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Cold Wave Sweeps Kashmir, Water Bodies Freeze

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Srinagar: Kashmir is freezing under intense cold wave with Srinagar city recording the coldest night of this season even as the minimum settled several degrees below freezing point across the valley, officials said on Thursday.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 5.4 degrees Celsius on Wednesday night which was slightly lower than previous night's minus 5.3 degrees Celsius. It was the lowest minimum temperature recorded this winter in the city, the officials said.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district recorded a

minimum temperature of minus 5.8 degrees Celsius, while the famous resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district recorded a low of minus 5 degrees Celsius, they said.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 3.8 degrees Celsius, Kokernag town minus 1.6 degrees Celsius and Kupwara

minus 4.2 degrees Celsius. The intense cold wave conditions in the valley has resulted in freezing of several water bodies while water supply pipes in many areas have been jammed. The meteorological office said the weather would remain mainly dry till December 15 but predicted mild precipitation over the weekend.



A group of men walking through a frost covered road in the interiors of Dal Lake on Thursday morning . KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Huge Dip In Encounters, Civilian Casualties Post Aug-2019

Agencies

Srinagar: Since the government's decision to revoke Article 370 and Article 35A on August 5, Jammu and Kashmir has experienced a notable decline in encounters, civilian casualties and improvements in law and order, marking a perceptible positive shift in the overall security situation.

According to official documents, till November 15 2023 there have been 33 casualties that include 13 civilians and 20 security forces personnel. Also, there were 44 encounters and 41 incidents initiated by terror-

ists during this period The data reveals that the momentous decision on August 5, 2019, led to a significant decline in terrorist activities in the Valley.



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IGP For Zero-Tolerance Against Narcotics Menace

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Stressing the need for a robust security grid and enhanced coordination among ground agencies, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir, V. K Birdi on Thursday called for a proactive approach to generate specific intelligence and intensify operations for peace and

stability. The IGP made these remarks during his visit to Central Kashmir's Budgam district, where he chaired a review meeting. He was accompanied by Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of police, Central Kashmir Sujit Kumar.

The purpose of IGP's visit was to oversee and improve the mechanisms related to security and crime in the district, a police spokesperson said

During the meeting, he said, IGP gave utmost priority to overhauling the mechanism of security and crime in order to create a peaceful society. Birdi, he said, emphasised the commitment of the police department to ensuring | More on P6



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PM Modi Retaining Power For Third Term A Certainty: Amit Shah

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New Delhi: Home Minister Amit Shah asserted on Thursday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's retaining power for a third term in 2024 is a certainty, expressing confidence the ruling BJP will achieve a bigger victory in the Lok Sabha polls than 2019. "Modi ji becoming prime minister for a third time is a certainty. The writing on the

wall is clear," he said in an interview to news channel 'Aaj Tak'. Shah said the party has chosen its "good workers" as chief ministers in three states and that its ordinary workers are its "tallest" members, replying to a question about the BJP preferring new faces to more known leaders, including former chief ministers, in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan.

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chief ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Raman Singh and

Vasundhra Raje respectively. To a question about Modi's consistently high approval ratings over the years, Shah said people have developed a devotion to the prime minister as they believe it is he who can make the country great and has the roadmap for it.

Modi has done nothing for imself. Shah said, adding that he will go a step further to state

Jammu: Three witnesses, including former Kashmir Bar Association president Mian Abdul Qayoom, failed to appear in a special court here on Thursday in connection with the 1989 abduction of Rubaiya Sayeed, while separatist leader Yasin Malik and his associate Rafiq Pahloo appeared before it via video-conferencing.

Pahloo was given a final opportunity by the special TADA court to file objections to an application for the cancellation of his bail in a 1990 case in which four Indian

Air Force (IAF) officers were killed and the abduction case of Rubaiya Sayeed, the daughter of the then Union home minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

"Four eyewitnesses were summoned to appear before the special court. Among them, Mian Qayoom did not appear and submitted a medical certificate that he is admitted in

other eyewitness (number 23) is dead. Both were witnesses in the Rubaiya Sayeed abduction case," Senior Public Prosecutor S K Bhat told PTI.

In the case of the killing of the IAF personnel in a terror attack in Srinagar in 1990, the court had summoned two witnesses for identification, but they could not appear citing medical reasons, Bhat said, adding that both of them had to come from outside. Bhat said Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF)

Malik chief and Pahloo appeared before the court via video-conferencing.

The court would again hear the case of the killing of the IAF personnel on January 18 and the Rubaiya

Sayeed case the next day. Bhat said Pahloo was given a last opportunity by the court for filing objections to an application for the cancellation of his bail. The court has agreed to summon eyewitnesses.

Central Bureau of The Investigation (CBI) moved an application in | More on P6

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IN 2019, THERE WERE 124 FATALITIES, comprising 44 civilians and 80 security forces personnel. Also, the year witnessed 102 encounters and 153 incidents initiated by terrorists."

Man Gets 7-Years Jail For **Culpable Homicide**

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Srinagar: A court in Srinagar has sentenced a man to seven years rigorous imprisonment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder in connection with the death of a person during scuffle at Soura here in June 2018. "Keeping in consideration the fact

that the accused has no criminal background and is the only male member in the family and the manner in which the offence was committed, the accused No.1 being convicted u/s 304-II

is sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for seven years,' the court of Ist Additional Sessions Judge Srin Khursheed Ul Islam said. Srinagar The court also imposed a

fine of Rs 10,000 on the Mukhktar convict, Ahmed Shah, and ordered that in default of payment of fine, he will undergo further imprisonment of three months.

"The period already undergone in confinement during the trial shall be set off against the sentence awarded". The case, according to prosecution More on Pe

Govt Mandates Monthly Reports On Public Issues For Officers

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir administration has ordered officers including deputy commissioners to reach out to people at grassroots level, conduct public hearings, and send monthly reports to the Chief Secretary.

The order was aimed at resolving public issues and was issued following the taking over this month of senior IAS officer Atal Dulloo as the new chief secretary of Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the order issued by Commissioner Secretary, Administration General Department, Sanjeev Verma, secretaries should conduct a

week and hold public hearing three days a week, except Wednesday.

"It shall be ensured that the above schedule is followed in letter and spirit as far as possible and no official meetings and engagements shall be scheduled on the tour days and public hearing hours," Verma said in the order.

demanded Verma the monthly reports by administrative secretaries, highlighting issues flagged during these tours and public hearings with their possible solutions, be submitted directly to the Chief Secretary and those by the heads of departments to their respective departments.

Why Red Algae In Dal Lake?

Scientists Blame Compost And Haphazard Azolla Weed; Authorities Disagree

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: The annual resurgence of red algae at the iconic Dal Lake has been attributed by scientists to the careless disposal of azolla weeds by the authorities concerned and the overuse of compost by vegetable growers in the catchment areas of the famed water body.

Scientists at the Sheri-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Kashmir Technologies. said the (SKUAST-K)



annual resurgence of red has led them to prohibit algae, which draws critivegetable growers in the Dal catchments from using cism for the authorities,

and transporting compost. According to the scientists, the use of compost, which includes decomposed organic matter, leads to the reappearance of azolla weeds in Dal Lake. "Nearly 10% of fertilizers containing decomposed organic matter are used by vegetable producers, with 90% of it ending up back in Dal Lake. In addition to human excreta, the haphazard disposal of azolla weeds significantly contributes to the revival of red algae | More on P6

Bear Kills 18 Sheep In Bandipora

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t least eighteen sheep were killed and twenty-five injured Lin a bear attack in Bandipora district on intervening Wednesday and Thursday night, officials said. The officials said that a bear attack left the livestock dead at Check Arsalan Khan village last night. "A Wildlife Department reached the site and have taken stock of the loss in the attack", the officials said further.

No Winter Vacation In GDCs

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he Higher Education Department has factchecked a fake order doing rounds on WhatsApp and other social media platforms regarding winter vacation in Government Degree Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir divisions. According to a communication received here in this regard, the department has confirmed that it has not issued the fake order bearing government order number 271-JK(HE) of 2023 dated 12-12-2023 regarding winter vacation in GDCs of J&K being circulated in WhatsApp, social media groups besides print and electronic media.

Drug Peddler Arrested Under PSA

33-year-old notorious drug peddler was arrested Lunder the Public Safety Act in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Thursday, police said. The drug peddler named Amzad Hussain alias Kaki of Chack Bhagtha was arrested under the Public Safety Act (PSA) and has been sent to the Sub-Jail in Reasi, said a police officer. Hussain allegedly engaged in organised illicit traffic of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, he added. The officer said that Hussain's dossiers for the PSA were prepared and he was arrested More on P6

that the prime minister did nothing for his party as whatever he (Modi) did was for the country and its poor. | More on P6



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From the office of advocate Muheet Yousuf

In the case of :

Mudasir Ahmad Gilkar S/o Ghulam Hassan Gilkar R/o Suderabal Srinagar

...Caveator

Versus Public at Large ...Non-Caveato

In the matter of : Caveat Petition in terms of Section 148-A CPC. The caveators apprends that the non-caveator may file any suit or writ or any apeal at the back of the caveators and may manage to get ex parte order, therefore the caveators submit in case of any Writ Petition/Appeal/Suit or such pro-ceedings are filed before this Hon'ble court by the non-Caveator's against the Caveators, the Caveator's or the counsel for the Caveator's may be provided an reasonable opportunity of being heard before passing any of the order in the said Writ Petition/Appeal/Suit or any Proceeding otherwise the Caveator's may suffer such an irreparable loss and injury which cannot be compensated lateron in any manner and same would be an abuse of the process of the court. S/d ni

The Jammu and Kashmir **State Board Of School Education**

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-Roll No: 302202 Class 10th Year & Session Annual 2001 Registration: 00NKM-3111004 Name : Meer Nasrullah Father's Name: Meer Gulam Nab Mother's Name : Zeba Begum Date of Birth:- 01-07-1987 Residenc:- Nadihal Bandipora According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Oualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed



and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection ir this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 905272 be treated as "CANCELLED") No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/23 Dated 11-12-2022 Assistant Secretary Certificates, KD.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir **Office Of The Chief Executive Officer** Pahalgam Development Authority Pahalgam

Ph./Fax No:01936 243049 Email;-ceopdapahalgam@gmail.com

Subject; - Invitation of Applications for Operation of Snow Mobiles and All Terrian Vehicles (ATVS) on identified routes at Pahalgam Reference;- Minutes of the meeting held in the office of the Director of Tourism Kashmir on 24-07-2023.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of I&K, and Pursuant to the decisions taken in a meeting held on 24-07-2023 under the Chairman ship of the Director Tourism Kashmir TRC Srinagar, the Chief Executive Officer Pahalgam Development Authority hereby invites applications on the prescribed format from the registered Pony wallas residing in the jurisdiction of Pahalgam Development Authority for registration to operate Snow Mobiles All Terrian Vehicles (ATVs). The application should reach the office of the Chief Executive Officer w,e,f.18/12/2023 to 27/12/2023 during office hours and applications shall be opened on 29-12-2023 at 3.00 pm in the office premises of office of the Chief Executive Officer PDA, in presence of the applicants or their authorized representatives who may wish to be present.

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Terms and conditions and Eligibility criteria. 1. The applicant should be registered with J&K Tourism Department as Pony walls and residing in the Jurisdiction of Pahalgam Development Authority. 2. The applicant should be below 40 years of age as on December 2023 and above 18 years.

3. The applications should reach the office of Chief Executive Officer PDA on the scheduled of date and time mentioned above, supported with the follow ing documents.

i. Registration of J&K Tourism Department duly renewed for the year 2023-24 (Self attested).

Aadhar Card (Self attested)

02 copies of colored passport size photographs. Active Pony walla certificate from President Pony Association Pahalgam

v. Declaration certificate to the effect that no other family member has applied for the purpose

4 The Snow mobiles ATVs shall be allotted on "First Come First Basis". However, in case the number of applications are more than the total number of slots then mechanism of Draw of lots shall be adopted for selection of applicants. The draw of lots shall be conducted in the office premises of Chief Executive Officer Pahalgam Development Authority on the scheduled date and time mentioned above. The draw of lots shall be conducted by the committee of officers in the presence of the applicants or their authorized representatives who may wish to be present. 5. The rule of one family, one person and one permission shall be followed.

The total number of the slots proposed to be allotted/registered for snowmobiles and ATVs is mentioned below. The selected persons shall have to deposit the one-time registration fees to Pahalgam Development Authority as per the details mentioned below

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The selected person shall have to undergo imparting necessary training to operate the snowmobile, ATV First Aid training Course from the registered / reputed agency/ institution at his own risk and cost and the selected persons shall have to furnish the necessary certificates. / license to Pahalgam development Authority before issue of the allotment.

The selected persons shall procure the brand new ATV, Snowmobile at their own risk and responsibility from any registered/reported company and no incentive or compensation shall be paid by the Tourism Department / Pahalgam Development Authority on this account. 9. The Snowmobiles / ATVs shall operate from the designated routes, places only, which shall be earmarked by the concerned authorities and in case of any deviation the permission shall be cancelled ab - initio.

