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Gulmarg 'Sold Out' As Tourists Throng Kashmir For Christmas, New Year

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Tourists are heading to Kashmir in droves to celebrate Christmas and welcome the New Year, with hotels at destinations like Gulmarg and Pahalgam in the valley sold out in anticipation of snowfall.

Officials said tourists are making a beeline to Kashmir, especially to the famous ski resort of Gulmarg, in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, and Pahalgam, in south



Kashmir's Anantnag. Describing it as a positive indication, Tourism Secretary Syed Abid Rasheed Shah said he was confident that the winter months would be successful for Kashmir's tourism.

"The way the numbers and trends are coming, with both domestic as well as foreign tourists, my expectation is that the winters will be a grand success. Destinations like Gulmarg and Pahalgam are already sold out. Gulmarg is totally sold out

for Christmas and New Year's Eve. This is a very positive indication," he said.

Gulmarg, the tourist destination at an altitude of 8,000 feet, 50 km north of summer capital Srinagar, is also known as the 'Switzerland of Asia'.

Shah said warm hospitality of the people of Kashmir and all the stakeholders have played an important role in reviving tourism.

The tourism department has lined up various activities

to enrich the experience of New Year revellers as a number of programmes have been planned for the New Year's Eve, including a musical evening, a firecracker show, night skiing, and torch skiing.

Asif Burza, a young hotelier who is the managing director of Ahad Hotels and Resorts a chain of hotels across various destinations in the valley - said the recent snowfall has increased tourist influx to Kashmir.

Srinagar: There was a slight improvement in the minimum temperature across Kashmir on Friday -- the second day of the Valley's harshest winter period

'Chilla-i-Kalan' -- providing relief to the residents from the intense cold, officials said. Srinagar recorded a low of minus 3.3 degrees Celsius on Wednesday night, a notch up from

the previous night, they said. Pahalgam recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4.8 degrees Celsius, also a notch up from the previous night, they said.

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The ski resort of Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 1.0 degrees Celsius, an improvement of two degrees from the previous night, the officials said. The resort was the warmest place in the Kashmir valley -- warmer than even the Srinagar city.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 3.0 degrees Celsius, the Kokernag town saw the mercury settle at minus 2.4 degrees Celsius and Kupwara recorded the minimum of minus 3.4 degrees Celsius.

The intense cold conditions have resulted in the freezing of many slow-moving water bodies. It has also resulted in the freezing of water supply lines in some areas. The cold conditions have forced people in the valley to put on extra layers of clothes to stay warm.

With electricity supply erratic in many areas of Kashmir, people are using Kangri, an earthen firepot, | More on P6

Teen Killed In Mortar Shell Blast Agencies

Jammu: A teenager was killed and another injured on Friday when a mortar shell exploded in Samba district of Jammu division. 19-year-old Pawan Singh of village Chandli was killed while another youth Roshan Singh sustained splinter injuries when a mortar shell they were reportedly fiddling with, exploded in the forest area of village Chandli in the jurisdiction of police post Goran in Samba on Friday evening, reports said. Roshan, who sustained serious injuries in the explosion, was removed to the government medical college (GMC) Jammu for treatment. Meanwhile, police have registered a case and started further investigation in this regard. (GNS)

Terrorism On Its Death Bed In Kashmir: LG

Says Security Situation Improved Post Article 370 Abrogation

Press Trust Of India

Kolkata: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday said that the security situation in the union territory has significantly im-proved following the abroga-tion of Article 370, asserting that terrorism is on its deathbed in the valley.

In response to the "unfortunate" terrorist attack on an army convoy in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Thursday, resulting in the death of five soldiers and injuries to two, Sinha expressed his condemnation.

He attributed attempts to disrupt peace in the valley to "our neighbour," a veiled reference to Pakistan.

Sinha emphasised. "It is a very unfortunate and sad incident. We condemn such violence. Our neighbour has been doing such things to disturb the peace in the valley. But it's

Poonch Attack: Choppers. Sniffer Dogs Hunting For



all in vain, as terrorism is on its deathbed in Kashmir." Addressing reporters at a programme organised by the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata, Sinha further remarked, "The security situation

last year." has improved to a large extent

than what it was earlier, after the abrogation of Article 370." Responding to queries from chamber members, Sinha compared the security situation in Kashmir to that in Bengal,

THE ENTIRE **ECOSYSTEM.** There are immense opportunities in the UT, like in the horticulture sector. I want to ensure that after 2019, J&K is emerging as a peaceful and corruptionfree region. There had been a record number of tourist arrivals in the UT

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stating, "The security situation in Kashmir is better than that in Bengal. Please visit the state, and you will see the difference.'

Later, when questioned by reporters about the comment, Sinha clarified, "My remarks should not be twisted politically, as I meant to say that the security situation in Kashmir is as good as in Bengal." | More on P6

C ecurity forces Friday launched a massive cordon and search operation in the forest area of Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district and a National Investigation of the second search operation operation of the second search operation and Kashmir's Poonch district and a National Investigation Agency team also visited there, a day after five army personnel were killed and two others injured in a terrorist attack. The General officer Commanding (GoC), XVI corps, Lt Gen Sandeep Jain visited Ground Zero and reviewed the situation with top army and police officers, officials said. "Indian Army and White knight Corps salutes the bravery and

Solutions To All Problems Of Society In Gita: HM



Press Trust Of India

Kurukshetra: The solutions to society's problems are in the Bhagavad Gita and its message should reach every corner of the country and the world, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday.

addressing was He a gathering at the Sant Sammelan after visiting the International Gita Festival here in Haryana.

The home minister said after 75 years of independence, many seers and mahatmas have revived the knowledge of the Bhagavad Gita. "I have met many scholars around the world. and all believe that solutions to all the problems of

Mahabharata. Solutions to problems of people and society as well as the nation and the world lie in the message of the Gita, he said. The minister said that in 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had expressed his desire to hold the Gita festival, and since 2016, this festival is being organised at an international level. Assam is the partner state of

the festival this year, he said. The message of the Gita should reach every corner of the country and the world, Shah said and added that for the past seven years, the festival is being successfully organised. The BJP comes out with

its poll manifesto with the belief that the country's great culture should always be taken forward, he said. Policies were decided by keeping the country's great culture as a guide, Shah said. He also spoke about the scrapping of Article 370 and said its | More on P6

Terrorists

FFRC Asks Private Schools 'Don't Charge Admission Fee In Violation Of Statute'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The committee for fixation and regulation of fee of private schools (FFRC) on Friday cautioned school administrators not to charge admission fee during the ongoing admission process in Jammu and Kashmir in violation of the established statute.

In a circular issued Friday. the FFRC Chairperson Justice Sunil Hali said that complaints are pouring in that the private schools are charging admission fee in violation of statute, as the admission process for new academic session has either commenced or is about to commence in private schools of J&K.

