

Parliament Okays J&K Women's Reservation Bill

33% Seats In J&K Assembly To Be Reserved For Women



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New Delhi: The Parliament on Monday passed two Bills to extend provisions of the women's reservation law to the legislative assemblies of Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir with the Rajya Sabha clearing them with a voice vote.

The Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill

and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Second Amendment) Bill were passed amid a din as opposition members demanding that Union Home Minister Amit Shah make a statement in the House on the December 13 Parliament security breach trooped into the well and raised slogans.

The Bills were passed by the Lok Sabha on December 12. The Rajya Sabha | [More on P6](#)

Jammu Parties Pitch For Statehood, Art-371

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The leaders of various political parties held a meeting here on Monday and later staged a demonstration, demanding immediate restoration of statehood, assembly elections and extension of Article 371 to Jammu and Kashmir. The political parties, including the Shiv Sena (UBT), National Panthers Party (NPP) and Dogra Swabhimani Sangathan Party (DSSP), also | [More on P6](#)

ONE-THIRD OF THE SEATS RESERVED UNDER SUB-SECTION (7) OF SECTION 14 (of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019) shall be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes in the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir".

Better Services Are Rights Of The Citizens: LG

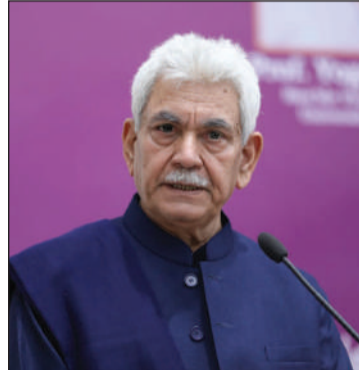
Says 92,560 Projects Executed In J&K In 2022-23, Compared To 9,229 In 2018-19

Observer News Service

New Delhi: Asserting that better services are the right of the citizens and the administration must function as an efficient service provider as well, the Union Territory Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Monday that the number of projects executed in Jammu and Kashmir have risen from 9,229 in 2018-19 to over 92,560 in 2022-23.

Sinha revealed these figures while presenting keynote address at the G20 Connect Lecture Series on 'Good Governance' at the University of Delhi here on Monday.

He emphasised on people's participation, particularly



youth in governance to increase transparency and accountability, and inclusion of marginalised section in decision-making for sustainable development.

"Public participation



through various means impact positively on fair distribution of resources, responsive, effective, efficient, equitable and inclusive governance. Better services are the right of the citizens and

administration must function as an efficient service provider as well," the LG said.

He impressed upon the Universities and higher educational institutions to encourage | [More on P6](#)

WINTER ASPHYXIA

Six Children Among 17 Die In Two Years In J&K

Doctors Recommend Secure Heating Practices

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Over the past two years, seventeen individuals have tragically lost their lives in Jammu and Kashmir due to asphyxia—an alarming phenomenon that predominantly surfaces during the winter months in Kashmir.

According to doctors, asphyxiation is caused by lack of oxygen, which can quickly lead to brain hemorrhage, unconsciousness, and even death. The primary causes of winter-related fatalities are often linked to asphyxiation stemming from inadequately vented heating sources, or heart attacks due to overexertion while shoveling snow.

News reports reveal that six children and eleven adults have succumbed to asphyxiation since | [More on P6](#)



Gulmarg Coldest Place In Kashmir At Minus 8 Deg Celsius

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Srinagar: Gulmarg in north Kashmir recorded the coldest night of the season at minus eight degrees Celsius while Srinagar city experienced a warmer night due to overcast conditions, officials said on Monday.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.8 degrees Celsius, a drop of more than four notches, they said. The minimum temperature in Srinagar city was 0.5 degrees Celsius on Sunday night. Qazigund recorded a low of 0.8 degrees Celsius, Kokernag 1.1 | [More on P6](#)

Terrorism Considered 'Dirty Word' In J&K: CRPF

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Srinagar: A senior CRPF officer on Monday said terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir is no longer fashionable but considered a "dirty word" now.

"The basic thing we have to understand is that in today's environment, terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir is no longer fashionable, it is a dirty word. That's why they (terrorists) will be finished," Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) ADG Nalin Prabhat told reporters at Shopian.

The senior official said a terrorist signs his own death warrant the day he joins a terror organisation.

"Anyone who becomes a terrorist or joins a terrorist organisation signs his death warrant. They (terrorists) will end because the almighty is with us, with the people and with the nation," he added.

Prabhat said that it did not matter how many | [More on P6](#)

3 Earthquakes Hit Ladakh, Another Jolts Kishtwar

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Jammu: A 5.5-magnitude earthquake followed by two aftershocks of lower intensity struck the Union Territory of Ladakh within 15 minutes, while a mild-intensity tremor was felt in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar on Monday, officials said.

There were no immediate reports of any casualty or damage, they said.

According to the National Centre of Seismology (NCS), the 5.5-magnitude earthquake occurred at 3.48 pm and its epicentre was Kargil.

The depth of the tremor was 10 km below the surface at a latitude of 33.41 degrees and longitude of 76.70 degrees, it said.

It was followed by two aftershocks of 4.8 and 3.8 intensity at 4.01 pm, the NCS said.

In Jammu and Kashmir, an earthquake of 3.6-magnitude occurred at 4.18 pm with a depth of 10 km below | [More on P6](#)

HC Allows Man To Open Windows Of His Home After 5 Yrs

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A family in Budgam has been allowed by the High Court of J&K and Ladakh to construct windows of their house, more than five years after being restrained to do so by a civil court upon a suit by their neighbour.

A bench of Justice Atul Sreedharan also rejected the contention by the neighbour about infringing upon the privacy, underlining that it was for them to take necessary steps to ensure the same.

"Undoubtedly, the petitioner has a right of opening of windows on his property even if they are facing towards the house of the plaintiff/respondent (neighbour)," the Court said while allowing a plea from a resident of Yarikhah area of Khansahib Budgam, seeking court's permission to allow him construct window facing towards his neighbour after being restrained by a civil court in July 2018.

"The contention of the respondent (neighbour) that it would infringe upon the | [More on P6](#)

Respiratory Illness Surges Demand Of Oxygen Cylinders In Kashmir

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Kashmir valley is experiencing a heightened demand for oxygen cylinders this winter - a surge linked to an uptick in pulmonary issues among its residents.

SRO Kashmir Foundation, an NGO based in Srinagar dedicated to addressing pulmonary needs, has reported a substantial rise in the demand for oxygen throughout the valley.

Javed Ahmad Dar, the Chairperson of SRO Kashmir Foundation, told Kashmir Observer that a large number of patients are flocking to the NGO's office in Batamalo seeking oxygen cylinders and other essential medical equipment.

"We have a stock of around 850 oxygen cylinders and we would refill them once a week as part of our routine.



However, with the onset of winter, there has been a drastic change and now the need to refill cylinders on a daily basis has become imperative," Javed said.

Alongside the increased demand for oxygen cylinders,

there has been a noticeable surge in requests for oxygen concentrators and other electronic equipment, highlighting the growing requirements for respiratory issues.

"During the coronavirus pandemic, we | [More on P6](#)

Centre Alerts States, UTs Over Covid Surge

Syed Mohammad Burhan

The Centre on Monday asked states and union territories to maintain constant vigil amid an uptick in COVID-19 cases and the detection of the first case of the new JN.1 variant in the country. In a letter to states and union territories, Union Health Secretary Sudhansh Pant underlined that "due to consistent and collaborative actions between the Centre and state governments, we have been able to sustain the (COVID-19) | [More on P6](#)

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Mughal Road Reopens For Traffic

Mughal Road, connecting Kashmir Valley's Shopian district with twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch, reopened after remaining closed due to fresh snowfall, officials said on Monday. The recent snowfall at several places along the road including 'Pir Ki Gali', led to the closure of the thoroughfare on December 16. DySP PC Surankote | [More on P6](#)

Missing Pulwama Youth Found Dead

A youth, who was missing since November 24 from his home, was found dead on Monday in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, officials said. Quoting an official, news agency KNO reported that the youth identified as Sahil Ahmad Malik son of Bashir Ahmad Malik of Malikpora went missing from his home on November 24. He said that his | [More on P6](#)

Jammu Schools To Close For Winter Break

Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) Monday announced winter vacations for summer zones of the region from December-26 to January-04. DSEJ in an order said that all government schools and recognised private schools in the summer zone of Jammu Division shall observe winter vacations from December-26 to January-04 2024. | [More on P6](#)

IAF Officer Booked For Raping Woman

The Delhi Police has registered an FIR under sections 376 (rape) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and began the investigation into the matter. "On September 23, last year, I came in contact with a 38-year-old Wing Commander and started talking with her. Last year, On November 12, he forcefully sexually abused her in Delhi after | [More on P6](#)

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Freestyle Footballers Display Incredible Juggling Skills In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Renowned freestyle footballers, Aguska and Patrick Bauer, wowed spectators by their extraordinary juggling skills against the backdrop of Dal Lake in Srinagar.

Aguska, a celebrated female freestyle footballer, mesmerized onlookers as she skillfully juggled a football while seated on a Shikara, gracefully gliding across the serene waters of Dal Lake.

Her remarkable display of talent captured the attention of passersby and tourists, leaving an indelible impression with her seamless maneuvering of the ball.

Patrick Bauer, another prominent figure in the world of freestyle football, exhibited his awe-inspiring juggling skills at Nishat Bagh.

With finesse and precision, Bauer's performance enthralled spectators, showcasing his mastery of the football as he enthused the crowd with his remarkable talent.

The captivating video clips of both Aguska and Bauer effortlessly maneuvering the ball amidst the stunning landscapes of Dal Lake quickly gained traction on social media platforms, swiftly becoming viral sensations.

The netizens were quick to applaud the extraordinary display of skill, hailing the athletes for their remarkable performances.

CEO SSCL Visits Downtown, Takes Stock Of Smart City Projects

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) and Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Athar Aamir Khan today undertook a visit to the Downtown area of Srinagar and reviewed the progress of the ongoing smart city projects there.

