see it," Prasad said.

He said they have all the evidence against the accused and how they illegally restore to pilferage. "We have other options as well; this is in addition to that. They weren't enough, this was needed to build social pressure," he added. Prasad further said they will intensify the operations and carry them out more vigorously.

On the other hand, KPDCL is providing round-the-clock power supply as a reward to areas with low AT&C losses. A circular issued by Chief Engineer Javid Yusuf Dar outlined the specifics of the incentive programme. The circular explicitly stated, "To incentivize consumers with smart metering and feeders with low AT&C losses, there shall be no curtailment affected on 11KV outgoing feeders."

Notably, the center has allocated additional power of ~1400 MW from various Central Generating Stations to meet the power demand in the UT.

In December, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, met Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri R. K. Singh, to review the Power Sector in J&K.

According to reports, Manoj Sinha sought additional power supply to address a 1,380 MW deficit expected during the winter season.

"The total peak demand of I&K is

"The total peak demand of J&K is expected to be around 2800 MW, during winter. This allocation will be available till March 2024," a statement reads.

Let Jammu & Kashmir

social media Srinagar MP clarified by posing questions to the BJP and accusing the party of turning heaven on earth into hell.

The BJP has been accusing the Abdullah dispensation and his successive governments of mismanaging the affairs of Jammu and Kashmir which led to the rise of terrorism in the erstwhile state.

BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla reacted to Abdullah's statement saying, "After DMK demanding self-determination now Farooq says this! Merely because SC upheld the abrogation of 370 which has ended politics of 'parivarvaad' (nepotism) and 'pathar baazi' (stone pelting) and 'Pakistan parasti'

"This is INDI Alliance's true face! They want (Article) 370 back and they don't care about J&K at all. Or else INDI Alliance must condemn this statement," he wrote on X, referring to the opposition bloc of which National Conference is also a member.

However, Abdullah, in his clarification, listed several issues including downgrading and bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir and not holding elections for the last four years.

"I have not set Kashmir on fire. Jammu and Kashmir was heaven. Who turned it into hell? Have we been able to win hearts? If elections can be held anywhere in the country, then why not in Kashmir?" Abdullah asked.

He accused a section of the media of promoting hatred in the country and advised that media should be used to win hearts. "We have a lot of enemies and at this time such spread of hatred will only weaken us," he said.

Earlier in the day, Abdullah had said India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru was not responsible for Article 370, as he expressed disappointment over the Supreme Court's order upholding its abrogation.

His response came after Home Minister Amit Shah in Parliament blamed Nehru for the Kashmir problem, pointing to the "mistakes" of ordering an "untimely" ceasefire and taking the issue to the United Nations.

Abdullah told reporters, "I don't know why they have venom against Nehru. Nehru is not responsible. When Article (370) came, Sardar Patel was there."

"Nehru was in America when the Cabinet meeting happened. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee was also present when the decision was made," said Abdullah. In a significant victory for the

In a significant victory for the Narendra Modi government, the Supreme Court Monday unanimously upheld the 2019 revocation of Article 370 of the Constitution that gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir even as it ordered assembly elections there by September-end and restoration of statehood "at the earliest".

from the beginning. Let's see what happens in the future," Abdullah said, reacting to the verdict. Asked if the abrogation of Article

"The matter was in their hands

Asked if the abrogation of Article 370 had ushered development in Jammu and Kashmir, he said, "Go there and see for yourself".

"We want elections to be held. We were hoping that if the Supreme Court will remove (Article) 370, they will also ask for elections to be held immediately. They gave time till September, what is the point? On statehood, they said they'll talk about it later. Where is justice?" Abdullah posed.

Asked about India's claim on Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir, he said, "This decision has to be taken by the government. We have never stopped anyone... We are nothing."

HC Closes PIL

of service jurisprudence as already observed by this Court in order dated 03.06.2022."

"It has not been pleaded how the selection and appointment of SPOs as Constables are illegal and whether any questionable method has been adopted, which would render these appointments illegal."

appointments illegal."

Apart from it, the court said, none of the beneficiaries have been impleaded, "though they would have a right to be heard in the event any adverse order is to be passed by this

"Under the circumstances, we are of the opinion that this PIL can be closed with liberty to the petitioner to approach this Court again with better particulars," the court said and closed the PIL.

HC Dismisses

estranged wife Payal Abdullah on grounds that he was subjected to cruelty by her.