The applicant should furnish an undertaking to Pahalgam development Authority in the shape of a notarized affidavit to the effect that in case the applicant is selected by the Department for registration to operate a Snowmobile or ATV in Pahalgam, he/she will surrender the Pony license. 11. The department can modify the terms and conditions if the need arises before the deadline date of receipt of applications

Applications from joint ventures are not eligible to apply.

The selected persons shall have to furnish the following documents to Pahalgam Development Authority before issue of the permission/ 13. allotment. / Proof for local resident of Pahalgam in the jurisdiction of PDA it.

Owner of A TV, Snow mobile (For which he has be selected)

- Having a valid driving license.
- One time registration fees paid. Insurance of the activity.
- Character Certificate from the Police.
- v. vi. vii. Vehicle fitness certificate to be issued by the competent authority,
- viii 14. Cancellation of Pony license by the competent Authority.

The allottees cannot sublet the activity to any third person (party). In such cases the permission/allotment shall be cancelled at the risk and cost of the violator. 15. The sno 16. The sno 17. The Sno 18. The Sno 19. The Sno

- The snow mobile / ATV shall be distinctly marked by way of displaying a number plate.
- The snowmobile / ATV shall have rate lists conspicuously displayed. The Snow mobile / ATV shall not be overloaded beyond capacity.
- The Snow mobile/ ATV shall be operated by the driver only and in no case tourists shall operate it.
- The tourist shall be briefed properly regarding safety aspects.
- 20. The allottee shall abide by the orders, circulars, and instructions already issued or to be issued from time to time regarding the subject by the J&K Tourism Department and Chief Executive Officer PDA.

21. The applicant before applying for the purpose shall go through the terms and conditions and in case of any false or fabricated documents appended with application shall be treated as null and void and no opportunity to be heard shall be given for the purpose 22. The Chief Executive Officer Pahalgam Dev. Authority reserves the right to reject any or all applications/permissions without assigning any reasons

thereof

Tariq Hussain (JKAS) **Chief Executive Officer Pahalgam** Dev. Authority

No; CEO/PDA/Ests/4881-87 DIPK-NB-4794/23 dated: 14-12-2023

Before The Hon'ble High Court Of Jammu & Kashmir And Ladakh **AT SRINAGAR**

Caveat Application No /2023 Caveat Petition under Rule 26 of J&K High Rules 1999 Subject matter pertains to District Srinagar IN THE CASE OF:

1. Davinder Kumar Koul S/o Amarnath Koul 2. Roop Krishan Koul S/o Diya Koul ents of Magarmal Bagh Srinagar ...Caveators VERSUS

Public at Large

...Non-Caveator IN THE MATTER OF: Application seeking exemption from dispatching a copy of the caveat application to the Non-Caveator May it please your Honour, The Applicant humbly submits as under: 1. That the application has filed the above titled caveat petition before this Hon'ble Court wherein Public at Large has been arrayed as Non Caveator. 2. That it is not practicable for the caveators to dispatch a copy of the caveat petition upon the non caveator/s, as such, the Caveators have issued a public notice in a local news papers, copy whereof has been placed on record along with the caveat application. 3. That in view of above mentioned circumstances the applicant seeks exemption from dispatching copy of the caveat application upon the non-caveator and in lieu thereof publication of notice in the newspaper may be treated as compliance of the statutory requirement. 4. That the application is supported by a duly sworn affidavit. In the premises it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased

to allow the instant application and exempt dispatching of copy of the caveat application upon the non caveator through Registered post. Applicant through

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Before The Hon'ble Court Of Principal **District Judge At Srinagar**

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Mechanical & Hospital Division, Srinagar

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

(Phone No: 0194-2496089, www.medkmr.org, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

Subject: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Electrical works for Central Heating System with allied works at Forensic Science Laboratory, Bemina, Srinagar.

Ref : This office NIT No: M&HDS/TS /2023-24/148/e-tendering Dated: 13.12.2023

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			accessories Alternator: Synchronous alternator rated at 62.5KVA,	
		rated at 100KVA, 415 volts at 1500 RPM, 3 phase 50 HZ, AC supply	415 volts at 1500 RPM, 3 phase 50 HZ, AC supply with 0.8 lagging	
			power factor at 50 Degree C, 50% RH & at 1600 Meter above MSL.	ر
		Meter above MSL.	The alternator shall be having SPDP enclosure, brushless, continu-	
		The alternator shall be having SPDP enclosure, brushless,	ous duty self excited and self-regulated through AVR conforming	
			to IS :4722/BS 2613 suitable for tropical condition and ambient	
			temperature at 40 Degree C and as per manufacturer's standard	ئا
			specifications with class-Hinsulation. Both the engine and	
			alternator shall be mounted on suitable base frame made of MS	
			channel. The job includes the complete earthing of the DG set as	
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		as per manufacturer's requirement.		
	All other te	rms and conditions of NIT shall remain same.		
			Sd/-	
			Executive Engineer,	
			Mechanical & Hospital Division,	
			Srinagar	
	&HDS/TS/ 8213 [,]	-16, DIPK-13750/23 Dated: 14-12	-2023	1 11

have applied for the renewal of my seed licence bearing no: CAOB/SEED/2020-21/202 . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Chief Agriculture Officer Baramulla within a period of seven After that no objection shall be entertained. Shabir Ahmad Khan bmg

S/o Mohammad Sultan Khan R/o Lalpora Kunzer

ازعدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹر کٹ جج(بنک مقد مات)سرینگر بااجلاس:اروندشرما J&K Bank B/U Anchar Sgr بنام Tahira Nazir دعوىٰ وصولياني رقم مبلغ =1 1,08,285 اشتهآز بمراد آگاهی بنام lazir W/o Nazir Ahmad Wani R/o Shah Sheikh-ul-alam Colony Ahmed Nagar مقدمه مندرجه عنوان الصدريين مدعاعليه/ مدعاليم كالعميل كرانے كي بسيار ك ۔ اِلا نہ تو پیۃ جدید پر مدعاعلیہ/ مدعالیم دستنیاب ہوئے اور نہ ہی بذریعہ^{عو}ر گئی۔ بدین دجہ حسب استدائی مدعاعلیہ/ مدعالیم جو بذریعہ اشتہار مذا^{مع}

ہے کہ آپ کے خلاف مقدمہ بعنوان بالا اجراء بغرض وصولی =/ Rs: 1,08,285 جاءت عدالت ہٰذا ہے۔ لہٰذا آپ کو بذریعہ اشتہار ہٰذا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ بغرض پیروی ابراء بالامورز. 2023-12-11 ؛ اصالتاً يا وكالتاً بروقت كچير مي حاضر آكر مقد پیروی کریں ۔بصورت عدم حاضر ی^حسب ضابطہ کا روائی بعمل لا ئی جائے ايديشنل دستركث جج بنك مقدمات سرينكر

از نیابت گوم احمد بوره درخواست از جانب ش**نبی**راحمد رانفر ولدعلی محمد رانفرسا کنهٔ چندر بامه تخصیل پژن بار حصول D.O.B سر لفكيك تجق دختر حياشبير تاريخ پيدائش 2018-01-03 اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی خاص وعام معامله مندرجهعنوان الصدر کے نسبت ریورٹ پنجایت سکٹر می ونمبر دارد ہے وچو کیدار سیڈم سے موصول ہوئی۔مطابق ریورٹ عملہ فیلڈ سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل کی ہ کی پیدائش مورخہ2018-03-01 کوہوئی ہے اور سائل مذکورنے تا حال کوئی D.O.B حاصل نہیں کی ہے۔ س بارے میں بذریعہ اخباراشتہارشتھر کیاجا تا ہےا گرسی څخص کوکوئی اعتراض نسبد مرٹفکیٹ ہوتو دفتر ھذییں اندرسات یوم پیش کریں۔ بعد گز رنے میعادکوئی عذریا ا قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ fko

ا نتقال يُر ملال پی خبر انتہائی ڈکھ کے ساتھ دی جاتی ہے کہ غلام نبی وانی (نقاش) ساکنہ گندر يوره عيدگاه مورخه 3 1 دسمبر3 <u>20</u>2ء 📕 روز بدھواررات پونے 9 بچے اس دارفانی سے کوچ کر گئے۔مرحوم ایک نیک مفت،ملنسار، ہمدرد، صوم صلواۃ کا پابند ورانسانی دوشتی کے صفات کا ما لک تھا۔مرحوم کی اجتماعی فاتحہ خوانی مورخہ 16 دسمبر<u>3 202</u>ء بروز سنیچر داردن کے 11 بیچ ن کے آبائی مقبرہ واقع وانی پار(فقیر مقبرہ) میں انجام دی جائے گی۔ سوگواراں مشتاق احدواني _شبيراحدواني نوٹ :مستوارات سے گذارش کہ دہ اپنے ساتھ کسی بھی قشم کامشر وبات یا میوہ نەلائىيinf 9906821368

. زنیابت گوم احمد پوره

رخواست از جانب مشتاق احدرانفر دلدنسار حسين رانفرسا كندار چندر بامتخ صيل سنگهيو ره مپنن بار بهموله بمراد حصول D.O.B سر لفکیٹ تجن دختر ان مدیہا مشاق و ریتاج مشاق۔ اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی خاص وعام ىعاملەمندرجەعنوان الصدر كے نسبت ريورٹ پنجايت سكٹر ي ونمبردارد ہدو چوكىدارعلاقہ دآ شاميڈم سے موصول ہوئی۔مطابق ریورٹ عملہ فیلڈ سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل کی دختر ان مدیہا مشتاق کی پیدائش مورخہ)11-2016-11-12اورريتاج مشاق کی پيدائش مور حد2019-07-08 کوہوئی ہے اور سائل مذکور نے نا حال کوئی بھی سند D.O.B حاصل نہیں کی ہے۔ ں بارے میں بذریعہا خباراشتہار شتھر کیا جاتا ہے اگر سی شخص کوکوئی اعتراض نسبت اجراء سرائفکیٹ ہوتو دفتر طڈ میں اندرسات یوم پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرنے میعاد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ نائب تحصيلدا ^{fko}r

از نیابت گوم احمد بوره

رخواست از جانب محد اسحاق ملک ولد محد سلطان ملک ساکنه نولری مخصیل پیٹن بار بهموله بمراد حصول D.O.B مر ٹفکیٹ تجق دختر رافیہ جان۔

اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی خاص وعام عامله مندرجة عنوان الصدر کے نسبت رپورٹ پنجایت سکٹر می ونمبر دارد ہدو چو کیدارعلاقہ وآشامیڈم سے موصول وئی۔مطابق ریورٹ عملہ فیلڈ سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل کی دفتر رافیہ جان کی پیدائش مورخہ2014-04-25 کوہوئی ہے اور سائل مذکورنے تا حال کوئی بھی سند D.O.B حاصل نہیں کی ہے۔ س بارے میں بذر ابعداخباراشتهار شتھر کیاجا تاہے اگر کس شخص کوکو کی اعتر اض نسبت اجراء مرفقکیٹ ہوتو دفتر طد میں اندرسات یوم پیش کریں۔بعد گزرنے میعاد کوئی عذر پااعتر اض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ نائب تخصيلدا fko_r

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Smart City Buses Set New Standards For Women Safety In Srinagar

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The introduction of smart city buses in Srinagar has brought about a positive development in urban transportation, particularly for women commuters. These buses have quickly established themselves as a safe mode of transport, garnering widespread approval from female passengers who appreciate the enhanced safety measures.

Female commuters have welcomed the move, saying that the buses are spacious and equipped with inbuilt cameras, which they believe will play a vital role in ensuring women's safety in the long run.

Talking to Kashmir Observer, many women commuters expressed their satisfaction regarding security concerns and the overall travel experience.

"Since the day smart buses have been launched, I prefer to travel in these buses," said Shafia Syed, a member of the teaching faculty at Kashmir University.

She added that the presence of cameras in these buses act as silent guardians, etching a sense of commitment to women's safety and security into their journeys.

Shafiya believes that the trend was set by the introduction of e-rickshaws, which also turned out to be a reliable mode of transportation for women in the city. "In comparison with older fleets, where incidents of harassment were more prevalent, these buses offer a refreshing change, allowing women to travel with greater peace of mind," she said.

Shohar Bano, another commuter, echoed similar views regarding the introduction of Smart Buses in the city.

"I feel there is no possi-

bility of harassment in these buses. Not only are these buses safe, these are very technologically advanced vehicles which have the potential of changing the fate of urban transportation in Srinagar," Shohar said.

Srinagar Municipal Corporation(SMC), and CEO Smart City Project Athar Amir Khan told Kashmir Observer that the CCTV surveillance in e-buses will help reduce the fear of crime, reassure passengers about their safety, aid in crime prevention and most importantly, prevent unlawful behavior and inappropriate conduct.

city bus is a commitment to safety. With five cameras capturing every angle from both the ends, a vigilant control room monitoring the footage and spacious interiors promoting ease of movement, smart city buses redefine safety and security for the passenger.' Athar said.