Accompanied by Chief Engineer SSCL, Executive Engineers, AEEs SSCL and senior officials from SSCL, SMC and Allied Departments, the CEO SSCL personally assessed the developments achieved at various project sites during an extensive tour.

Demise of Mrs Mustafa Ansari Widely Condoled, Fateha Tomorrow

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A large number of people visited Shalimar for the second day on Monday to express sympathies and show solidarity with the bereaved Ansari family on the passing of Syeda Hameeda, widow of late Maulana Mustafa Hussain Ansari.

Cutting across political divide leaders from different political parties and religious and social organisations took to social media handles condoling the demise.

Syeda Hameeda, the widow of late Maulana Mustafa Hussain Ansari and daughter of late Aga Syed Muhammad Shah Jalali, passed away here on Sunday, December 17. She was laid to rest at Baba Mazar, Zadibal.

She was mother of Sajjad Haider, Editor Kashmir Observer, Shahid Ansari and Hamid Ansari, sister of Syed Iftikhar Jalali and aunt of Nasir Ansari and Maulana Masroor Ansari.

Senior journalists, political, religious and trade union leaders paid visit to the bereaved family.

The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President and Member Parliament from Srinagar Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah extended heartfelt sympathies and condolences to Editor Kashmir Observer Sajjad Haider on the demise of his mother.

In their message Dr. Farooq and Omar Abdullah prayed for

peace to the departed soul and fortitude to the bereaved Jalali and Ansari households to bear the insupportable loss.

Among others Party General Secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar, Additional General Secretary Dr. Sheikh Mustafa Kamal, Treasurer Shammii Oberoi, Provincial President Nasir Aslam Wani Sogami, Chief Spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq, and State Spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar have also

Altaf Bukhari said the deceased was known for her piety and kindness.

"It was sad to hear about the passing away of Muhtarima Syeda Hameeda, who was known for her piety and kindness. May Almighty Allah rest her soul in Jannat ul Firdous and shower choicest blessings on her grave. I extend my deepest condolences to her brother Iftikhar Jalali, the bereaved sons Sajjad Haider, Shahid Ansari, Hamid

the mother of Sajjad Haider, Editor-in-Chief Kashmir Observer, who was the widow of Maulana Mustafa Hussain Ansari. I pray to almighty Allah to bestow highest standards to the departed soul and help Sajjad bear the irreparable loss," BJP J&K Spokesman, Altaf Thakur said in a statement.

Pairwan-E-Wilayat Jammu and Kashmir also expressed heartfelt condolences on the de-

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extended sympathies to the bereaved family and prayed for peace to the departed soul in the highest realms of Jannat.

Party's Chief Spokesperson and Communications head Tanvir Sadiq visited the bereaved Ansari household at Shalimar in Srinagar. Joined in by his associates and party's local unit functionaries, he offered Fatiha for the deceased and prayed for peace to the soul of the departed.

Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari also condoled the demise of Syeda Hameeda and prayed for the patience of the bereaved family and relatives.

In his condolence message, Syed Mohammad

Ansari, and her nephew Molvi Masroor Ansari." Bukhari said in a statement.

"In this hour of grief, I stand in solidarity with the bereaved family, praying that Allah grants them the strength to endure the pain of this irreparable loss," he added.

Earlier party leader Junaid Azeem Mattu visited the family at Shalimar to offer condolences.

Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) state unit also condoled the demise of Syeda Hameeda and expressed sympathies with the bereaved family, especially Editor Kashmir Observer, Sajjad Haider.

"Express my heartfelt condolences on the demise of

demise of Syeda Hameeda.

In its condolence message, Pairwan-E-Wilayat J&K extended heartfelt sympathies with the bereaved family.

"We extend our heartfelt sympathies with Sajjad Haider Ansari, Shahid Ansari, Hamid Ansari, Maulana Masroor Abbas Ansari and Nasir Abbas Ansari over the demise of the widow of renowned Islamic Scholar Hujat-ul-Islam, Maulana Mustafa Ansari," PeW said in a statement issued here.

Meanwhile according to family sources congregational fateha will be offered at Baba Mazar on Wednesday at 8 AM and later a day long memorial service will continue at Gulshan-e-Ali Shalimar.

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This Day In History

- 1448 - Pope Nicholas V appoints Rudolf of Diepholt, Bishop of Utrecht, as cardinal.
1522 - Suleiman the Magnificent accepts surrender of the surviving Knights of Rhodes, who are allowed to evacuate. Eventually settle in Malta, become known as the Knights of Malta.
1585 - English fleet & Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, reach Vlissingen.
1626 - Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand II and Prince of Transylvania Gabor Bethlen sign Peace of Pressburg (Bratislava).
1661 - Corporation Act enforced in England.
1669 - 1st jury trial in Delaware; Marcus Jacobson condemned for insurrection & sentenced to flogging, branding & slavery.
1688 - Prince William of Orange's troops arrive in London.
1694 - Frederik van Brandenburg flees Schweiben
1699 - Russian Tsar Peter the Great ordered Russian New Year changed from Sept 1 to Jan 1.
1780 - Britain declares war on Holland.
1790 - 1st successful US cotton mill to spin yarn (Pawtucket, RI).
1830 - Great Britain, France, Prussia, Austria and Russia recognize Belgium.
1860 - South Carolina secedes from the Union (US Civil War).
1879 - Tom Edison privately demonstrated incandescent light at Menlo Park.
1880 - Battle at Bronker's Spruit, Transvaal: Farmers beat Britten.
1892 - Pneumatic automobile tire patented, Syracuse, NY.
1900 - Giacobini discovers a comet (will be 1st comet visited by spacecraft).
1915 - Russian troops overrun Qom, Persia
1917 - Cheka formed - Soviet state security force and forerunner to the KGB, under Felix Dzerzhinsky after decree by Lenin.
1922 - 14 republics form Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).
1924 - Adolf Hitler freed from jail early.
1933 - Bolivia & Paraguay sign cease fire
1941 - Adolf Hitler takes complete command of German Army
1943 - Military coup in Bolivia
1946 - War breaks out in Indochina as Ho Chi Minh attacks French in Hanoi
1950 - Tibet's Dalai Lama flees Chinese invasion
1961 - Indonesian President Sukarno proclaims general mobilization
1972 - Apollo 17 (last of Apollo Moon landing series) returns to Earth
1978 - Indira Gandhi ambushed in India
1980 - Iran requests \$24 billion in US guarantees to free hostages
1983 - The original FIFA World Cup trophy, the Jules Rimet Trophy, is stolen from the headquarters of the Brazilian Football Confederation in Rio de Janeiro.
1984 - UK signs agreement with China to return Hong Kong to China in 1997
1986 - OPEC reaches an accord that would cut production by 7 percent for the first six months of 1987 and would raise prices immediately toward a target world oil price of \$18 per barrel
1988 - NASA unveils plans for lunar colony & manned missions to Mars
1988 - Unexploded WW II bomb found in Frankfurt, Germany-5,000 evacuated
2012 - Park Geun-hye wins the South Korean presidential election to become the nation's first female president
2014 - The Guardian newspaper calls 2014 'The year the people stood up'
2016 - At least 48 people die after drinking bath lotion in Irkutsk, Siberia, thinking it contained alcohol
2018 - Drones flying over Gatwick airport, England, causes delays and cancellations for 800 flights and 110,000 people
2018 - First use of a drone to deliver vaccines - to island of Erromango, Vanuatu, by Unicef

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore
Sub: Re-tender of e-tenders. Ref: This office E-NIT No. PHE/MDNS/NIT/E-76 of 2023-24, S. No. 03 and 05.
Due to poor response the above referred e-tenders are hereby re-tendered as under:
S. No. Particulars Date and time
1. Bid submission start date 16-12-2023 (02:00 pm)
2. Last date for online submission of bids 21-12-2023 (06:55 pm)
3. Date of online opening of tenders 22-12-2023 (02:00 pm)
All other terms and conditions shall remain same.
No.: PHE/MDNS/DB/8222-24 DPK-13914/23 Dated: 18-12-2023
Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore

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

Whereas Ms.Shaista Manzoor , as the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 11.11.2022 thereby calling upon the Borrower namely Mr. Abdul Rasheed Rather S/O Ghulam Hassan Rather R/O Ratherpora Panzgam Soafshali Kokernag to repay an amount of Rs.14,24,190.50 (Rupees Fourteen lacs Twenty Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety and Fifty Paise Only) being the balance outstanding as on 30.09.2022 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon. The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower/mortgagor in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 15th day of December 2023.

The said borrower/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to Rs. 15,86,093.50/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Ninety Three and Fifty Paise Only) together with future interest thereon from 01-12-2023 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

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

Description of the Immovable Property

Mortgage of residential house alongwith land measuring 01 kanal 7 1/2 marlas falling under khasra no.1200/1040/192-min, khata no.95 and khewat no. 12/1 situated in mouza Panzgam Kokernag.

