

## Panic In Parliament On 2001 Attack Anniversary

Huge Security Breach in LS, 2 Persons Jump From Public Gallery, Spray Gas



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New Delhi: In a major security breach on the anniversary of the 2001 Parliament attack, two persons on Wednesday jumped into the Lok Sabha chamber from the public gallery and opened canisters that emitted a yellow-coloured smoke, triggering panic among the MPs.

The House was adjourned soon after the incident.

The two intruders jumped from public gallery number four at around 1 p.m when the Zero hour was in progress. They also shouted slogans like 'tanashahi nahi chalegi' (dictatorship will not be allowed), 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and 'Jai Bheem, Jai Bharat', officials said.

Earlier, outside Parliament also, two persons, including a woman, were detained for protesting using cans. | More on P6

## What LS Handbook Says On Visitors' Passes

All MPs requesting visitor passes must give a declaration that they know the guest personally and take full responsibility for him or her, according to the Lok Sabha handbook for members. The guidelines were in the spotlight after two persons on Wednesday jumped into the Lok Sabha chamber from the public gallery in a major | More on P6

**ONE PERSON WAS SEEN LEAPING** over the benches of the Lok Sabha while another was seen dangling from the public gallery spraying some tear gas when Zero Hour was in progress."

## No Child Protection Policy In J&K Schools: RTI

Auqib Javed

Srinagar: Despite increasing reports of molestation cases in schools across Jammu and Kashmir, the Department of School Education is yet to frame a comprehensive child protection policy. This was revealed by the school education department of J&K in response to a Right to Information (RTI) application filed by Advocate Naveed Bukhtiyar.

Advocate Bukhtiyar, a resident of North Kashmir's Uri, sought the information under the RTI Act of 2005. According to him, rule 3(5) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Rules, 2020 states, "The respective Governments shall formulate a child protection policy based on the principle of zero-tolerance to violence against children, which shall be adopted by all institutions, organizations, or any other agency working with, or coming in contact with children."

I asked the officials to provide



the child protection policy adopted by the government for all education institutions within J&K," he told Kashmir Observer. However, the government's response clearly stated that they don't possess such information.

The response, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Observer, reads, "Kindly refer to your RTI application No. J&K/RTI/MOU/OHS/768 dated 08-11-2023. In this context you are informed that no such information is available in the department."

Bukhtiyar said such policies are must in the union territory to keep a tab on violence against the childrens in the educational institutions. "Almost all the states have | More on P6

## PM SHRI Schools To Mentor Other Schools: LG

- Comprehensive Five-Year Plan To Reduce Distance Of Schools
- Directs Inclusion Of Indian Philosophy In All The Universities

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Wednesday directed the School Education Department to prepare a comprehensive five-year plan to reduce the distance of schools for children in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sinha passed these directions while chairing a meeting to review the implementation of PM SHRI Schools (PM Schools for Rising India) scheme in the Union Territory, an official spokesperson said Wednesday. "Prepare a comprehensive five-year plan to reduce the distance of schools for children.



The new schools should be sanctioned with a focus that children should not have to travel long distances," he said.

On the occasion of Teacher's Day last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi

had announced PM-SHRI for the upgradation and development of around 14,500 schools across the country. In Phase-I, a total of 233 Schools from J&K have been approved for PM SHRI Schools

by the Ministry of Education. In the second phase, J&K UT has recommended 265 schools to the Ministry of Education, seeking its approval. A total 20 Master Trainers have been trained at | More on P6

## Pays Tributes To 2001 Parliament Attack Victims

The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday paid tributes to those who died in the attack on Parliament on this day in 2001. "Tributes to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives during the 2001 Parliament attack," Sinha said on 'X'. He said the nation will always remain indebted to their exemplary courage, valour and supreme sacrifice. Five Delhi Police personnel, a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) official, two Parliament watch and ward staff | More on P6



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## Cold Wave Tightens Grip On Kashmir

Srinagar Experiences Coldest Night At Minus 5.3 Degrees Celsius

Srinagar: Srinagar experienced the coldest night of the season as Kashmir continued to reel under cold wave-like conditions with the mercury staying several degrees below

the freezing point across the valley last night, officials said on Wednesday.

The city recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.3 degrees Celsius -- down

from the previous night's minus 1.5 degrees Celsius, officials said. They said last night was the coldest night of the season so far in Srinagar --- | More on P6

## U.P Couple Charge Sheeted For Fraud

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Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Crime Branch on Wednesday filed a charge sheet against a married couple from Uttar Pradesh for allegedly duping a businessman in Udhampur district of Rs 3.25 lakh on the pretext of supplying food products, an official said.

The Economic Offences wing of Crime Branch, Jammu, produced a 224-page chargesheet in a local court here against Munish Verma and Babita of Varanasi involving charges of criminal conspiracy and cheating in a case registered | More on P6

## Can't Ask Govt To Keep Contractual Employees Without Need: HC

Rejects Plea Seeking Continuation Of Contractual Employees Regarding DRDO Covid Hospitals

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Wednesday said that it cannot ask the government to continue services of contractual employees without any work or their need.

A bench of Justice M. A. Chowdhary made the observation while rejecting a petition by 116 candidates, seeking court's directions to the authorities to allow them complete a three years period of services in connection with two 500 bedded temporary

Covid Hospitals in Jammu and Srinagar which have since been disbanded.

"This Court is of the considered opinion that once the Government has decided to close down the temporary hospitals, established in view of emergency related to Covid-19 pandemic, where the petitioners were contractually employed, the respondents (authorities) cannot be asked to continue their services as contractual employees without any work or their need," the court said, adding, "In this view of the

matter the petition to the extent of asking the relief to continue the petitioners for a period of three years, in view of the Government order dated 18.05.2021, cannot be granted."

The petitioners submitted that they were appointed on contractual basis for a period of one year on the tenure based posts of Physicians, Anesthetists, Pediatricians, Medical Officer, Nursing and Paramedical and Technical staff, in terms of the Government Order No. 398-JK(HME) of | More on P6

## Anand Marriage Act Implemented

Sikhs In J&K Get Separate Marriage Law

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Jammu: Detailed rules were framed by the Jammu and Kashmir administration for registration of marriages under Anand Marriage Act, which provides statutory recognition to marriage rituals of Sikhs, fulfilling their long-standing demand to not have to solemnise their marriages under the Hindu Marriage Act.

Jammu and Kashmir Anand Marriage Registration Rules, 2023 has been framed for the registration of "Anand marriages", under which tehsildars concerned shall be the registrar of such marriages within their respective territorial jurisdiction, as per a government notification issued.

Sikh couples can apply for registration within a period of three months after solemnising their marriage but face late fee if formalities are completed after the expiry of the deadline, reads the notification | More on P6

## Ensure Professional Probe In UAPA Cases: IGP

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir, V. K. Birdi on Wednesday announced that the police will adopt robust measures and take firm action against individuals propagating a terror narrative and disturbing the peace on social media platforms.

The IGP made this announcement during his visit to Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, where he reviewed law-and-order situation and measures taken for the peaceful environment, a police spokesperson said Wednesday.

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Central Kashmir, Sujit Kumar accompanied Birdi in the meeting in which Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar and other senior police officers participated.

IGP Kashmir was briefed on the overall security scenario in the district. In-depth discussions were held on strategies to counter challenges and threats



posed by disruptive elements on the ground.

"IGP Kashmir reviewed the security arrangements implemented across the district. Recognizing the evolving challenges, he announced that the police will adopt robust measures and take firm action against individuals propagating a terror narrative and disturbing the peace on social media platforms," the spokesperson said.

Birdi, he said, issued directives for impartial and stern action against law violators, emphasizing the need for law enforcement agencies to be well-prepared to | More on P6

## Kashmir Journalist Bags Scarf Media Award



Observer News Service

Srinagar: A Kashmir based journalist, Hirra Azmat has been awarded with the prestigious 'Scarf Media for Mental health award, 2023'

Hirra has bagged the third prize for her article on post-partum depression in Kashmiri women, titled "Hallucinations," | More on P6

## Ladakh: Sudden Water Surge In Hot Springs In Chumathang Region, Expert Panel Set Up

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: There has been an alarming rise in the water levels of hot springs in the Chumathang area of Leh district's Nyoma sub-division recently and a mechanism will be put in place to monitor it, officials said on Wednesday.

The Geological Survey of India (GSI), the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology and other expert teams will formulate a white paper on the rise in the water levels and share the same with all stakeholders, especially the Ladakh administration, they said.

The decision was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by



Secretary of the Union Territory of Ladakh Amit Sharma, the officials said, adding that senior

teams of the National Disaster Management Agency, Geological Survey of India, Central Ground

Water Board, National Institute of Hydrology, Western Himalayan Regional Centre and the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology attended it.

The formulation of the white paper will be followed by an advisory on 'do's and don'ts' for locals and the setting up of a regular hot springs water-level monitoring mechanism at Chumathang-Nyoma, Sharma said.

A threadbare brainstorming was held on the issue of the sudden surge of 2-3 metres in the water levels of Chumathang-Nyoma hot springs in the last 10 days of November, the officials said.