"Moreover there is a panic button for instant assistance, GPS technology for precise navigation and well-trained drivers ensuring every commute is a testament to safety especially for the female com-

However, not all commuters in the city are equally satisfied. Some residents of Srinagar suggest that more buses should be added to the existing fleet in order to ensure their availability at all times. "We appreciate the introduction of smart buses in Srinagar, but it's unfortunate that they are not available at all times. Hope that the authorities take note of this and work towards ensuring a more consistent service for the convenience of

Commissioner

"Traveling in the smart

muters" he added.

the commuters," a passenger, wishing anonymity said.

NORTHERN RAILWAY 7. E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No:- 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR/346-2023-24-ADEN-JRC. 347-2023-24-ADEN-LDH) 349-2023.24- ADEN-LDH & 351-2023-24-ADEN - LDH acting fo and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) agains below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 04.01.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only, Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

3.No.	Open of Uploading Te 11.12.2023 Tender No. 346-2023-24- ADEN-JRC	Rebuilding	Works Bid Starting Date 21.12.2023 Details of	Single Bid System Bid Closing Date/Time 04.01.2024
S.No.	11.12.2023 Tender No. 346-2023-24-	Rebuilding	21.12.2023	04.01.2024
	Tender No. 346-2023-24-			
1.	346-2023-24-		Details of	
Γ.		existing G	ASR section & Misc w	20/11-12 as RCC Twin box vork i.c.w. Replacement of k4.57m of Br. No. 85 at KM n under ADEN/JRC
	Advertised Va	lue (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
	21263137	.21	60 Days	06 Months
2.	347-2023-24- ADEN-LDH	maintaini	ing minimum chlorin and maintenance for t	natic water chlorinator for nation level along with 5 years in the jurisdiction of
	Advertised Value (Rs.)		Validity of offer	Period of Completion
	3999174	.88	60 Days	60 Months
3.	349-2023-24- ADEN-LDH	(3 units) at	ent of Five units of Type t Ludhiana & existing 8 ts) at Pahgwara station	e-IV quarters for safety staff 8 Units of Type-II damaged 1 on SNL-JUC section.
	Advertised Va	lue (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
	18309475	5.26	60 Days	06 Months
4.	351-2023-24- ADEN-LDH		in colony no-5 at Ludł	hit Type-II damaged staff hiana in the jurisdiction of
	Advertised Va	lue (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
	19757268	3.65	60 Days	06 Months

University of Kashmir. Srinagar

Notice The candidate whose particulars are given below has reported to the University that he / she has lost his/her University Certificate/s and has applied for

Before University will consider issuance of Duplicate Certificate/s in favour of

the candidate, any person having any objection shall report to the undersigned within one week from the date of issuance of this notice. The original certificate/s issued to the candidate be treated as cancelled

معظی ہے آدھارکارڈ زیر عبرہ 106836 یکی مرائع «معراج الدین گنائی" کے بجائے" تاج الدین گنائی" اندراج ہوا ہے جس کی درسی کرانی مطلوب ہے۔اس بارے میں اگر کی صحف کوکوئی عذریااعتراض ہوتودہ ایک ہفتہ کے اندراندر متعلقہ محکمہ کے دفتر میں پیش کریں میعادگذرنے کے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ معراج الدین گنائی دلدنور کھ گنائی ہا کہ چک دارہ برین سرینگر

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Dated: 14-12-2023

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Who Let The Dogs Out! A pack of stray canines chasing away a student on way his home in Srinagar on a cold Thursday morning. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

SMC Urges People To Assist Workforce 'Clear Snow' This Winter

For Better Results, Keep Lanes & By-Lanes Parking Free: Com SMC

stacles in the way of the manpower shoveling snow, Athar added.

SMC, he said, confronts enormous hurdles when it comes to clearing snow off the approximately 7000 lanes and by-lanes in the Srinagar district.

However, the Commissioner SMC claimed that men and machinery have been kept on standby to deal with any impending challenges.

How is it practicable for workers to remove snow overnight in a city with about 7000 lanes and by-lanes? Snow clearance is done on priority; snow is first cleared from main roads, and then from the roads leading to critical infrastructure including hospitals and police stations, Khan said responding to a question about why the SMC consistently delays clearing snow from residential areas.

Men and machinery, He said, have been kept ready for snow clearance in the city, while municipal level control rooms in the Srinagar city, manned by Joint Commissioner SMC have also been set up. He said the city has been divided into four zones with

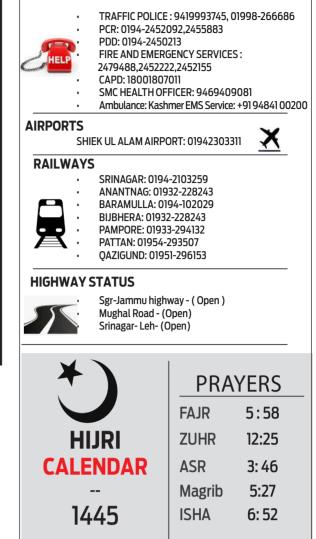
zonal control rooms.

"We have around 55 machines kept on standby including 45 new machines and 10 old, and the deployment plan of these machines has already been drafted. Drivers have been directed to be ready for any impending challenge. They have been asked to work in double shifts," added the Commissioner SMC.

SMC, he said, will protect the road from any harm by employing snow cats that have an exclusive material layer. In order to meet the upcoming winter challenges, Khan said the civic body has a workforce of 2,800 personnel.

"Conservancy supplies including deicing salt have also been purchased and placed in all central offices and other locations. Certain areas also need to be dewatered, therefore the city's deep drain network has been cleaned up and 85 permanent dewatering stations have been kept available. In addition,125 mobile dewatering machines have been installed to avoid blockages. These units will be used as per need, while the desilting process has also been completed," he added.





This Day In History

- 1256 Hulagu Khan captures and destroys Hashshashin stronghold at Alamut, in presentday Iran, part of the Mongol offensive on Islamic southwest Asia.
- 1612 German Astronomer Simon Marius is 1st to observe Andromeda galaxy through a telescope.
- 1745 Battle at Kesseldorf: Prussia beats Saksen & Austria.
- 1840 Napoleon Bonaparte receives a French state funeral in Paris 19 years after his death.
- 1864 Battle of Nashville, TN.
- 1877 Thomas Edison patents the phonograph.
- 1899 Battle at Colenso, South Africa (Boers-British army).
- 1907 In Persia, the Shah leads a coup de'etat against the liberal Prime Minister Nasir ul-Mulk and imprisons him, but a popular uprising forces the Shah to restore Nasir ul-Mulk .
- 1913 Nicaragua becomes a signatory to the Buenos Aires copyright treaty.
- 1914 Battle of Lodz ends; Russians retreat toward Moscow.
- 1914 British fleet forfeits chance to destroy German fleet in North Sea.
- 1914 Serbian troops retake Belgrade in Austria-Hungary.
- 1916 -French defeat Germans in WW I Battle of Verdun.
- 1917 Moldavian Republic declares independence from Russia.

pal Corporation (SMC) made a public plea on Thursday, urging people to help the civic body remove snow off the lanes and bylanes in the city, in case the valley experiences snowfall in the

Majid Nabi

To avoid impeding the process of clearing snow, the civic body

help the workforce maintain their localities, but the situation here is entirely different. People in our valley always look for the SMC to clear snow from the lanes and by-lanes, which I think is not a good habit," Commissioner SMC,

Lanes and by-lanes are filled with carelessly parked cars, making it impossible for machines to navigate. Keep lanes free of vehicles at least in winters and avoid parking your cars in or next to the lanes. Make sure there are no ob-

Azadi

days to come.

Srinagar: The Srinagar Munici-

also urged the residents to keep all lanes and by-lanes within their localities free of vehicles. "People in western countries

Athar Amir Khan, told Kashmir Observer.

INDIAN RAILWAYS "PUBLIC NOTIFICATION"

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the Northern Railway that the 25 kV 50 Hz AC overhead traction wires will be nergized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all time and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity

of the sald	overnead line.						
Division	Section	Section Kilometer		Date of			
		From	То	Energization			
Firozpur	Energization of OHE on 25 KV AC single phase 50 Hz supply over Electrification of Line no. 7 (Washing Line No. 2) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Station of Firozpur Division, Northern Railway	Loc SVDK/ 1010, chainage Km 77/563.00	OHE Loc SVDK/ 1079, chainage Km 78/454.00	21.12.2023			
0004/0000	for Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction Distribution & Rolling Stock Northern Railway, DRM office, Firozpur, Punjab						
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In the case of :. Dr Ghulam Mohammad S/O Haji Ghulam Haider R/O Nunamachay Kargil AT present Gunzbagh Lal Bazar S/A Hakeem Mohalla BaghwanPora Lal Bazar Srinagar.

Versus PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the matter of:.Caveat Application on Behalf of the Applicant Dr Ghulam Mohammad

Whereas the applicant has Got permission for construction of the chain link fencing on his plot of land falling under khasra No.4169 situated at Estate zoonimar. That the Applicant has the Apprehension that some person may file false and frivolous case in the court of law. It is Prayed that the Hon'ble court may permit the caveator to appear through his counsel at the time of hearing of the Case nj

Office Of The Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV PAMPORE, KASHMIR - 192121

Phone: Email: xentlmd4@gmail.com

NIT No: TLMD-IV/e-NIT/15 of 2023-24

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-BIDS The Executive Engineer, TLMD IV Pampore Kashmir, JKPTCL J&K, for and on behalf of the Honorable Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir invites e-tenders from (Class DEE) Civil contractors with qualification/ past experience & registered with Government of J&K for following

S No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Cost of Tender Document	Earnest Money	Class of contract
	Construction of Boundary /Retaining Wall t o Tower location No. 41 of 132 KV D/C Budgam-Chadoora Transmission		,	Cost. Rs. 2640.00	Registered (Class DEE/) Civil Contrac- tors
	Line.		0801 power & same should be uploaded along with tender documents		
	Position of AAA/TS: Approved		Position of Funds: Available		

The bidding documents consisting of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded 01. from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.ir

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	13-12-2023	
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	14-12-2023 from 10PM to 02-01-2024 to 02PM	
03.	Bid submission start date	14-12-2023 from 02PM	
04.	Bid submission end date	02-01-2024 up to 02 PM	
05.	Deadline for receiving the hard copy, & CDR/EMD)	After opening the financial bid only, the lowest bidder (L1) is required	
		to submit/furnish the hard copies of bid along with original copy of	
		EMD & tender documents fee.	
06.	Date & time of opening of Bids (online)	03-01-2024 at 02PM	

Bids must be accompanied with EMD and cost of tender documents in favour of "Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore" (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore for the works mentioned in the E-NIT(tender receiving authority).

The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.inand conveyed bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened on same website in the office of the Executive Engineer Transmission Line Maintenance Division-IV Pampore for the works mentioned in the E-NIT (tender receiving authority)

--sd--**Executive Engineer** TLMD-IV Pampore

- 1917 World War I: An armistice is reached between the new Russian Bolshevik government and the Central Powers.
- 1919 Fiume (Rijeka) declares it's Independence.
- 1922 IVVV (association) peace congress on war forms in Hague.
- 1941 North Africa: allied assault up Italians Gazala-posing
- 1944 Hizbu'allah (Arm forces for Allah) forms.
- 1952 Christine Jorgenson is 1st person to undergo a sex-change operation.
- 1954 Netherlands Antilles becomes co-equal part of Kingdom of Netherlands.
- 1964 1st time 4 people in space.
- 1965 3rd cyclone of year kills 15,000 at the mouths of the Ganges River in Bangladesh.
- 1965 Gemini 6 launched; makes 1st rendezvous in space (with Gemini 7).



Internet Telephony Soon

Observer News Service

EW DELHI: In a major policy decision, the government has de-cided to scrap the old Telegraph Act and replace it with a new Con¬vergence Act, which allows making telephone calls through the In¬ternet, Union Information Technology Minister Pramod Mahajan announced in Pune on Sunday.

Under the existing 1886 Telegraph Act, there were separate rules for delivery of voice and picture data through telecommunication channels and hence using the Internet to make telephone calls (In¬ternet telephony) was not permissible, he said addressing the con¬cluding function of a twoday conference on Information Tech-nology and Biotechnology.

The new Convergence Act takes into consideration all these as¬pects and evolves a uniform law, Mahajan said. He said the Conver¬gence Act will have uniform laws regarding the delivery system of voice, picture, digital and other forms of data through telecom-munication channels. He said the final version of the new Con¬vergence Act was ready and will be cleared by December 21 by a Group of Minister dealing with this act. By December 25, it will be released on the Net for people to give suggestions and objections.

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Power Outages Persist

Wednesday, marking the coldest night of the season so far. However, amidst this bone-chilling cold, a different kind of chill persists—an intermittent power supply that's causing significant inconvenience to the residents.

While the mercury continues its downward descent, the power situation seems to be following a similar trend. The recent signing of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for an additional 2500 MW by the Jammu and Kashmir government appears to be a step in the right direction. Yet, the ground reality paints a different picture, with unscheduled power cuts persisting and causing distress among people.