Dated:-15-12-2023 Place:-Panzgam Kokernag Anantnag Authorized Officer

اطلاع عام میں ہر خاص و عام کو مطلع کرتا ہوں کہ مجھے اپنے گھر میں بجلی کنکشن لگانا مطلوب ہے۔ اس ضمن میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ اپنے اعتراضات سات یوم کے اندر اندر مندرجہ ذیل ڈی ڈی کے علاقائی ڈویژن میں پیش کریں۔ بعد از معیاد کوئی بھی عذر قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔
غلام رسول پانچوری ساکنہ گرین لین ہاؤس نمبر 34، لال بازار بوڑھا شاہ، محلہ سرینگر 8076463091

PUBLIC NOTICE I want to change the name on electricity bill bearing consumer ID No: 0204020008538 From Nissar Ahmad Wani S/o Mohammad Yousuf Wani R/o Daenbagh Rainwari to Shameema W/o Bashir Ahmad Mattoo R/o Rainawari Srinagar. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the PDD Sub Division Rainawari within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Shameema W/o Bashir Ahmad Mattoo R/o Rainawari Srinagar WQ

Public NOTICE I have applied for renewal of Fertilizer License bearing registration no 24/FL and Letter no=fis/B/2020/21/151. If anybody has any objection he/she may contact Chief Agriculture Officer Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.No objection shall be entertained thereafter.
Ab Hamid Khan S/o Mohd Akbar Khan R/o Shanglipora Noorbagh Srinagar nj

از عدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر با اجلاس: اروند شرمہ J&K Bank B/U Zakura Sgr بنام Mr. Dilshada دعوی وصولیاتی رقم مبلغ =/Rs 81,645.39 اشتہار بمراد آگاہی بنام Dilshada D/o Ali Mohammad R/o Gulab Bagh Srinagar مقدمہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں مدعا علیہ مدعا علیہ کی تعمیل کرانے کی بسیار کوشش کی گئی۔ الا توجہ دید پر مدعا علیہ مدعا علیہ دستیاب ہوئے اور تہی بذریعہ معنی تعمیل لائی گئی۔ بدین وجہ حسب استنادی مدعا علیہ مدعا علیہ جو بذریعہ اشتہار ہذا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ کے خلاف مقدمہ بعنوان بالا اجراء بغرض وصولی رقم مبلغ =/Rs 81,645.39 زیر سماعت عدالت ہذا ہے۔ لہذا آپ کو بذریعہ اشتہار ہذا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ بغرض بیرونی اجراء ہذا بعنوان بالا مورخہ 19-12-2023 اصالتاً یا وکالتاً بروقت پیگیری حاضر آکر مقدمہ ہذا کی بیرونی کریں۔ بصورت عدم حاضری حسب ضابطہ کاروائی بعمل لائی جائے گی۔ شہر ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج، بنک مقدمات سرینگر nj

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Integrated Approach Needed

Director General of Police RR Swain on Saturday acknowledged that it would take some time to end the militancy in Kashmir, even while the police were constantly working towards achieving the goal of "zero infiltration, zero terror recruitment, zero smuggling of arms and ammunition." The DGP Swain revealed that the number of local militants has diminished to fewer than 20, the looming specter of foreign militants, continues to cast a shadow over the Valley. Other measures highlighted by the DGP to finish the remaining local militancy include neutralizing "the narrative, an ideology, which justifies, glorifies and supports this (militancy), endorses this, legitimizes this."

However, it is also true that the challenge of foreign militancy remains very much real. According to the BSF Inspector General, Ashok Yadav, there are intelligence inputs that 250-300 militants are waiting at launchpads across the border. So, the presence of militants along the PoK side of the border, poised to breach the region's security barriers, is a stark reminder of the persistent threats that loom large. The vigilance and preparedness of the security forces, including the J&K Police, BSF and the Army, remains the key.

However, the challenge of tackling militancy in Kashmir transcends mere security measures. It necessitates a nuanced and multi-dimensional approach that interlaces security-centric initiatives with a political outreach. The decision by the Supreme Court upholding the abrogation of the Jammu and Kashmir special status and directing the Election Commission of India to conduct elections by September 2024 signals a step in this direction. It underlines the importance of a political roadmap to restore stability and address the aspirations of the region's inhabitants. True, security agencies have intensified efforts to curtail infiltration, recruitment, and arms smuggling. Yet, the challenges persist, primarily stemming from the steady influx of foreign militants.

That said, we need a combined approach—one that amalgamates robust security measures with astute political maneuvering. Political dialogue, community engagement, and socioeconomic development are indispensable facets that complement stringent security measures. It can be an integrated strategy, one that combines robust security measures aimed at thwarting external threats and a nuanced political approach focused on dialogue, inclusion, and development. Achieving lasting peace in the Valley necessitates not just silencing guns but also addressing the undercurrents that fuel the cycle of violence. It's a collective endeavor that requires a concerted security and political effort to build a future where the echoes of conflict fade, allowing Kashmir to flourish in peace and prosperity.

OTHER OPINION

A cloudy horizon: On trade data

From a rare upward swing this October, India's goods exports retreated into contraction last month, dipping 2.8% from 2022 levels to touch \$33.9 billion. Imports dropped 4.33% to \$54.5 billion, cooling the merchandise trade deficit to \$20.6 billion, almost a third below October's record high. Sequentially, the decline in imports was sharp, despite the Commerce Ministry lowering October's import bill by \$1.6 billion from the initial \$65 billion estimate. On the other hand, though exports contracted in November, they were higher than October's tally, which was the lowest in 12 months, yet denoted a year-on-year uptick unlike in November. Such statistical noise may be hard to listen through, but it is clear that exports have recorded their weakest values in a year, over the last two months. Similarly, the significant dip in imports in November can be attributed to factors like a decline in discretionary demand for high-value goods such as gems and jewellery and the global dip in prices of key items like petroleum products. Economists expect the deficit to stay range-bound between \$20 billion and 25 billion through the remaining four months of the year. But it is difficult to be certain — one may recall that imports had hit an 11-month high of \$60.1 billion in August before easing over 10% in September and resurging in October.

Making sense of such divergences, with a yo-yo effect of sorts every other month, is hazardous, and is exacerbated by significant data corrections that have returned after a few months of relative certainty. August's goods trade deficit was moderated by nearly three billion dollars, with the overall export-import tally seeing revisions of \$5 billion. The magnitude of upward revision in the monthly merchandise trade deficit has averaged around \$1.5 billion since July compared to an average of \$0.5 billion in the first quarter of 2023-24, a QuantEco research note has flagged. At the risk of repeating the obvious, the government must get a better grip on the data it bases its decisions on. Officials hope for an uptick in exports in the final quarter of the year, citing similar trends in recent years. With the World Trade Organization expecting global trade flows to strengthen in 2024 and the US Federal Reserve signalling interest rate cuts that other central banks would take a cue from, global demand may perhaps look up more consistently. But to capture that, India needs to do more to compete with rivals. For instance, a rough government-commissioned study on logistics costs indicates they dropped a little over the past decade. Ongoing infrastructure spends may gradually lower them further, but reducing petroleum prices for users, in tandem with global trends, would boost competitiveness far more effectively.

The Hindu

'Ur-lish' Tongue, A Fusion Transforming Conversations

Zia Darakshan

"In a departmental store, a young parent advised her little one, "Toy break mat karna varna shopkeeper beat karey ga" (Don't break the toy, otherwise, the shopkeeper will scold you). This amusing yet concerning sight left me guffawing coupled with a sense of unease, as I could sense the child's confusion

I was raised in a distinctly Urdu-speaking environment, a fusion of my mother's roots in the Sher-e-Khaas area of Srinagar and my father's heritage from South Kashmir. Our home embraced Urdu wholeheartedly, where the love for this language was so profound that it led to a ban on any other languages. Speaking Urdu became a necessity for my siblings and me, shaping the linguistic ambience of our household.

Fortunately, my aunt's proficiency in Urdu and Persian facilitated our immersion in the language. However, our Urdu pronunciation and intonation differed from the typical Kashmiri Urdu, leading people, especially at school, to perceive us as Hindus.

Although I could understand Kashmiri very well, however, when it came to speaking, I always found myself at a loss. I could barely utter a word in Kashmiri, and my attempts often turned me into a source of laughter. In those days Kashmiri dominated as the primary language in schools, with English and Urdu less prevalent though the schools were English mediums.

As time progressed, our cousins and extended family, both close and distant, also embraced Urdu as their primary language. Similar shifts were occurring in societal dynamics during that period, witnessing the passing on of Urdu linguistic traditions to the younger generation.

Delving into history, it wasn't until 1889 that Dogra rulers adopted Urdu as the language of administration in Kashmir. Prior to this, Persian served as the court and commercial language, exclusive to the learned and elite class.

The advent of television and other mediums played a pivotal role in reshaping people's lifestyles and furthering a preference for Urdu. The way there was a trend among people in Kashmir to shift from local shops to supermarkets and departmental stores, a similar trend started between the Kashmiri language and the Urdu language. People began giving Urdu language precedence over the Kashmiri language, because speaking Urdu is seen as prestige and that it gives social mobility to people.

Furthermore, the rise of Urdu in Kashmiri households was influenced by Punjabi families who migrated to Kashmir from Pakistan and other parts of India. Inter-religious marriages also played a role in the increased use of Urdu among the local population. However, one significant factor contributing to Urdu's popularity in spoken language was the tendency to imitate the language as observed in others. It's important to note that I am not delving into the literature and history of the Urdu language here; this discussion focuses solely on the language spoken by the people. It's worth adding that Kashmir has historically been a center of knowledge for Persian and Urdu. The region has produced brilliant minds that have enriched the literature of these languages.

The Kashmiri language, has taken a backseat and remained associated mainly with the older, illiterate, or those with no exposure to Urdu. Despite being spo-

ken throughout the J&K region, Kashmiri's dialects and accents vary across different areas, much like regional accents within other languages. For example the regional accents and dialects differ greatly even within the United Kingdom — an Irish person sounds quite different from someone from the North of England. For many of us, when we think of UK English we think of 'the Queen's English'. However, it is actually only used by 2% of the population. United States English is the variant of English spoken in the United States. US English is the preferred variant in Latin America and East Asia (i.e. China, Japan and the Philippines). Just like British English, American English var-

adds a musical tone to the conversation. This mixture sometimes involves stretching words, creating a distinctive musical sound. Sometimes, it becomes challenging to distinguish whether they are speaking Urdu or Kashmiri. For instance, it is very common to hear words like "kanduroo" (baker), "Kakil," "treth," "tawun," etc., like words, when someone is conversing in Urdu.

However, a recent linguistic trend has caught on among the youth, aptly termed "Urlish" — a fusion of Urdu and English. This trend is gaining substantial popularity, particularly among social media influencers, users, RJs, and individuals involved in the media. Urlish is becoming a



ies widely from state to state, and there are lots of regional differences in vocabulary and accents.