He said that it is also being alleged that the majority of schools are taking the money in cash and not providing receipt against the amount charged.

Referring to the Section20E (1) of Jammu and Kashmir School Education Act 2002 amended from time to time,



Justice Sunil Hali said that the private schools shall not charge any fee from the students or guardians, except tuition fee, annual fee, transport fee and voluntary special purpose fee such as the picnic, tour and excursions, etc. completely voluntary in nature or any other fee as may be approved by the FFRC after following the procedure prescribed.

"Provided that private schools shall not charge in any manner, any other fee including admission fee or any amount, by whatever name called than the fee mentioned above," | More on P6

HC Grants Compensation For Land After 54 Yrs Says Right To Property Legal Though Ceases To Be Fundamental In J&K: HC

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Friday said that right to property continues to be legal and constitutional right even as the same has ceased to a fundamental right after abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and

Ladakh. A bench of Justice Sanjay Dhar made the observation while allowing a seeking petition, compensation for land measuring two kanals and 16 mar-

las at Parimpora Srinagar which had been taken by the Irrigation Department way back in the year 1969. "It is to be noted that right

to property was a fundamental right in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir prior to abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution of India, as such,

it cannot be stated that the petitioners have waived their right to property in favour of the respondents," the court said, adding, "At present, the right to property may not be a fundamental right, but it is certainly a Constitutional right guaranteed under Article 300A of the Constitution of India,

which provides that no person can be deprived of his property save by authority of law. The right to property is a human right as well as a Constitutional right." Thus, the court said,

even if the right to property has ceased to be a fundamental right in this part of the Country, still then it continues to be a legal and constitutional right and "no person can be deprived of his property except by authority of law.'

"Denial of this right to a person constitutes | More on P6

the whole world lie in the Gita's message," he said "We are sitting here on the holy land of Kurukshetra. More than 5,000 years ago, Lord Krishna also gave the mes-sage of the Gita to Arjun," Shah said, referring to the

'If The Oxygen Machine Goes Off, He Will Die' **Power Cuts In Kashmir Risk Lives Of COPD Patients**

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Frequent disruptions in the power supply in Kashmir valley have posed a substantial risk to the lives of patients reliant on life support systems. Patients, particularly those with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) find themselves struggling for oxygen during prolonged power outages.

In Srinagar's Alamgari Bazar, 85-year-old Ghulam Muhammad Mir lies in his bed wearing a snug oxygen mask-a lifeline in his battle against persistent respiratory challenges. Ghulam has COPD and asthma that makes him dependent on artificial oxygen to breathe.



businessman based in Chennai, had cut his trip to take care of his ailing father in Srinagar. However, the power situation in Kashmir has greatly affected his morale.

"My father has COPD, and his lungs are damaged. I cannot afford to sleep; I stay awake all night to check if the electricity is out,"

Sami said, adding, "If the oxygen machine goes off, he will die.

"Kashmir is not the only place which is cold in winter, there are other places in India which remain cold but why is Kashmir facing an electricity crisis like this?" Sami questioned the government.

Sami emphasized | More on P6

Man Found **Dead In Sopore**

man allegedly hanged himself to death in Sopore town of A to deal in Sopore as a North Kashmir's Baramulla district, sources said. The 30-year-old man was found hanging inside his home in Hygam village of Sopore on early Friday morning, reports said. The body was recovered by a police team and taken to Sub-district hospital (SDH) Sopore for carrying out medico-legal formalities | More on P6

Himachal Cops Arrest Man From Jammu

he Hamirpur Police have arrested proclaimed offender Saherajuddin from Gulshannagar in Jammu, they said on Friday. Saherajuddin, a resident of Doda district's Gundakhara village, was wanted in a theft case registered against him under section 380 of the IPC at the Sadar Hamirpur Police Station in January, 2016. He was declared proclaimed offender by a | More on P6

Peddler Booked Under PIT NDPS Act

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ammu and Kashmir Police n Baramulla have booked a wanted drug peddler Shoaib Aijaz Guru under stringent PIT NDPS Act. "Acting tough against drug peddlers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police booked the most wanted and notorious drug smugglers under PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla and lodged him in Central Jail Kot-Bhalwal | More on P6

Karnataka To Withdraw Hijab Ban

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arnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said The restrictions on wearing hijab (head scarf) in educational institutions in the state will be lifted from December 23 and observed that choice of dress and food is personal. Speaking at the inauguration of three police stations in Nanjangud in Mysuru district, the Chief Minister said no one | More on P6

India Logs 640 Covid Cases

ndia on Friday recorded 640 fresh COVID-19 infections while the number of active cases climbed to 2,997 from 2,669 the day before, according to Union health ministry data. The country's COVID-19 tally now stands at 4.50 crore (4,50,07,212). The death toll climbed to 5,33,328 with one more fatality reported from Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated. | More on P6

ADGP Kumar Gets Add'l **Charge of Dir ACB**

dditional Director General Police (Law & Order) Vijay A Police (Law & C.a.) Kumar was given the additional charge of Director, Anti-corruption Bureau Jammu and Kashmir on Friday. The Government has relieved Anand Jain of the additional charges of ACB, to give it to Vijay Kumar. "In the interest of administration, it is hereby ordered that Shri Vijay Kumar, IPS (RR:97), More on P6



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Government of Jammu & Kashmir **Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Office Of The Block Development Officer Sagam**

Subject: Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Solid WasteManagement in Block **SAGAM District Anantnag.**

On behalf of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Expressions of Interest (EOI) from the eligible and interested agencies are hereby invited for the execution of a Solid Waste Management POan in District Anantnag Block Sagam.

BACKGROUND: 1.

The Solid Waste Management program aims to implement effective and scientific waste management practices in Block Sagam, in line with the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen). The program will cover the CD Block Sagam comprising of 15 Gram Panchayats mentioned below:

S.	Name of Pan-	Approximate	Other Estab-
No	chayat	No of House- holds	lishments
1	Arhama	614	15
2	Bahi Buchoo	1015	50
2 3	Geebom	615	16
4	Hiller	600	65.
4 5 7 8 9	Kandiwara	583	42
6	Khalhar	490	8
7	Lisser Chawalgam	771	25
8	Narupora A	235	12
9	Narupora B	374	16
10	Narupora C	535	17
11	Narupora D	338	15
12	Sagam A	450	66
13	Sagam B	391	79
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workdone. Maintenance

a) Maintenance and upkeep of departmental garbage collection vehicles, and other amenities used for waste collection and ensuring their dedicated use only for solid waste management purposes.

b) The Vehicles used for waste collection shall be departmental and the agency has to use these Vehicles/e-rickshaws etc. by engaging its own staff and ensuring the vehicle's maintenance in all respects.

c) The intending agency shall be responsible for the smooth handing over of all assets (Vehicles/machinery/Civil Structures and possession of the sites in good condition to the concerned department after completing the allotment of one year (without any damage)

Manpower & Machinery

The contracting agency has to engage a) sweepers/waste collectors, Drivers, and Management staff with a unique uniform having a unique logo, the design and details of which shall be conveyed to the contracting agency later,

The contracting agency has to operate and b) maintain all the e-carts, garbage collection vans, and machinery at its own level and has to bear the electricity, POL, maintenance /repair charges of the machinery. The contracting agency will he required to obtain necessary permissions/approvals from the BDO concerned for repair, and maintenance of the existing machinery, if required, at anytime.