The move to augment power availability by doubling the existing capacity is promising. However, it's imperative to address the gap between intent and execution. The meeting chaired by Union Minister R K Singh and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha is certainly a part of the proactive measures taken by J&K to improve power availability in the short and medium terms.

However, the disconnect between promise and implementation is evident in the accounts of residents facing ongoing power disruptions despite the installation of smart meters. The power generation statistics from Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation (JKPDC) indicate a concerning trend—a decline in power generation over recent years. This downward trajectory in power production raises questions about the efficacy of the strategies employed thus far.

The situation demands immediate attention. The pressing need to bridge the gap between signed agreements and tangible results cannot be overstated. It's heartening to see efforts directed toward revamping the power sector, especially in rural areas where obsolete infrastructure compounds the problem. However, these efforts must translate into palpable improvements on the ground. The assurance of sufficient funding for system revamping by the Union Minister Singh is a positive step forward. Yet, it's critical to expedite these initiatives to alleviate the plight of residents facing recurrent power disruptions. The people of Srinagar and beyond look not only to signed agreements but also to the seamless, uninterrupted flow of electricity to restore normalcy to their lives.

The power crisis in the Kashmir Valley is a grim reminder of the challenges faced by the region's residents during the winter season. As temperatures drop and the demand for electricity soars, the government and the power department must collaborate to find sustainable solutions to this lingering issue.

OTHER OPINON

Identify and Address Social Evils

Umais Mudasir

Lumber Slumber

The Congress is a family-held court and has best functioned as that for decades — command flows from the top, command is followed, and that is how what gets done in the Congress gets done



Sankarshan Thakur

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ometimes a story has such a pure ring to it, you can't be bothered whether it's real or apocryphal. A day after the Congress's defeat in the three heartland states earlier this month, a friend with reliable access to the party came by and related a tale so succulent it could only belong to the Congress. Guess why some Congressmen believe the result is a happy one, he ventured; the way they look at it is that it has helped them finally get rid of Kamal Nath and Ashok Gehlot, two more of the old order — often cited within the party as obstacles to the Rahul Gandhi scheme - gone. Pity the house was charred, but hey, the good news is the rodents got roasted too.

He proceeded, his account not entirely juiced yet, to reveal a WhatsApp notice that announced: "90 MINUTES WITH RAHUL GANDHI, Politician, Indian National Congress". The date: December 11, 2023. The venue: 1880, a Singapore club. The issue: in the light of the approaching general elections, "pressing issues and the future of democracy in India". He let his eyes twinkle; he needed to do no more.

Rahul Gandhi didn't eventually make his Singapore assigna-

of political power.

The Congress is a family-held court and has best functioned as that for decades - command flows from the top, command is followed, and that is how what gets done in the Congress gets done. It's all down to the Gandhi name and the de facto supremacies and supplications it enjoys. Take the Gandhis away and you may not be able to count the number of ways the organisation splits in a single breath. Yes, Mallikarjun Kharge is president of the Congress but real power remains in the hands of the Gandhis, they are the essential glue to whatever remains.

Recall the day in March 1998 that Sitaram Kesri was removed as Congress president and Sonia Gandhi assumed charge — it was effected with the swiftness of a coup by the loyalist vanguard; almost its first act was for a group to barge into the 24 Akbar Road AICC headquarters, wrench off Kesri's nameplate from the party president's chamber and nail in Sonia Gandhi's.

Rahul Gandhi — and this is least of all for him to deny — is a central pillar of the Congress court. That central pillar very often decides to position itself in a way that the court cannot proceed. For very long, the stalemate over electing a new president to replace Sonia Gandhi's holding act was a consequence of such positioning. It must be said he inhabits, and seldom omits to articulate, the central ideas of the Constitution and the politics of compassion, plurality and inclusion which he believes are gravely imperilled. When he resigned as Congress president in 2019, his parting missive had, in fact, presaged some of the darkness that has now come into open play. "The attack on our country and our cherished Constitution that is taking place is designed to destroy the fabric of our nation," he wrote with cold clarity, "The stated objectives of the RSS, capture of our country's institutional structure, is now complete... The capture of power will result in unimaginable levels of violence and pain for India. Farmers, unemployed youngsters,

women, tribals, Dalits and minorities are going to suffer the most. The impact on our economy and nation's reputation will be devastating..." He spoke too in that letter of his "commitment" to fight the challenge "as a soldier".

But does his demeanour reflect those intentions? Has he been able to invent strategies - or display commitments - that will invoke that battle? Is he willing to give his worldview the legs and the energy to compete in the race, much less win it? Is the objective of power even in his crosshairs? He has kept his party effectively confounded on much of that. A former aide who worked closely with him post 2015 laughed out loud when asked to describe Rahul's style of functioning and mindset in a sentence. "He is impatient, he is inattentive, he is inconsistent, he is excited by an idea one day and he has forgotten about it the next, he is great at procrastinating, he will shift positions, he will run away, one moment you think you've convinced him about something, the next moment he's slipped out. He was right to feel frustrated by the so-called Sonia old guard, but he was party president for two years, enough time to have restructured. He either did not have the will, or failed at it, or merely let things drift because he did not want the responsibilities of taking full grip. Rahul Gandhi, he never completes the circle..." Neither, it would appear, do some of his colleagues. The default manner in which they turned to blame EVMs for their defeats — the irony remains that they also boasted of a higher tally of votes than the Bharatiya Janata Party and near zero-loss of vote share — is probably symptomatic of that. Doesn't bode well for a party that will want to prevent a hat-trick of Lok Sabha routs in less than six months from now.

midst our contemporary era of modernization, where technological progress burgeons, one cannot ignore the lingering presence of social evils.

Clutches of Corruption

The term corruption, inherently negative, pervades our society to such an extent that one can hardly navigate life without encountering its influence. It manifests as a form of bribery, often involving powerful individuals opting for illegal or dishonest behavior, predominantly from an economic perspective. Introduced by the upper echelons of society, corruption has ensnared other sections, subjecting them to the dominion of the affluent. From a political standpoint, corruption reveals itself when parties or officials misuse their power, prioritizing popularity and monetary gain. The pervasive influence of those with wealth and muscle power leads to a society in flux, transitioning abruptly from better to worse. The detrimental impact of corruption extends beyond societal conditions, reaching into the educational foundations of our nation, particularly affecting the precious carriers of our nation-building pillars - the students. Corruption, fueled by power, greed, and money, has catalyzed social, political, and economic ruin. To rectify this, urgent administrative measures are imperative to quell corruption, ensuring every individual can fulfill their basic necessities without facing adverse circumstances Inequality

Another formidable social evil is inequality, a term encompassing discriminatory behavior based on caste, creed, gender, social status, background, and religion. Prosperity falters in the face of such weaknesses, with instances of gender-based and inter-caste conflicts resulting in large-scale fatalities. Abolishing discriminatory activities requires a concerted effort to recognize our shared humanity, promoting empathy and understanding. The rarity of gender and inter-caste conflicts should be the norm, prompting a collective realization that if the creator of this universe is the same, why create divisions? A concerted focus on self-consciousness is essential for realizing our true purpose within society. Money and Muscle Power

The dominating class in our society, primarily the affluent, subjects the less privileged to negative elements, creating a vital source of destruction for basic social principles. Money and muscle power actively operate on the social platform, capturing widespread attention. The evident suffering of the poor under the criminal ideologies of the upper class relegates them to perpetual victimhood, compelling acceptance of societal actions without recourse. Such prejudices breed undisciplined behavior, necessitating a collective effort to minimize these actions in our society. The fatalistic impact of these actions requires proactive measures to eradicate chaos, making society equitable and just for every section.

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tion, but that's barely the point. There indeed are pressing issues among us, and ever-mounting concerns over the future of democracy, but they need to be addressed and countered here at home, not at conclaves abroad. There are a hundred good things that can be said of Rahul Gandhi, the art and practise of the politics of power to do the good he wants done aren't among them. Why, for instance, would he undertake such a long and laudable mass-contact endeavour as the Bharat Jodo Yatra and state along the way that it was neither for politics nor the Congress party? Whatever was it for? The Congress is India's first party of power, and Rahul Gandhi is who he is and where he is as a consequence of that truth. Neither the Congress nor Rahul Gandhi can, or should, exist without the institutional memory and the purposes

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Security Breach at Parliament Must be Looked Into

he unprecedented security breach in the Parliament has left the entire nation in a state of shock and disbelief. Can entering a highly protected building be that simple? The infraction cannot be seen as a singular event, but a stark reminder of the vulnerabilities that exist even in the most guarded locations of the country. It is all the more disturbing that the incident took place on a day marked by solemn tributes to the victims of the 2001 Parliament attack, adding a layer of grim irony to the sacred institution. The fact that one of the intruders almost reached the Speaker's Chair underscores the severity of the breach. The Parliament security breach is a wake-up call to

the nation, and it highlights the need for constant vigil, robust security frameworks, and swift action to prevent any compromises to the nation's security. As investigations continue, it is crucial to learn from this incident and beef up our defences against any such future threats. Meanwhile, if the ruling BJP is really serious about the incident, in a nonpartisan

manner it must take proper action against the party's MP from Mysuru Pratap Simha, who is said to have issued visitor passes to the intruders. The nation certainly owes an explanation from the Union government on this highly unfortunate incident.

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Mindful Fridays

Resentment, Grudges, And **The Journey Of Individuation**

Navigating the Path to Emotional Freedom

Wasim Kakroo

T ut if you pardon (them) and Boverlook, and forgive (their faults), then verily, Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful-Qur'an:-64:14

Resentment and grudges are like heavy chains that bind us to our past, hindering personal growth and obstructing the journey of individuation – the process of becoming one's true, authentic self. Individuation, a concept popularized by Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung, refers to the process of integrating unconscious aspects of the psyche to achieve a harmonious and balanced personal-ity. In this article, we delve into the intricate relationship between resentment, grudges, and the journey of individuation, unraveling the psychological complexities that hinder personal development.

THE ROOTS OF RESENTMENT

Resentment, a potent emotion, derives its strength from a complex interplay of unmet expectations, perceived injustices, and unresolved conflicts. This emotional undercurrent often takes root in the fertile soil of our psyche, gaining momentum as it feeds on negative emotions like anger, disappointment, and frustration. Its origins are multifaceted, reaching back into the recesses of childhood experiences, past traumas, and societal expectations that imprint themselves on our minds. Unaddressed, these resentments solidify into the formidable building blocks of grudges, erecting barriers that impede the path of self-discovery. As the unresolved emotions accumulate, they cast shadows on the journey of individuation, hindering the integration of conscious and unconscious aspects of the psyche. Recognizing and addressing these roots is an essential step towards breaking free from the chains of resentment, fostering emotional liberation and personal growth.

THE WEIGHT OF GRUDGES

The weight of grudges is a burden that extends beyond the confines of the past, infiltrating the present and casting a shadow over the

journey toward emotional freedom and self-discovery

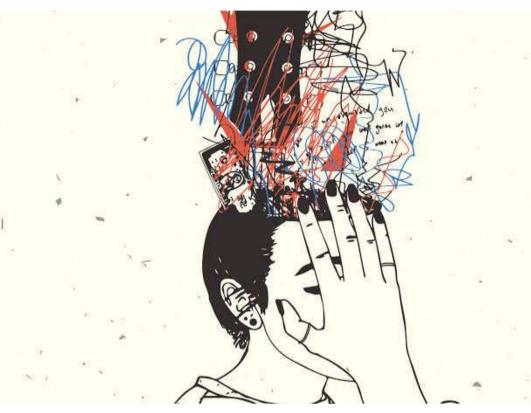
THE SHADOW OF THE SELF

In the tapestry of analytical psychology, Carl Jung wove the intricate concept of the "shadow," an obscure realm within the psyche where dormant vulnerabilities, unacknowledged desires, and primal instincts reside. This concealed domain, often laden with resentment and grudges, clandestinely shapes our actions and interpersonal dynamics. Jung's theory of individuation illuminates a transformative journey, urging individuals to consciously embrace and assimilate their shadows. The integration of the shadow into the conscious self is a pivotal step in achieving a balanced and authentic existence. By acknowledging and reconciling with the concealed facets of our being, we embark on a path of self-discovery and acceptance, fostering a profound harmony within the intricate tapestry of our psyche. The shadow, therefore, stands as a mysterious silhouette cast upon the canvas of the self, awaiting recognition and integration for a more holistic and liberated existence.

THE DANCE OF PROJECTION

In the intricate dance of projection, Jungian psychology illuminates the subconscious mechanism by which individuals deflect their unresolved issues onto others. This psychological phenomenon becomes particularly pronounced in the context of resentment and grudges, functioning as a defensive shield against confronting one's own shortcomings. Rather than engaging in the challenging task of self-reflection, individuals project their emotional baggage onto external sources, displacing responsibility and avoiding the uncomfortable truths lurking within.

The journey of individuation, a central theme in Jungian philosophy, demands a courageous confrontation with the shadow-the concealed and less palatable facets of the self. Yet, grudges disrupt this delicate dance of self-discovery by redirecting attention outward, perpetuating a cycle of blame and externalization. Instead of delving into the internal landscape, individuals find solace in attributing their discontent to external circumstances, unwittingly prolonging the journey toward personal growth and emotional liberation. Recognizing and disentangling oneself from this intricate dance of projection becomes a pivotal step in breaking free from the chains of resentment and grudges, ultimately paving the way for a more profound and authentic individuation process.