Interestingly, upon their arrival in Srinagar, South Kashmir people (not all) prefer not to be identified by their accent. Consequently, they choose to converse in Urdu or English. The unfortunate fact that Srinagarites often disparage the Kashmiri spoken in the south and other parts of Kashmir, labeling them as rustic while they regard the Kashmiri spoken in Srinagar as superior and correct. Consequently, many people for this reason, avoid speaking in Kashmiri when interacting with Srinagarites. This convolution between the people of South Kashmir and Srinagar is another compelling reason for many people from other districts to equip their children with Urdu or English skills rather than emphasizing the use of Kashmiri.

By virtue of these reasons, Urdu has become the preferred language for most people. It is no longer considered alien or a second language (after Kashmiri), but is widely spoken across the length and breadth of the valley. On the contrary the perception that Kashmiri is spoken by 100 percent of the population may not be true, similar to the misconception about 'Queen's English'.

Engrossingly, Urdu considered as first language and spoken in Kashmir is a unique blend of Urdu and Kashmiri, making it distinct from original Urdu. In contemporary times, it has evolved into what can be termed as 'Urkish', a mix of Kashmiri and Urdu, akin to Hinglish, a combination of Hindi and English.

Urkish is a fascinating linguistic blend, often spoken by locals, even by those unfamiliar with Urdu, in social gatherings or crowds. It allows individuals to showcase their language prowess, with a unique intonation that

linguistic sensation, with individuals effortlessly conversing in two languages.

Notably, parents have embraced this linguistic fusion, especially when communicating with their children in public places. It has become commonplace to observe parents engaging in Urlish conversations with their children. For instance, in a departmental store, a young parent advised her little one, 'toy break mat karna varna shopkeeper beat karey ga' (Don't break the toy, otherwise, the shopkeeper will scold you). This amusing yet concerning sight left me guffawing coupled with a sense of unease, as I could sense the child's confusion. One can imagine the blend of English and Urdu words flawlessly inserted into this single sentence creating a delightful linguistic hotchpotch.

While this trend is gaining popularity, especially on social media where more views equate to more popularity and success, delving into the intricacies reveals that it is distorting our rich linguistic heritage passed down from our forefathers.

While multilingualism is undoubtedly valuable in our globalized world, distorting a language can lead to a loss of its richness and sweetness. It is the bottom line for our youngsters to be fluent in the languages they speak, maintaining the integrity of each. Encouraging our children to speak various languages is beneficial, but they should strive for mastery in at least one language while being proficient or at least acquainted with others. In this way, we can appreciate linguistic diversity without compromising the purity of each language.

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Word of the Year

American dictionary organization Merriam-Webster has recently announced that its word of the year for 2023 is "authentic." The word is in gesticulation of the rise of Artificial Intelligence and spread of misinformation on social media platforms. Every year the dictionary company publishes its word of the year, highlighting the top-searched terms, and

this year's word "authentic" was a decision that it said was driven by "stories of conversations about AI, celebrity culture, identity, and social media." Although the importance of authenticity transcends all kinds of industries and walks of life, it is a term that resonates with those of us working within the cyber-security industry in particular. Interestingly, Merriam-Webster's word of the year

for 2022 was "gaslighting", which is a commonly misused therapy buzzword, and in a way this word is opposite to "authentic." Living in the digital age, the rise of Artificial Intelligence has left us in obscurity to separate what is real and what is fake. Social media, while offering unprecedented opportunities for global interaction, has unfortunately contributed to a culture that values

quantity over quality. As the all-important question of truth and facts continue to dominate current affairs, it comes as no surprise to learn that Merriam-Webster's word of the year 2023 is "authentic." It is time to strike a balance between the virtual and the real, fostering relationships that stand the test of authenticity.

Ranganathan Sivakumar

New Resolve to Tackle Climate Change

The Dubai COP 28 summit, started a fortnight ago with little promise of any major breakthrough on climate rules. However, the governments and delegates this time proved their critics wrong and the final agreement announced that for the first time the world has agreed to move away from the coal, oil and natural gas that are the principal causes of global warming

Asad Mirza

Though right from the start or even before it started, the vibes from the Dubai Summit were not positive. However, as the jambooree ended, 198 countries announced that they are committed to phase out fossil fuels as they pose the main climate change accelerators.

ENDING FOSSIL FUELS

The countries agreed to contribute to a transition "away from fossil fuels in energy systems in a just, orderly and equitable manner, accelerating action in this critical decade, so as to achieve net zero by 2050 in keeping with the science."

This could be counted as some progress as just a few years ago it was inconceivable that fossil fuels, which in fact still fulfil almost every country's energy needs to a large extent will be shamed and might be banned.

However, the announcement doesn't mean anything, as there is no mandate behind it, but it could help build momentum for more action from governments. The Paris climate agreement's commitment that countries would pursue efforts to limit global heating to 1.50 C, above pre-industrial levels staged a version of this in 2015.

In fact, the agreement doesn't underline the urgency required to avoid worsening climate destruction, and it includes language, which may fuel further delay or non-action.

A NEW CULPRIT IDENTIFIED

While oil and gas companies have not yet committed to producing less fossil fuel, their pledge to cut emissions from their own operations is noteworthy.

In the agreement, instead of highlighting the harmful effects of Carbon Dioxide - CO2, the delegates were somehow influenced to focus more on Methane-CH4.

Methane, an odourless gas is produced by virtually every oil and gas project worldwide. When it is not cost effective to capture it, companies often release methane into the atmosphere via venting or burn it through flaring, which ironically converts it into Carbon Dioxide.



The gas also leaks into the atmosphere from facilities via innumerable small, undetected or unreported leaks in pipelines or other equipment, or through large-scale releases called "super-emitter" events.

Scientists say methane has been responsible for up to 30 percent of global warming since the industrial era began, so the Dubai agreement offers a win for the climate, even if the 50 signatories account for less than a third of the industry's total operational emissions.

Oil companies may choose to shut some production because that is the most cost effective answer to the target of zero flaring of methane.



THIS MEANS THAT MEETING THE GOAL WILL BE DIFFICULT, BUT ACHIEVABLE. This is also supported by the fact that solar and wind are now the cheapest sources of new energy generation in most countries, but the growth of renewables is being held back by a range of bureaucratic and regulations bottlenecks that many authorities are struggling to unblock

Some of the biggest oil companies have already promised zero routine flaring and near-zero methane, and a number have shown that big progress can be made on the latter.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

A second COP 28 commitment could affect demand for fossil fuels by tripling the world's renewable energy generation capacity to at

least 11,000 Gigawatts -GW by 2030.

More than 120 countries signed up to this pledge, which will require a big leap in effort from what has been done before. It took 12 years

from 2010 to 2022 to achieve the last tripling of renewable capacity. This one has to be done in the space of eight years.

This means that meeting the goal will be difficult, but achievable. This is also supported by the fact that solar and wind are now the cheapest sources of new energy generation in most countries, but the growth of renewables is being held back by a range of bureaucratic and regulations bottlenecks that many authorities are struggling to unblock.

GENERATING MORE EFFICIENT ENERGY

The third COP 28 commitment with implications for hydrocarbons is aimed at boosting energy efficiency.

More efficient and smart use of energy is widely referred to as the "first fuel" in clean energy transitions because it offers some of the quickest and most cost-effective options for cutting emissions, lowering energy bills and bolstering energy security.

The countries that signed up to the 2030 renewables pledge agreed to collectively double the global average annual rate of energy efficiency improvements from around 2 percent to more than 4 percent every year until 2030.

However, all this could translate into real achievement only when the world leaders who attended COP 28 are focussed to turn these words into real ground action by creating plans for implementation of the summit's goals.

This certainly leaves much to be desired, given the sway of the oil and petrochemicals giants on various governments, an example of which is the manner in which they have been able to turn the attention from CO2 to MH4 at the recent summit. Thus, a resolve coupled with sincere and active policymaking, should pave the way forward but it may also invite political opposition and industry resistance.

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Do You Find Yourself On An Emotional Rollercoaster?

Susan Krauss Whitbourne

When you think of your day-to-day emotions, how much on an even keel do they seem to be?

Are you able to let a bad experience keep from affecting your mood, or does something going wrong drag your emotions down with it?

Perhaps you're typing away on your laptop, and all of a sudden, one of the keys stops working properly. You've got too much to do, and having to pause to figure out what's wrong is going to cost you precious minutes if not hours. Although you felt pretty happy and confident ten minutes ago, the glow vanished from your mood, and you feel utterly dejected and hopeless. Why do these things have to happen at the worst possible time?

Mood swings like this can take their toll on a day-to-day basis. Short of having a diagnosable mood disorder, it's very easy to fall into the trap of the emotional rollercoaster that such little incidents can provoke. Of course, it's nice when the rollercoaster is on the way up, and you're full of joy and optimism. However, life eventually is likely to get in the way and cause some of that happiness to take a tumble.

EMOTION GLOBALIZING AND LIFE SATISFACTION

You may be familiar with research on life satisfaction, often publicized in the media when the yearly Happiness Reports come out with the scores for different countries. But did you realize these reports are based on very simple (some may say simplistic) measures? The only question people are

asked is to rate their satisfaction with life on a 0 or 1 to 10 scale. There are no in-depth interviews, not even multi-factor scales going into detail on specific aspects of life—just a single number.

If you try to do this for yourself right now, do you feel that the number you arrive at is based on a momentary estimate, or does it capture your life in general? According to Washington University in St. Louis psychologist Emily Wilroth and colleagues (2020), it's important to take into account the way that people's life satisfaction varies over time, at least in some individuals. People who engage in "emotion globalizing" allow their current mood to drift on into their life satisfaction estimates.

Apart from creating a lot of noise in the world's happiness data, this globalizing tendency can lead some people's life satisfaction estimates to become hitched onto the emotional rollercoaster. But who is more likely to hitch that ride?

A new study headed by Wilfrid Laurier University's Meaghan Barlow (2023), which includes collaboration with Wilroth and others, suggests that it's people who are older and have had more life experiences who seem to find a way to ride more steadily throughout each day's challenges and delights. In summarizing previous research, the authors note that this "could impart older adults with a greater understanding of the limited informational value of their current emotions in the broader landscape of their life as a whole and thus reduce their levels of emotion globalizing." In other words, they don't sweat the small stuff.