Dispute Resolution and Penal provision a) In case of any dispute, the Block Development

for the last three years.

c) Previous experience in managing public utilities as a PPP/outsourcing and knowledge of waste management, including running decentralized solid waste management processes, will be advantageous.

d) Additional experience in community mobilization and IEC activities will be preferred. j

e) The agency must deposit a Cash Deposit Receipt (CDR) of Rs. 30,000 (thirty I) thousand rupees) pledged to the Block Development Officer Sagam. 4. CONTRACTING PROCESS:

a) Interested agencies must submit their EOI in sealed envelopes addressed to the Block Development Officer Sagam, by 05-01-2024 up to 1 PM.

b) The envelopes will be opened on the next day 05-01-2024 at 3 PM in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives.

c) The EOI will be followed by Technical Evaluation and Financial Evaluation.

5. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a) The selected agency will be awarded a one-year contract, which may be extendable based on its performance and the necessity of the Department. b) The agency shall adhere to all the terms and condi-

tions specified in the EOI document. c) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject

any EOI without assigning any reason thereof, in the interest of the government, department, and public funds.

6. SUBMISSION OF EOI AND CONTACT INFORMATION: a) Interested agencies must submit their sealed envelopes containing the EOI to the following address: Block Development Office Sagam Email: bdo-

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mandi Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Zahoor Ahmad Bhat	
S/o Abdul Rehman Bhat	fk
R/o Home Huna Nagbal Shopian	

From The Office of Mr Rayees Maqbool

In the case of:, Dr Ghulam Mohammad S/O Haji Ghulam Haider

The caveator apprehends that the any person may file any suit or writ or Application or Appeal at the back of caveators and may manage to get exparte order , therefore the caveators submit that in case of any petition, Appeal, suit , Application or such proceedings are filed before this Hon'ble court by any person against the caveator, The caveator or the Counsel for the caveator may be provided reasonable opportunity of being heard before passing any of the order in said petition ,Appeal, suit Application or any proceedings otherwise the caveator may suffer such an irreparable loss and injury which cannot be compensated later on in any manner and same would be an abuse of process of court.

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I Shabir ahmad matt S/o mohammad ismail matt R/o bilal colony qamarwari under takes that i am the registered owner of three wheeler mahindra auto bearing registration no:- jk01V :8698 model 2012 and I dont have sold the above mentioned vehicle to any person neither i have agreement to anyone with regarding to above mentioned vehicle thus if anybody is having any objection whosoever shall come forward within period of 7 days after that no claim shall be entertained.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify that the name of my daughter has been wrongly written in municipal records as Khensa Sameer D/o Sameer Ahmad Naikoo R/o Udipora Barsoo, Awaintipora, Pulwama. Now i want to correct her name to Khansa Sameer D/o Sameer Ahmad Naik R/o Oudipora, Barsoo, Awaintipora, Pulwama. Her DOB is 26 July 2023.

If anybody has any objections in this regard he may contact Municipal Council Pampore district Pulwama within seven days.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the name on Electricity Bill bering Consumer ID No: 10374 from Zahoor Ahmad Baba S/o Ghulam Qadir Baba to Liyagat Ali Bhat S/o Ali Mohammad Bhat R/o Nundreshi Colony Bemina Sgr. If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of PDD Sub Division Watal Kadal Sringar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained Liyagat Ali Bhat S/o Ali Mohammad Bhat R/o Nundreshi Colony Bemina Sgr inf

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SCOPE OF WORK: 2.

The contracting agency will be responsible for the following processes:

Solid Waste Collection

a) Sanitation and door-to-door collection of both biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste from all households of one of the three designated clusters covering all households, shops, factories, industrial establishments, etc. at least thrice a week, b) A Panchayat-Halga-wise schedule of waste collection shall further be notified in consultation with the concerned Block Development Officer and Gram Panchayat.

c) The intending agency shall collect all types of waste- door-to-door waste, waste from already installed dustbins, and legacy waste so that the objective of ODF plus is obtained and sustained.

d) Ensuring segregation of waste preferably at the household level and mandatorily at the already constructed segregation shed sites.

e) Effective and scientific management and disposal of collected waste in an environmentally sustainable manner. A weekly review/report shall be submitted by halqa panchayat to ascertain the effectiveness of weekly disposal.

Revenue realization

a) Conducting a fresh survey, in consultation with the field functionaries of the Rural Development Department, to update the household data and include commercial factories, business units, institutions, shops, etc. Collection of monthly Fees/ Charges from the households preferably in digital mode in consultation with the officials of this department.

b) Revenue generation through sustainable waste management practices, such as selling segregated dry waste to authorized dealers.

c) User charges collected shall be deposited in Halqa Panchayat Fund of concerned Gram Panchayat on a monthly basis out of which 10 to 40% (to be decided later) of the Fee/user charges so collected shall form a revenue part and the remaining shall be utilized for incurring the expenditure on account of sanitation

Officer concerned shallbe the first appellate authority, the 2ri appellate authority shall be the Assistant Commissioner Panchayats Anantnag and the third appellate & final authority shall be the District Level Sanitation Committee for implementation of S8M-G. b) The contracting agency shall have to report to the Block Development Officer concerned in case of any violation by any Household/establishment for imposing a fine. Further, the agency may be required to paste color-coded notices across the panchayat c) In matters pertaining to any disputes, or repercussions arising, the District level Sanitation committee shall hold exclusive jurisdiction and serve as the ultimate deciding body. 'Repercussions' in this context refer to any adverse consequences, claims, disputes,

legal actions, or related incidents that may arise. IEC endeavors and inciting behavioral change

a) The contracting agency shall chalk out a plan for a sustained IEC campaign for inciting behavioral change among the people through various means. The means could be composing appealing and effective sanitation jingles played through overhead speakers of waste collection vehicles on a regular basis, organizing special sanitation drives by involving local youth clubs, students, and Self Help Groups, organizing monthly felicitation ceremonies for best cooperative and complying Panchayats in consultation with the BDO concerned and the District administration, etc... Monthly IEC plans, 10 days in advance, to be submitted to the concerned BDO for review and approval. b) The contracting agency shall influence the general public through its best possible sanitation services and shall motivate and convince them to segregate the waste at the source besides reducing the use of Single Use Plastics. 3.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The contracting agency must meet the following criteria:

a) The agency can be a sole proprietor, registered contractor, registered partnership firm, limited liability partnership, public limited company, private limited company, society or NGO, etc.

b) The agency must have an average annual turnover of more than Rs. 20,00,000 (Rupees twenty Lakh) saeaml@email.com

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b) For any inquiries or clarifications regarding the EOI, interested agencies may contact Block Development Officer Sagam, at the above-mentioned address

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS:

The results of the EOI evaluation will be communicated to the eligible agencies through official communication channels.