The Chumathang | More on P6

## SIA Raids Five Spots In South Kashmir

Jammu and Kashmir Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA) on Wednesday conducted searches at five locations in Anantnag and Kulgam districts of the union territory in connection with a terror funding case, an official spokesperson said. The raids were related to Pahalgam resident Zaffar Hussain Bhat alias Khurshed Kashmiri. He is a close associate of terrorist outfit Hizbul Mujahideen's (HM) deputy chief Ghulam Nabi Khan alias Amir Khan and both are designated terrorists under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). They have also been declared proclaimed offenders and Red Corner Notices have been issued against them by the Interpol in several terror funding cases being probed by the National | More on P6

## SSF Constable Dies in Road Accident

A Special Security Force (SSF) personnel was killed on Wednesday when his motorcycle hit a road barricade outside the Raj Bhavan here, officials said. Selection Grade Constable Ravi Kumar suffered serious head injuries after hitting the road barricade near the main gate of the Raj Bhavan at Panjirthi, they said. The officials said that Kumar, a resident of Jammu's Nagrota area, was coming out of the Raj Bhavan when the incident occurred. He was rushed to the Government Medical College Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries, they said. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has condoned the death of the SSF personnel in the "unfortunate" road accident and expressed deepest | More on P6









Dilapidated Khanyar Chowk Causes Inconvenience To Commuters

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The dilapidated condition of Khanyar Chowk has become a major cause of concern for the residents living around, leading to severe traffic congestion during peak hours.

frequent traffic snarls, transforming the once-accessible intersection into a nightmare for motorists," locals from the area complained.

Secy YS&S Attends Program Under VBSY At Khonmoh

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As a part of ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Secretary, Youth Services & Sports (YS&S), Sarmad Hafeez, accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today visited Khonmoh Panchayat of Srinagar district and presided over a mega event organized under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra for saturation of

all government schemes and enhancing awareness among the local population. During the event, members of the District Development Council, Block Development Council, other PRI representatives and people in large numbers actively participated in the proceedings aimed at informing citizens about the government's welfare programs and flagship schemes.

Twin Flyovers In Srinagar To Be Completed By March 2024: Div Com

Asks Officers To Identify Structures To Remove Bottlenecks

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The government on Wednesday said the critical flyovers at Bemina and Sanat Nagar in Srinagar will be dedicated to the people in March next year, saying that the work on the projects is in full swing.

ing to dedicate the flyover to people by March next year," he said. The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri also chaired a meeting of PW R&B to review progress of removing bottlenecks from major roads in North Circle, Srinagar through land acquisition and dismantling of structures.

ADC, Srinagar, SE PW R&B, Collector PW R&B, Executive Engineer, Tehsil-dar and other officers. The Div Com reviewed the physical status of Syed Mirak Shah Road, Khanyar Zaidil Pandach (KZP) Road and Circular Road Project.

Water Transport To Be Additional Mode Of Public Transport

Srinagar: Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today chaired a meeting to review the Selection of the Agency for operations of Water Transport Services in River Jehlum Dal Lake in Srinagar.

The Water Transport is a flagship project of Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) which aims to revive the water-based public transport system in Srinagar City.

Speaking on the occasion, Div Com directed SSCL to expedite the RFP preparation focusing on the lines of the eBus contract model. He emphasized on the need for a water transport system as an additional mode of transport.

Similarly regarding KZP Road, it was given that out of 368 cases of structures 102 were settled. And out of 118.19 Kanals of land the cases of 19.50 have been settled while out of 750 shops 144 have been acquired.

Also, regarding Circular Road, it was stated that out of 1238 cases of structures 802 were settled and out of 242.5 Kanals, 150 have been acquired besides out of 824 shops the cases of 339 have been settled.

Addressing the officers, Div Com directed the concerned to ensure wide open roads in the city by removing the structures at bottlenecks. He instructed the concerned to identify the structures which are necessarily to be removed to widen the roads and submit the report within seven days.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system. Sr. Divisional Material Manager, N Rly., Store Branch DRM Office, Firozpur...

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const-II/Northern Railway Banihal for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under One-Packet system for the following work:

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice No. 350-2023-24-ADEN-JUC Date: 12.12.2023 Sr. DEN-III/FZR acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.reps.gov.in...

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Office Of The Executive Engineer Rural Engineering Wing Baramulla. E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT No: -286/Xen/Rew/Bla/2023-2024 Dated. 11/12/2023

Table with 7 columns: S.No, Name of Work, Est. Cost (Lacs), Cost of Int/Doc. (In Rs.), EMD, Time of completion, Class of Contractor, Major Position Head of Account. Includes items like Upgradation of Panchayat Ghar, Block Naidhal, etc.

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

Table with 2 columns: S.No, Date of Issue of Tender Notice, Period of downloading of bidding documents, Bid submission Start date, Bid Submission End Date, Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online).

The G.O.No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:08.09.2021 issued by the Govt.(Finance deptt) that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat. In the event of inadequate response to a tender, participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted & participant to upload Panchayat certificate necessary.

All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form). No: 2217-2224 Dated: 13-12-2023 Executive Engineer. REW Baramulla

ازعدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر. J&K Bank B/U Khanayar Sgr. بنام Suraya Jeelani. دعویٰ وصولیابی رقم مبلغ =/Rs 2,06,626. اشتہار بمراد آگاہی بنام Suraya Jeelani W/o Gh Jeelani Neela R/o Aqilumir Khanyar Sgr.

ازعدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر. J&K Bank B/U Khanayar Sgr. بنام Mohd Shafi Mir. دعویٰ وصولیابی رقم مبلغ =/Rs 1,42,648.51. اشتہار بمراد آگاہی بنام Mohd Shafi Mir S/o Wali Mohd Mir R/o Bagi Roop Singh Khanyar Sgr.

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This Day In History. 557 - Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine Empire, is significantly damaged by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake. 644 - Uthman ibn Affan (RA), companion of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), appointed 3rd Caliph of Islam. 835 - Chinese Emperor Wenzong conspires with chancellor Li Xun and general Zheng Zhu to kill all the eunuchs, but the plot is foiled. Also known as the Sweet Dew Incident. 867 - Adrian II begins his reign as Catholic Pope. 872 - John VIII elected as Catholic Pope. 1774 - First incident of American Revolution - 400 attack Fort William and Mary, New Hampshire. 1812 - The French invasion of Russia, led by Napoleon, officially ends with the French having lost as many as 530,000 people. 1814 - The Battle of Lake Borgne in Louisiana: British victory over the United States. 1862 - Battle of Kinston, fought in Lenoir County, North Carolina begins (Goldsboro). 1864 - War of the Triple Alliance: Paraguay invades the Brazilian province of Mato Grosso. 1900 - Birth of Quantum Physics: German Physicist Max Planck presents a theoretical derivation of his black-body radiation law. 1900 - France and Italy sign a secret agreement by which Italy recognizes France's right to exploit Morocco in return for France's conceding her the same right in Tripoli. 1927 - Iraq gains independence from Britain, but British troops remain. 1962 - Mariner 2 makes 1st US fly-by of another planet (Venus). 1967 - DNA created in a test tube. 1971 - The Pakistan Army executes over 200 of East Pakistan's intellectuals during the Bangladesh Liberation War. 1977 - Egyptian & Israeli representatives gather in Cairo for first formal peace conference. 1981 - Israel annexes Golan Heights (seized from Syria in war of 1967). 1999 - Flash floods in Venezuela after torrential rainfall results in the deaths of thousands of people and causes a total collapse in the state's infrastructure. 2003 - President George W. Bush announces the capture of Saddam Hussein. 2008 - President George W. Bush make his fourth and final trip to Iraq as president and is almost struck by two shoes thrown at him by Iraqi journalist Muntaqhar al-Zaidi during a farewell conference in Baghdad. 2013 - Venkatraman Ramakrishnan is named as one of the 25 Greatest Global Living Indians by NDTV Channel, India. 2014 - Shinzo Abe and his ruling Liberal Democratic Party win re-election in Japan, retaining their two-thirds majority with coalition partner New K meit Party. 2016 - Amazon announces its 1st delivery by drone 2 km from their warehouse in the UK. 2016 - University of Toronto scientists present findings of the world's oldest water - 2 billion years old from a mine in Canada. 2017 - Suicide bomber kills at least 18 police officers at a training centre parade in Mogadishu, Somalia, Islamic group al-Shabab claim responsibility. 2017 - The Vatican announces it has rediscovered the lost last paintings of Raphael in Vatican Museum, painted in 1520. 2017 - The Walt Disney Company buys most of 21st Century Fox for \$52.4 billion. 2017 Train ploughs into a school bus cutting it in half, killing 4 children and injuring 20 near Perpignan, France. 2018 - Report by Reuters US pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson knew for decades their talc was contaminated with asbestos. 2020 - America begins its first COVID-19 vaccinations using the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine on the same day it records over 300,000 deaths. 2020 - Russia revealed to have been behind massive cyberattack on US government agencies and private companies since the Spring.



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## Gaza Needs Ceasefire

The UN General Assembly vote, a resounding 153 countries including India in favor of a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza, speaks volumes about global opinion on the ongoing conflict. Despite this overwhelming support, the US and Israel, among a mere handful of dissenters, stood in opposition. This non-binding resolution, while lacking legal enforcement, serves as a significant gauge of international sentiment.

The consequences of this decision extend beyond a mere diplomatic gesture. They underline a poignant ethical dilemma: the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Gaza. The toll of this conflict is harrowing—more than 18,000 lives lost, a majority of whom are women and children. Displacement has affected over 80 percent of Gaza's 2.3 million inhabitants, rendering living conditions dire.

Amidst relentless airstrikes which has leveled neighbourhoods and a suffocating siege, Gaza has acquired the air of a graveyard. The Israeli offensive has stopped essential resources—food, fuel, water, and electricity—compounding the misery of its inhabitants. The situation, deemed by UN officials as "hell on earth," demands urgent intervention and cessation of hostilities.

The failure of the UN Security Council's resolution, vetoed by the US with the UK abstaining, has let the tragedy drag on. Unlike the non-binding UNGA resolution, UNSC decisions hold authoritative weight. The deadlock in the Security Council amplifies the urgency for a unified global response to alleviate the suffering of innocent civilians.