TO NAVIGATE THIS LABYRINTHINE EXPLORATION, ONE MUST **EXHIBIT A PROFOUND WILLINGNESS TO PLUMB THE EMOTIONAL** DEPTHS, unearthing the buried treasures and scars of the past. Facing these emotional relics head-on is a prerequisite for the metamorphosis towards a more complete and authentic self

scapes of their psyche, delving into the obscured realms where shadows reside. As one embarks on this profound journey, an invitation to confront the veiled complexities of the self emerges, demanding an unwavering gaze at the uncomfortable truths concealed beneath layers of resentment and grudges. According to Jungian philosophy, the individuation process becomes an alchemical fusion, a harmonious integration of the conscious and unconscious facets of the psyche.

To navigate this labyrinthine exploration, one must exhibit a profound willingness to plumb the emotional depths, unearthing the buried treasures and scars of the past. Facing these emotional relics head-on is a prerequisite for the metamorphosis towards a more complete and authentic self. The individuation journey is a testament to the transformative power inherent in self-discovery, wherein the individual not only acknowledges but embraces the multifaceted aspects of their being. In doing so, a synthesis of the fragmented self occurs, paving the way for a richer, more harmonious existence grounded in a profound understanding of one's in-

ner landscape.

FORGIVENESS AS A CATALYST FOR

INDIVIDUATION Forgiveness, an indispensable catalyst in the intricate process of individuation, transcends the mere act of excusing transgressions. Instead, it serves as a profound and deliberate choice to emancipate oneself from the clutches of resentment's emotional stranglehold. This transformative journey is not synonymous with endorsing or overlooking the actions that birthed resentment,

a heightened awareness that harmonizes the past with the present. This harmonious integration becomes the cornerstone for a more authentic and liberated self, marking forgiveness as not only a catalyst for individuation but a transformative force that propels the individual towards a more holistic and fulfilling existence.

ACCEPTANCE AND SELF-COMPASSION AS ANTIDOTE TO PERFECTIONISM

Perfectionism, with its unrelenting pursuit of flawlessness, can be a stumbling block on the path of individuation. The rigid standards set

nents of the human experience. Selfcompassion becomes the antidote to the harsh judgments imposed by perfectionism, offering a gentle embrace that encourages learning and growth.

Releasing the grip of resentment and grudges is inherently linked to cultivating self-acceptance and self-compassion. It involves letting go of the need for perfection and acknowledging that mistakes are stepping stones on the journey to self-discovery. This compassionate self-approach sets the stage for a genuine exploration of one's potential, fostering resilience and paving the way for a more authentic individuation process. In the tapestry of personal development, the threads of acceptance and self-compassion weave a narrative that dismantles the barriers to individuation, allowing individuals to embrace their true selves with grace and understanding.

THE ROLE OF MINDFULNESS AND REFLECTION

Mindfulness practices, such as meditation and introspection, serve as transformative tools in the intricate tapestry of the individuation process. In the realm of self-discovery, these practices act as profound gateways, inviting individuals to embark on a journey of inner exploration. By creating a sacred space for contemplation, mindfulness allows individuals to detach from their thoughts and emotions, establishing a vantage point for objective observation. In this mental sanctuary, individuals gain a heightened sense of self-awareness, fostering a profound clarity that illuminates the recesses of their psyche.

Through the lens of mindfulness, the roots of resentment and grudges are unearthed and examined with a compassionate gaze. The regular practice of reflection becomes a steadfast compass, guiding individuals through the labyrinth of their own consciousness. As they navigate the twists and turns, mindfulness empowers individuals to confront and understand the complexities of their inner world, facilitating the integration of disparate aspects of the self. This intentional journey of self-discovery not only contributes to personal growth but also cultivates a more conscious and harmoniously integrated self, where the echoes of mindfulness resonate in the choices made and relationships formed on the path to a more authentic existence.

future. These lingering emotions, born from unresolved resentments, become a formidable force, shaping our perceptions and influencing our interactions. Unlike fleeting emotions such as anger or disappointment, grudges persist as emotional baggage, hindering the natural flow of personal growth and acting as obstacles on the path of individuation. The toll of harboring grudges is not only psychological; it seeps into the fabric of relationships, causing strains and fractures, and takes a toll on mental well-being. The weight of a grudge is not just a memory but a palpable force that impedes the

THE INDIVIDUATION PROCESS

The transformative odyssey of individuation beckons individuals to traverse the intricate land-

but rather a conscious decision to unburden the soul. In releasing the grip of lingering grudges, forgiveness becomes the gateway to selfcompassion and an avenue for profound emotional healing.

By embracing forgiveness, individuals unshackle themselves from the heavy burden of past grievances, paving the way for the integration of these experiences into the ongoing narrative of their lives. This pivotal step in the individuation process enables a profound reconciliation with the self, fostering personal growth and self-discovery. Through forgiveness, the individual transcends the limitations of resentment, attaining by perfectionism often lead to selfcriticism and an unwarranted fear of failure, hindering the acceptance of one's true self. The relentless pursuit of an idealized version of oneself can intensify resentment and grudges, as perceived shortcomings become magnified, deepening the emotional wounds.

In contrast, the cornerstone of acceptance and self-compassion serves as a transformative force in overcoming the shackles of perfectionism. Individuation thrives on a radical acceptance of imperfections, mistakes, and vulnerabilities, recognizing them as integral compo-

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Exploring The Impact Of Envy

Jessica Koehler

harlie Munger's assertion, "The world is not driven by -greed, it's driven by envy,' provides a thought-provoking lens through which we can examine human motivation and the dynamics of society. Greed, typically seen as the unrelenting pursuit of wealth, power, or possessions, has often propelled individuals and societies toward progress or downfall. It conjures images of insatiable accumulation and an unwavering desire for more, often disregarding the needs and well-being of others. However, Munger's perspective on envy challenges this conventional narrative by shifting our focus from self-centered acquisition to a more comparative framework.

Envy, the poignant feeling of discontent or covetousness in the face of another's advantages, achievements, or possessions emerges as a more potent motivator than simple greed. It's not just about wanting more-it's about wanting more than others.

The role of envy in steering hu-

man behavior is pervasive and observable in various facets of society, from personal relationships to corporate strategies and even international politics. In business, corporate decisions are often influenced more by a competitor's success than by an independent pursuit of profit. In our personal lives, individuals frequently measure their happiness and achievements against the carefully curated representations of others, especially in the age of social media. where ceaseless comparisons abound.

Envy often finds its roots in the human propensity for comparison, an inherent aspect of our nature. According to social comparison theory, individuals assess their social and personal worth based on how they stack up against their peers. In today's digital era, where social media platforms present meticulously curated glimpses into others' lives, this inclination to compare has intensified, exacerbating the

SOCIAL MEDIA'S IMPACT ON LIFE SATISFACTION

feelings of envy that often follow.

A recent study delved into the relationship between social media usage, life satisfaction, social comparison, envy, and self-esteem. The study's standout finding was that social media use negatively affects levels of life satisfaction, underscoring the potential detrimental impact of social media on overall well-being. The study also explored mediating factors to gain a deeper understanding of this connection. Social comparison emerged as a critical mediator in elucidating how social media influences life satisfac-

tion. Comparing oneself to others on social platforms can lead to decreased life satisfaction. Furthermore, envy, often triggered by these social comparisons, exacerbates the negative impact on well-being.

ENVY AND HAPPINESS: A VICIOUS CYCLE

The insidious grip of envy, rooted in ceaseless comparison with others, sows our discontent. This emotional burden bears heavy consequences, fueling negative emotions like resentment and anger that corrode our mental wellbeing and even lead to anxiety and depression. Envy's destructive reach extends to our social relationships, fostering behaviors such as gossip that strain connections with others. It also distracts us from celebrating our achievements, stifling gratitude and diminishing our happiness. In this relentless cycle of comparison and dissatisfaction, envy emerges as a formidable force that can undermine our overall life satisfaction.

OVERCOMING THE IMPACT OF ENVY: NURTURING YOUR INNER WELL-BEING

Recognizing that envy plays a significant role in our lives encourages us to examine its widespread influence and strategies to counter its potentially harmful impact on our well-being. In a world where comparisons frequently dominate our thoughts, it becomes essential to equip ourselves with tools that can turn envy into a driver of personal growth and contentment.

Embrace gratitude: Imagine gratitude as your daily companion, a beacon of positivity that can dilute the pangs of envy. Keeping a gratitude journal, where you reflect on the things you're thankful for, can redirect your focus from what you lack to what you have. It's a powerful antidote to the discontent that often accompanies envy.

- Practice mindfulness and self-compassion: Nurturing your inner peace through mindfulness and self-compassion can reshape your reactions to envy. These practices allow you to turn moments of envy into opportunities for self-reflection and growth. Acknowledging your emotions without judgment and practicing selfkindness can defuse envy's negative impact on your psyche.
- Reframe social comparisons: Instead of succumbing to jealousy when comparing yourself to others, strive to draw inspiration from their successes. Use these comparisons as motivation for your growth and achievement. Viewing others as sources of inspiration rather than com-

petition can foster a healthier mindset and diminish the power of envy.

Celebrate your achievements: In a world inundated with the achievements of others, it's vital to celebrate your accomplishments. Chart your unique path, recognizing that your journey is distinct and valuable. Focus on your goals and savor the satisfaction of your achievements. This perspective shift can redirect your attention

away from envy and toward your progress. Seek professional guidance: In cases where envy feels overwhelming and persistent, psychologists and therapists can provide valuable insights and strategies for managing envy and its associated emotional challenges. Their expertise can be instrumental in finding balance and peace amidst envy. By adopting these approaches, individuals can take proactive steps to mitigate the adverse effects of envy. Envy, though a potent motivator, need not be a bar-

rier to happiness and well-being. Instead, it can catalyze personal growth and a deeper understanding of oneself. In a world where envy often lurks, these strategies can help you foster more contentment, a fulfilling life, and a healthier mind.

ENVY DRIVES THE WORLD, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO DRIVE YOU

Charlie Munger's unique perspective on envy offers us a nuanced understanding of human motivation and its societal implications. Recognizing the role of envy in our lives can lead to a deeper comprehension of individual behavior and the societal challenges we face. Envy, if left unchecked, can indeed be a formidable barrier to happiness and well-being. However, through awareness and the deliberate application of these strategies, individuals can reclaim control over envy's negative influence, ultimately steering themselves toward a more fulfilling and contented life.

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NEWS

CS Takes Peek Into Harnessing Of Hydropower Potential Of The UT

Also considered the R&R plan of DMRR&R for **Ratle HEP Observer News Service**

Jammu: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today looked into the harnessing of the hydropower potential of the UT going on through different agencies here besides going into different aspects of Rehabilitation & Resettlement plan framed for the Project Affected Families (PAFs).

The meetings were attended by Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Jal Shakti Department; Principal Secretary, Forests; Secretary, PWD; Principal PDD: Principal Secretary, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Secretary, Revenue; Secretary, DMRR&R; Deputy

Commissioner, Kishtwar; Representatives of NHPC; JKPDC and CVVPL besides other concerned officers.

furthering the basic facilities During this meeting the towards better and providing Chief Secretary went into detail them the skill sets that would about the potential of power on enhance their chances of getthe two important river basins of Chenab and Jhelum. He took insights into the extent of work done so far on the Hydroelectric projects (HEPs) under execution on both these rivers here

in the UT. Dulloo also asked about the civil and electromechanical works completed on these power projects and the time required for bringing them into operation. He directed for hiking the pace of the projects being under execution so that these are completed on time. He even enquired from them about any bottlenecks faced in execution of these projects so that these are resolved at an

ting gainfully employed in the market. Dulloo further impressed on the authorities to make robust plans for spending the amounts kept for local area

development by the respective companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). He asked for substantially raising both the living standards and the quality of infrastructure in these areas. It was given out during this

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meeting that the completion of the projects is going to add about 3043 MW till November, 2026. It was revealed that the four mega projects under execution currently includes Pakal Dul HEP (1000 MW), He also stressed on building KiruHEP (624 MW), Kwar HEP the capacity of the locals to let (540 MW), Kirthai-II HEP (930

MW) on Chenab basin. The meeting also reviewed smaller projects like Parnai HEP (38 MW), Karnah HEP (12 MW), New Ganderbal HEP (93 MW) and Lower Kalnai HEP (48 MW) which are going to be completed in a span of two years, the meeting was informed.

It was further made out that out of the 18000 MW potential of hydropower, 15000 MW has been identified on the river basins of J&K.It was given out that more projects are under DPR and feasibility study stages and are going to be taken up for execution in months ahead.

Later on in another meeting the Chief Secretary took note of the Rehabilitation & Resettlement Plan for the 850 MW Ratle HEP. He impressed upon the officers to suitably compensate the Project Affected Families (PAFs) and those losing their shops or agricultural lands in this project. He also stressed on

rehabilitating them beforehand so that none of them faces any hardships.