DOES AGE MATTER IN EMOTION GLOBALIZING?

Across two studies comparing samples of older and younger women divided into two age groups, the Laurier research team tested the extent to which each age group would engage in emotion globalizing as it contributed to emotional rollercoasters. Again, they defined this as occurring when a person's life satisfaction is hitched to current emotions. The research team also took into account the "boundaries" of emotion globalizing, meaning that the tendency to globalize might vary according to the extent to which actual stressful events occurred. On a stressful day or after a stressful event, there could be a reason for people to let their bad mood seep into their life satisfaction.

Turning to the methods, participants completed a daily

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ASK YOURSELF, FIRST, ABOUT YOUR DAY'S LEVEL OF LIFE SATISFACTION BY RATING YOURSELF

diary recording of their emotions, their level of life satisfaction, and the extent to which they found their days stressful. You can try this method yourself.

(ON A 1-7 SCALE) ON THESE THREE ITEMS:

- In most ways, my day was close to its ideal.
- The conditions of my day were excellent.
- I am satisfied with my day.

Now, write about your day's most stressful experience.

FINALLY, RATE THE EMOTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT EXPERIENCE ON A 0-4 SCALE:

- Excited
- Calm
- Proud
- Sad
- Anxious
- Angry
- Lonely

Imagine doing this exercise every day for five days (as did the participants) and recording your responses. You might see a trend occur in which your life satisfaction ebbed on very stressful days and soared on the good ones. Or, if you've become seasoned over time, maybe those stressful events have little bearing on your basic level of satisfaction with life.

The actual studies conducted by Barlow and her colleagues separated "day" satisfaction from "life satisfaction" and "current" from "stressor-related" emotions, so there were several nuances in the method itself. However, the overall results showed that, when it came to negative (vs. positive) emotion globalizing, older adults were indeed able to brush off the impact of a bad day on their emotions and avoid stepping on the emotion rollercoaster.

Of course, these were age "differences" and not "changes," so there is no ability to measure how people changed over time. Also, comparing the two extreme age groups minimizes the potential to study more precisely age's relationship to emotional control. Nevertheless, the finding supported the main point, suggesting that there's something about the outlook that older people take that may be lacking from the emotion globaliz-

ing of their younger peers.

GETTING OFF THE EMOTION ROLLERCOASTER

What if you're not at that point in life yet where you've learned, through your experiences, to keep your emotional ride a steady one? Returning to the daily rating scales, consider whether you've allowed your current mood to color your sense of where your life is going. Are there ways you can reduce, while going through a stressful event during your day, your tendency to extrapolate from there to your entire sense of well-being? What if your laptop gave way when you needed it most? Can you reframe the experience as having some sort of silver lining? (Maybe you're reacquainting yourself with the joys of paper and pencil).

The findings that the older women in this study could keep their negative emotions at bay are interesting in and of themselves as a study on aging. The Barlow et al. study adds to a growing body of literature showing how and why older adults show a more positive outlook on life. Furthermore, the findings suggest indirectly that those people who keep their views on the more optimistic side live longer and are the ones still around to be tested in their later adult years.

To sum up, if you thought you couldn't control your emotion rollercoaster, this study's methods show that it's possible to step from there to a moving walkway that will bring you closer to the path of fulfillment.

The article was originally published by Psychology Today

'Development Scenario'

Viksit Bharat: Transforming Lives Through the Jal Jeevan Mission in J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: India is on a developmental journey, prioritizing the welfare of every citizen through government schemes. The ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in collaboration with IIMC Jammu is dedicated to saturating these schemes, ensuring benefits reach every individual, especially at the grassroots

level. Jammu and Kashmir, an integral part of this endeavor, has witnessed remarkable progress over the last four years, particularly in providing water connections to both hilly and plain areas. In 2019, around 7.82 lakh houses in JK had water connections, a number that has surged to an impressive 14 lakh houses due to the

government's concentrated efforts. Noteworthy is the success of the Water Supply Scheme in Hergawas, catering to two villages, Gamdooru and Hergawas, exemplifying the mission's commitment to reaching remote areas.

Along the Line of Control, dreams have materialized as drinking water through pipes becomes a reality under the

'Jal Jeevan Mission,' marking a historic change in daily life for villagers. Positive impacts are felt in places like Baltan, Batlan, and Nilphan Top Village, where clean tap water has ended a 50-year wait.

Recent milestones reveal that Jammu and Kashmir has surpassed 75% coverage under the Jal Jeevan Mission, providing clean tap water to

14,02,693 rural households out of 18,69,821. The government's continuous efforts are reflected in the approval of 102 new Water Supply Schemes, emphasizing a participatory approach and achieving the 'High Achievers' category nationally.

With 3300 planned schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission at an estimated cost of Rs. 12,975.00 crore, the UT is

making significant strides in providing safe drinking water. The 'Har Ghar Jal Certification' process by Gram Panchayats ensures transparency, creating awareness and promoting the importance of tap water connectivity.

In conclusion, Jammu and Kashmir's journey under the Jal Jeevan Mission is a remarkable tale of progress and

transformation. The commitment to reaching every citizen is evident in continuous efforts to expand water supply schemes, provide tap connections, and enhance the quality of life for all. As the mission progresses, collective efforts ensure a future where access to clean and safe drinking water is a reality for every household in Jammu and Kashmir."

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Parliament Okays

witnessed two adjournments in the morning session. As the House reassembled at 2 pm, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai tabled the two Bills for consideration and passage.

He said the Bills are in favour of women's rights.

Soon, opposition members were on their feet raising slogans in support of their demand.

Meanwhile, members of the Treasury benches and some other parties spoke in favour of the Bills, asserting that they seek to provide reservation to women in assemblies of Puducherry, and Jammu and Kashmir.

V Vijayasai Reddy (YSRCP), Kavita Patidar (BJP), M Thambidurai (AIADMK), S Phangnon Konyak (BJP), Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar (TDP), Rakesh Sinha (Nominated), Jaggesh (BJP) and Birendra Prasad Baishya (Asom Gana Parishad) were among the members who spoke in support of the Bills.

Some members urged the central government to hold elections in Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest.

The Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill stipulates that nearly one-third of the total number of seats to be filled by direct election to the Legislative Assembly of the union territory of Puducherry (including the number of seats reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes) shall be reserved for women in such manner as the Parliament may by law determine.

The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Second Amendment) Bill stipulates that seats shall be reserved for women in the legislative assembly of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

It states that as nearly as may be, "one-third of the seats reserved under Sub-Section (7) of Section 14 (of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019) shall be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes in the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir".

These provisions shall be inserted in the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

Jammu Parties

highlighted their demand for deportation of illegally settled immigrants, early return and settlement of the Kashmiri migrant pandits and regularisation of the daily wagers.

This was the first such meeting in Jammu after the Supreme Court on December 11 upheld the abrogation of Article 370 by the Centre in August 2019.

"We have taken part in the all-party meet' organised by the Shiv Sena and Sainik Samaj Party and highlighted our demand for immediate restoration of statehood and democratically elected government in Jammu and Kashmir," NPP chairman and former minister Harsh Dev Singh told PTI after the meeting.

The NPP chairman accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of ruling Jammu and Kashmir by a remote control over the past many years.

"Almost all the bureaucrats posted in J&K are from outside and do not know anything about the region as a result of which the alienation among the local populace is increasing with each passing day," he said.

"The democratically elected government is also an antidote against militancy, extremism and violence," Singh said, adding his party will always remain in the forefront to safeguard the interests of the people of Jammu region.

Manish Sahni, the president of Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir, said that the meeting was organised to discuss various "burning issues" pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir, especially the Jammu region.

"The issues discussed in detail at the meeting include the restoration of statehood and extension of special status under Article 371 to J&K besides holding of the assembly elections, deportation of illegally settled immigrants from Myanmar and Bangladesh and return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants," he added.

Sahni said the meeting also demanded immediate lifting of all toll plaza from Jammu-Pathankot highway given the heavy rush of the pilgrims to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine and regularisation of daily wagers.

Jammu district president of DSSP, Vijayant Pathania, said his party supports extension of the Article 371 of the constitution to J&K to safeguard the land and jobs rights for the local populace.

"We attended the meeting which decided to form a committee to ensure that all the points on the agenda are highlighted for their implementation on the ground," he added.

Social activist Anna Durani said the eight points discussed and deliberated upon in the meeting include safeguarding the Dogra culture and heritage, and inclusion of Punjabi in the list of official languages.

The participants highlighted the need for unity and a sustained struggle to achieve the eight-point agenda, she said.

Better Services

innovation and foster technological empowerment among the youth.

"Change is the only constant and everyone has to contribute keeping in mind the increasing role of technology in governance. Our youth should be equipped with skills, confidence and optimism to turn every new opportunity into growth," Sinha said.

"Artificial Intelligence and new digital tools are being integrated across all sectors and it is modifying the old concepts in both policy making and implementation. Our focus should be on Data & Dialogue and Speed & Scale which will play critical role in empowering people, innovations, sustainable economy and good governance," he added.

At Delhi University, the LG shared the J&K Vision 2030. He also highlighted the reforms introduced by the J&K Administration in the past few years, which resulted in greater transparency, responsiveness and accountability in the administrative setup at grassroots level.

He said the launch of Digital Jammu Kashmir programme in mission mode with over 1000 online public services, citizen feedback, and linking of services with Public Services Guarantee Act has ensured delivery of services without any human interface leading to transparency.

"BEAMS portal in J&K has enabled monitoring and public overview of works and other interventions, like, PaySys, PROOF, e-GRAS ensured transformational change in governance system. Number of projects executed has risen from 9,229 in 2018-19 to more than 92,560 in 2022-23," Sinha said.

He said that the people's voice in policies and increased public participation in planning of projects have been instrumental in achieving new developmental milestones in the UT.

Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi; Prof. Chandher Shekhar, Chairperson, International Relations, Delhi University; Heads of Departments, faculty members and students of the university were present.

Terrorism Considered

ultras were active as they will all meet the same fate.