LEGAL AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS: 8 a) The selected agency must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ethical standards during the execution of the Solid Waste Management project in Sagam.

b) The contracting agency has to adhere to a) the Environment protection act 1986, the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and the bylaws drafted and passed by the Gram Panchavats in letter and spirit.

c) Sub-contracting shall not be allowed and shall be considered illegal.

d) The contracting agency has to submit an affidavit duly attested by a Judicial Magistrate affirming therein the commitment to bear all costs related to damage, theft, or loss incurred to the vehicles /machinery of the department during the execution of the SWM project.

e) In matters pertaining to any disputes, or repercussions arising, the District level Sanitation committee shall hold exclusive jurisdiction and serve as the ultimate deciding body. 'Repercussions' in this context refer to any adverse consequences, claims, disputes, legal actions, or related incidents that may arise. The process of technical Evaluation will be done by a designated committee based on the score for the solutions & procedures provided by the agencies to transform the entire solid waste management into an efficient, effective; and sustainable one in the Block.

No: SB/2605-9 DIPK-14150/23 dated: 22-12-2023

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Block Development Officer Sagam

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my passport bearing No: S9912728 while travelling from Palhallan To Pattan . Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/ she may file his/her objection in the Regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Taha Nazir

S/O.Nazir Ahmad Bhat R/O. Palhallan

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حاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر کے نسبت رپورٹ پنچایت سکٹر می ونمبر دار د ہہ و چوکیدار علاقہ وآشا میڈم سے موصول ونی-مطابق رپورٹ عملہ فیلڈ سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل کے پسران منتظرا قبال کی پیدائش مور خد2019-20-24 ر باشم اقبال کی پیدائش مورخہ 2018-02-19 کو ہوئی ہے اور سائل ندکور نے تاحال کوئی بھی سند D.O.B ماصل نہیں کی ہے۔ سائل مذکورا بنے پسران کے حق میں D. Q. B حاصل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے۔ ں بارے میں بذراییہ اخبارا شتہار مشتھر کیا جاتا ہے اگر کسی شخص کوکوئی اعتراض نسبت اجراء سرٹفکیٹ ہوتو دفتر لھٰڈیٹر مدرسات یوم پیش کریں۔بعد گزرنے میعاد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ نائب تحصيلدا fko

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دخواست از جانب محمد قاسم راتفر ولد محد ابرا بیم راتفر ساکند تا نتر ب پوره مخصیل مین بار به وله بمراد حصول D.O.B مرثفكيث تجق مسر ورحسين راتقربه اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی خاص وعام حامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر کے نسبت رپورٹ پنچایت سکٹر می ونمبر دارد ہہ وچو کیدارعلاقہ وآشامیڈ م سے موح ہوئی۔مطابق ریورٹ عملہ فیلڈ سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل کے پسر مسر ورحسین راتھر کی پیدائش مورخہ ا05-05-201 کوہوئی ہے اور سائل مذکور نے تا حال کوئی بھی سند D.O.B حاصل نہیں کی ہے۔سائل مذکور یے پسر کے حق میں D.O.B حاصل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے۔ س بارے میں بذریداخبارا شبہار مشتھر کیا جاتا ہے اگر کسی تحص کوکوئی اعتراض نبست اجراء مرلفکیٹ ہوتو دفتر خذ میں ندرسات یوم پیش کریں۔بعد گزرنے میعاد کوئی عذریا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ fko

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Friday Prayers Allowed At Jamia Masjid After 10 Weeks

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Congregational prayers were allowed at the historic Jamia Masjid here on Friday after remaining barred for 10 consecutive weeks, officials said.

"The Friday prayers were allowed and concluded without any disturbance," an official said. However, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, who delivers the Friday sermons at the grand mosque, was not allowed to move out of his residence in the Nigeen area of the city.

The congregational prayers had remained barred for 10 weeks because of the apprehensions of protests against Israeli action in Gaza.

JKPCC Protest In Srinagar Against Suspension Of MPs

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The workers of Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) on Friday staged a silent protest against the suspension of Members of Parliament (MPs) here in Srinagar. The protesting workers expressed their dismay and termed it a regrettable and unprecedented act within the parliament. Speaking to the media persons, the protesting JKPCC workers said

ing JKPCC workers said that the suspension of MPs in parliament is very unfortunate.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore

Sub: Extension 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 extended as under:

S. No.	Particulars	Date and time
1.	Last date for online submission of bids	27-12-2023 (06:55 pm)
2.	Date of online opening of tenders	28-12-2023 (02:00 pm)

All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

No.: PHE/MDNS/DB/8460-62 DIPK-14119/23 Dated: 22-12-2023

> -/Sd Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore

Court Of The 2nd Additional Munsiff At Srinagar (PROCLAMATION REQUIRING OBJECTIONS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC) CNR: JKSG02-005598-2023 Date of filing: 19.12.2023 Date of Order: 20.12.2023



Devotees burst firecrackers on the annual Urs of Sufi Siant Abdul Rheman Manak Shah at Rainawari area in the cold city on Friday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Union Minister Gadkari Approves Parimpora-Shalteng Flyover

LG Thanks PM Modi, Union Minister

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a major development, the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, has given a green signal for the construction of Parimpora-Shalteng Flyover.

The approval comes as a crucial step towards mitigating the persistent traffic congestion issues in the area. The upcoming flyover project,

as per available details, is aimed at providing a strategic solution to the mounting traffic snarls experienced by commuters traversing Parimpora-Shalteng corridor. The Parimpora-Shalteng road is the place which joins major roads with Srinagar city, such as Bandipora, Baramulla, Kupwara and other places, enhancing transportation infrastructure in Srinagar.

Local authorities and stakeholders have expressed optimism regarding the positive impact of the Parimpora-Shalteng Flyover, anticipating its role in transforming the commuting experience for the populace.

Furthermore, the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha hailed the Union government's approval for the construction of the flyover.

Sinha in a post on X, said that the project will boost connectivity to Sonamarg & approval to vital Parimpora-Shalteng flyover will ease traffic congestion and make travel smoother for people of north Kashmir.

"Grateful to Hon'ble PM Sh Narendra Modi Ji & Hon'ble MORTH Sh Nitin Gadkari Ji for assistance to key infra project that will boost connectivity to Sonmarg & approval to vital Parimpora-Shalteng Flyover to ease traffic congestion & make travel smoother for people of North Kashmir," Office of J&K LG wrote.