The Chief Secretary was briefed by the Secretary, DMRR&R, Nazim Zia Khan that a comprehensive multi-crore plan has been formulated to rehabilitate all the PAFs of this HEP. He elucidated that the R&R plan includes suitable compensation for loss of houses, agriculture lands, shops and cattle sheds.

The meeting was also apprised that the plan includes transportation charges, scholarships for students, assistance for artists, subsistence allowance, pension for vulnerable persons, training facilities for youth besides infrastructure upgradation like establishment of different facilities like hospital, model school, community centre, street lighting, roads, waste management facilities and raising of other common utilities for the people of this area.

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Additionally, a school-level quiz competition themed around

certificates.

"India Tourism, Hospitality, Heritage & Culture" is open for teams made of two students. The first contest will be held at IHM Srinagar and then at New Delhi, and NCHM&CT Noida. Prizes totaling Rs. 1,00,000,

Rs. 50,000, and Rs. 20,000 are set for the top three teams, along with individual Golden Plaques. Consolation prizes of Rs 10,000 and certificates await all final participating teams.

Registration for competition ends on December 20, 2023. Students can regisvia https://forms.gle/ ter CxYrR6YmqqV5MuoY7 or can contact 7006081027 for inquiries. www.ihmsrinagar.edu.in / www.nchm.gov.in.

The initiative aims to nurture talent among Class 11th & 12th students in the hospitality and tourism sector, offering substantial rewards and recognition.

Excise policy scam: SC rejects Sisodia's pleas seeking review of its Oct 30 verdict denying him bail

earliest.

New Delhi: In yet another setback to senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia, the Supreme Court has dismissed his pleas seeking review of its October 30 verdict dismissing his bail petitions in the corruption and money laundering cases related to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam

A bench of Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice SVN Bhatti dismissed the review petitions on Wednesday during in chamber proceedings where such pleas are considered and decided.

"We have carefully perused the review petitions as also the grounds in support thereof. In our opinion, no case for review of the judgment dated October 30, 2023, is made out. The review petitions are, accordingly, dismissed," the bench said in its order which was passed on Wednesday but uploaded on the apex court's website on

Thursday. It also rejected Sisodia's request for an oral hearing on the review petitions.

In a setback to Sisodia, the apex court had on October 30 denied him bail in the corruption and money-laundering cases related to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam, saying and evidence.'

the allegations by the probe agencies that "windfall gains" of Rs 338 crore was made by a few wholesale distributors was "tentatively supported" by

evidence. The top court, which termed several charges levelled by the Enforcement Directorate against Sisodia as debatable, said about the alleged windfall gains that "However, there is one clear ground or charge in the complaint filed under the PML Act, which is free from perceptible legal challenge and the facts as alleged are tentatively supported by material

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New Delhi: Minister of Railways, Communications & Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw present Award/ Shields to Railway personnel/ Zonal Railways/ PSU's for outstanding services / best performance

100 Railway Employees all over the country will be awarded for their outstanding services along with 21 Shields for Zonal Railways, Production Units & PSUs.

Every year, Railway Week is

celebrated from 10th to 16th April to commemorate the running of the first train in India on 16.04.1853. During Railway Week, functions are organised all over Indian Railways.

This year, the 68th Railway Week Central Function - Ati Vishist Rail Seva Puraskar-2023 is being organised at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 15 th December, 2023. During this function, Award for outstanding services to selected railway personnel will be given by Ashwini

Function-2023 Being Organised At New Delhi Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Railways, Communications & Electronics and Information Technology. Shields are also presented to Zonal Railways/ PSU's for best performance in particular field.

Raosaheb Patil Danve, Union Minister of State for Railways, Coal & Mines; Smt. Darshana Jardosh, Union Minister of State for Railways, & Textile, Chairman & CEO and Members of Railway Board, General Managers of all Zonal Railways, Production Units of Railways and PSUs of Railways shall also be present on the occasion. Altogether, 100 Railway Employees from various Zonal Railways, Production Units & Railway PSUs all over the country will be awarded for their outstanding services along with

21 Shields. This is one of the major function of Indian Railways where a complete set up of Railway will be present at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Indian Railway feels proud for organising this function first time at Bharat Mandapam.

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Huge Dip In Encounters informed a local news agency KNO

crackdown on terror-related networks has continued across Jammu and Kashmir, with Anti-terror agencies such as the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and State Investigation Agency (SIA) conducting raids at numerous locations.

Comparing the data across the years, there was a substantial increase in civilian casualties from 2017 to 2019, marking a 125.5% rise. However, the following year 2020 witnessed a decrease of 18.55% in total fatalities. Moving to 2021, there was a slight decrease of 17.82% in fatalities compared to the previous year. The year 2022 continued this trend with a further 24.1% reduction in recorded fatalities. As of November 15th in the current year, there has been a notable decrease of 58.73% in casualties compared to the same period last year. From 2017 to 2019, there was a considerable increase of 64.55% in encounters and a substantial rise of 32.89% in incidents initiated by terrorists. However, in 2020, both encounters and incidents witnessed a decrease of 33.33% and 26.8%, respectively. The following year, 2021, showed a 24% increase in encounters but a decrease of 26.14% in incidents initiated by terrorists. In 2022, there was a substantial decrease of 14.89% in encounters, contrasting with a slight increase of 3.1% in terrorist-initiated incidents. As of November 15th in the current year, there has been a noticeable decrease of 59.09% in encounters compared to the same period last vear. However, incidents initiated by terrorists have increased by 2.5%. According to official data, in 2017, there were 55 civilian casualties, and 91 security forces personnel lost their lives. The same year recorded 189 encounters and 228 incidents initiated by terrorists. "In 2019, there were 124 fatalities, comprising 44 civilians and 80 security forces personnel. Also, the year witnessed 102 encounters and 153 incidents initiated by terrorists," the data said. Moreover, in 2020, there were 101 fatalities, involving 38 civilians and 63 security forces personnel. The year also saw 126 incidents initiated by terrorists and recorded 188 encounters. In 2021, there were 83 recorded fatalities, comprising 41 civilians and 42 security forces personnel. Also, the year saw 100 encounters and 129 incidents initiated by terrorists. Likewise, in 2022, there were 63 recorded fatalities, involving 31 civilians and 32 security forces personnel. The same year witnessed 117 gunfights and 125 incidents initiated by terrorists.

that the Government maintains a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism. "The primary objective is to dismantle the terror ecosystem, with a focus on reinforcing security measures to ensure lasting peace and stability in Jammu and Kashmir," he said. "The strategies implemented to curb acts of terror in Jammu and Kashmir encompass 24/7 checkpoints at strategic locations, group security in the form of static guards, and intensified Cordon and Search Operations (CASO) to efat different levels would yield better result of our efforts in maintaining peace in the region," he added

The IGP, the spokesperson said, emphasised that people's cooperation is must to make our efforts fruitful for which we have to strengthen policepublic bonds at grass root level by addressing to public grievances. "Moreover, IGP Kashmir highlighted

the need for a robust security grid and urged officers to enhance coordination among ground agencies. This proactive approach aims to strengthen the anti-terrorist grid, generate specific intelligence and intensify operations for peace and stability in the dis-

and Tamil Nadu in 2024.

He said, "I condemn people who use elections as a means to divide the northern and southern parts of India. Those who propagate the north-south narrative are the ones seeking to divide India rather than unite it. I don't approve of such political gimmicks." 3 Witnesses Fail

August for the cancellation of Pahloo's bail in the two cases, informing the court that he had violated the bail conditions by allegedly indulging

consideration is the disappearance of spade used by accused No. 2 as weapon of offence. None of the witnesses cataloged by prosecution have stated regarding disappearance of the shovel neither through direct evidence nor through circumstantial evidence. As such does not attract punishment to accused persons under section 201 RPC. I am of the view that prosecution has miserably failed to prove that accused has caused the disappearance of the spade."

Furthermore, the court had said, one

effective government action on the red algae issue in Dal Lake.

"I agree with the SKUAST-K scientist's assertions, which are supported by substantial study; let the authorities handle Dal Lake's pollution issue first. Every year, red algal blooms in Dal Lake are caused by human excrement, which generates a significant amount of nutrients. I doubt red algae could be managed until the pollution issue is resolved," Wangnoo told

Kashmir Observer Contrary to claims of azolla weeds being discarded by the roadside, Wangnoo, said that no remnants of azolla weeds could be found along Boulevard Road, which he passes almost every day. He pledged to lead a campaign if there was evidence of azolla weeds being dumped along the road. When contacted, Executive Engineer Masood Ahmad Khan from the Research and Monitoring Wing (LCMA) contradicted the claims and said that nothing, including azolla or fertilizers, goes directly into Dal Lake. He mentioned the presence of five Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in Dal Lake. "Nothing goes directly into Dal Lake: we have detention, oxidation bonds and the red algae is a natural phenomenon which forms on some of the water's surface and the high temperature makes it look red. We also have dweeding points and when we go for deweeding we carry it away and don't leave any room to sprout," Khan told Kashmir Öbserver. He however said the human excreta have always been a challenge for the department and that measures will be soon taken to address the problem. "We are connecting around 900 houseboats with STP with 16.1 mld capacities being set up at Brari Nambal by January next year. Besides there are 58 big and small helmets in Dal Lake where 60, 000 people live. We are also taking care of the issue as STP are also set up in these hamlets so as to control pollution in Dal Lake," he added.

Meanwhile, an off within MHA

fectively address challenges posed by terrorist organizations," the official stated.

Furthermore, he said there is a commitment to real-time sharing of intelligence inputs among all security forces operating in Jammu and Kashmir. "Day and night area domination is ensured through appropriate deployment, and preventive operations involve identifying strategic supporters of terrorism, launching investigations to expose their mechanisms, and identifying vulnerable spots to prevent terrorist attacks on civilians," the official said.

The official further said the importance of sensitizing ground personnel about the issue and implementing measures to counteract the machinations of terrorists and their supporters. The official also the introduction of an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based facial recognition system in Jammu and Kashmir. "This system aims to assist the police in tracing and monitoring terrorists, over ground workers, former terrorists, drug peddlers, and individuals wanted in other criminal activities," he said-(KNO)

IGP For Zero-

the safety and well-being of the community.

During the discussions, the spokesperson said, IGP emphasized a zerotolerance policy towards narcotic menace and urged strict action against peddlers to combat the issue of drug trafficking and maintain law & order in the district.

"Additionally, IGP Kashmir urged prompt resolution of pending cases, emphasizing the importance of investigations. He also stressed the need to strengthen police-public relations by adopting a public-centric approach and advocating service-oriented policing as such approach build trust and bridge the gap between the police and the public, ultimately fostering a safer and more harmonious community," he said.

Birdi, as per the spokesperson said that innovative mechanism needs to be followed to thwart the ill designs of anti-social elements.

"Synergy among the forces with better public cooperation and monitoring

PM Modi Retaining

trict," he added.

When some hard decisions were taken, even BJP workers said it would hurt their votes. But Modi took those stringent measures keeping in mind the interests of the people, the home minister said.

That is why India is doing well on all fronts, he said.

The BJP is backed by its performance, its "sacred" aims and people's agenda besides the fact that it has a leader matchless not only in India but in the world, Shah said, expressing confidence about its prospects.

Lauding the prime minister's work to strengthen the party and keep its cadres motivated, he noted the BJP has achieved much more success under him than its earlier highs and said he is the only reason for its victory.

He also took a swipe at the opposition INDIA bloc, wondering where it exists and noting the digs of its constituents on one another during the recent assembly polls.

"INDI Alliance is not visible anywhere in the country except news channel screens," he said.

In his remarks, Shah underlined the ruling party's commitment to the Uniform Civil Code and implementing the Citizenship (Amendment) Act.

He said the Congress discarded the UCC, which was mentioned as one of the directive principles in the Constitution, due to its vote bank politics and the BIP is form on its commitment to it.

The biggest sign of a secular government is that there should be same law for everyone, he said.

Shah also attacked the opposition for allegedly creating a "north-south" divide following the assembly polls in which the BJP swept the elections in three Hindi-speaking states while the Congress came to power in the southern state of Telangana.

Noting that the BJP has been strong in Karnataka, he said the party will get its highest tally in Telangana, where it has four Lok Sabha MPs currently, and improve on its performance in Kerala in separatist activities.

Two witnesses -- numbers 24 and 25 -- were examined in November. They supported the prosecution's case and identified accused Ali Mohammad Mir. Bhat said.

Mir, who is the prime accused in the abduction case after Malik, had taken Rubaiya Sayeed in his vehicle to Sopore from Srinagar and kept her in a guesthouse.

Malik, who is lodged in Delhi's Tihar Jail where he is serving a term in connection with a terror-financing case, was not produced in the court physically due to an order issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs restricting his movement.

Pahloo is lodged in the Central Jail in Srinagar following his arrest for reviving the terrorist apparatus in the Kashmir valley, Bhat said.

Pahloo alias "Nanaji" was among the 10 terrorists arrested in July from a hotel in a case related to a conspiracy to revive the banned JKLF and separatist amalgam Hurriyat Conference in the valley.