The rejection of the ceasefire resolution serves as a litmus test for international institutions' credibility and commitment to humanitarian principles. The amendments introduced by the US and Austria, seeking to condemn a specific Hamas attack, were seen by many as attempts to politicize an issue that transcends geopolitical interests. Their failure to pass underlines the need for a focused, impartial approach in resolving the crisis.

The divergent narratives presented by stakeholders reflect the struggle to balance geopolitical alliances with humanitarian imperatives. The Biden administration's unwavering support for Israel's military actions has sparked debates about double standards in foreign policy. The administration's recent acknowledgment of Israel losing international support highlights the evolving global stance on this issue.

As the conflict perpetuates, the world is watching, struggling with ethical quandaries and the imperative to act. The urgent need for a ceasefire persists, transcending political allegiances and demands immediate attention from global leaders. And it is time that the world comes together and ends the tragedy playing out right before us in broad daylight.

### OTHER OPINION

## RBI is staying put

Reserve Bank of India, RBI monetary policy committee, RBI interest rate, RBI December meeting, repo rate, bank rate, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, Indian express news. In recent months, there has been a steady decline in inflation. Retail inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, fell to 4.87 per cent in October, after touching 7.44 per cent in July.

As was expected, the monetary policy committee of the Reserve Bank of India voted unanimously to keep interest rates unchanged in its December meeting. The repo rate currently stands at 6.5 per cent. Alongside, the MPC also voted 5-1 to remain focused on the withdrawal of accommodation. In his statement, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das stated that policy has to be "actively disinflationary" to ensure that inflation aligns with the central bank target of 4 per cent, and reiterated the committee's readiness to take appropriate policy actions if warranted.

In recent months, there has been a steady decline in inflation. Retail inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, fell to 4.87 per cent in October, after touching 7.44 per cent in July. The decline has been largely driven by food inflation which fell from 11.51 per cent in July to 6.61 per cent in October, as food prices, especially of vegetables, moderated. Alongside, there has also been a steady decline in core inflation, which excludes the more volatile food and fuel components. However, the near-term inflation outlook is uncertain. There is the possibility of an uptick in food prices in the months of November and December — as supply and demand in major commodities like cereals, pulses and sugar are in fine balance, climate related uncertainties over the rabi crop raise questions over the trajectory of food prices.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das also acknowledged this, noting that high frequency indicators do point towards an increase in prices of vegetables which may push up inflation. The central bank has thus projected inflation to ease slowly from 5.6 per cent in the third quarter (October-December) to 5.2 per cent in the fourth quarter (January-March). Inflation is expected to trend towards the central bank's target next year, averaging around 4.3 per cent in the second and third quarters.

On growth, the central bank remains optimistic, saying that the economy shows remarkable resilience. While concerns over private consumption persist, the RBI sees urban demand as durable, and projects a gradual turnaround in rural demand. It notes that investment activity continues to be aided by government spending and expects the drag from external demand to moderate as exports turn around. After the second quarter GDP estimates surpassed expectations, the RBI has raised its forecast for the full year to 7 per cent, up from 6.5 per cent earlier.

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# J&K's Power Quandary: From Potential to Darkness

Winter's icy embrace, already formidable, becomes an arduous battle when compounded by sub-zero temperatures during these power interruptions

Peer Mohammad Amir Qureshi

The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has enormous potential for producing hydel power despite not being well known for its energy resources like coal, gas, or petroleum. The UT of Jammu and Kashmir is widely known for its numerous turbulent streams that burst down precipitous mountains. Both the topography and the flow are ideal for the state's hydroelectric power production. The UT's projected hydel power generation capacity is 2000 MW, but some more recent studies dispute this number by putting the capacity at 3500 MW. Only 10% of this enormous potential has been harnessed thus far, leaving the remaining 90% unrealized. A significant portion of the overall tapped potential goes into the kitty of National HydroElectric Power Corporation (NHPC), leaving just a little portion or peanuts to the other state. Delving into NHPC's power projects, the Salal hydroelectric power project, nestled along the Chenab stream in the Reasi region of Jammu division, stands prominently. Boasting an installed capacity of 690 MWs, this endeavor commenced in 1970, achieving a milestone with its inaugural phase in 1987. The subsequent stages unfolded in 1993, 1994, and 1995, consecutively. Operational under NHPC since its inception, the project significantly contributes to the northern power grid, showcasing the transformative potential of sustainable energy initiatives.

Dulhasti Hydroelectric Power Project, spanning the Chenab in Kishtwar district, melds the distinct locales of Dul and Hasti, each housing a dam and powerhouse. Commencing construction in 1985, this marvel culminated in 2007 with a total installed capacity of 390 MW. Operated by NHPC, its power surges into the northern grid.

Uri Hydroelectric Power Project, nestled along the Jhelum near Uri in Kashmir division, boasts a phase I capacity of 480 MW. A powerhouse in the energy landscape, it channels a substantial share into the Northern Grid under NHPC's watchful operation.

The grandeur of the Baglihar Power Project unfolds along the Chenab near Batote. Sporting a colossal 900 MW installed capacity, its first phase initiated in 1999, achieved operational brilliance in 2008, and fully concluded in November 2015. Despite public and PDC opposition, this state-owned venture succumbed to NHPC after an impressive three-month stint.

Transitioning to JKPDD's domain, the Mohra Hydroelectric Power Project, born in 1907, stands as a testament to history, nestled on the Jhelum River in Baramulla. With a vintage 9 MW capacity, it holds the honor of being the second hydroelectric power project on the Indian subcontinent.

The Lower Sindh Hydroelectric Power Project, established in 1956, harnesses Nallah Sindh's flow in Ganderbal, with a 15 MW capacity. The Lower Jhelum Hydroelectric Power Project in Warikhal taps into the Jhelum River's energy, contributing to the region's power needs.

Sumbal and Kangan unveil their prowess through Upper Sindh Hydroelectric Power Project (22.60 MWs) and Upper Sindh Hydroelectric Power Project (105 MWs), respectively, showcasing the diverse hydroelectric landscape of the region. The collective output from 24 hydroelectric projects exceeds 3500 MW annually in Jammu and Kashmir. Although Kashmir generates around 2500 MW, the umbilical connection to NHPC's northern network necessitates power purchases, an ironic predicament for the UT.

**PULL QUOTE:** Imagine braving the bitter winter without essentials like heaters and warm water for bathing in the minus temperature abyss. It's a daunting scenario, emphasizing the critical importance of timely payment of electricity bills by consumers. Yet, the onus lies squarely on the government to fulfill its duty of providing

In a disconcerting twist, the government has unveiled a stark schedule of power outages, casting a shadow with a daily 4-5 hour blackout in metered regions and an extended eight-hour outage in non-metered areas. Winter's icy embrace, already formidable, becomes an arduous battle when compounded by sub-zero temperatures during these power interruptions. As if the chill weren't biting enough, con-



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sumers find themselves grappling with soaring electricity bills, a bitter aftermath of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) of Jammu and Kashmir's sanctioning of an 8 to 22% surge in residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural power tariffs across the Union Territory. This fiscal shockwave has stirred unrest among the people of J&K in the districts of Ganderbal and Doda, the District Administration in the year 2022 has wielded its authority, imposing constraints on the sale of electric appliances. Store owners, under governmental urging, are compelled to withhold the sale of crucial heating equipment from desperate clients. Section 144 further tightens the grip, enforcing restrictions on the purchase of heaters, geysers, electric blankets, and other indispensable electric appliances. Imagine braving the bitter winter without essentials like heaters and warm water for bathing in the minus temperature abyss. It's a daunting scenario, emphasizing the critical importance of timely payment of electricity bills by consumers. Yet, the onus lies squarely on the government to fulfill its duty of providing an uninterrupted supply of electricity. The Kashmir Valley, which has the potential to generate about 3500 megawatts of hydel power now finds itself shrouded in complete darkness during the unforgiving winter, underscoring the urgency for a luminous resolution.

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## Downfall of Textile Industry and Employment Drought

The onslaught of the Coronavirus has had a drastic impact on the global as well as the Indian textile industry. Even though several sectors like industrial, medical, education, etc, were subjected to a major setback during the pandemic, the textile industry in India was massively affected in terms of productivity, functioning and employee relations,

since the entire work-force involves the supply chain.

In the last few years, the Indian textile industry has witnessed a huge downfall, particularly in the domestic garment market with plenty of cancellations in orders, and no fresh orders coming through either. This has resulted in the work-force getting hugely affected, leaving millions of skilled and unskilled labourers with

no option but to migrate to their natives. The Union government should consider the industry's demands and take steps to support it. This should include providing temporary relief from the import duty on cotton, especially during off-season. The government should also invest in research and development to help the industry produce cotton more efficiently and sustainably, which will enable create

more job opportunities, boost exports and grow the economy. One really hopes that the Union government will support this industry to the maximum and revive it soon to get back to its halcyon days. After all, 'cloth' is one of the three immediate and fundamental needs for human life.

Ranganathan Sivakumar



# Education, Skills and Employment

M Ahmad

Our education system has for long encouraged the rote system of learning where everything is learnt conceptually and the application of the same concept in practical terms takes a backseat. In today's world, lack of proper education and training restricts people from the opportunities for self-advancement by limiting their access to well-paid employment. Eventually, this prevents such individuals from making an influential contribution to economic growth. Thus, adequate education quality and training are recognized as fundamental ways of breaking down the eco-system of poverty. Similarly, our education system is definitely helping the youth of this country to become literates, but is not building their skills to make them employment ready. Our education system provides a platform of knowledge where students have to take that extra effort to turn the acquired knowledge into applicable ideas.