This Day In History

- 962 Byzantine-Arab Wars: Under the future Emperor Nicephorus Phocas, Byzantine troops stormed city of Aleppo, recovering the tattered tunic of John the Baptist.
- 1482 The Peace of Atrecht (now Arras) concluded between Louis XI of France and Maximilian of Austria, ending the War of the Burgundian Succession.
- 1620 French huguenots declare war on King Louis XIII.
- 1690 English astronomer John Flamsteed observes Uranus without realizing it's undiscovered.
- 1715 Russian/Prussian troops occupy Stralsund.
- 1728 Prussian Emperor Karel VI signs Treaty of Berlin.
- 1793- Thomas Jefferson warns of slave revolts in the West Indies
- 1808- Painter Francisco Goya swears an oath of loyalty to Joseph Bonaparte as king of Spain, during the Napoleonic occupation of Spain [1]
- 1832 -Dutch troops in Antwerp surrender
- 1834- Joseph Hansom of London receives patent for Hansom cabs
- 1852- 1st Chinese theater in US, the Celestial John, opens in San Francisco
- 1876- Turkey's 1st constitution proclaimed, transferring more power to elected representatives
- 1888- Vincent van Gogh cuts off his left ear with a razor, after argument with fellow painter Paul Gauguin, and sends to a female courtesan for safe

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TENTATIVE MERIT LIST OF CANDIDATES WHO APPLIED FOR THE POST OF SANGNIS (WORKERS) IN RESPONSE TO Advertised NoticeNo:- 02 of 2023 dated 09-08-2023

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Can Coaching Centres Really Replace Schools?

Ummar Jamal

GG Parents should

understand the coaching centers can't be an alternative to schools. Government invests lots of resources to run these government schools. Parents rather than blaming the lack of quality education; which compels them to take extra help for their wards in form of coaching centers, should rather channelize their energies in holding government school teachers and administration therein to account

n the not-so-distant past, seeking tuition was a recourse primarily for academically challenged students. Those grappling with certain subjects sought extra help to bridge their knowledge gaps. However, that era has faded into the background as coaching centres have surged in popularity, particularly among 11th and 12th-grade students.

Valley has witnessed a surge in the establishment coaching centres in recent years, creating an educational landscape that caters not only to students from classes 9th to 12th but also thousands aspirants gearing up for national-level competitive exams such as NEET and JEE. While these coaching centres have become a refuge for students seeking additional support, this trend, however, comes with its own set of concerns.

One of the most evident consequences of the coaching center boom is the decline in regular school attendance, particularly among students in higher grades. Parents, lured by the promises of specialized coaching and individual attention, are opting to enroll their children in these centers, sidelining the importance of traditional schooling. The result is a growing number of empty seats in classrooms, as students split their time between school and private coaching, sometimes prioritizing the latter.

This shift in focus has broader implications for society. Schools, as pillars of social development, not only impart academic knowledge but also play a crucial role in fostering social skills, teamwork, and character development. The diminishing attendance in schools jeopardizes the holistic growth of students, as they miss out on the diverse experiences and interactions that are integral to their overall development.

Moreover, the menace of private coaching centers extends beyond the confines of educational spaces. The exorbitant fees charged by these centers contribute to educational inequality, widening the gap between those who can afford private coaching and those who cannot. This socioeconomic disparity undermines the foundational principle of equal access to education, perpetuating an uneven playing field that can have long-term societal repercussions.

The establishment of private coaching centers often hinges on the pursuit of profit maximization, turning education into a commodity accessible only to those with the means to pay. The underlying principle is straightforward – entry is contingent on one's financial capacity, negating the concept of education as a universal right. This profit-driven approach perpetuates a stark divide between affluent and underprivileged students, with many unable to afford the exorbitant fees and associated expenses of these institutions.

In the valley Government schools exist everywhere , the paradox of private coaching centers witnessing a surge in enrollment numbers raises pertinent questions about the shortcomings of government schools. While various factors may contribute to this trend, a prominent one is the inefficiency of the public education system. The widespread acceptance of private players charging steep fees suggests a lack of confidence in the ability of government institutions to provide quality education.

As these centers flourish, the question arises



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eration of coaching centers can be seen as a necessary evil for parents seeking quality education in the absence of an effective public education system.

The current state of the education department, described by some as a flop-show, necessitates a shift in focus. Rather than merely scrutinizing private coaching centers, the authorities should undertake a thorough introspection. The emphasis should be on revitalizing defunct schools, elevating them to the standards set by these coaching abodes. This introspective approach is crucial for addressing the root causes of the rise of private coaching centers and ensuring that the education system as a whole meets the needs of students.

Acknowledging our collective responsibility for the rise of private players in education, it becomes imperative to address the underlying issues within the Government schools. To counter this unfortunate trend, the restoration and strengthening of trust in government institutions should be a priority.

Parents should understand the coaching centers can't be alternative to schools. Government invests lots of resources to run these government schools. Parents rather than blaming the lack of quality education; which compels them to take extra help for their wards in form of coaching centers, should rather channelize their energies in holding government school teachers and administration therein to account. Instead of spending thousand of rupees in private coaching they should put some endeavors to caution the government schools teachers that there is need to enhance the quality of education by visiting them often. Because most of times the teachers who is supposed to teach students free in school during centers.

Additionally, creating an environment that instills contentment and pride in enrolling children in government schools is paramount. This requires a concerted effort to bridge the gaps in the system, fostering an atmosphere where public education is not only accessible but also held in high regard. Ultimately, the challenge lies in transforming the narrative from one of privatization driven by profit to a renewed commitment to public education, where every child, regardless of socioeconomic status, can access quality learning opportunities.

While the trend of private coaching institutions can't be scotched in a day, it remains a reality that these private coaching institutes charge exorbitant fees due to the absence of a proper mechanism to regulate fee structures in private coaching centers. This underscores the need for a transparent and effective regulatory framework to ensure fair pricing and affordability for students seeking additional educational support. While regulating the fee structure for students in private coaching centers is crucial at this juncture, it is equally important to concurrently invest in the rejuvenation of government schools. By fixing of the fee at coaching centers, authorities can create an environment where private coaching centers serve as supplementary rather than essential, ensuring a balanced and fair educational ecosystem in the Valley.

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can coaching centers be suppressed without addressing the root cause, the state of government schools? The answer seems to be a resounding no. The prolif-

ing working hours charges thousands of rupees to teach the same when he teacher at home or in coach-

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India's space sector has witnessed a remarkable evolution in recent years, particularly in the domain of space startups. From a single entity in 2014, the number of space startups in India has surged to an impressive 189 in 2023. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh disclosed that these startups have garnered a substantial investment of USD 124.7 million, highlighting the dynamic growth and potential of the country's space industry.