The special Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act court has already framed charges separately against Malik and several others in both cases.

The charges against Malik, Pahloo and eight others in the 1989 abduction case of Rubaiya Sayeed were framed by the court on January 11, 2021.

Man Gets 7-Years

was registered following a complainant by a woman with Police Station Soura that on 6 June 2018 her husband Ghulam Ahmed Mir was beaten to death by accused including Mukhktar Ahmed Shah, his father Ghulam Mohammed Shah and sisters of Mukhtar during irrigation of land. The victim, as per the prosecution, was attacked with hard lathi and sharp weapon on the back of head.

...on the basis of the legal propositions settled by the law, it can be safely concluded that prosecution has failed to establish that there was prearranged plan between the accused persons as such accused are not vicariously liable under section 34 RPC," the court had said while convicting Shah, adding, "Another important point for

of the accused–Ghulam Mohammad Shah— as per the prosecution story has used the spade in the quarrel has died during the trial and the proceedings against him stand abated.

Viewed thus, I have no hesitation in observing, at the cost of repetition that the prosecution has succeeded in proving its case beyond any reasonable shadow of doubt against the accused No. 1 (Mukhtar) for committing culpable homicide not amounting to murder of the deceased," the court said, accordingly convicted Mukhtar for offence under section 304 part II. Mukhtar's sisters were acquitted of the charges levelled against them.

Why Red Algae

in Dal Lake," Dr. Khurshid, a research scientist at SKUAST-K told Kashmir Observer.

Dr. Khurshid further suggested that banning the use and transportation of urea in the Dal Lake catchments would not only reduce the growth of azolla weeds but also help prevent the resurgence of red algae.

"How could it be stopped when thousands of metric tons of the azolla weeds being extracted from Dal Lake are dumped on its banks? This is because it goes back into the lake, and the fertilizers used by vegetable growers in the catchment areas of Dal Lake also revert back." he added.

Once the authorities ponder on the factors that trigger the annual revival of red algae and devise strategies to prevent its recurrence, the problem will be resolved. Dr. Khurshid emphasized that the most effective way to combat red algae is to dispose of the waste far from the water body.

By doing so, he said, aquatic life will thrive, and the biodiversity of the iconic lake will be effectively protected.

Supporting the scientists' viewpoint, environmentalists leading the effort to safeguard Kashmir's renowned water bodies argue that red algae thrives in Dal Lake due to human excreta and excessive fertilizer use.

environmentalist Renowned and president of the Nigeen Lake Conservation Organization (NLCO), Manzoor Ahmad Wangnoo, said that addressing pollution is crucial for

Drug Peddler

by a team of the Katra police station after getting necessary detention orders from Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar.

Hussain was warned to shun the path of supplying drugs to the youth of Katra, the officer said, adding that he remained on a continuous mission of minting money by supplying banned drugs.

The officer further said that it was necessary to book him under the stringent law in view of his continuous involvement in drug peddling and to save the society's health and welfare.

Viksit Bharat Sankalp

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POACHING PROBLEM

Wular Lake Placed Under **CCTV Surveillance**

Agencies

BANDIPORA: Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA) has installed CCTV cameras at Saderkot and various points along the banks of Asia's largest freshwater lake, Wular, with the objective of identifying miscreants engaged in poaching migratory birds during the winter months when Thousands of birds visit from Europe and other countries.

The lake becomes home for migratory birds during winter season but the increasing antipoaching in recent years have become a threat to the migratory birds.

District Forest Officer and In-Charge of WUCMA Bandipora, Mudasir Mehmood, said that the department has set up CCTV cameras around key locations at Wular Lake where bird poaching has been prevalent, causing significant harm to migratory birds, some of which are classified as endangered.

He said that the primary objective behind installing these cameras is to ensure 24-hour surveillance of the lake, aiming to apprehend individuals engaged in illegal bird poaching activities around Wular; strict actions will be taken against those found involved.

Meanwhile, local residents, welcomed the step of installing CCTV at Wular banks, and hoped that it would stop the anti-poaching operations in Wular lake. A group of residents commended the govern-

ment's initiative to install CCTV around the lake, expressing that individuals engaged in bird poaching should be publicly identified in accordance

with the law. Earlier, Law Enforcing Agencies has launched a massive campaign against hunters and has seized more than a dozen punt guns from the villages around Wular Lake.

Deputy Director Forest Protection Force Bandipora Aizaz Ahmad Pajwari said that as many as 12 punt guns used by hunters to kill wetland birds were seized from Saderkoot. Kulhama and Garoora villages of north Kashmir's Bandipora district in last two years.

He said based on a tip off regarding the use of punt guns in Wular Lake for killing certain bird species, anti-poaching teams raided several locations during which 12 punt guns were seized till date, however poachers fled from the spot.

Punt gun is a type of extremely large shotgun used in wetlands to shoot large numbers of waterfowl for commercial hunting. He said Forest protection forces have intensified their surveillance operations in and around Wular Lake to stop illegal hunting and provide protection to winged resi-

dents of the Wular Lake. The official said that the use of punt guns by poachers has been reduced during the current year with extra efforts put forth by the sleuths of Anti-poaching Forest Protection Force.

Ahead Of Christmas And New Year, Hotels In Gulmarg, Sonamarg Booked In Advance

Year due to prior reservations.

pipes and electricity problems.

winter," he added.

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SRINAGAR: With Christmas and New Year only a few weeks away, hotels in Gulmarg are fully booked, bringing joy to hoteliers, tour operators, and others in the tourism industry. Meanwhile, over 50 percent of the hotels in Sonamarg have already been re-Hotel Poshvan in Gulmarg, said. served, and hoteliers anticipate a significant tourist influx in the

coming days. A number of hoteliers told Kashmir Observer that almost all hotels in Gulmarg are sold out from December 15th until the end of the year. "We are expecting a good winter tourism season. Almost all the hotels in Gulmarg are sold-out. The authorities need to make it more vibrant." said Aqib Chaya, President of Gulmarg Hoteliers Club. Chaya, who runs Hotel Hilltop in

Gulmarg, said that the picturesque Gulmarg has witnessed a huge influx of tourists over the past four years. "I must say, post the G20 event in Kashmir, the tourist rush is huge. People are more happy to visit the valley now," he said, adding that 'a sense of peace' is bring-

ing in more tourists. Ranjeet Dhar, Corporate Associate Director of Marketing and PR, told Kashmir Observer that almost all the rooms at the Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa in Gulmarg have already been booked till mid-January. Another hotelier said that both

national and international tourists

are arriving in huge numbers. "The signal" from higher authorities rerooms of all my hotels are booked garding the opening of the route in till 31 of this month. The govern-

ment has ensured all facilities, The Gulmarg Hoteliers Club including electricity and drinking is likely to hold a meeting with water, for tourists. We don't have tourism officials to enhance winany problems and are ready to ter tourism in Gulmarg. Notably, host as many tourists as possible," the Gulmarg and Sonamarg tourist destinations received the sea-Manzoor Ahmad, the owner of son's first heavy spell of snowfall Shahzad Rasool, owner of Hoa month ago, wooing hundreds tel Village Walk in Sonamarg, of tourists to the health resorts. informed the Kashmir Observer Stakeholders are optimistic that the tourism department will that currently, even though 90 percent of the hotels are vacant, spare no effort to ensure vibrant they expect a good tourist flow winter tourism.

on the eve of Christmas and New Director Tourism, Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob Farooq, told Kashmir Notably, authorities have de-Observer that they have not yet finalized any events in Gulmarg cided to keep Sonamarg open for tourists this year. However, Raas of now. "We will decide and sool highlighted the challenges share it with the media," he said. faced during winters, including An official from the tourism issues such as freezing of water department told Kashmir Observer that they are planning to "Even if a couple of hotels hold many musical evenings on were operating last year, the rest the eve of Christmas and New couldn't function due to these Year's Day. "We have also de-

issues. But we are hopeful that cided to keep Sonamarg open for tourists this year and are expectthe authorities will make good ing a good number of tourists," he added. arrangements for tourists this

Rauf Tramboo, president of He further said that apart from musical events, the depart-Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK) also said the ment will host different winter graph of tourists in the valley is sports events for tourists. The official also highlighted that all definitely up from a couple of years ago."We are very upbeat the necessary arrangements, including infrastructure, have and hopeful that we will witness another vibrant tourism season been put in place; and prepathis year as well," Tramboo said. rations for the Christmas cel-However, he mentioned that ebration are also going on in full swing at Gulmarg. they are still awaiting the "green

Sonamarg for the winter season..

SRINAGAR: The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a transformative journey traversing the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, is not merely a symbolic expedition but a commitment to leaving no genuine beneficiary behind. Rooted in the principles of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yo-

jana- Gramin (PMAY-G), the Yatra aligns with the government's resolute pledge to ensure 'Housing for All' in rural areas. Since the inception of the

PMAY-G, it has become a beacon of change, aiming to provide a pucca house with basic amenities to every houseless householder residing in kutcha and dilapidated houses. In lammu and Kashmir, a region with a rich tapestry of history and culture, the impact of the scheme is evident in the construction of 1.45 lakh homes in the last five years alone, addressing the fundamental need for shelter.

As the Viksit Rath travels through villages, it symbolizes hope for the common public, embodying the government's commitment to reaching the last person in the queue. Government officials are actively engaging with communities, tracing and assisting the leftout beneficiaries, ensuring that every family has a roof over

The success stories emerging from this ambitious initiative echo the transformative power of PMAY-G. Abhishek from Laiter, District Reasi, shares his journey from a kuchha house to a pucca house, a dream realized with the government's unwavering support. Similarly, Anil Singh, during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, expresses joy at witnessing the positive impact of PMAY(G) initiatives that are turning homeownership dreams into reality for the underprivileged.

The heartening testimonials continue with Ashok Kumar from Katra, a beneficiary of the PMAY Scheme, extending gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the invaluable assistance in making the dream of his pucca house a reality. These stories underscore the tangible difference being made in the lives of people through the provision of affordable homes.

In essence, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra serves as a catalyst for transformation, embodying the spirit of 'Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat.' Through the collaborative efforts of the government and the community, the journey towards housing for all is not just a vision but a tangible reality, bringing dignity and security to countless households

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Hamdan Textile Industries, IE Khanmoh Srinagar, formally registered with this office under No. 01/003/09317/PMT/ MSME dated. 31.12.2019 for the activity of "Spinning of wool" as partnership concern of 1. Mohammad Yousuf Ganie S/O Lt Ahmad ullah Ganie R/O Devi Angan Hawal, Srinagar 2. Mohammad Shahid Ganie S/O Mohammad Yousuf Ganie R/O Eid Gah Srinagar 3. Sheikh Feroz Ahmad S/O Late Sheikh Gh. Mohammad R/O Ishber Nishat, Srinagar 4. Sheikh Maroof Ferooz S/O Sheikh Feroz Ahmad R/O Ishber Nishat, Srinagar.

Now two partners of the unit intends to take retirement from the partnership namely 1, Mohammad Yousuf Ganie S/O Lt. Ahmad Ullah Ganie R/O Tibati Colony, Idgah presently at Hawal, Srinagar 2. Mohammad Shahid Ganie S/O Mohammad Yousuf Ganie R/O Idgah Srinagar.

Any person having any objection, for change of constitution by way of retirement of two partners in favour of the unit shall report to General Manager DIC Srinagar within 07 clays from the date of publication of this Notice.

DIPK-13758-23 DT: 14/12/2023

DT: 08/12/23

General Manager District Industries Centre Srinagar

ΤΗΕ COURT OF ADDITIONAL OPECIAL MORILE MACIOTRATE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION URI NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

e-NIT No.104 of 2023-24/6130-39/R&B Uri e-tendering DATED: 14-12-2023 For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on an percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered vith the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

S. No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ DOC (In Rupees)	E/Money	Time for completion of work	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	M.H of Account
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
	Construction of 01-Toilet Block and other allied works at GHS Balkote under elemen- tary education 2023-24		200/-	7000/-	25 days	21.12. 2023	DEE	District Capex 4202
Project Authority: District Development Commissioner Baramulla Position of funds: Available								

Position of AAA/ TS /Accorded

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.O), Set 1. of terms and conditions of contract and other detail's can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in

	as per schedule of dates given below:	
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	14.12.2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	14.12.2023 from (03:00 PM) to 20.12.2023 (4:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	14.12.2023 (03:00 PM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	20.12.2023 (4:00PM)
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	21.12.2023(11:00 AM) in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Uri
2,	Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Ch	allan/ CDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited

in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division. Uri (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document

File No. : 142 /2022	KULGAM	D.0.1.27.40.0002
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R/o Soibag Budgam.	CORAM: Mr. MUNEER AHMAD BHAT	(Accused person)
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No: 1137/ASMM/Kgm No: Pross/5B/ASMM/23/39	DIPK-13770-23	Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Kulgam

	Government o	of Jammu and Kashmir	
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DT: 14/12/2023

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INVITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Subject: Application for permission for Right of Way (RoW) Telecom infrastructure / OFC.