"We find no infirmity in the view taken by the family court that the allegations of cruelty were vague and unacceptable, that the appellant failed to prove any act which could be termed as an act of cruelty, be it physical or mental, towards him," the bench said while pronouncing the judgment.

On August 30, 2016, the trial court had dismissed Abdullah's plea seeking divorce.

The trial court had said Abdullah could not prove his claims of "cruelty" or "desertion" which were the grounds alleged by him for grant of decree of divorce.

Two Suspects

Army Captain

cause of death.

said in a post on X. The Army said further investigation is in progress.

body has been sent for post-mortem examination to ascertain the

Further details are awaited.

Woman Amongresidents of Ladoora Rafiabad Bla.
The name of the woman has been

withheld.
A case has been registered and in-

vestigation taken up, the police said. **Two IPS Officers**

to await further orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department.

Nitish has been also ordered to hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Jammu (North-II), in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Rakesh Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:2021), awaiting orders of adjustment, has been posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Hiranagar. "He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Hiranagar, in addition to his

Own duties, till further orders."
Manisha Koul, JKAS, Sub-Divisional
Magistrate, Hiranagar, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar,
Hiranagar, has been transferred and
posted as Sub-Registrar, R.S. Pura,
relieving Anju Anand, JKAS, Assistant
Settlement Officer, Jammu of the additional charge of the post.

India Logs 164

98.81 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

The case fatality rate is at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry website, 220.67 crore Covid vaccine doses have been administered.

SRK Visits Vaishno Devi Shrine Ahead Of 'Dunki' Release

Press Trust Of India

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan visited the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine here on Tuesday, days ahead of the release of his film "Dunki"

Almost incognito in a black hoodie, the 58-year-old actor was spotted walking in the Mata Vaishno Devi - Katra Bhawan.

Shah Rukh was accompanied by his manager Pooja Dadlani and his security detail.

This is his third visit to the temple in a year. The actor visited the shrine in August and December 2022, before the release of his films "Jawan" and

"Pathaan", respectively.

The Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu's Reasi district is a religious pilgrimage atop the Trikuta hills that attracts lakhs of devotees from across the world every year.

"Dunki" marks Shah Rukh's third and last release of 2023 following back-to-back action blockbusters in "Pathaan" and "Jawan".

Directed by Rajkumar Hirani, the film is reportedly a comedy drama based on an illegal immigration technique named, 'donkey flight'. It is set to be released in theatres on Decem-

Kashmir Willow Clefts Worth Rs 50L Seized, 1 Held

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: Police on Tuesday seized 6,250 Kashmir willow clefts worth Rs 50 lakh and detained a truck driver in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, officials said.

A police team intercepted a truck on its way to Punjab from Kathua at Toll Plaza in Lakhanpur area, they said.

During checking, the truck was found to be loaded with suspected willow clefts. They seized the truck and detained driver Kuldeep Singh of Jaland-

The truck is loaded with 5,000 full size plain double Kashmir willow cleft, 750 full size plain single Kashmir willow cleft and 500 full size plain STR Kashmir willow cleft, they said adding that Range Forest Officer along with his team was also present on the spot.

As the matter pertains to the Forest Department, in this regard, the said vehicle loaded with willow cleft and driver handed over to the department for verification and legal proceedings, they said.

WAR AGAINST DRUGS

Admin To Issue Notices To NDPS Convicts For Property Source Verification

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: In what is seen as a decisive move to combat drug trafficking in Jammu, the administration here is set to issue notices for verifying the sources of properties of those convicted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, officials said.

These directives were issued to Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) by District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya during a district-level committee meeting under the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD).

SDMs should issue notices for ascertaining the sources of properties of convicts under NDPS, Vaishya said.

Senior Superintendent of Police Vinod Kumar and Additional Deputy Commissioner (LO) Ansuya Jamwal, SDMs and other officers concerned were present in the meeting.

Highlighting the urgency of the situation, the DM urged the SDMs to invoke the NDPS Act to combat the menace.

The district magistrate discussed strategic measures to deter individuals involved in drug trafficking and stressed the importance of identifying drug hotspots within the district. The SDMs were tasked with conducting thorough assessments to pinpoint areas with concentrated drug-related activities.

Vaishya also highlighted the need for a proactive stance and urged the SDMs to conduct regular meetings within their jurisdictions.