The youth of the country, once they complete their education, go out in search of jobs. Once they acquire a good job, they apply their learnt knowledge practically. Here, they are assisted by their company to acquire relevant job skills through training that could be both generic as well as customized for their own company. So, knowledge plus training to apply the knowledge becomes a set of skills acquired by the person. These skills are further polished as the person gathers more experience at his job area. So mastering one's acquired skills makes a person an expert in his chosen field. But this kind of skill acquisition and skill building is more reachable to the cream of the population. It is not reachable to the masses and this is the ugly truth of our nation. People in the urban areas mostly get absorbed into companies of their choice based on the knowledge and skills they have acquired together with relevant experience, thus helping them build a good career of their own.

But the people in the rural areas may not necessarily have access to these super facilities and may thus lack in skills required to make them employable. India is the largest democracy in the world and villages are where the bigger chunk of the population lies. So, when development focuses only on cities and



leaves out the rural areas, it is actually missing out on a valuable treasure of skills that could be brought to the surface to shape the future of India. Every person is gifted with his own skill set, which when recognized, trained and applied becomes

art of observation leads the child to attempt to start walking, talking, eating etc. This is how a child picks up skills from his surroundings. Similarly, adults also have a bunch of knowledge embedded in their brains. It is only with proper train-

a platform and direction where their skills could be molded, trained and applied, they require help and assistance. The youth of today are encouraged to think above their school and college curriculum and acquire the market-relevant skills which

get to a larger audience to help them achieve expertise in their chosen fields. Skill loans are also being funded and thought of as a prospective scheme by the government to achieve up-gradation of learnt skills at the higher level to promote inter-

country achieves overall development in every phase of growth. Our country has a youth population in majority that helps in promoting the welfare of the nation. A national Policy on skill development has been undertaken by the government to look into individual growth and employ-ability index and to see an upsurge in making the youth of this country job-ready and to help them keep pace with the changing face of science and technology. To help the youth contribute to the country's growth and development, we have to upgrade their skills through necessary schemes and partnerships and provide them platforms to showcase their talent on a global level.

India has a literacy rate of around 78%, which is less than some of the least developed countries, and when it comes to employability, only 45% of them are employable. Literacy is not just restricted to education but even broadens to the concept of skills, which comprises technical expertise, vocational skills, transferable skills, digital skills, and other such knowledge and abilities required for employment and livelihood. According to a survey, only 35% of the Indian workforce has undergone a skill development program, and India needs a higher number of skilled work forces. The India Skill Report 2023 reveals improvement in overall employability among young people, increasing from 46.2 percent to 50.3 percent this year. Additionally, the employable women workforce has risen significantly to 52.8 percent, surpassing the employability rate of men at 47.2 percent. This positive trend bodes well for India's economic growth, as leveraging the nation's demographic dividend could lead to doubling the GDP by 2030.

We must acknowledge the ability of our youth and extend our support by furnishing them with the proper guidance, infrastructure, opportunities and encouragement to go after their ambitions. With the right direction, their passion, skills, sharp critical awareness of the contemporary world and the enthusiasm to play a decisive role can significantly benefit in transforming the world into a better place.

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**THESE DAYS WE HAVE HEARD OF BOOT CAMPS WHERE SPECIFIC SKILLS ARE TARGETED TO A LARGER AUDIENCE TO HELP THEM ACHIEVE EXPERTISE IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELDS. Skill loans are also being funded and thought of as a prospective scheme by the government to achieve up-gradation of learnt skills at the higher level to promote interest in research and development**

an asset to the country.

Our government has taken many initiatives to cater to a wide class of people in helping them build their skills and upgrade their knowledge, to take our country to greater heights of development. When a toddler starts observing adults around him, he tries to do them on his own by trying many times by himself. This

ing that these could become skills that may be used in employment, growth, jobs etc. The requirement of the day is to properly guide the youth towards skill building so that they become assets for the country's future. The youth of this country possess good ideas, if implemented could turn our nation into a super-power someday. But to provide them

make them job-ready and provide wide choices in employment. Our country is also encouraging public-private partnerships in preparing the curriculum for training packages, both at the college level and at job areas to achieve world class expertise in skill development.

These days we have heard of boot camps where specific skills are tar-

est in research and development. In keeping with these views and developments, the areas of education, employment and skill building have become prominent features of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding platforms.

The development of a country is reflected in its GDP and this rise can be positively affected only when the

## How To Foster The Value Of Generosity In Your Children

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Besides nurturing your child's cognitive development so that they can be successful in school and beyond, many parents also want to cultivate softer qualities in their children. Generosity is an important one, as it strengthens the relationships and communities in which your children participate.

It might surprise you to learn that while older individuals tend to be more generous than younger ones, we can start to see expressions of generosity in very young children. One recent study found that children as young as 15 to 18 months of age were willing to share a toy with another child they did not know. Interestingly, people living in less industrialized countries tend to be more generous than those in more industrialized countries, and, on average, women tend to be more generous than men.

Being on the receiving end of acts of generosity naturally feels good, but research also suggests that the act of giving can have a positive effect on the giver as well. It appears that many humans are actually wired to feel good when they give, indicating a biological component to human generosity. While not everyone is as naturally inclined to get the same degree of positive emotion from their acts of kindness, there is evidence to suggest that the value of generosity can be learned. And since this quality strengthens



both personal relationships and larger communities, it is never too early to nurture a child's capacity to give.

So how can we cultivate and encourage generosity in children? Here are a few suggestions:

**TEACH EMPATHY AND TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS**  
A good starting place is

helping children understand and label the emotions of other people. Ask them which behaviors might signal certain feelings. Have them describe the body language that accompanies specific emotions. Point out the impact of your children's actions on others. The empathy you are cultivating in these conversations will lay the foundation from which

your children's own acts of generosity will spring.

Discuss with your children the positive impact on both the giver and the receiver. Ask them to imagine and identify the emotional rewards of receiving help or kindness and of helping others.

**MODEL THE BEHAVIOR YOU'RE TRYING TO ENCOURAGE**

Don't underestimate the power of modeling the behaviors you want to see in your children. Children learn by observing and copying the behavior of those around them. Those of us who work with children can tell countless stories about children who imitate their parents or relate what parents probably thought were confidential

conversations from home. Be aware of the messages you are sending your children through your own actions.

You can demonstrate generosity through your own behavior, whether by helping others, sharing, or showing kindness. Volunteering in your community can show your children how giving your time is an act of generosity. When you model what you want to see in your children's behavior, you can comment on both the impact your actions may have on those you help and the positive feelings that your helpfulness generated in you. It's also important to highlight that it can be enough just to know you have done something thoughtful; you don't always need affirmation or accolades from the recipient to feel good. You are trying to avoid creating the expectation of reciprocity.

**ENCOURAGE SHARING AND INCLUSION DURING PLAY**

Inclusion during activities can take the form of sharing time with a favorite toy or a turn at a fun activity. Sharing can mean temporarily forgoing one's own enjoyment so that someone else can have a turn at a positive experience. It could mean inviting or allowing a less skilled or less mature child to join in a game, or a peer who may want to play by different rules, but who will, as a result, feel a sense of acceptance and validation. Help your children recognize and understand how inclusion promotes a feeling of belong-

ing in others and how it can elicit feelings of joy for themselves through their positive connection with others.

**REWARD GENEROSITY IN YOUR CHILDREN AND IN OTHERS**

Acknowledge and praise your children when they demonstrate generosity. As with any other behavior, positive reinforcement helps emphasize the value of their actions – in this case, of giving – and it makes it more likely that they will repeat this kind of behavior in the future. Psychologists who study this phenomenon in children specifically suggest that reinforcement in the form of verbal praise rather than tangible rewards better encourages them to continue these behaviors. You can also selectively draw attention to generosity in others, whether in real life or fiction (for example, when watching TV shows, movies, or reading books together).

Remember that fostering generosity will be like teaching any other skill that you hope to see integrated into your children's engagement with the world. You will need to model it, value it, and sometimes be patient with its development. If it is something they encounter over and over again, they will come to see it in more nuanced ways over time and it will become an essential part of who they are and how they behave.

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Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Held At Khonmoh

## Sarmad Hafeez Attends Programme Aimed At Reaching Out To Uncovered Beneficiaries Of Govt Schemes

Observer News Service

Srinagar: As a part of ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Secretary, Youth Services & Sports (YSS), Sarmad Hafeez, accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad today visited Khonmoh Panchayat of Srinagar district and presided over a mega event organized under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra for saturation of all government schemes and enhancing awareness among the local population.

During the event, members of District Development Council, Block Development Council, other PRI representatives and people in large number actively participated in the proceedings

aimed at informing citizens about the governments welfare programmes and flagship schemes. Addressing the occasion, Secretary YSS, elaborated the transformative impact of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra which envisages to reach the uncovered beneficiaries. He underscored the importance of the yatra in fostering development and promoting engagement with government schemes and also achieve saturation under Government sponsored citizen centric schemes.

While inspecting the stalls set up by different departments during the event, Secretary hailed the departments for providing a visual representation of their initiatives aimed at promoting economic growth.

He encouraged the public to avail full advantage of government schemes tailored for their socio-economic empowerment.

Deputy Commissioner said that the VBSY is an ultimate programme launched by Prime Minister to ensure widespread awareness among rural masses and reach unreached population so that they take benefit from government welfare schemes. On the occasion, Secretary presented Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus certificates to the eligible areas besides giving away sanction letters to the beneficiaries.

During the programme, the arrival of the Viksit Bharat Yatra Van added an extra layer of significance, symbolizing the government's commitment towards continuous public

welfare and improved facilities at grass root level.

Viksit Sankalp Bharat Yatra" pledge was also administered to the participants.

At Eidgah, Khonmoh beneficiaries of government schemes shared their success stories, and recorded the tangible benefits they had reaped from these welfare schemes through "Meri Kahani Meri Zubani". The cultural programmes highlighting the flagship schemes were also presented on the occasion in order to sensitize local population about the objective of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra.