"How does it matter how many they are? Whether they are two, 20 or 50, they will all be wasted. A terrorist cannot be an icon. The kids, who go on to become sportspersons, doctors and engineers are the real icons," he added.

3 Earthquakes Hit

the surface in Kishtwar district at a latitude of 33.37 degrees and longitude of 76.57 degrees, they said.

Six Children

February 2022. A total of ten deaths due to asphyxiation were reported in J&K in 2023, followed by seven in the previous year.

A migrant worker died of suffocation at his rented accommodation in Bijbehera area of South Kashmir's Anantnag on Monday morning. Another non-local laborer from Nepal succumbed to suffocation in the Nowgam area of Srinagar, while his colleague was hospitalized after they fell unconscious on November 26 of this year.

On January 28, 2023 three members of a single family, including a couple and their daughter, tragically died of suffocation in Balihat, Ramban district. Later on February 8, a newborn was among the five members of a non-local family who tragically died

of asphyxiation. The family was from Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh who were temporarily residing in north Kashmir's Kupwara district.

On February 24, 2022, tragedy struck in Doda district of Jammu as an 18-year-old youth, employed as a cook in a hotel, succumbed to suffocation, while his colleague was discovered in an unconscious state. A couple from Noorbagh area in Baramulla district, located in north Kashmir, also lost their lives due to asphyxiation on November 10, 2022.

In another unfortunate incident, on December 28, 2022, four members of a family, including three minors, were found dead under mysterious circumstances at Chopanpora in Chaknarwa village, situated in Banihal in the Ramban district.

Leading Pulmonologist and Head of the Department at the Government Chest Diseases Hospital Srinagar, Dr Naveed Nazir Shah cautioned people against excessive use of Kangri, gas heaters and other electronic heating gadgets during Chilai-Kalan, saying all these heat sources, including Kangri, might cause asphyxia, which can result in unconsciousness or even death from suffocation.

"People would sit in a common room without ventilation throughout the winters, using traditional kangris, gas heaters and other electric heating appliances, which releases toxic gases, resulting in unconsciousness or even death from suffocation," Dr Naveed told Kashmir Observer.

Electronic heaters or even Kangri, Dr Naveed said, reduce the amount of moisture in the air, making it dry. As a result, those who already have respiratory conditions may feel uneasiness and asphyxiation.

"Electric hamams are completely safe since they don't emit any toxic gases into the atmosphere as electronic heating gadgets and Kangri's do. Even during power shortages, its warmth lasts for more than four hours," he added.

Gulmarg Coldest

degrees Celsius, and Kupwara minus 2.2 degrees Celsius. The weatherman has forecast generally dry weather over the next few days in the valley.

HC Allows Man

privacy, does not hold water as that is an issue for the defendant/respondent to take necessary steps to ensure their own privacy."

The Court said the neighbour can protect privacy "by placing curtains on their windows or by raising a wall on their property which would make their house invisible from the property of the petitioner."

In his plea, the Budgam man had submitted that the construction is being carried out on his own property and that the same is not in violation of any of the local laws. The directions given by courts below with regard to manner of construction of roof and the facing away of the drain pipes have been complied with by him, ensuring that snow does not cascade down or the rain water flow into the property of the neighbour.

The court below in July 2018 had restrained the man from opening the windows facing the neighbour's house.

He was also directed to ensure that the roof is constructed in such a manner that snow does not cascade on the property of the neighbour as well place the pipes in such a manner that water does not fall into the others property.

Before the High Court, the man submitted that there was no allegation of violation of any law as a result of the construction.

Despite notice, the neighbour did not enter an appearance in this case. The Court thus proceeded ex-parte in the matter.

"The petitioner is granted permission to construct windows of his house. The orders below stands modified only to that extent," the High Court said.

Respiratory Illness

had 40 oxygen concentrators in the buffer that remained unused. Surprisingly, this time around, we find ourselves without any in stock. Providing 15-20 oxygen cylinders per day this year is both a monumental effort and a cause for concern. We currently have a total of 5 to 8 cylinders in the buffer," Javed said, adding that

there is a rising demand for oxygen concentrators and non-invasive ventilation devices such as BiPAP and CiPAP machines.

"Even before the onset of harsh winters, we have already depleted their entire stock of BiPAPs. Recognizing the unexpected demand, we are currently in the process of procuring an additional 40 BiPAP units," he told Kashmir Observer.

"Typically, there is a spike in demand during winters, but this time around, the spike is enormous. Many patients with a history of coronavirus are reaching out to us."

Javed pointed out a notable shift in the age group of individuals requiring oxygen support. Traditionally, about 80 percent of individuals within the age bracket of 70 to 80 required oxygen support. However, he said that there is a notable departure as individuals in the age range of 50 to 60 are now requiring oxygen.

He opined that this shift is attributed to a dual factor – a history of COVID-19 and a significant prevalence of smoking, elucidating the intricate interplay of health determinants in shaping the current respiratory landscape.

Dr. Saleem Tak, Medical Superintendent, Chest Diseases Hospital, also said that this year, there is an unprecedented surge in flu cases due to the intense cold. However, Saleem added that at the CD Hospital, every bed is equipped with oxygen supply. "Despite the higher-than-usual number of patients visiting the hospital, we are managing the situation effectively," he said.

"There is a rise in flu cases, viral illnesses, and respiratory diseases. Another reason is that the patients, who have inflicted coronavirus in the past, have damaged their lungs, which aggravates health issues for them. They are more vulnerable to diseases and are getting illnesses more frequently," Saleem said.

Responding to a question about why the need for oxygen increases during winters, Saleem said, "once the lungs are involved, there is a constant need for oxygen, and this demand tends to increase during the winter months."

Centre Alerts

trajectory at sustainable low rates". "However, as the COVID-19 virus continues to circulate and its epidemiology behaviour gets settled with Indian weather conditions and circulation of other usual pathogens, it is important to keep the momentum going to effectively deal with the challenges in public health," he said.

Recently, a few states like Kerala have reported a slight increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, Pant

noted.

India's first case of COVID-19 sub-variant JN.1 was detected in Kerala on December 8. Earlier, a traveller from Tamil Nadu's Tiruchirapalli district tested positive for the JN.1 variant in Singapore.

Considering the upcoming festive season, Pant said, states should put in place requisite public health measures and other arrangements to minimise the risk of transmission of the disease.

States have been urged to ensure effective compliance of the detailed operational guidelines for revised surveillance strategy for COVID-19 as has been shared by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

They have asked to monitor and report district-wise cases of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) in all health facilities regularly for early detection of rising trend of cases.

States were also advised to ensure adequate testing in all districts as per COVID-19 testing guidelines and maintain the recommended share of RT-PCR and antigen tests.

In his letter, Pant also stressed the need to increase the number of RT-PCR tests and send positive samples for genome sequencing to Indian SARS CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) laboratories to enable timely detection of new variants, if any, in the country.

The states were asked to promote community awareness to seek people's continued support in managing COVID-19, including adherence to respiratory hygiene.

Stating that the first case of JN.1 (BA.2.86.1.1) has been detected in India, Pant attached details about the variant in an annexure.

It stated that JN.1 (BA.2.86.1.1) emerged in late 2023 and is a descendant of the BA.2.86 lineage (Pirola) of SARS CoV-2.

The BA.2.86 lineage, first identified in August 2023, is phylogenetically distinct from the circulating SARS-CoV-2 Omicron XBB lineages, including EG.5.1 and HK.3.

BA.2.86 carries more than 30 mutations in the spike (S) protein, indicating a high potential for immune evasion.

The JN.1 variant has been reported in the USA, China, Singapore and India. Seven cases of the sub-variant have been reported from China.

More genetic sequencing data is required to confirm its presence in other countries.

It is not currently known whether the JN.1 infection produces symptoms different from other variants, the annexure stated.

In general, symptoms of COVID-19 tend to be similar across variants.

There is also no indication of increased severity from JN.1

At this time, there is no evidence that JN.1 presents an increased risk to public health compared to other currently circulating variants, the annexure said.

The existing treatment line for COVID-19 is expected to be effective against JN.1 infection and updated vaccines are expected to increase protection against the variant, it said.

Mughal Road

Hamid Ali Bandey confirmed the reopening of the road.

Earlier this year, the road, considered as alternative to Jammu-Srinagar Highway, was closed on several occasions due to snowfall, particularly in 'Pir KiGali' and its adjoining areas.

Missing Pulwama

body was recovered this morning behind R&B office Pulwama.

Police have started investigation in this regard.

Jammu Schools To

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

IAF Officer Booked

making false promises of marriage," read the FIR, PTI has a copy of the FIR.

The complainant told the Parliament Street police station on December 1 that the accused told her that he likes her a lot and wants to get married to her.

"Despite repeatedly telling him, he continued to establish a physical relationship with me. I protested as that everything is wrong and he must wait until we were married. He paid no heed and took me to his residence as well, where I meet his parents," read the FIR.

She also told the police that the accused had lied to her about his marital status and family.

"I got to know about the truth about the accused on November 6 when I saw some photographs of him with another woman and two children on social media. I tried to contact him and his parents, but I was blocked from everywhere and no one responded to my calls. I visited his house in Ambala on November 16 where he raped me again and threatened me with dire consequences," the complainant told the police.

A police officer said that an FIR has been filed and investigation has been taken up into the matter.

"We are aware of the allegations. The officer is fully cooperating with the probe," said a PRO (Defence) at Palam here.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

Office Of The Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Division Budgam

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Short Term Notice Inviting Fresh Tender(5th Call)
NIT No:135/-EE-RNB/BUD/11535-50 of 2023-24 dated 16-12-2023

Reference:-	This office NIT No's:-
1.	NIT No. 88/MDB/2023-24/6767-83 Dtd 23/08/2023 (1ST Call).
2.	NIT No. 96/MDB/2023-24/7722-40Dtd11/09/2023 (2ndCall).
3.	NIT No. 106/MDB/2023-24/8456 - 70 Dtd04/10/2023 (3rdCall).
4.	Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Budgam's No SE/BUD/1522 Dtd 27/10/2023
5.	NIT No. 118/EE-RNB/BUD/9380-95 of 2023-24 dated 28-10-2023(4th Call)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor J&K UT Tenders are invited for hiring of One No. vehicle from Registered Transport firm/Union/Stand as per Notice issued by the Regional Transport Officer Kashmir vide NO: RTOK/11270-73 dated: 24/03/2023 on monthly basis for using of operational vehicle for office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Circle Budgam for a period of 1 year till the Government vehicle is provided. The rates be quoted per month basis.