"A consistent vigil is crucial in our battle against narcotics. Regular meetings will ensure a sustained and coordinated effort," he said and underscored the commitment to a comprehensive approach in the fight against drug-related crimes.

Will Be "Off-Grid" For Few Weeks: **Omar After Legal Setbacks**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said he will go "off-grid" for few weeks following two "deeply disappointing" days but promised to return early next year to face challenges, including two elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a long post on X, the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir apparently referred to the Supreme Court upholding the abrogation of Article 370 and the Delhi High Court refusing to grant him divorce from his estranged wife Payal Abdullah.

"Who was it who said it's not how hard you can hit, it's how hard you can get hit & still keep moving forward? The last two days have been deeply disappointing both personally & professionally but I refuse to give up & slink away. It's that time of the year when I take some time to be with those I care about, to refresh, recharge & come back stronger. I'm going off-grid for a few weeks." Abdullah said in the post.

He said he will come back early

next year "fighting fit" and ready to face the challenges of 2024.

"Will come back early in the new year fighting fit & ready to face the challenges that 2024 will throw at me, including at least two elections in J&K. The fights & struggles will continue," he added.

Abdullah had on Monday said he is disappointed but not disheartened by the Supreme Court verdict upholding the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to abrogate Article 370, which bestowed special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

2 Charge Sheeted **For Medical College Admission Fraud**

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday filed a charge sheet against two people in a court here for allegedly duping a man of Rs 5 lakh on the pretext of getting his daughter admitted to a medical college in Karnataka, an official said.

The 134-page charge sheet against Sudarshan Kumar and Rahul Kumar, both residents of Jharkhand, was filed by the Crime Branch of J&K Police in a case registered earlier this year.

In his complaint, Hemant Kumar Bhat, a resident of Roop Nagar in Jammu, said he was lured, cheated, and duped by the representatives

of Bengaluru-based Global Learning and Education Consultancy on the pretext of getting his daughter admitted to a Karnataka medical college under the management quota to pursue an MD (doctor of medicine) course.

Bhat was offered a seat at Karnataka Lingayat Education Society or Kempegowda Institute, both in Bengaluru, and asked to pay Rs 5 lakh immediately to confirm the seat and submit the balance amount of Rs 25 lakh after securing admission.

A preliminary verification substantiated the allegations leading to the registration of a formal case under the relevant sections of law for an in-depth probe, police said.

BEFORE THE HONBLE COURT OF PRINCIPLE DISTRICT AND SESSIONS COURT AT SRINAGAR

In the case of: Tehmeena Rasool and ors v/s

1. Public at large 2. J&K Bank

In the matter of: Application under section 14 of persons with disabilit guardian of person and property of Mst Zaina

NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE

Where as, petitioners FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITION BEFORE THIS COURT for a guardian of the person and property of their mother namely Mst Zaina w/o Late Ghulam Rasoo Zargar R/o.Fateh Kadal Srinagar .The petition is pending, disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed 22/12/2023.

Public notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the medium of this proclamation that if anyone has any objection he /she /they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsellor any authorized agent and file objections on before 22/12/2023 failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the sam

In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday the matter shall be taken on the next working day Given under my hand and seal of this court on -

JAWAD AHMAD Principle District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SHOPIAN

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CORRIGENDUM

It is notified for the information of all concerned that due to single tender response for this office NIT No:-87/9769-78/ RnB/SPN/e-tendering/2023-24, Dated: 28-11-2023, the work is hereby:

EXTENDED AS

1	Bid Submission End Date	15-12-2023 up to 2:00 PM

2 Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) 16-12-2023 at 10.00 A.M in the Office of the Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Shopian.

INSTEAD OF

1 Bid Submission End Date 11-12-2023 up to 2:00 PM 2 Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) 12-12-2023 at 10.00 A.M in the Office of the Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Shopian.