Senior officers of district administration Srinagar, besides zonal and sectoral officers of line departments were present in the event.

Observer News Service

Jammu: Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar on Wednesday reviewed the functioning of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJAK) across Jammu and Kashmir.

Secretary said that the objective of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) is to provide safe, efficacious and quality medicines at an affordable price to reduce out of pocket expenditure on healthcare. He impressed upon the Healthcare Practitioners to generate prescriptions in generic names for benefit of common masses through this noble initiative.

State Drugs Controller highlighted the status of 264 Jan Aushadhi Kendras including 188 in government sector and 76 in private sector kendras

operational in J&K.

It was informed in the meeting that Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) is an initiative of Union Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, to provide quality medicines at affordable prices to the masses through dedicated outlets known as Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMBJAK).

In J&K, 264 Jan Aushadhi Kendras are providing nearly 821 molecules which are available at 50-90% lower price as compared to the market. Since, April, 2023 to 30th October, 2023 (07 Months) medicines worth Rs 30.62 crore have been dispensed from these stores which inter-alia indicates that end users have been benefited to the tune of Rs. Rs 183.72 crore. The Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir has registered an increase of nearly 25% in sale of medicines for the same period as

compared to the last year.

Secretary directed to ensure 24x7 functioning of Jan Aushadhi kendras especially in secondary and tertiary level public health institutions besides availability of all categories of drugs and molecules in these kendras. He stressed upon the participants to hold periodic review of this scheme and take appropriate corrective measures to ensure that the objectives enshrined therein are accomplished to the entire satisfaction of stakeholders particularly end users who are struggling to negotiate the ever increasing expenditure incurred towards medical treatment.

Among others the meeting was attended by Principals Government Medical Colleges, Director Health Services, State Drugs Controller, J&K (Nodal Officer, PMBJAK) J&K, and representatives from PMBI and CMOs

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### Panic In Parliament

that released coloured smoke, police said.

Police said the two detained outside Parliament were identified as Neelam (42), of Haryana's Hisar, and Amol Shinde (25), of Maharashtra's Latur area.

Narrating the LS incident inside Parliament, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said, "One person was seen leaping over the benches of the Lok Sabha while another was seen dangling from the public gallery spraying some tear gas when Zero Hour was in progress." They were overpowered by the Lok Sabha members and the watch and ward staff.

Police sources said the security breach was a "well-planned and well-coordinated" incident carried out by six people, all of whom were in contact with each other over social media platforms.

The incident in the Lok Sabha chamber took place at around 1:01 pm when BJP member Khagen Murmu was raising an issue during Zero Hour. While one started crossing the benches in a bid to approach the Speaker's chair, the other was seen dangling from the railing of the visitor's gallery before jumping into the chamber, according to several MPs present in the House.

Alarmed members, including Hanuman Beniwal, Malook Nagar and Gurdip Singh Aujla, overpowered and thrashed the intruders, who had come to the gallery with visitor passes facilitated by two-term Lok Sabha member from Mysuru Prathap Simha of BJP, before handing them over to the security personnel.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and several opposition leaders including Rahul Gandhi and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury were among the over 100 lawmakers present at the time of the incident.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah were not in the House as they were away in Bhopal for the swearing-in ceremony of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav.

Rajendra Agrawal, who was in the chair, adjourned the proceedings immediately for one hour.

Opposition members termed the security breach as the worst since the 2001 terror attack in which 14 persons, including five terrorists who stormed Parliament complex, were killed. They also demanded a statement from Home Minister Shah on the breach.

Trinamool Congress leader Sudip Bandyopadhyay called the security breach the worst since Independence as the attackers had managed to reach the Lok Sabha chamber with smoke canisters which could have been lethal.

Several opposition members sought to link the incident to the threats issued by Khalistani terrorist Gurbatwant Singh Pannun, to attack Parliament on or before December 13, the anniversary of the terror attack.

As the proceedings resumed at 2 pm, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said a comprehensive security review of Parliament House would be carried out and at the same time made it clear that the preliminary inquiry did not indicate any links to Pannun.

Lok Sabha officials said the issuance of passes for the visitors' gallery in the Parliament House has been suspended with immediate effect.

The Lok Sabha Secretariat has also written to the Union home ministry, seeking a review of the security measures at the Parliament building.

Top police officers including Commissioner Sanjay Arora rushed to Parliament House after the incident.

After opening the gas canisters that emitted the smoke outside the Parliament building, Shinde and Neelam also raised slogans such as "Tanashahi Nahi Chalegi", police

officials said.

Neelam claimed that she was not part of any organisation and was a student who was unemployed. She said she was protesting against alleged injustice against farmers, small traders and marginalised.

Later, the Lok Sabha Speaker chaired an all-party meeting where opposition members sought immediate tightening of security measures at Parliament and questioning of BJP member Simha, a former journalist and author of Modi's biography.

Facing flak, Simha's office said Parliamentarians generally entertain requests for visitors' gallery passes from members of their constituency to witness Parliamentary proceedings.

According to the Parliament rule-book, the MP has to certify that the "visitor is my relation/personal friend/known to me personally and I take full responsibility for her/him".

A large number of visitors have been coming to the new Parliament building ever since it began hosting sessions in September.

Members who overpowered the two persons inside the Lok Sabha chamber said, "one of them was saying I am a patriot and came here to protest."

Many Lok Sabha members beat up the intruders before handing them over to security.

JD(U) member Ramprit Mandal said the intruders had hidden the gas canisters in their shoes and sprayed yellow-coloured gas in the Lok Sabha chamber.

Mandal, who was near the intruder, said RLP member Hanuman Beniwal and other members overpowered the person.

"One of the two was raising slogans 'Tanashahi nahi chalegi'," Mandal said. "Suddenly there was a commotion in the House. One person was seen jumping from one bench to another. It was a very tense moment, anything could have happened. I thought, what if he has a bomb or fire equipment in his pocket? It is a serious security lapse," Sudip Bandyopadhyay, Trinamool Lok Sabha leader, said.

"Two people jumped from the public gallery, there was smoke and everyone ran. They have been caught by some MPs and security personnel. One of them is Sagar. He was the guest of Mysuru member Prathap Simha," Lok Sabha member Danish Ali said.

"It is a big security lapse. It is the anniversary of the Parliament attack. This is a matter for probe," said Ali.

Congress member Karti Chidambaram said the two persons pulled out canisters that were emitting yellow smoke. "The smoke could have been poisonous. It is a serious security breach," he added.

"They started advancing and rushing towards the well of the house and they lit up smoke sticks. Security was compromised," DMK member D N V Senthil Kumar said on X.

"Certainly, there is a loophole. At first, I thought a person might have fallen but when the second person started coming down, all of us became cautious," BJP member Rajendra Agrawal said.

"Home Minister Amit Shah gives big speeches but can't maintain security in Parliament, he must resign," TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee said.

In a post on X, Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi said, "Saw two young men unleash foul smelling yellow coloured gas from canisters inside Parliament gallery. MPs rushed to grab these men. One person was raising some slogans. This raises serious questions on another aspect of the new Parliament building- security."

Security has been beefed up in the area following the incident.

Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed outfits attacked the Parliament complex on this day in 2001, killing nine people.

Meanwhile, Devaraje Gowda, father of Manoranjan, said hang my son if he

has done something wrong but maintained that his son was a "good boy."

"My son is a good boy. He is honest and truthful. His only desire is to do good for the society and sacrifice for the society. He used to read Swami Vivekananda's books. I think he developed such thoughts after reading these books," Gowda told reporters.

"It is difficult to understand what was running through his mind. My son completed his BE (Bachelor in Engineering) in 2016 and was looking after the farm. He also worked in some firms in Delhi and Bengaluru," he added.

### PM SHRI Schools

New Delhi, one each for the district. "PM SHRI Schools will provide leadership to other schools in their respective areas by providing mentorship. Focus will be on learning outcomes of every child in every grade while promoting critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity in all schools," the LG said.

He also directed the School Education Department for inclusion of life history and contributions of inspirational icons like General Zorawar Singh, Brig Rajinder Singh, Maqbool Sherwani and other prominent personalities in schools' curriculum.

Sinha also directed the department to ensure Vocational training and Skill development programmes in schools as well as inclusion of Indian Philosophy in all the Universities of the Union Territory.

Earlier, Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary School Education Department gave a detailed presentation on the guiding principle for selection for the schools under the scheme.

### Pays Tributes

and a gardener lost their lives in the attack on this day 22 years ago.

### What LS Handbook

security breach.

According to the 'handbook for Lok Sabha members' uploaded on the Lower House's website, in the application form submitted by MPs for visitors, they need to provide details such as visitor's name in full, age, father's or husband's name, nationality and passport number (for foreigners only) and details of occupation, among other things.

Details of occupation of the husband (in the case of housewives only), full permanent address and state, and full Delhi address are also required.

According to the handbook, the members have to provide a certificate on the application form for the visitor card stating, "The above-named visitor is my relation/personal friend/known to me personally and I take full responsibility for her/him." Visitors' cards for the public gallery are issued for the guests of Lok Sabha members on the day before the visit on applications from members on yellow forms available in the Centralised Pass Issue Cell.

The application for visitors' card should contain the name of not more than four guests of a member and the application should reach the Centralised Pass Issue Cell not later than 4 pm on the working day before the date for which the card is required.

### No Child Protection

adopted such policies, only J&K lacks such a policy," he added.

He further said each institution involved in activities with children requires a comprehensive child protection policy. "This policy aims to establish effective systems and procedures within the organization to prevent any form of child abuse," he said. Bukhtiyar further added that the policy doesn't solely focus on response and resolution mechanisms but also emphasizes creating a secure environment for children within the institution.