1.The Type and Number of Vehicle are:

S.No	Category of Vehicle	Number of Vehicle	Tender fee(Rs.)	Earned money	Terms of Use	Remarks
01.	Mahindra Scorpio/Toyota Innova/XUV - 500 (Commercial/Private)	01 No. Vehicle without Driver/ POL	Rs. 500/- in shape of Treasury receipt indicating Name type of vehicle	Rs.5000/- in shape of CDR/FDR pledged by Executive Engineer R&B Dvn Budgam	To be used whole of the month including Saturday, Sundays and other Public Holidays.	1. Black/White Grey Colour & Model 2018-19 or above will be preferred. 2. In an event of equal price being quoted for different models, with higher and superior specifications will be preferred.

2. Theimportantdatesandtimeareasunder:-

1.	Dateofissuеоftendernotice	18-12-2023
2.	Period of down loading of bidding documents	18.12.2023
3.	Bid submission start date	18-12-2023
4.	Bid submission end date	23-12-2023(2.00 PM)
5.	Date& time of opening of Technical Bids(Online)	23-12-2023(3.00 PM)

No:- EE/R&B/BUD/2023-24/11535-50
DIPK-13908/23 Dated:-18-12-2023

Sd/-
(Er. JAVIED IQBAL)
Executive Engineer
(R&B) Division Budgam.

People Say Kashmir Is Mini-Switzerland, I Say Switzerland Is Mini-Kashmir: Bhagyashree

Press Trust Of India
SRINAGAR: Kashmir is tranquil and beautiful, says actor Bhagyashree, who wonders why people go abroad when there is so much beauty in India. The 54-year-old, who shot to fame with her film debut "Maine Pyar Kiya" in 1989, said a lot of tourists want to visit the Valley but are apprehensive. "Whenever I come here I am reminded of Amir Khusro's couplet that 'If there is Paradise on Earth, it is here, it is here, it is here'. Do not miss visiting Kashmir in your lifetime. It is so tranquil and beautiful here that I do not understand why people go to Switzerland or

Europe. When there is so much beauty in our own country, why go elsewhere?" Bhagyashree told PTI at a tourist resort in Anantnag district. "People here say Kashmir is a mini-Switzerland but I say Switzerland is mini-Kashmir. You feel inner peace here. People are so good that you will never face a problem," she added. The actor also praised the Kashmiri cuisine and hospitality. "The food is very tasty and the people are sweet like jagery," she added. Bhagyashree was most recently seen in "Sajni Shinde Ka Viral Video", also starring Radhika Madan and Nimrat Kaur.

Illegal mining Police Begins Cancelling Registration Of 1,378 Vehicles In Jammu

Press Trust Of India
JAMMU: The police on Monday initiated the process of cancellation of registration of 1,378 vehicles involved in illegal mining activities in Jammu district, officials said. The police have taken decisive action against illegal mining activities, resulting in the seizure of 1,378 multiple vehicles engaged in these unlawful operations, they said. An officer said that the process for the cancellation of vehicles registration associated with these illegal mining activities has been initiated with the concerned department.

He added that the seized vehicles were found to be actively involved in illegal mining operations, disregarding environmental regulations and posing a significant threat to the local ecosystem. Jammu Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Vinod Kumar said the "exploitation of our natural resources through illegal mining will not be tolerated". He said the actions taken by the police are aimed to curb these illicit activities and deter the individuals from engaging in practices that harm our environment and jeopardise public safety. Asserting the Jammu Police is working diligently to investigate and curtail such illicit operations, the SSP said the vehicle owners and operators implicated in illegal mining activities will face the cancellation of the registration of their vehicles. "Swift and stringent measures are being undertaken to ensure that vehicles involved in illegal mining are promptly removed from circulation, reinforcing the commitment to preserving the environment and upholding legal norms," he added. The SSP further said the individuals with pertinent information regarding similar illegal activities are encouraged to come forward and assist the law enforcement in preserving the integrity of the natural resources.

Social Media's Debut Cooking Extravaganza Launches In Kashmir

Observer News Service
SRINAGAR: Home Chef-Kashmir, the region's first social media-based cooking competition, is set to redefine culinary competitions. With a tempting prize of Rs. 50,000 up for grabs, this is your ticket to culinary glory. Anticipating a turnout of over 200 food enthusiasts from the Valley, Home Chef-Kashmir aims to unite the region's diverse culinary talents. From this pool, 6-10 finalists will earn their place in a highly-anticipated cook-off, expected to unfold in a commercial kitchen located in the heart of Srinagar. With Dabur Hommade as the Title sponsor for the event, the competition is open to all food enthusiasts in the Kashmir Valley. Don't miss your chance to showcase your

skills and vie for the top spot in this gastronomic showdown. What sets Home Chef-Kashmir apart is the prestigious judging panel, led by none other than Chef Yaseen Rishi. Chef Yaseen will bring his expertise to the table, ensuring a fair and thrilling competition. To maintain the authenticity and passion of the event, a nominal registration fee has been introduced. This fee is a small investment for serious contenders, adding an extra layer of exclusivity to the competition. Securing your spot is easy - register online at www.Consortix.in/hck-kashmir now. Home Chef-Kashmir promises not only a chance at a significant cash prize of Rs. 50,000 but also media coverage that could catapult your culinary journey to new heights.

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GIST of Notice Inviting Short Term e_Tender

e-NIT No:	MHDA/TS/ 38 of 2023-24
Date:	18-12-2023

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

S.No.	Name of the Work	Cost of Tender Doc. (In rupees)	Estimated Cost (In Rs)	EMD in Rs	Time of completion (in days)	Technical Sanction.	Position of Funds
1	Replacement of old damaged Chassis Frame by way of Providing and Fitting Of Serviceable C-Type Chassis Frame and allied works to Snow Machine No. 59 Tata-LPT-715 of Mechanical and Hospital Sub Division 1 st Anantnag.	200/=	130000.00	2600.00	10	Accorded	Available

Position of AAA: Works program approved vide No. MED/K/Acctt/403 of 2023-24 Dated: 26-05-2023.

- Downloading of Bids: The Tender document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from 18-12-2023 (1500Hrs)
- Submission of Bids: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 18-12-2023 (1600Hrs) to 26-12-2023 (1400Hrs) in two covers.
- Opening of Bids: The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on 27-12-2023(1400Hrs) in Office of the undersigned.

No: MHDA/TS-78/1764-65
Dated: 18-12-2023

DIPK-13934-23
DT: 18/12/2023

Sd/
Executive Engineer,
Mechanical and Hospital Division, Anantnag

GOVERNMENT OF (U.T) JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DEPTT.
GROUND WATER DIVISION SRINAGAR
Baghi-Ali-Mardan, Nowshara Srinagar.
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CANCELLATION NOTICE

Ref: This office E. NIT.No.11/JS-PHE/GWDS/Mech. of 2023-24, issued vide endorsement No: PHE/GWDS/2501-2513, dated: 24.07.2023, under Tender ID: 2023_PHE_223379_1.

Refer to the above e-NIT advertised/published by this office, in this connection, due to administrative reasons the above referred tender/work is hereby cancelled and will be retendered very soon.

No: -JS-PHE/GWDS/Corrs./8245-58
Dated: 18-12-2023
DIPK-13918-23
DT: 18/12/2023

Sd/
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Deptt.
Ground Water Division Srinagar.

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECHANICAL DIVISION
SOUTH AWANTIPORA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
GIST of e-NIT No. 40 of 2023-24 Dated: 18-12-2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South (Awantipora), invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/Firms/Companies/Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of electro-mechanical equipments at water supply scheme Additional Source of water supply schemes affected due to Express Highway of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora". The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid on percentage basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No	Particulars of the work	Esttd. Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee (in Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work
1	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of electro-mechanical equipments at water supply scheme Additional Source of water supply schemes affected due to Express Highway of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora.	Work/Scheme wise details given in Form-I of Tender Document	Rs. 500/- for each work	02% of the estimated cost of each work	120 days	As indicate against in Form-I of Tender Document

Programme/Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division South Awantipora.
The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

CRITICAL DATES:

I	Publish Date on Tender Portal	18-12-2023 (03:00 PM)
II	Document Download/sale start Date	18-12-2023 (03:00 PM)
III	Bid submission start Date	18-12-2023 (03:00 PM)
IV	Pre-Bid Meeting Date	23-12-2023 (11:00 AM)
V	Document Download/sale end Date	27-12-2023 (06:00 PM)
VI	Bid submission end Date	27-12-2023 (06:00 PM)
VII	Date and time of Bid opening	28-12-2023 (02:00 PM)

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in
- The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Circle South Srinagar.
- The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
- The bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Circle South Srinagar.
 - Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified against each item of work.
 - Bid Security to be pledged in favour of Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Circle South Srinagar. Bid Security will have to be in form of CDR/FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall be valid for a period of 120 days from the last date of submission of bid.
 - The cost of tender documents should be in form of TR/e Challan in favour of Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Circle South Srinagar.
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-Challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
- The bid shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
- Queries by email if any should be made at semehcsouthsgr11@gmail.com / xenphemechsouthawp@gmail.com.

No: JSD/MDSA/5606-08
Dated: 18-12-2023
DIPK-13943-23
DT: 18/12/2023

Sd/
Executive Engineer,
PHE Mechanical Division,
South Awantipora.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
GENERATION DIVISION
POWER HOUSE GANDERBAL
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e-NIT No. GDG/13 of 2023-24 Dated: 15/ 12 /2023

E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of Managing Director JKPCD, online e-bids in double cover system are invited (Cover-I-Techno-Commercial Bid and Cover-II-Price Bid) from authorised firms/ contractors/Self Help Groups registered with J&K government or any organization owned by PSUs/ State Government/ Central Government having sufficient related experience for undertaking the following titled work at Generation Division Ganderbal.