No: NIT/10290-95 Dt: 11-12-2023

Executive Engineer DIPK-13636-23 **R&B Division Shopian** DT: 12/12/2023

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION AWANTIPORA

EXTENSION CORRIGENDUM

It is notified for the information of all concerned that no bidder has participated online for the works namely "Construction of Drinking Water Tank with concrete plinth/Iron stand, adjoining passenger shed at old bus stand Drangbal Pampore. advertised vide this office e-Nit no. 81/EEA/R&B of 2023-24/3136-46 serial no.1", Dated:23/11/2023 and single bidder has participated for the work namely" Repairment of Passenger Shed at Old Bus Stand Drangbal Pampore." advertised vide this office e-Nit no. 81/EEA/R&B of 2023-24/3136-46. serial no.2, Dated: 23/11/2023

Therefore as per the directions of worthy Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Deptt Kashmir issued vide his Circular No: CE/RBK/IT/27/88-221 Dated: 13th-December-2022, as such the Last date for submission of bids (Online) for the said works are hereby extended/modified and fixed as under:

1	Bid Submission End Date	18 -12-2023 up to 4.00 P.M				
2 Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) 19 -12-2023 at 11.00 PM						
All other terms & Conditions shall remain same as per above mentioned NITs						
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No: - T-1/EEA/3823-27

DIPK-13670-23

DT: 12/12/2023

Dated: 11-12-2023

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR



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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 17 / R&B/Electric Division Kashmir of 2023-24 issued under Endorsement No: ERB/1278-86 DATED: 11-12-2023. For and on behalf of the LT. Governor, J&K (U/T) e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/ UT/ Central Government Departments for the following works:-

Cost of

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[Eidgah.						Electrical	Dtd: 01-12-2021.	
	Date of Issue of Tender Notice Period of downloading of bidding documents			11.12.2023						
				11.12.2023 from 06:00 PM						
	3 Bid submission Start Date		:	11.12.2023 from 06:00 PM						
	4 Bid Submission End Date			19.12.2023 upto 04.00 PM						
	5 Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)			20.12.2023 at 02.00 PM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Electric Division Kash-						
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Position of AAA= Accorded

Position of T/S= Accorded Position of funds= Available / Committed

Name of Work

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

Note:- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the E-NIT carefully before uploading soft's copy. Any short fall found in the softcopy will tender the Bid rejected.

As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat Finance department vide No. OM No. A/24(2017)-651 dtd.07-

06-2018whichreadsasunder: All other terms & conditions shall be as are as per the SBD/ Contract Agreement.

No.ERB/1278-86 DATED:- 11-12-2023.

DIPK-13661-23

DT: 12/12/2023

SD/= **Executive Engineer,** (R&B) Electric Division Kashmi

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

SKIMS MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL BEMINA, SRINAGAR (J&K)-190017.

Mr. Tajamu-ul-Islam

(Forensic Technician, SKIMS MCH Bemina) S/o. Mohd Ahsan Mir

R/o. Zungalpora, Devsar, Kulgam.

No: SKIMS MC/302(Adm)/2023/6074-81

Dated: 11-12-2023

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Whereas; HOD Forensic Medicine SKIMS Medical College vide Letter No. SKIMS/MC/Path-317/23/320 dt. 03.10.2023 reported that you have not attended your duties with effect from 26.09.2023;

Whereas; on the receipt of report from HOD Forensic Medicine, you were attached with the office of Medical Superintendent vide this office order No. 445-SKIMS MC of 2023 dt. 14.10.2023; Whereas; Medical Superintendent vide Letter No. SKIMS / MCH / 2023 / 4851-53 dated 17.10.2023

informed that you have not reported for duties and are continuously on unauthorized absence; Whereas; this office vide No. SKIMS MC/302(Adm)/2023/5322-27 dated. 03.11.2023 issued a notice on

your home address with the directions to resume your duties immediately, but you have not responded Whereas; another notice was issued by this office vide No. SKIMS MC/302(Adm)/2023/5657-61 dated. 22.11.2023 and same was also served to your home address, which was also published in local daily directing you to resume duties within 10 days and also to ensure your presence before the Principal;

Whereas; you failed to resume duties and are continuously on unauthorized absence from duty without any information, which is adversely affecting functioning of this institution; Now, therefore, through publication of this notice in Print Media, you are hereby given an opportunity to present yourself before the Principal along with your statements of defense within 21 days from the date of issuance of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that you have nothing to say in your defense

relevant rules shall be initiated against you without any further notice. DIPK-NB-4732-23 Principal DT: 12/12/2023 SKIMS Medical College

and action as warranted in terms of Article 128 of J&K Civil Services Regulations Volume-I and other

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh NIT No-154 of RnB - Sopore of 2023-2024 e-tendering DATED 12.12.2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K, e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