"Implementing such a policy not only strengthens the organization but

also enhances its confidence, thereby contributing to the successful pursuit of nurturing healthy children and youth as part of its mission," he added.

Dr. Rouf Malik, who heads Koshish, a non-profit organization (NGO) working for child rights in Kashmir, told Kashmir Observer that even though there is the Juvenile Justice Act and Section 17 of the Right to Education Act for the protection of child rights in educational institutions, there is no harm in having a comprehensive child protection policy in the Union Territory.

"Things and rules will become more clear for teachers and students if such a policy is framed," he added.

Notably, in June this year, a school principal was arrested by J&K police in a molestation case. The principal was identified as Shabir Ahmad Mir, a resident of Zadibal, Srinagar. Mir was working as the Principal of Govt Higher Secondary School Gund Hassi Bhat.

Similarly, the police in Rajouri district arrested a government teacher in September in a case involving allegations of sexual abuse and harassment.

In North Kashmir's Bandipora district, a lecturer was arrested under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) for allegedly harassing a student.

Kashmir Observer made multiple efforts to contact Director Education Tasaduq Hussain and Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary of the School Education Department, but the calls went unanswered.

Notably, this year, the School Education Department issued a blanket ban on corporal punishment and other forms of child abuse in educational institutes within the Kashmir Division.

In a circular, the Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) stated, "Regarding complaints are pouring in regarding corporal punishment to the students in schools, as per the report received from IMHANS-K, resulting in mental health issues in school-going children."

### Sikhs In J&K

issued by the department of law, justice and parliamentary affairs on November 30.

"This has been a long pending demand and we are thankful to the Lt Governor for keeping his promise," Vice President of District Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee, Jammu Balvinder told PTI.

He said the implementation of the Anand Marriage Act has made the community happy as they "were facing an identity crisis due to the non-availability of a separate Sikh marriage act".

The emergence of the Anand Marriage Act dates back to 1909 when the British Imperial Legislative Council passed a legislation for the recognition of the Sikh wedding ceremony Anand Karaj. The Act aimed to acknowledge and respect the customs and practices of the community.

In 2012, the Parliament passed the Anand Marriage (Amendment) Bill, bringing Sikh traditional marriages under the purview of legal recognition.

While the central government approved the amendments, it was left for individual states and Union territories to frame respective rules for the registration of Anand marriages.

### Cold Wave Tightens

lower than the previous low of minus 4.8 degrees Celsius recorded on Sunday night.

Pahalagam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.3 degrees Celsius, while Gulmarg in Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 5.5 degrees Celsius, they said.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 3.2 degrees Celsius, Kokernag

town minus 2.1 degrees Celsius and Kupwara minus 3.7 degrees Celsius.

The meteorological office said the weather would remain mainly dry till December 15 but mild precipitation is expected over the weekend.

### Ensure Professional

respond swiftly to any security incidents. Besides, he said, the IGP also urged officers to intensify anti-terrorist operations and take stringent action against individuals or organizations supporting anti-national activities.

According to the spokesperson, Birdi also analysed the crime situation, special emphasis was laid on detection of crime against women and it was underlined that surveillance on such elements/criminals would put a check on their activities which is a big deterrent.

The IGP, he said, advised officers to also ensure professional investigation in UAPA cases in order to ensure conviction of accused and to effectively deal with the terrorist eco-system.

"Furthermore, IGP Kashmir directed police officers to intensify efforts in combating drug activities in the area. He highlighted the gravity of the issue and urged the police force to work diligently to curb the menace of drug trafficking, which poses a significant threat to the well-being of the community," the spokesperson said.

Birdi, he said, expressed confidence in the collective efforts of the security apparatus to uphold public safety and ensure a secure environment for all the citizens. He also directed officers to actively engage with community members to ensure peace and harmony in the area.

### U.P Couple

earlier this year, a spokesman of the agency said.

The case stems from a complaint by Mahajan Agency trading firm which alleged it was lured by Sai Agro Food Industry, run by the accused, for placing an order of 500 units of some food product and swindled for more than Rs 3.25 lakh in the process, he said.

A probe substantiated the allegations and revealed that the accused cheated the complainant, M/s Mahajan Agency, with criminal intention, the spokesman said.

### Can't Ask Govt

2021 dated 18.05.2021, vide which two 500 bedded temporary Covid Hospitals, one each at Jammu and at Srinagar were established. As per the order, 1366 posts had been created (683 posts for each Hospital), for making these two facilities operational, in collaboration with the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Ministry of Defense, Government of India.

The petitioners pleaded that they came to be engaged in terms of the respective engagement orders, when one year of contractual engagement of the petitioners came to an end in the year 2022, when in terms of communication No. ME-Gztd/198/2022 dated 08.08.2022, addressed by the Health and Medical Education Department of J&K Government, to the Principal Government Medical College Srinagar, on the approval of Administrative Department, providing for the grant of extension in the tenure of the engagement of the staff, actually on the rolls/working in the 500 bedded Covid Hospital at Khunmoh Srinagar, which was accorded upto 31.12.2022.

The petitioners had also sought direction from the court to release Ayushman incentives as well as Covid incentives in terms of the Notification No. 01-HME of 2019 dated 19.01.2019 in favour of them.

"So far as the other reliefs, the respondents be directed to release Ayushman as well as Covid incentives in terms of the Notification No. 01-HME of 2019 dated 19.01.2019 in favour of the petitioners," the court said.

The court also said the authorities can consider incorporating the

condition in the future advertisement notice with regard to "05 numbers" as weightage as has been done in the previous advertisement notices had been given to the candidates, who were engaged for the period of three months in the Government Institute under the "Emergency Covid Response Programme (ECRP)" on contractual basis.

### Kashmir Journo

'crying spells', 'suicidal tendencies': One in every 7 new mothers suffer from 'postpartum depression' in Kashmir

The story was published on November 17, 2022. It brings to the light the plight of new mothers in the cloud of stigma impeding access to mental health in Kashmir.

"SCARF (1) proudly recognizes the outstanding efforts of Hirra Azmat for her engaging report on post-partum depression. Her article titled, "Hallucinations", 'crying spells', 'suicidal tendencies': One in every 7 new mothers suffer from 'postpartum depression' in Kashmir", published in Kashmir Monitor (November 17, 2022, brings to the light the plight of new mothers in the cloud of stigma impeding access to mental health in Kashmir," the citation presented to her reads.

Scarf, the Schizophrenia Research Foundation, a non-governmental organization works on mental health issues and recognizes media reportage on the mental health with awards.

The organization received 52 entries, including news items, articles and stories in English and Hindi. The media awards event was held online on December 12.

Hirra, who is currently working as a reporter for Kashmir Observer has previously bagged several awards for her work and that includes Project Siren and Laadli Media Awards.

### Ladakh: Sudden

hot springs are located in a small hamlet along the Indus river about 138 kilometres from Leh.

### SIA Raids Five

Investigation Agency (NIA). "SIA Kashmir conducted searches at five locations in south Kashmir (three in Anantnag and two in Kulgam) in connection with an ongoing investigation into a terror funding case," the spokesperson said.

During the searches, he said, some crucial digital and documentary evidence like mobile phones, pen drives, SIM cards, data cards, bank documents and passports were seized.

According to the spokesperson, Kashmiri is also wanted in a murder case for his role in arranging and delivering the weapon of offence and other consignments of arms and ammunition at different locations in Jammu and Kashmir through his network of associates.

He said HM, its handlers and terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) have worked out a detailed plan of systematically and regularly financing their active and arrested terrorists, families of killed terrorists and their associates.

An amount of Rs 15,000 is given to every member to sustain terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

Kashmiri along with his associates spread across Kashmir is raising, collecting, receiving, transporting, distributing and delivering the money to active and arrested terrorists of HM and their families to further terrorist, unlawful, subversive and secessionist activities in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of India, the spokesperson said.

A close associate of Kashmiri, Majid Aziz Laway, was arrested in the terror funding case in November with Rs 5 lakh.

### SSF Constable

sympathies with the bereaved family.

Sinha also prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.



## Subsidized Heli Services To Resume In Jammu's Hilly Districts

Div Com Reviews Preparedness; Asks DCs To Appoint Nodal Officers, Ensure Readiness Of Helipads & Other Logistics

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Helicopter services are being resumed to provide respite to the people of hilly districts of Jammu Division during the winter season.

Today, Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar convened a meeting with Deputy Commissioners of Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, Kishtwar, and other stakeholders to assess the preparedness for this much-anticipated revival.

The Div Com instructed Deputy Commissioners to appoint Nodal Officers and conduct joint inspections with Global Vectra Helicorp's technical team to facilitate the readiness of designated helipads in their respective districts. The discussion delved into the finer details of initiating services, including notifying timings and fare schedules to all designated locations.

Taking a significant step forward, the Div Com appointed Joint Director Tourism as the Nodal Officer to facilitate seamless coordination with the service provider - Global Vectra Helicorp. The Joint Director Tourism has been tasked with establishing a dedicated counter and assembling a team for

efficient ticket booking at TRC Jammu.

To keep the public well-informed, the Div Com instructed Deputy Commissioners to widely publicize and notify fares and timings at prominent locations such as hospitals and bus stands. Representatives from Civil Aviation shared details of routes and fares, with the reassurance that this renewed helicopter service will not only bring relief to the locals but also prove invaluable during medical emergencies.

This development is not just about transportation; it's a beacon of hope for the community, promising convenience and swift assistance during medical emergencies. The resumption of regular helicopter services is poised to make a positive impact on the lives of the residents.

The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner, Pankaj Katoch; Joint Director Tourism, Sunaina Sharma; Representative of Global Vectra Helicorp Pvt. Ltd; Civil Aviation Department and other concerned officers, while Deputy Commissioners of Poonch, Rajouri, Doda and Kishtwar participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing.