S. No	Scope Of Work	Quantity	Cost Of Tender Document	Estimated cost (Rs)	EMD @ 2% (Rs)	Time Completion
1.	Improvement and Up gradation of oil pressurizing unit of Machine 4th including SITC of Compressor unit at power house Ganderbal	As per scope	Rs 1000/-	7.00 lacs	14000/-	Within 30 days from date of LOA

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Departmental website www.jkspdc.nic.in as per schedule of dates given below.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	15-12-2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding document	18-12-2023 to 06-01-2024
3.	Bid submission Start Date	18-12-2023 1400 hrs
4.	Bid submission End Date	06-01-2024 up to 1600 hrs
5.	Deadline for receiving Hard Copies of e-NIT uploaded document.	06-01-2024 up to 1600 hrs
6.	Date and time of opening of Bid (online)	08-01-2024 or any other convenient date.
7.	Venue for submitting the hard cop of EMD & Cost of tender (proof)	Office of the Executive Engineer, Generation Division, Ganderbal, Kashmir.

Position of AAA = Accorded
Technical Sanction = Sanctioned
Position of Funds = Available

- The entire process of bidding shall be online. The bidding document consisting of BOQ (Bill of Quantities), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the government website www.jkspdc.nic.in or www.jkspdc.nic.in. The bidder has to submit the bids (complete in all respects) online on the said website. The subsequent opening as well as comparison of bids (on the opening date/time) shall be online on the said website.
- The following documents are to be uploaded along with the bid; otherwise the bid shall be liable for rejection:
 - Details of Contractor along with working phone no. and e-mail id on the letter head of contractor.
 - Cost of Tender Document in the shape of Bank slip/ demand draft in favour of the Chief Pay & Accounts Officer Kangan with the detail as:
Account No. 0071010200005002
IFSC code : JAKAOKANGAN
Bank: J&K bank Ltd Kangan
 - Earnest Money Deposit in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Chief Pay & Accounts Officer Kangan.
 - Copy of Valid Registration Certificate.
 - Copy of valid GST Registration Certificate.
 - Copy of PAN Card.
 - Experience / Work Orders and Completion Certificates copies.
 - Income tax Certificate for last three years.
 - Information regarding the current litigation (if any) in which the bidder is involved; parties concerned and disputed amount on registered affidavit/ stamp paper of Rs 10/-.
- The bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-bid document as stated above through Bank slip/Demand Draft pledged to the Chief Pay Accounts Officer Kangan payable at Kangan with the detail as:
Account No. 0071010200005002
IFSC code : JAKAOKANGAN
Bank: J&K bank Ltd Kangan
The Bank slip/Demand Draft must be uploaded along with the e-Bids but the original Bank slip/demand draft should reach the office of Executive Engineer, Generation Division, Ganderbal up to the cutoff date.
- All the e-bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD @ Rs. 14000/- in the form of CDR/FDR/BG only, pledged to the Chief Pay Accounts Officer Kangan payable at Kangan. Hard Copies of original instrument of EMD and cost of tender document shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, Generation Division, Ganderbal up to the cutoff date.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited if :-
 - Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid.
 - Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
 - Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 07 days after fixation of contract.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of price bids.
- The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened on same website in the Office of Superintending Engineer Generation Circle-II Bemina Srinagar Kashmir.
- No price bid will be accepted in physical form.
- The bidders are advised to visit the site for assessment and go through the contents of the SBD before quoting the rates.
- Modification in scope of work and extension of period of download of tender specification, closing opening date if required will be notified through corrigendum.

No:GDG/T/270-78
Dated:- 15-12-2023

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DT: 18/12/2023

Sd/
Executive Engineer
Generation Division Ganderbal

CRPF Football Cup To Kick Off At TRC Today



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The J&K Football Association on Monday announced that CRPF Football Cup 2023 - Srinagar Sector Championship, will begin today, Tuesday, December 19, at the Synthetic Turf TRC here! Sixteen teams are set to

participate in the tournament, which is being organised in collaboration with the JKFA.

The three matches to be played today include: Kashmir United FA vs. Kashmir FA (kick off at 12:30 PM), Challenger FA vs. Noorbagh FA (kick off at 2:30 PM), Alamdar Budgam FA vs. KIC Ganderbal (kick off at 5:00 PM).

Man City Get Copenhagen, Barca Play Napoli In CL Last 16

Agencies

Holders Manchester City will take on FC Copenhagen in the last 16 of the Champions League while Spanish heavyweights Barcelona will face Napoli as Monday's draw in Nyon threw up few standout encounters.

Record 14-times winners Real Madrid will take on German side RB Leipzig, while English Premier League leaders Arsenal have a tricky assignment against Porto.

Harry Kane-led Bayern Munich face Italy's Lazio, while Borussia Dortmund will be reunited with former manager Peter Bosz when they take on Dutch leaders PSV Eindhoven.



DRAW IN FULL:

Arsenal v FC Porto
Barcelona v Napoli
Real Sociedad v Paris St Germain
Atletico Madrid v Inter Milan
Borussia Dortmund v PSV Eindhoven
Bayern Munich v Lazio
Manchester City v FC Copenhagen
Real Madrid v RB Leipzig



POLISH FREESTYLE FOOTBALLER AGUSKA MNICH and German defender Patrick Bauer mesmerized the crowd with their extraordinary football skills at the Clock Tower Lal Chowk on Monday. Bauer has gone viral on social media after he was seen showing off his juggling skills at various locations across Srinagar.

Abid Bhat/KO

IPL Auction: Which Players Will Teams Bid For?

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: The mini auctions of IPL have always been intriguing because of high demand-short supply ratio of players, especially, quality Indian talent.

There could be some eye-popping deals for players, who would have struggled otherwise to attract attention in the mega auction.

Here is a look at possible auction strategy for teams:

- 1) **CHENNAI SUPER KINGS**
Purse Left: Rs 31.4 crore
Potential Players of Interest: Shardul Thakur, Manish Pandey, Josh Hazlewood.
- 2) **DELHI CAPITALS**
Purse Left: Rs 28.95 crore
Potential Players of Interest: Priyansh Arya, Harshal Patel, Shardul Thakur, Jos Inglis, Wanindu Hasaranga.

- 3) **GUJARAT TITANS**
Purse Left: Rs 38.15 crore
Potential Players of Interest: Shardul Thakur, Rachin Ravindra, Daryl Mitchell, Azmatullah Omarzai.
- 4) **KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS**
Purse Left: Rs 32.70 crore
Potential Players of Interest: Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Rachin Ravindra, Harshal Patel.

- 5) **LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS**
Purse Left: Rs 13.15 crore
Potential Players of Interest: Gerald Coetzee, Dilshan Madushanka, Ashutosh Sharma.
- 6) **MUMBAI INDIANS**
Purse Left: Rs 17.75 crore
Potential Players of Interest: Hasaranga, Manav Suthar, Ashutosh Sharma, Darshan Misal.

- 7) **SUNISERS HYDERABAD**
Purse Left: Rs 34 crore
Potential Players of Interest: Anyone and everyone.

- 8) **ROYAL CHALLENGERS BENGALURU**
Purse Left: Rs 23.25 crore
Potential Players of Interest: Starc, Cummins, Manav Suthar.

- 9) **PUNJAB KINGS**
Purse Left: Rs 29.10 crore
Potential Players of Interest: Shardul, Harshal, Rachin Ravindra.

- 10) **RAJASTHAN ROYALS**
Purse Left: 14.50 crore
Potential Players of Interest: Mainly domestic Indian batters like Sameer Rizvi, Swastik Chikkara, Ashutosh Sharma, Abhimanyu Singh, Saurabh Chauhan.

2nd ODI: India Look To Seal Series Against South Africa

Press Trust of India

GQEBERHA: Immensely gifted Rajat Patidar will be pitted against the flamboyant Rinku Singh for the lone available batting slot when a determined Indian team gears up for the final kill against a lacklustre South Africa in the second ODI here on Tuesday.

After young pacers Arshdeep Singh and Avesh Khan produced a near flawless performance in the opening game that India won by eight wickets, KL Rahul wouldn't like to take his foot off the pedal and aim to heal the scars of 0-3 defeat here under his leadership back in 2022.

India will hand over a debut ODI cap to one of its reserve batters as Shreyas Iyer has linked up with the Test squad

derwent a heel surgery earlier this year.

The Indian team management has very specific roles for players and while Rinku is being looked upon as a finisher at No. 6, the 30-year-old Patidar is more of a specialist No. 4 when he bats for his state team Madhya Pradesh.

Hence, with Iyer, a right-hander vacating a slot in the playing XI, his like-for-like replacement is Patidar.

In case of Rinku, the No. 6 slot currently has been given to Sanju Samson, who is playing as a specialist batter behind skipper KL Rahul, who is donning the big gloves.

As has been the template of national team managements, they would like to give Samson, who is senior to Rinku, a fair go at that slot before turn-



after Sunday's game with an eye on the two-match series, starting on 'Boxing Day'.

The world wants to watch more of Rinku, the left-hander, who is earning new fans by thousands with every passing match. The diminutive left-hander has shown that he has the technique and temperament to succeed on South African tracks that offer way more bounce compared to the sub-continent pitches.

However, the Indore-based right-hander Patidar had made it to Indian ODI team back in 2022 itself but in the past one year had to struggle and un-

ing to the southpaw.

However, Rinku's brilliant List A record (near 50 average) will force the team management to give him a go.

In fact, both Rinku and Patidar could get a go but in that case, Tilak Varma, who got to face just a couple of deliveries in the opening game, will have to be dropped from the playing eleven. That doesn't seem very logical at the moment.

The opening game witnessed the debut of young left-handed opener B Sai Sudharsan, whose silken half-century held a lot of promise going into the future. Match Starts: 4:30 pm IST.

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