The Indian government has played a pivotal role in fostering this growth, exemplified by the introduction of the Indian Space Policy 2023. This policy is designed to encourage the extensive participation of non-governmental entities (NGEs) in all facets of space activities, driven by sector incentives and transformative reforms. The move towards increased privatization in the space sector has been a crucial factor in attracting investment and stimulating innovation.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been a key player, having launched over 430 foreign satellites. The earnings from European satellites exceed 290 million euros, while revenue from American satellites surpasses USD 170 million. These international collaborations underscore India's credibility in the global space community.

Private investment in Indian space startups has been substantial, with over Rs 1,000 crores pouring in since April of the current year. Union Minister Jitendra Singh expressed confidence that India has the potential to achieve a USD 100 billion space economy by 2040. A significant endorsement of this potential came when Alphabet, Google's parent company, invested USD 36 million in Pixxel, a Bengaluru-based space startup. This marked a watershed moment, being the first major investment in the Indian space sector post the

2023: A huge year for private space companies

Dr Srimathy Kesan

privatization policy implemented in April.

The Indian Space Policy 2023 has been a catalyst for the growth of the private space industry, turning it into an attractive investment option for both domestic and international investors. Companies like Skyroot Aerospace, SatSure, Dhruva, and Bellatrix are emerging as significant players, aspiring to become the Indian counterparts of renowned global space companies like SpaceX.

The recent achievement of Skyroot Aerospace in securing USD 27.5 million in a pre-Series C funding round reflects the confidence investors have in the sector. This funding will be instrumental in building infrastructure, advancing technology, attracting talent, and enhancing launch capabilities. Similarly, Chennai-based space startup Agnikul Cosmos secured an additional USD26.7 million in funding, underscoring the continued investor interest and confidence in the Indian space industry.

Digantara, founded four years ago, has raised a total of USD12.5 million, encompassing previous funding rounds such as the seed round, which secured USD2.5 million from Kalaari Capital in 2021. The recent infusion of 10 million is expected to propel Digantara into the forefront of space technology, particularly in the realm of space situational awareness. **C The Indian** Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been a key player, having launched over 430 foreign satellites. The earnings from European satellites exceed 290 million euros, while revenue from American satellites surpasses USD 170 million

This adds another feather to India's cap in its journey toward becoming a formidable player in the global space industry. As the space sector in the country experiences an unprecedented surge in investment and innovation, start-up's success stories further contribute to the narrative of India emerging as a key contender in space technology and satellite management.

Several factors contribute to India's journey towards becoming a space powerhouse, including the recent Chandrayaan-3 launch by ISRO, the projected USD 1 trillion global space market by 2040, and the emerging potential of space tourism. Key recommendations for sustained growth include regulatory clarity, foreign investments, incentives, startup support, partnerships, research and development (R&D) centers, and skill development initiatives. As India continues to make strides in its space odyssey, these developments position the country as a key player in the global space arena.

AzaadiSAT, a pioneering satellite mission by Space Kidz India, signifies a groundbreaking initiative to empower economically disadvantaged government school girls in India. Launched to commemorate the 75th anniversary of independence, AzaadiSAT involves 750 girls from 75 rural schools across India (Kashmir – Kanyakumari). The project aims to impart fundamental space knowledge, offering hands-on experiences in satellite technology. Despite an initial setback, the project's resilience led to the successful launch of AzaadiSAT 2 on February 10, 2023, through SSLV-D2. This unprecedented venture not only fosters scientific curiosity but also promotes gender inclusivity in STEM, aligning with the UN's "Women in Space" theme.

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Plight of Our Aged Fathers

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hough a mother cradles progeny in her sweet lap and suckles the marrow of her bones, it is a father who squeezes the nectar of his muscles to fuel the engine of his child, so that he/she can propel the wagon of life smoothly. If the mother holds the paradise under her feet, then it is the father who is the door of the paradise. If the mother is an epitome of love and sympathy, then the father is the treasure house of strength and courage. If the mother lactates us with the comeliness of her face, then it is the father who makes us drink the blood of his veins.

If the mother teaches us to walk, it is the father who first carries us on his shoulders, then strengthens our legs to gallop on the path of life. The mother brings us into the beautiful world of Allah SWT, but it is the father who enables us to explore the hidden corners of the world. The mother bakes rotis for us, but it is the father who grinds the flour in his mill of determination which runs on his red blood cells. The mother experiences the pangs of labour pain which is undoubtedly the severest pain in the world, but the father bears the gnaws of poverty which are even more prickly than the labour pain. If the mother is the home minister of a family, then the father is the defence minister of the family.

Mucky clothes and grubby hair, concretizes the fact that fathers strangulate their own dreams and desires for the joys of their children. Raising a progeny eats up the youth of a father. He loses the sheen and masculinity to hard work, labour, drudgery and burden. He trades his precious possessions to buy comforts and pleasures for his children. He gives up living for his own, rather sees life through the prism of his children. He stops wearing branded outfits for the sake of his children.

He sacrifices his aspirations and longings for the safe future of his children. Pungent smell of sweat of an honest and toiling father is holier than the musk of a deer. He even barters his faith to make every comfort of life accessible to his children. Many fathers miss their meals to arrange delicious foods and cuisines for their children.

And ironically, we have begun to maltreat these godly figures. We have very proudly constructed oldage homes for them. Our conscience is dead. We have left our benefactors at the mercy of God. We have crossed the frontiers of humanity to dip into the ocean of opprobrium. We have deprived our fathers of their genuine rights, albeit a few instances where obedient and virtuous children treat their old parents as their masters. They feel alienated in their own houses which have been erected on their blood and sweat. Their roles in decision making have been reduced to a minimal level. They are hardly taken into consideration for different household matters. Even many fathers hesitantly beg before their children for a few bucks to fulfil their basic needs. A monarch of yesterday is a scrounger of today. We have confined space for our fathers



THE PLIGHT OF OUR FATHERS IS SOMEWHAT THE SAME. WE HAVE BEGUN TO HUMILIATE AND DEMEAN THEM. Curse of the heavens is about to entrap us. If the tradition is not brought to an end, then our fate is not going to be any different

in their own dens where bricks and mortar bear witness to their solitary ownership. Cursed and ill-fated are those who weigh their parents lightly, during their old-age days. Allah SWT and the beloved prophet Muhammad SAW have advised us to

be kind and compassionate to our parents.

Once a young sahabi requested prophet Muhammad SAW to reprimand his father for spend-thrifting his wealth. The sahabi said, "O Allah's prophet (SAW), my father spends

my wealth without my permission. Kindly take him to task for consuming my precious possessions so ruthlessly." The holy prophet (SAW) at once sent for him. The elderly father of the young sahabi came hurriedly at the call of the holy prophet (SAW).

Before the prophet (SAW) could ask him anything, the angel Gabriel (AS) came in and greeted the Allah's apostle, and said, "O beloved prophet (SAW), Allah (SWT) wants you to ask the old man to recite the poem he was mumbling while he was on way to your home. The prophet of mercy and compassion said, "Would you recite those lines loudly here which you sang sneakily, a few moments ago." Tears rolled down the face of the old man, and he cried out deplorably, "O beloved prophet (SAW) of Allah SWT, I bear witness to your prophet hood and the dominant hegemony of Allah SWT. I had silently and secretly mumbled a poem of complaint against my son to register my protest, but your Allah SWT has heard my silent cries. Let me recite it loudly before you."