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	S.No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ DOC (In Rupees)	E/Money	Time for completion of work	Time &Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	M.H of Account
	1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
	01	Repairement of road from late Mohd Yousuf to House of Mohd Shaban Parray at Shiekh Sahib Ward No.18 MC Sopore		200/-	2440/-	15 days	22.12.2023	DEE	Own Re- sources
	02	Construction of Cement Concrete lane from House of Dilawer Ahmad Bhat to House of Mohd Ramzan Ganaie of Shiekh Sahib Chinkipora Ward-18 MC Sopore.	2 72	200/-	5440/-	15 days	22.12.2023	DEE	Own Re- sources

Project Authority: M.C Sopore Position of funds: Available

Position of AAA/TS /Accorded

Dated: 12.12.2023

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 detail's can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of

1	Date of issue of tender Notice	12 .12.2023					
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	12.12.2023 21.12.2023(upto 4.PM)					
3	Bid Submission start date	12.12.2023					
4	Bid submission End date	21.12.2023 (4.00 PM)					
	Date and time of opening of bides (online)	22.12.2023(12 PM) in the office of Ex. Engineer R&B Division. Sopore					

2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan/CDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/ FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Sopore . Besides that, the successful bidder will have to

provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period. 3(b) Geotech Photographs Minimum 03 sets (01 set Comprising of Photograph before, during and after execution of work) of size 26 cm x21 cm to be provided.

receiving authority). 20. All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per NIT No:1of 2022-23 issued under No;-350-70 dated: 20.04.2023 PWD form 25 (Double

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on web Site www.jketenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through

an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same website in the office of the Tender

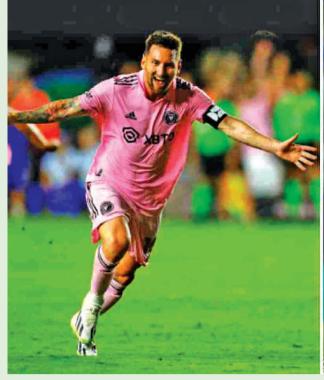
agreement form) & NIT 120 of 2023-24 21. If the contractor/HMPO quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of tendering process, his tender shall be rejected

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, No: 10876-95

DIPK-13635-23 DT: 12/12/2023

Executive Engineer. **R&B Division Sopore**

Messi vs. Ronaldo On Feb 1



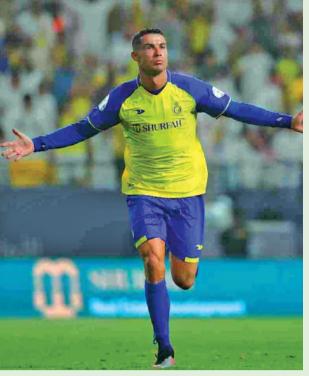


FORT LAUDERDALE: Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo will meet in Saudi Arabia after all.

Inter Miami confirmed Monday that it will take part in the Riyadh Season Cup — something that was announced by Saudi officials on Nov. 21. Inter Miami said the reports at that time were inaccurate.

Inter Miami will play Al-Hilal on Jan. 29 and Al Nassr — Ronaldo's team — on Feb. 1. Those two clubs lead the Saudi Pro League and Ronaldo is that league's leading scorer. "These matches will offer important tests for our team, which will benefit us as we approach the new season," Inter Miami sporting director Chris Henderson said. "We're excited for our group to get the chance to go up against teams with as much quality as Al-Hilal and Al Nassr."

Messi and Ronaldo have faced off 35 times between matches for club and country, Inter Miami said, with Messi's teams winning 16, Ronaldo's teams winning 10 and the sides settling for a draw on the other nine occasions. Messi has 21 goals and 12 assists in those matches; Ronaldo has



20 goals and one assist.

Messi has promoted tourism in Saudi Arabia and in May was suspended by former club Paris Saint-Germain for making an unauthorized trip to the country. He also played in this year's Riyadh Season Cup when PSG was the guest team.

Saudi Arabia has made a major push to be a big player in world soccer by signing some of the game's biggest players amid allegations of sportswashing. But it couldn't lure Messi to the oil-rich kingdom when he left PSG at the end of last season, with the eight-time

Ballon d'Or winner opting to move to Major League Soccer instead.

Messi and Ronaldo are widely considered to be two of the greatest players of all-time and competed against each other for soccer's biggest prizes during their prime years at Barcelona and Real Madrid, respectively.

Inter Miami now has

Inter Miami now has four preseason matches announced, with one against the El Salvador national team on Jan. 19 and a match against a team of top players in Hong Kong on Feb. 4. The MLS schedule is expected to begin in late February.