## Jashn-E-Chillai Kalan Held At Shopian

Annual Winter Festival Attracts Sea Of People; Witnesses Mesmerizing Art Performances

Observer News Service

**SHOPIAN:** A large number of public of the district today assembled at Batpora Stadium, Shopian to celebrate the Annual Winter Festival, Jashn e Chillai Kalan, aimed to promote the rich cultural heritage and celebrate the local traditions and arts.

The event was organised by District Administration Shopian, in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

The mega event was attended by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb as chief guest; SSP Shopian, Tanushree and Indian Army officers, who inaugurated the festival by releasing pigeons.

Speaking on the occasion, DC said that the aim of organising such festivals is to connect people with the rich heritage. He said that by conducting such programmes, the gap between youth and administration will be reduced and will help to create a better environment by nourishing the artistic talent of

the young. SP while speaking that such programmes provide a platform to showcase the abundance of talent which was a sight to behold and the festival is aimed at promoting local traditions.

The event witnessed an active participation of locals from all age groups in huge numbers from all across the district.

The public were enthralled by the mesmerising and scintillating cultural performances including music, dance and drama from the "who's who of Kashmiri cultural music scene." The cultural programmes in Kashmiri, Dogri, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Pahari and Gojri and other languages were presented by the students and artists on the occasion.

Dignitaries used this platform to interact with the youth and impress upon them to continue pursuing their ambitions with perseverance and passion. They were also told that development and progress can only march hand in hand with contributions by the local populace.

## 'Kashmir Is Beautiful And Fantastic, Please Come'

Bollywood John Abraham After Wrapping 'Vedaa' Shoot

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** "Please come to Kashmir, it is fantastic," said Bollywood star John Abraham after he concluded a shooting schedule of his upcoming movie "Vedaa" in the valley.

Abraham arrived in the union territory last week for the shooting of the movie, which also features Sharvari Wagh. The film was shot in Srinagar and Anantnag district in south Kashmir.

In a video released by Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department on microblogging site X on Tuesday evening, Abraham said his experience in Kashmir was fantastic.

"We are shooting in

Ashmuqam. It is an absolutely fantastic place. We have got 240 extras. You can see it is absolutely outstanding, where I am, in the outskirts of Anantnag. It is such a beautiful place, Kashmir," the actor, who was wearing the traditional Kashmiri cloak pheran, said.

The "Pathaan" star he wants more people to visit Kashmir and witness how beautiful the place is.

"I want people to come to Kashmir not only for shoot but also for a holiday to see how beautiful place this is. We had a great welcome here. Kashmiri people are absolutely fantastic. Everybody wants to work, they want to work and they just want to be happy work-

ing. They are always smiling," he said.

At the same time, the 50-year-old actor encouraged people to keep the place clean.

"When you come here, just do not dirty the place or throw plastic because it is such a beautiful place, it has to be kept clean. That is my only advice to everyone. Please come to Kashmir, it is fantastic," he added.

Also featuring Abhishek Banerjee and Tamanaah Bhatia, "Vedaa" is being directed by Nikkhil Advani.

The movie, which will feature high-octane sequences and gripping action, is produced by Zee Studios, Advani's Emmay Entertainment and Abraham's JA Entertainment.

## J&K Bank Commissions New CRM In Poonch



Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Taking forward the ease-of-banking mission, J&K Bank on Wednesday commissioned Cash Recycler Machine (CRM) inside the premises of its SK Bridge Branch in Poonch district.

With the addition of 5th such machine in Poonch, the total tally of CRM machines in the Zone comprising of twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch reached 12.

The Bank's Zonal Head (Rajouri) Satish Kumar inaugurated the CRM in presence of Cluster Head (Poonch) Aneet Kanwal Singh Bagee amid a gathering of valuable customers including local businessmen and residents.

Speaking on the occasion, Zonal Head said, "As part of Bank's deepening digital footprint, the machine has been commissioned for the convenience of customers and people at large".

"The machines will specifically cater to the needs of the people especially local businessmen of the area by streamlining manual cash-management thus saving their valuable time and efforts", he added.

The locals especially the trade and business community thanked the Bank for its customer-friendly initiatives and commitment to facilitate better customer experience through technology-based solutions.

Notably, the self-service terminal accepts and dispenses cash thereby easing the rush at the adjacent branches besides facilitating the customers with instant cash management mechanism during business hours.

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CITY DRAINAGE CIVIL DIVISION SMC

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### NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

E\_NIT NO. 09\_CDC\_SMC\_OF\_2023\_24.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from the Registered / Approved PWD Civil Contractors, whose enlistment cards are valid in terms of standing rules, for the below mentioned works strictly as per the terms and conditions given hereunder:-

S.No.	Name of work	Estt. Cost of work incl. Deptt. Materials (Amt. in lakhs).	Earnest Money (CDR)	Class Of Contract	Time for completion	Cost of Tender Document in the shape of e-challan	Head of Account	AAA	TS
01	Construction of RCC Pipe drain includes manholes and concrete path at Khalifpora, Riyaza(Teng) behind Sheeraz Cinema Khanyar Srinagar	64.00	128000/-	AAY	35 days	1500/-	Drainage Capex 2023-24	Accorded	Sanctioned/accorded

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

- 01- In order to protect any default on a/c of low bidding (20% below or more) by the intending bidders and in order to protect specification and workmanship of work, the EMD 2% of advance cost and performance security and of the advertised cost shall be retained for one complete year as DLP. In addition to this 5% of Bill Deposit shall be retained for the DLP period also.
- 02- In case of unbalanced bid i.e.20% below the successful bidder has to submit his rate analysis in support of his quoted rates.
- 03- The bidders being successful in more than one bid have to take up and complete all the works simultaneously within stipulated time.
- 04- The contractor who have been allotted from this office and have failed to take up the work cannot participate in the tendering Process
- 05- In case of non-availability of pipes in the Divisional Store, pipes NP3 there Should be a test certificate from the manufacture, certifying the specifications of pipe supplied.

AAA accorded	TS sanctioned
01- Date of Issue of tender Notice	12.12.2023
02- Period of down loading of bidding documents/Sale of tender document.	13.12.2023 from 10.00 AM to 19.12.2023
03- Bid Submission Start date	13.12.2023 from 10.00 AM.
04- Bid Submission End date.	19.12.2023 upto 4.00 PM
05- Date and time of opening of Bids on line.	20.12.2023 at 11.00 AM. In the office of Executive Engineer City Drainage Civil Division SMC sgr.
06- List of soft copies to be uploaded.	Scanned copy of Treasury Challan(Cost of tender document)with S.No. of NIT/ work. Scanned copy of GST /Registration and PAN Card. Scanned copy of Enlistment card with its validity Scanned copy of Fresh CDR (Earnest Money) fresh CDR means after the issuing of this NIT

1. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per the scheduled date mentioned above.
2. The bids uploaded on the Web Site upto due date and time will be opened on line in the office of the Executive Engineer, City Drainage Civil Division SMC Srinagar in presence of the bidders who wish to attend.
3. In case of Holiday/Office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
4. The complete bidding process will be on line.
5. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of necessary Treasury Challan Revenue/receipt in favour of Executive Engineer City Drainage Civil Division SMC Srinagar and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/Treasury challan receipt pledged to Executive Engineer City Drainage Civil Division SMC Srinagar
6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.

- Important Condition :-
01. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged as laid down in the detailed e-NIT/Tender Document issued for the work which can be down loaded from [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).
  02. The cost of tender Document should be collected by introducing e-chalan or simply uploading a copy of necessary treasury challan/receipt may be credited to MH-0217 in favour of Executive Engineer, City Drainage Civil Division SMC sgr.
  03. The successful bidder shall have to furnish the hard copies after opening of financial bid on line & also the CDR in original must be submitted by the successful (lowest) bidder after opening of financial bid & 3% performance Security of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG by the successful bidder. The same shall be released after successful completion of the Defect liability period of the work. The EMD 2% of successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 3% performance Security.

No: CDC/SMC/3471-93. Dated:-12-12-2023. DPK-13713-23 DT: 13/12/2023. Executive Engineer, City Drainage Civil Division Sgr.

## JAMMU & KASHMIR POWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GENERATION DIVISION LJHP GANTAMULLA BARAMULLA

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### EXTENSION NOTICE No. 03

Due to poor response to this office E-NIT No. 15 of 2023-24 dated 27-10-2023 issued vide this office No. GD/UHP/1295-1301 dated: 27-10-2023 for installation of 1 no Disc valve servo motor of unit-3rd including dismantling of defective one (Complete Job) (ID: 2023\_SPDC\_234965\_1), the critical dates are rescheduled as under:

S.No.	Activity	Date already tendered	Dates as per new schedule
1.	Date of Issue of tender notice	27.10.2023	27.10.2023
2.	Bid document download start date	27.10.2023 to 11.12.2023	27.10.2023 to 26.12.2023
3.	Bid uploading start date	27.10.2023	27.10.2023
4.	Bid uploading last date	11.12.2023	26.12.2023
5.	Last date for receipt of hard copies of techno commercial (RFQ) (one original plus one copy)	12.12.2023	27.12.2023
6.	Opening of techno commercial bids(RFQ)	13.12.2023	28.12.2023

All the terms and conditions shall remain the same. NO: GD/UHP/1765-70 DATED: 12.12.2023 DPK-NB-4752-23 DT: 13/12/2023 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Generation Division LJHP, Gantamulla Baramulla

## OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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ENIT No: 12 of 2023 Dated:- 12/ 12 /2023

For and on behalf of the Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, tenders are invited for Hiring of Chartered Accountant for Srinagar Municipal Corporation as per below mentioned details:-

- 1. Tentative Estimated Cost = Rs: 22.656 Lacs.
- 2. Earnest money = 2% of total value.
- 3. Tender Fee = Rs:500/- non refundable
- 4. Uploading of Bids = 12/12/2023 to 03/01/2024
- 5. Date & time of opening of Bid = 05/01/2024

S.No	Name of work	Quantity
1	Finalization/completion of Annual Reports including financial statement of SMC for the financial year 2017 -18 to 2024-25	01
2	Uploading and filling of GST Returns of SMC contractors/firms/NGO's etc.	
3	Uploading and filling of TDS Returns of SMC contractors/firms/NGO's etc.	
4	Uploading and filling of Revised TDS Returns of SMC contractors/firms/NGO's etc.	