The old man then lamentably exclaimed (Sum and substance of those Arabic couplets), "My dear son, I gave up living for myself when I begot you. A new journey of my life dawned at the horizon of my sky with your arrival. I fought boldly with harsh heat waves of life, to let you take rest under calm shades. I worked hard during chilly nights, to protect you from the frosty winds. I toiled hard like a miller's ox, to fuel your bones with the blood and sweat of my youthful days. I grew older, you grew younger. My back bowed down, your back straightened up. My legs lost their flesh and vigour, your legs became stout and sturdy . My hands began to shiver, your hands became brawny. I began to dwindle, you started flourishing. And then... I thought... As I have suffered and struggled for your comforts and sustenance, you too will reciprocate, to become the walking stick of my cruel days. When my sturdy legs refuse to walk along me, you will be there for my help. But... Once you trod the path of success and vouthfulness, you forgot me completely. Young days spread a

scarlet red hue on your cheeks, and old-age paled my face like the yellow gallows of autumn. The season of spring bloomed kaleidoscopic flowers in thy garden, and the autumn of life snatched my colours of joy. The summer of life warmed you up, and the winter of life, froze my bones and bent my legs. And you, at once, began to stare at me scornfully. You frowned your brows, to scold and chide me. You even looked at me very sardonically, as if I am your slave, and you are my master. Then... I cursed and calumniated my thirty years of fatherhood, because thy atrocious approach, cemented a belief in my heart, that I am not a father, rather a servant; and you are not my son, rather my lord. If you had been my son, you would not have treated me so indifferently. You have forgotten the hardships of my days, and the insomnia of my nights. You have not weighed and valued my sacrifices for you. My son, now, you are my master, and I am your servant. But, don't deprive me of your alms and charity. I am living at vour mercy.

The painful lines made my beloved prophet (SAW) blubber. His sobs and sighs were audible from a good distance. The poetry pierced daggers into the heart of the beloved prophet (SAW). He (SAW) lambasted and ridiculed the young sahabi, and said, "Get lost from here, you and your entire wealth belong to your father."

The plight of our fathers is somewhat the same. We have begun to humiliate and demean them. Curse of the heavens is about to entrap us. If the tradition is not brought to an end, then our fate is not going to be any different. Our parents deserve our love, respect, empathy and time. Let us all pledge to be kind and compassionate to our parents.

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Say No to Imposter Syndrome

Zakerah Sidat

you feel like you're not good enough, despite being a high achiever? Or filled with doubt when others recognise your achieve-ments and abilities? Then you might just be experiencing "Imposter Syndrome". As the name implies, it leaves you feeling like a fraud, wondering when your secret will be found out. You're not alone though, even actor Tom Hanks and for-

someone who perpetually suffers from the condition and another who successfully combats it. Denial may creep in at first, suggesting you have nothing wrong with you, but once you realise and accept that there's an issue, the clouds of doubt disappear, making change increasingly possible. A senior radiographer explains, "I felt as if I was not good enough. I was praised at work, but instead of accepting that, I responded by saying anyone could do what I had done. I didn't even know



- none other than the accursed Shaytan, whom Allah describes as the "open enemy" in various chapters of the Qur'an. Hell-bent on your downfall, his waswaas (whispers) prod and poke at your insecurities, inciting you to listen. Of course, the easiest and most effective cure for this is found in the Qur'an, which is beautifully profound in its meaning,

"Say, O Prophet, 'I seek refuge in the Lord of humankind,

the Master of humankind

mer First Lady Michelle Obama have admitted to experiencing it.

According to research published in The International Journal of Behavioural Science, "As many as 70% of us experience it (Imposter Syndrome) at some point in our lives". Discovered by psychologists Pauline Clance and Suzanne Imes in 1978, "Imposter Phenomenon" as it was then known, was shown to affect women. We now know that it can affect anyone, regardless of gender, job role or even social standing. Yet, cultural and racial bias play a major part, with minorities more at risk of developing it. For some, Imposter Syndrome is temporary, whilst for others, it's a life-long experience.

Împoster Syndrome can be a crushing condition that pushes you to self-sabotage. It can look like this:

- You often procrastinate, even though you're more than capable of doing the work.
- You hesitate when new opportunities arise, despite being fully qualified.
- You're a perfectionist who never knows when "good" is "good enough".
- You overachieve, causing yourself burnout.

It's not just your work/studies that can be affected. Imposter Syndrome can show up in various ways in your practice of the deen too. From feeling too guilty to pray Tahajjud due to missing some of the fardh salah, to the "shame" of being a "Ramadan Muslim", the condition can limit or even stop you from trying to do better. It can affect the not-so-religious and religious alike, as shown by the late Shaykh Muhammed al-Shareef (may Allah have mercy on him), who experienced it in his early years.

But it's not all doom and gloom. The good news is that there are ways to combat Imposter Syndrome, resulting in increased confidence, a healthier mindset and above all, a happier life. So how can I achieve this, I hear you ask. Keep reading to find out more.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

The first step in the recovery process is acknowledgement. Actively internalising you have an issue and wanting to overcome it, is the difference between

Imposter Syndrome was a thing. When I found out, I thought, 'I'm going to try and tackle this, in sha Allah."

Something to keep in mind is that Allah only makes you go through tests you can handle. He knows the benefits in them, although you may not understand what they are. But stay patient and increase your tawakkul. It will help to strengthen your resolve. As Allah SWT says

"Allah does not burden a soul with more than it can bear" (Surah al-Baqarah, 2:286)

"And whoever puts their trust in Allah, then He alone is sufficient for them." (Surah al-Talaq, 65:3)

2. VALUE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Sometimes you may ignore your achievements because you either feel unworthy, or you're trying to stay modest. But this only intensifies the "imposter" feelings. To remedy this, recognise that your talents and achievements are genuinely yours and are God-given blessings. Try writing them down in a journal and give gratitude to Allah for them; this can only open more doors of success. After all, as Allah mentions,

".. If you are grateful, I (Allah) will certainly give you more" (Surah Ibrahim, 14:7

3. CELEBRATE THE IMPERFECTLY PERFECT

Imposter Syndrome and perfectionism go hand-in-hand. As Coach Melody Wilding notes, "People with Imposter Syndrome have unreasonably high expectations of themselves", leaving them with feelings of inadequacy when they're unable to complete tasks "perfectly". A former businesswoman and perfectionist recalls, "I used to think my creations were never good enough, even though my customers loved them. They'd say that others were impressed and would often ask where they bought them from. I'd always think my creations could've been better. It took me a while, but I finally started to listen to my customers' compliments, rather than my self-doubt."