The authorized signatory Additional Deputy Commissioner Shopian Vide Communication No: DCS/ADC-PS/22-23/11860-66 Dated: -29-11-2023 has submitted a proposal in this office for seeking of permission for Right of Way/ for the purpose of laying of fiber utility on road side. After joint visit the details of ROW is as under:

C	Name of read	Chainage (O	n both sides)	Length in	Width in Meter
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DT: 14/12/2023	Division Pulwama

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	to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the	ne Government's circular instructions	
	from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bid	idder only after the submission of a	
	Performance Security of 5% of the Allotted cost, which will be released after successful completion	on of the DLP/Maintenance Period.	
3(b)	Geotech Photographs Minimum 03 sets (01 set Comprising of Photograph before, during and a	fter execution of work) of size 26 cm	
	x21 cm to be provided.		
4	The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on website www.jketenders.gov.in and co	onveyed to the bidders automatically	
	through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be or	ened online on same website in the	
	office of the Tender receiving authority).		
5.	The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of techn	ical Bids.	
6.	6. All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per NIT No:1 of 2023-24 issued under No:-350-70 dated:20.04.2023 PWD form 2		
	(Double agreement form)		
20.	If the contractor/HMPO quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of t	endering process, his tender shall be	
	rejected outrightly.		
	For and on behalf of The Lt. Governor of J&K UT,		
No.:-2	:-2023-24/6130-39	Sd/=	
Dated	ed: 14-12-2023 DIPK-13769-23	Executive Engineer,	
	DT: 14/12/2023	R&B Division, Uri.	

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION PAHALGAM.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Fresh eNIT NO 40 OF R&B/Pahalgam/2023-24 DATED 14/12/2023

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

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs	, , ,	Earnest Mon-		Class of
00		in Lacs)	Doc. (in Rs)	ey (In Rs)	pletion In days	Contractor
1.	Establishment of Kindergarten at various Schools	10.08	600	20160	45	B, C & D

Position of AA/TS:- Accorded

2.

Position of Funds: -UT Capex 2023-24

Project Authority:- Education Department

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

The time of completion of the works shall be dependent on the availability of funds. In case funds are made available in the current 1. financial year the time of completion shall be defined accordingly as per the instructions of the Engineer In-charge.

S. No.	Particulars	Dated		
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice		14/12/2023	
2	2 Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	15/12/2023	(10:00 AM)
2		То	21/12/2023	(04:00PM)
3	Bid submission Start Date	From	15/12/2023	(10:00AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	То	21/12/2023	(04:00PM)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)		22/12/2023	(11:00 AM)
5		In the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Pahalgam.		

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / E-Challan(Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pahalgam[Tender Inviting Authority](NIT No.and Name of Work/Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt)(Refer Govt. order No. 0.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Pahalgam(Tender receiving Authority).
- 3. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/DD.Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.
- 32. Performance Security shall be released after DLP is over successfully.
- All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25. 33.

No, EE/R&B/PGm/	DIPK-13772-23	Executive Engineer
Dated/ 12/2023	DT: 14/12/2023	PWD (R&B) Division Pahalgam

SPORTS

Shami Races Against Time For SA Tests



Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: Senior pacer Mohammed Shami, who is recovering from an ankle injury, is racing against time to be fit for the Test series against South Africa, starting at Centurion on December 26.

Though Shami was included in the Test squad that was announced on November 30, the 33-year-old's availability was subjected to his recovery after the treatment.

In that context, PTI understands that Shami might not board the flight to South Africa along with other members of

the Test squad such as captain Rohit Sharma, senior batter Virat Kohli, fellow pacer Jasprit side members will play a Bumrah and others.

They are scheduled to fly out to Johannesburg on Friday. Shami is likely to continue his recuperation at home, and the pacer could make a return

ing in South Africa

Meanwhile, Shami has something to cheer for as during the Test series at home against England starting from he was nominated for the January 25 at Hyderabad. prestigious Arjuna Award on If a replacement is indeed Wednesday. required for Shami, then the As per the information received from the Sports Ministry, selectors under Ajit Agarkar

Before

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against South Africa, the Test

three-day intra-squad match

The second Test against the

Proteas will start at Cape Town

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Shoaib Bashir Mistakenly Ignored McCullum's England Call Up

Press Trust of India

LONDON: A few days ago when young England off-spin-ner Shoaib Bashir saw a missed call from a New Zealand dialling code number, he ignored it thinking it could be from "anyone random". All of six first class matches old, Bashir couldn't even imagine in his wildest dream that the number belonged to former New Zealand skipper Brendon McCullum and the England red-ball coach was calling him to give him some exciting news. "I was like 'Who is this? It could be anyone random'," Bashir told 'The Telegraph'.

Bashir's inclusion in the 16-member Test squad for the tour of India on Monday came as a surprise to everyone including the off-spinner himself. It wasn't until McCullum

reached out to him on WhatsApp that Bashir responded. "I didn't think it was some-

one winding me up, and I didn't think much of it until it hit me. Then I was like, 'Wow, it's Baz'. "Honestly, I can't put it into words now, and it's been two or three days. It's just so special. I'm delighted to have an opportunity - it is crazy, crazy news," he said.

England will play five Tests in India as part of their ICC World Test Championships cycle starting in Hyderabad on



January 25.

Looking forward to a gruelling sojourn to the subcontinent, Bashir is ready with his bag full of tricks. Apart from that, England will bank on his six foot four inch-tall frame and vast hands to help him generate bounce and bowl with control. "I've got the off-spinner, the undercutter, a side-spin-

ner and an arm ball. And I am working on a Carrom ball, too. So, I've got a few, and I think they would work quite nicely in India." The 20-year-old has snared 10 wickets in his fledgling first-class career since making his professional debut in June for Somerset.

He was part of England Lions' trip to the UAE, where he got to spend time with coaches and former players Graeme Swann and Andrew Flintoff.

"Legends. Such good lads. You look at them and you're reminiscing on these old thoughts of them taking poles, whacking the ball. It's just unbelievable. To be working with them now is incredible." Bashir said.

Kashmir Riders To Participate In Fasco Premier League



Warner Ton Silences Critics As Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Agencies

PERTH: Australia opener David Warner celebrated his 26th test century on Thursday by 'shushing' the Perth media box, silencing his critics after putting his side in a strong position on day one of the first test against Pakistan.

The hosts ended the day on 346-5 from 84 overs after batting first, with Usman Khawaja (41) and Travis Head (40)also making contributions, but Warner's fiery 164 off 211 balls stole the show.

"I was disappointed with getting out, we could have been four down at the end there. But it's up to the selectors, if they want to keep continuing to pick me then ain't leaving," Warner joked to reporters.



World Cup title this year in India as the team's leading scorer with 535 tournament runs. Warner's spot in the test side and his desire for a home farewell had been a subject of scrutiny, and former team mate-turned-columnist for The West Australian newspaper, Mitchell Johnson, had queried his continued selection in a recent column. "Anyone who wants to write stories about me, get headlines, that stuff doesn't bother me," Warner said after the close of play. "I'm allowed to celebrate how I want." he added, labelling his century square. celebration gesture as a "a

fast-bowler Shaheen Afridi for six over fine leg in a sign of what was still to come. Surpassing former greats Matthew Hayden (8625) and Michael Clarke (8643) to become

Khawaja Wears Black Armband After Shoe Ban

Agencies

PERTH: Australia batter Usman Khawaja wasn't allowed to wear shoes branded with a "all lives are equal" humanitarian message, so he wore a black arm band instead Thursday on Day 1. The International Crick-

et Council intervened on Wednesday after Khawaja indicated he planned to wear shoes during the match that featured messages to highlight the loss

and all rights are equal," Khawaja said in a social media post. "I will never stop believing that." Khawaja, who was born in Pakistan and is the first Muslim to play test cricket for Australia, wore the black armband to show solidary with people suffering in Gaza.

"I find it a little bit disappointing they came down hard on me and they don't always come down hard on everyone. he said.



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The 3rd All India EPCH T20 Cricket Tournament. also called Fasco Premier League, is set to begin today, Friday, December 15, at SVSPS Complex in Greater Noida. The competition's final game will be played on December 17, with legendary West Indies pacer Courtney Walsh gracing the occasion.

Kashmir Riders, representing the region in the EPCH – FASCO organised tourney, will play their first game today against Royal Strikers Delhi. The game begins at 3:00 PM. The team is led by captain Iqbal Mir.

Twelve teams from different cities across the country are participating in the Fasco Premier League.

The grand finale of the T20 tournament will also see former Indian cricketer R.P. Singh as guest of honor. Dileep Baid, Chairman EPCH, and Prince Malike, FASCO Coordinator, will also be present on the occasion.

Warner upper cut debutant seamer Aamer Jamal (2-63) for four in the 43rd over to bring up three figures. The 37-year-old is now all but certain to play his final test in front of a home crowd in Sydney, a goal which he stated publicly in June amid a lean period in red-ball cricket which had seen him score only two centuries since the start of 2020. His white-ball form never

wavered, however, helping Australia to a sixth 50-over nice little quiet shush". Warner harassed Pakistan's

seam attack during the first session, outrageously hitting

Australia's fifth-highest test run-scorer with 8651, Warner added a further three sixes during his aggressive and determined innings -- albeit with a dose of luck.

A dropped catch and a missed stumping to spinner Agha Salman allowed the lefthander to pass 150 before he eventually miscued Jamal to Imam-ul-Hag at backward

"I am getting older ... it's probably game-by-game now. If I fail next innings there'll probably be headlines, but it is what it is."

The 36-year-old Khawaja of innocent lives in the Israelhad some high-level support, The ICC's policies for interincluding from Australia capnational cricket prohibit dis-

tain Pat Cummins and even up to the nation's federal treasurer, Jim Chalmers.

'What was on the shoes all lives are equal – I support that," Cummins said. "That's not very divisive. I don't think anyone can really have too many complaints about that."

Champions League: England Flops, Spain Surges

Agencies

LONDON: So much for the English taking over European soccer.

The final Champions League group stage in its current format ended with representation from the supposedly all-powerful Premier League cut in half as Manchester United and Newcastle United failed to advance to the knockout stage - and were even knocked out of European competition altogether.

Instead, there was a Spanish resurgence, a decent showing from the German contingent, and a couple of nice surprises making their way into the round of 16 in the form of Copenhagen and PSV Eindhoven.

This was the last year of the 32-team, eight-pool group stage, with the Union of European Football Associations pivoting next season to a single 36-team league that will see clubs play eight games up from the current six.

The top eight teams will

advance automatically to the round of 16 knockout bracket and Nos. 9 to 24 in the standings go into a playoff round to decide the other eight qualifiers.

So, what have we learned ahead of the round of 16 draw on Monday?

ENGLAND'S STRUGGLES

There will be wry smiles around Europe as English teams received a bloody nose, just when the Premier League seemed to have unstoppable momentum on the back of wealth generated from huge broadcast deals. Only defending champion Manchester City and Arsenal got through, marking England's weakest roundof-16 challenge in 11 years.

It's quite the slump for a country that has provided six of the last 10 finalists and three of the last five winners. Not helping England's cause was this being Newcastle's first participation in 20 years, with the Saudi-owned northeast team plunged into the



toughest group - containing Borussia Dortmund, Paris Saint-Germain and AC Milan - and running into an injury

crisis that hit a relatively shallow squad. Oh, and there was a huge refereeing error that ultimately cost Newcastle dear. As for United, it was a chaotic campaign for a club in something of a maelstrom amid ownership wrangles and concerns over the quality of its manager.

plays of political or religious

statements on team uniforms

Khawaja said he'd abide by

"Freedom is a human right,

the ruling to avoid individual

or team sanctions, but would

challenge the ICC's stance.

SPAIN'S SURGE

Hamas war.

or equipment.

Of the eight group winners Bayern Munich, Arsenal, Real Madrid, Real Sociedad, Atletico Madrid, Dortmund, Man City and Barcelona – four are from Spain. While it was expected from Madrid, and potentially Barca and Atletico, too, given they were placed in weak groups, Sociedad's rise with a mostly homegrown team and coach is a welcome sight for romantics keen to see new names thrive.

In its first Champions League season in a decade, Sociedad was unbeaten and conceded just two goals. Barca is back in the big time, too, after failure to get out of the group stage in its first two post-Lionel Messi seasons.

Real, fueled by Jude Bellingham, was one of two teams – with Man City – to claim a maximum of 18 points while Atletico was unbeaten, too.

Germany arguably performed the best of the rest, with Bayern and Dortmund winning groups and Leipzig second behind City.

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PSV, the European champion in 1988 and runaway leader in the Eredivisie is in the knockout stage for the first time since 2016. Its only loss in 26 games this season was a 4-0 beating by Arsenal in their Champions League opener.

Copenhagen's only previous appearance in the round of 16 was in 2011. The Danish champion helped dump out Man United and has been boosted by playing in front of a passionate home crowd at the atmospheric Parken Stadium.

Having said that, the two clubs whose budgets are counted in tens of millions not hundreds are opponents that group winners likely will want to face next. The other runners-up were Napoli, Inter Milan, Lazio, PSG, Leipzig and Porto.