The detailed NIT with terms and conditions etc can be downloaded from [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) No: SMC/PPS/1197-1201 Dated: 12/12/2023 DPK-NB-4757-23 DT: 13/12/2023 Purchase & Procurement Officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

## OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER

POSHAN PROJECT ROHAMA

(PUBLIC NOTICE).

Subject: Merit/ Selection List of Sahaykas (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project Rohama.

In pursuance to Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28-04/2023, and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar vide No: 13281-94 Dated: 08/05/2023 This office advertised vacant posts of Sahaykas (Anganwadi Helpers) vide notification No. CDPO/Poshan/Roh/2023/1550-55 dated: 29/05/2023. Accordingly, merit list of candidates has been prepared as per criteria laid down the Government order No.222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30/11/2023 and selection list has been framed on the basis of merit (list enclosed) herewith as Annexure-A comprising of 07 candidates selected as Sahaykas (Anganwadi Helpers) for Anganwadi Centres shown against each. The General Merit list of applicants is enclosed as Annexure B. The provisional selection list along with merit list are hereby published for information of general public for inviting appeal/objections (if any).

The appeal/objection(if any) against the said Merit/selection list. Shall be filed in the office of the Child Development Project Office Poshan Project Rohama(ICDS) Rohama against proper receipt with in 7 (Seven days) from the date publication in daily leading news papers. No appeal/objections shall be entertained after expiry of the last date for filing appeal/objections.

Un married candidate being selected only if no married candidate available be also adhere to vide No. SWD-ICDS/43/2022 dated:-14/08/2023.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir														
Office of the Child Development Project Officer Mission Poshan Rohama														
Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sahaykas (AWHs) against the location AWC Parraypora C Ward No. 3 advertised vide this Office No. CDPO/Poshan/Roh/2023/1954-60 Dated .06/11/2023 published in Daily Newspaper Kashmir Image and Aftab on 08/11/2023 for General Information.														
S No	Index No & Dt.	Name of the candidate	Parentage/ W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in Metric		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additional 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	01/14/11/2023	Naseema Khazir	D/O Khazir Mohd Parry	Parraypora	3	05/02/1999	Matric	500	175	35.0%	—	—	—	35.0%

Government of Jammu and Kashmir														
Office of the Child Development Project Officer Mission Poshan Rohama														
Merit List of candidates who have applied for the post of Sahaykas (AWHs) against the location AWC War Mohala Ward No. 7 advertised vide this Office No. CDPO/Poshan/Roh/2023/1550-55 Dated .29/05/2023 published in Daily Newspaper Kashmir Image and Aftab on 31/05/2023 for General Information.														
S No	Index No & Dt.	Name of the candidate	Parentage/ W/o	Residence	Ward No	DOB	Highest Qualification	Marks in Metric		%age	Weightage	Whether any relation with retired AWW/AWH	Additional 2 points	Total Merit
								Marks Obtained	Max Marks					
1	01/01/06/2023	Sabreena Shagoo	W/O Shabir Ahmad Parry	WAnpora	7	11/03/1987	Matric	500	183	36.60%	—	—	—	36.60%
1	01/10-06-2023	Tanseema Malik	W/O Ishfaq Ahmad Rather	Wanpora	7	12/12/1993	Matric	500	193	38.60%	—	—	—	38.60%

DPK-13731-23 DT: 13/12/2023 Child Development Project Officer Rohama



## Kashmiri MMA Fighters Shine In IMMAF Asian C'ship



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Two Mixed Martial Art fighters from Kashmir have created history by bagging bronze medals in the IMMAF Asian Championship 2023, held in Bahrain.

Labeeb Feroz (16) and Zaid Shabir Bhat (16) both from Srinagar emerged victorious in their respective medal bouts against Won Gyu Park from South Korea and Humaid Al-Ali from UAE, respectively to grab bronze medals.

The duo soon after reaching Kashmir spoke with news agency KNO about the experiences they gained by defeating experienced opponents in such a mega championship.

Labeeb said he has prepared for years together for the championship. "The experience was very good since it was for the first time that we participated in such a mega championship. We are happy that we were able to bag bronze in the championship," he said.

Labeeb said the championship was very challenging for him as a MMA fighter. "It was a very challenging fight for me to defeat Won Gyu Park of South

Korea in the ring. I have 8-9 years in MMA and have been practising hard for the last four years for the championship," he said.

Labeeb said he is now eyeing for a gold medal in the Youth World Championship ahead.

Another victorious MMA fighter Zaid Shabir Bhat said the rigorous hard work for this championship helped him defeat a stalwart in the game.

"The experience was tough for me as I had to undergo special dieting for two months. I was training twice a day. By the grace of God, I defeated UAE's Humaid Al-Ali in his own game," he said.

While Bhat said he is preparing for mega championships ahead, he added that he is ready to gain more amateur experience in MMA.

"I am preparing for the Youth World Champion and will simultaneously gain more amateur experience in the game," he said.

Meanwhile, President of MMA J&K Naseem Ahmad Chaya extends heartfelt congratulations to Labeeb and Zaid for their exceptional achievements on the international stage. (KNO)

## 'Not Political': Khawaja To Fight Gaza Message Ban



Agencies

Australia batsman Usman Khawaja believes the statements he wrote on his shoes in support of the people of Gaza were not political and said he would fight the International Cricket Council (ICC)'s ruling that he cannot display them while playing.

Khawaja had the messages "Freedom is a human right" and "All lives are equal" written on his boots in the colours of the Palestinian flag in Tuesday's training for the first test against Pakistan.

Australia captain Pat Cummins said on Wednesday that the Pakistan-born opener had agreed not to display the messages during the match when it started on Thursday, but Khawaja later posted an emotional video on the social media site X.

"The ICC have told me I can't wear my shoes on the field because they believe it's a political statement under their guidelines," he said. "I don't believe in this though. It's a humanitarian appeal. I will respect their view and

decision, but I will fight it and seek to get an approval. Freedom is a human right."

Israel's ongoing assault on Gaza in response to the deadly Oct. 7 cross-border attacks by Hamas has killed at least 18,205 Palestinians, according to the Gaza health ministry. The ICC Code of Conduct forbids players wearing, displaying or conveying messages through arm bands or other items on clothing or equipment without prior approval.

Messages related to political, religious or racial activities or causes are not allowed. When asked for comment on Wednesday, the ICC directed reporters to the relevant regulations which make clear that the global governing body is the final arbiter of what is allowed and what constitutes a "political, religious or racial cause".

England batsman Moeen Ali, who like Khawaja is a Muslim with Pakistani heritage, was banned by the ICC in 2014 from wearing wristbands featuring the slogans "Save Gaza" and "Free Palestine". The ICC did, however, al-

low players to "take the knee" before international matches in support of the 'Black Lives Matter' movement in 2020 and 2021.

"What I've written on my shoes isn't political. I'm not taking sides. Human life to me is equal," Khawaja added. "One Jewish life is equal to one Muslim life, and so on. I'm just speaking up for those who don't have a voice."

Cricket Australia said in a statement that Khawaja had a right to express his opinion but they expected him to conform to the ICC rules banning displays on his playing equipment. Australia's Sports Minister Anika Wells gave Khawaja her full backing.

"Usman Khawaja is a great athlete and a great Australian. He should have every right to speak up on matters that are important to him," she said. "He has done so in a peaceful and respectful way. He has done so as an individual and expressed an individual opinion that does not compromise the Australian cricket team's obligations to the ICC."

## Akshay Kumar Buys 'Team Srinagar J&K' In ISPL T10 League



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Renowned Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar has taken a step from the silver screen to the thrilling world of sports by announcing his ownership of the Srinagar cricket team in the prestigious ISPL T10 league.

Kumar's move to enter the sports domain has sparked immense excitement among fans, marking a significant moment in his multifaceted career.

Expressing his enthusiasm for the new venture, Akshay Kumar shared his eagerness to be a part of the pulsating cricket scene in Jammu & Kashmir.

Through his ownership, he aims to provide a platform for budding talents in the region, giving them a chance to showcase their skills on a grand stage.

In a post on Instagram, Kumar extended an invitation to aspiring players, offering them the opportunity of a lifetime to compete under his ownership in the upcoming ISPL T10 league.

"From cinema to the sta-

dium! Proud to announce that I will be coming to @ispl\_t10 as a Team Owner of Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) A chance to play in my team awaits. Register Now: Link in bio," Kumar posted on his Instagram.

As the news of Akshay Kumar's ownership of Team Srinagar in the Indian Street Premier League (ISPL) T10 league was met, locals erupted with excitement, seeing this as a golden opportunity to spotlight the city on a grand cricketing stage.

Similarly, the Indian Street Premier League (ISPL) will be India's first-ever T10 Tennis ball cricket tournament, which will be played inside a stadium.

A total of six teams — Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata, and Srinagar — will compete for the top honours.

The tournament will host 19 matches which will be played only in Mumbai. ISPL has announced its inaugural season, which is set to begin on March 2, 2024. ISPL t-10 will close on 20 December 2023 on ispl-t10.com. (KNO)

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— DEEWAR SE JHALAKTE HAI —

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