Australia Eye Victory Lap Against Pakistan At End Of Stellar Year



Agencies

PERTH: Australia will look to cap a brilliant year with a golden home summer by beating Pakistan in a three-test series starting in Perth on Thursday as David Warner looks to bow out of the longest format on a triumphant note.

Having won the World Test Championship, retained the Ashes and earned a record-extending sixth World Cup title, Pat Cummins's side have the chance to celebrate with home fans against a team they have whitewashed in their last five home series.

Australia head coach Andrew McDonald said the hosts would field their strongest side, which means a welcome return for spinner Nathan Lyon, who will chase his 500th test wicket after injury ruled him out of the last three matches of the Ashes.

Warner, however, may be the

biggest headline of the series as he looks to defy his detractors with big runs ahead of a planned swan song in the series finale in Sydney. Warner's place in Australia's white ball teams is assured after a prolific World Cup but his spot in the test squad has been on shaky ground in recent years due to declining output.

Pakistan arrive with a new skipper in Shan Masood and a familiar backdrop of tumult as they look to win a first ever series in Australia and a first test since 1995. Masood inherited the captaincy after Babar Azam stepped down as all-formats skipper last month in the wake of their failure to make the World Cup semificals.

Already missing exciting quick Naseem Shah through injury, paceman Haris Rauf enraged the Pakistan Cricket Board by opting out of the series to focus on playing T20 franchise cricket with the Melbourne Stars. A knee injury to legspinner Abrar Ahmed has depleted the squad further, ruling him out of Perth and putting him in doubt for the rest of the series

in Melbourne and Sydney.

Anchored by an unbeaten 201 from number three Masood, Pakistan had a solid tour match against an invitational XI in Canberra last week but staff were left fuming over the slow Manuka Oval wicket. The docile conditions are highly unlikely to be repeated in Perth this week.

With Babar able to focus purely on his batting and Masood in welcome form, the famously unpredictable South Asians have some hope of producing the 400-run innings generally needed to pull off a win in Australia. However, without their strongest bowling lineup, taking 20 wickets against a team riding high with confidence after a trophy-laden year may prove beyond them.

J&K Wins Bronze Medal In Junior Rowing National



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K team has won Bronze at the 43rd Junior National Rowing Championship held at Chandigarh from December 7 to 12.

The four-member J&K team comprised of Afak Ali, Adil Ah-

mad Bhat, Irtiza Ali and Muntazir Ali, came third in their category.

The team was trained at the Nehru Park Centre of Excellence. J&K finished 11th in the overall standings, courtesy of their lone Bronze. Army Boys Sports Company topped the medal tally with 2 Gold and 1 Silver.

Puma To End Sponsorship Of Israel's National Football Team

Agencies

Puma will end its sponsorship of Israel's national football team next year, in a decision made before Hamas' Oct. 7 attack, a spokesperson for the German sportswear firm said on Tuesday. "While two newly signed

national teams - including a new statement team - will be announced later this year and in 2024, the contracts of some federations such as Serbia and Israel will expire in 2024," said the spokesperson in an emailed statement. The decision was taken in 2022 as part of Puma's new "fewer-bigger-better strategy" and was in line with the regular timelines for designing and developing team jerseys,



added the spokesperson.

The Financial Times first reported the decision. The Palestinian-led Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement had called for a boycott of the sportswear firm before the Oct. 7 attack over its spon-

sorship of the Israeli team.

However, boycott calls have grown stronger and expanded to more firms and products following Israel's military offensive in the Gaza Strip since the deadly Hamas attack in southern Israel. (Reuters)

It Was A Fair Decision: Woakes On Being Left Out Of India Test



Press Trust of India

BRIDGETOWN: Pacer Chris Woakes conceded that England took a fair call by leaving him out of the Test series against India given his record in the sub continent.

The 34-year-old was not included in England's 16-member squad for the five-match Test series, starting January 25 in Hyderabad and Woakes said he

was at ease with the decision.
"It's mixed emotions,"
Woakes was quoted as saying
by 'ESPNCricinfo'.

"Whenever there's a Test squad announcement, you're always desperate to be in it. But at the same time, at my age, with my away record - particularly in the subcontinent - I feel like it's a fair decision," he added.

Woakes has done well in home conditions, boasting of

a bowling average of 21.88 but it balloons to 51.88 overseas. In the three Tests in India in 2016, Woakes managed only three wickets at a cost of 81.3.

"We had conversations about where my best cricket is likely to be played moving forward and naturally in Test cricket, it looks likely to be at home.

"It doesn't mean to say that when there's not subcontinent tours that I won't be available. But I feel at ease with the decision, if that makes sense. The communication was good, I know where I

stand so it's fine by me."

The last time Woakes played an away Test series, it didn't go so well. In the absence of veterans James Anderson and Stuart Broad, Woakes had been promoted to the role of an opener. But he could manage only five scalps in three Tests at an average of 48.80.

India Enters U-19 Asia Cup Semi

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Seam bowler Raj Limbani bowled an incisive spell to record the brilliant figures of 7/13 as India cruised to a 10-wicket victory over Nepal to clinch a semi-final berth in the U-19 Asia Cup cricket tournament

here on Tuesday.

After shooting out Nepal for just 52 runs in 22.1 overs, courtesy Limbani's superb performance, all-rounder Arshin Kulkarni (43 not out), kept the IPL scouts interested with five huge sixes to knock off the runs in just 7.1 overs.

Having lost to arch-

rivals Pakistan by eight wickets in an earlier game, India colts, led by Uday Saharan, needed to win their final league game to qualify for the knock-out stage and they absolutely dominated the proceedings against the boys from Himalayan nation.



Turkish Club Prez Arrested For Punching Referee, League Suspended

Agencies

ISTANBUL: The president of top tier Turkish soccer club Ankaragucu, Faruk Koca, was arrested on Tuesday for punching a referee in the face at the end of a match, with the official telling police that Koca had threatened to kill him.

The arrest followed an outbreak of violence during Super Lig club Ankaragucu's home match against Rizespor on Monday evening. Referee Halil Umut Meler, who was also kicked while lying on the pitch, said that Koca had also threatened him and his colleagues, state-owned Anadolu news agency reported.

"Faruk Koca punched me under my left eye; I fell to the ground. While I was on the ground, other people kicked me in the face and other parts of my body many times," he said. "Koca



said to me and my colleagues, 'I will finish you'. Addressing me, he said, 'I will kill you'."

The Turkish court which made the arrest ruling also remanded in custody two other suspects over the incident.

"This incident developed due to the wrong decisions and provocative behaviour of the referee. My aim was to react verbally to the referee and spit in his face," Koca told the court, according to Demiro-

ren News Agency.
The Turkish Football

The Turkish Football Federation (TFF) said it had suspended all leagues after the "shameful" incident in Ankara. Justice Minister Yilmaz Tunc said Koca and two others were formally arrested for "injuring a public official" after prosecutors took statements from them.

"The investigation is continuing meticulously," he said on social media platform X,

adding judicial controls were imposed on three other suspects. Koca entered the field and hit Meler when the final whistle blew after Rizespor scored a 97th minute equaliser in the 1-1 draw at Eryaman Stadium, footage showed.

The referee was lying in a hospital bed with a swollen face and a neck brace, footage provided by the ministry showed.

"The bleeding in Meler's left eye started to decrease" and there will be no permanent damage, said Mehmet Yorubulut, chief doctor of Acibadem hospital.

"The fracture there will gradually heal. There is no brain damage," he said, adding he will likely be discharged on Wednesday. The club president Koca was twice elected to Turkey's parliament as part of President Tayyip Erdogan's ruling AK Party.

Newcastle's Champions League Future On The Line Against AC Milan

Agencies

Newcastle has chosen to tread a strategic and methodical path in its bid to reach the summit of European game under the richest owners in soccer.

The club is encountering some teething problems by playing the slow game.

Qualifying for the Champions League last season arguably came ahead of schedule for Newcastle and manager Eddie Howe, and they're struggling to juggle the demands of playing in Europe's top competition while also keeping up with their rivals in the Premier League.

With a relatively shallow squad hit by a spate of injuries and running on empty amid a packed fixture schedule, the team has dropped to seventh in the league following back-to-back losses last week and, on Wednesday, faces



the very real prospect of being eliminated from the Champions League before the knockout stage.

Newcastle hosts AC Milan with both teams on five points, two behind second-place Paris Saint-Germain and five adrift of already-qualified Borussia Dortmund. Newcastle needs a win at St. James' Park and for PSG to draw or lose against Dortmund in Germany to seal a top-two finish and advance to the last 16.

Lose and Newcastle would be out of Europe completely, not even dropping into the Europa League playoffs courtesy of a third-place finish in the group