Remember, perfection can only be attributed to Allah SWT. So go easy on yourself, and know that as long as you've worked hard and tried your best, it's more than enough. It may be helpful to

remember this Qur'anic verse:

"And it is Allah's will to lighten your burdens, for humankind was created weak". (Surah al-Nisa, 4:28)

4. SELF-ENCOURAGEMENT

Words of affirmation go a long way to quieten the "imposter" voice. Instead of using negative statements like, "I can't," or "I'm not good enough", replace them with the opposite. Take the example of Nadiya Hussain's powerful speech when she won The Great British Bake Off, "I'm never gonna put boundaries on myself ever again. I'm never gonna say I can't do it. I'm never gonna say 'maybe'. I'm never gonna say 'I don't think I can'. I can and I will." We've all seen how well that worked out, with her fronting cooking programmes and her guest appearances, mashaAllah.

Positive self-talk has many benefits as psychologist Dr Gregory L. Jantz notes, "One of the ways to recognise, promote and sustain optimism, hope and joy is to intentionally fill our thoughts with positive self-talk". The key here is to centre the positive self-talk around Allah, by adding the phrase "bi idhnillah" (by the permission of Allah) at the end of an affirmation. We know nothing can happen without Allah's will, so trust in Him to make it possible.

"He [Allah] is with you, wherever you are" (Surah al-Hadid, 57:4)

He always has our back, for He is Al-Wakeel (The Disposer of Affairs).

5. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH POSITIVE PEOPLE

There's always that one person (or more) who is a glass half-full type. Observing and interacting with positive

people can be inspiring, as Dr Sherrie Bourg Carter explains, "Being 'infected' by another person's happiness or enthusiasm can be a very good thing. Researchers have found that when subjects 'catch' positive emotions from others, they're more likely to be viewed by others and themselves as more cooperative and competent." With a refreshed mind, the "imposter" thoughts become much more manageable, as long as you remember to steer clear of "Negative Nancies". This also resonates with the Islamic perspective, as shown in the following hadith,

"The similitude of good company and that of bad company is that of the owner of musk and of the one blowing the bellows. The owner of musk would either offer you some free of charge, or you would buy it from him, or you smell its pleasant fragrance; and as for the one who blows the bellows [ie, the blacksmith], he either burns your clothes or you smell a repugnant smell." (Sahih Muslim)

As the saying goes, "A problem shared, is a problem halved". Talk about your struggle to those you're close to, and more importantly, to those who have your best interests at heart. They'll help you see things differently. Psychologist Dr Jason Eckerman advises, "When you're feeling like you don't belong in these situations, it can be helpful to talk with mentors who are more experienced".

6. MORE THAN ONE IMPOSTER?

It might surprise you, but the bombardment of "imposter" thoughts may not always be from yourself. Another sinister entity could be influencing you

- the God of humankind,
- from the evil of the lurking whisperer-
- who whispers into the hearts of humankind—
- from among jinn and humankind."" (Surah al-Nas, 114:1-6)

To pray with understanding and conviction will yield the best results. It'll shoo away the unwelcome "imposter" Shaytan, and leave you feeling calm, making space for positive thoughts. It's also beneficial to recite Surah al-Nas when Shaytan tries to interfere with your deen. No longer will you feel like you're not good enough when intending to do a good deed. Instead, you'll feel energised and grateful that you were able to do it.

7. SEEKING GUIDANCE THROUGH DU'A

What better way to ask for help to fight Imposter Syndrome, than to make du'a to Allah SWT? He loves to hear from vou. as He mentions.

"Call on Me [Allah] and I will answer you." (Surah Ghafir, 40:60)

Beseech Allah by reciting His ninetynine names and especially those that are relevant to your situation, such as Al-Jabbar (The Restorer), Al-Naseer (The Helper) and Al-Wakeel (The Disposer of Affairs). Include du'as for overcoming difficulty, such as the following du'a:

"O Allah! There is nothing easy except that which You make easy; and You make the difficult, if You wish, easy.'

And the du'a of Musa (AS) for ease:

"My Lord, expand for me my breast [with assurance] and ease for me my task and untie the knot from my tongue, that they may understand my speech." (Surah Taha, 20:25-29)

These are just some of the ways to fight Imposter Syndrome. Success comes with consistently working hard to banish negative thoughts and actions, patiently persevering through the hard times and ultimately trusting in Allah to get you through. It's a long road, but it's worth it. May all those who strive to combat Imposter Syndrome succeed and be left feeling lighter, happier and more confident. Ameen.

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NEWS

CS For Adding Huge Vibrancy To The Republic Day Events Held Across J&K

Observer News Service

Jammu: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Friday held a meeting of the top brass of civil and police administration to take stock of the preparations to be made for the grand celebrations of Republic Day, 2024.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the concerned Divisional administrations to making arrangements beforehand for holdings events in a befitting manner right from the Panchayat level. He called for adding lot of activities before this event to create the right kind of enthusiasm among people. He stressed on adding vibrancy to all the events held right from the Panchayats across the UT.

Dulloo made out that the administration should provide ample time to school children to many rehearsals of performances set to be made by them. He called for providing them every kind of assistance to reach to the venues in this winter season. He even asked for making better arrangements of refreshment for them that is both healthy and hygienic for them.

The Chief Secretary also emphasized on making traffic plan that is less exhausting and circuitous for general public. He also asked for adding more frisking booths at the venue especially for school children and elderly so that they do not have to face any kind of inconvenience in entering into the venue.

He directed for decorating and illuminating all the rotaries and important public infrastructure at both Jammu and Srinagar. He called for making special arrangements for creating ambiance of festivity in both the smart cities as well as towns of J&K.

Regarding the Tableau to be displayed during the main functions at Jammu and Srinagar, the Chief Secretary advised

for promoting the themes on the achievements made in Jal Jeevan Mission, Mission Shakti (Education), Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Sports, Swachh Bharat Mission and Nasha

Mukht I&K Mission. On the occasion the Chief Secretary also took note of the preparations and back-up plans of the departments regarding power, water, sanitation and public address system facilities at the venues. He also asked for making foolproof security arrangements besides deployment of fire tenders and health care professionals in strength there. The Commissioner Secretary GAD and Divisional Commissioners apprised the meeting about the arrangements

to be put in place for smooth conduct of Republic Day celebrations in both the cities. They also assured of making all the arrangements well ahead of time so that the day is observed with gaiety and remarkably all across J&K. New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday sought a response from Congress leader P Chidambaram, his son Karti Chidambaram and other accused in the Aircel-Maxis case on a plea by the CBI challenging a trial court's order directing the agency to supply un-relied upon documents to them.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma issued notice on the CBI's petition and granted the Chidambarams and others one week to file their replies.

The high court, which was informed that the case is listed before the trial court on January 18, fixed the plea for further hearing on January 11, 2024.

The CBI, in its petition, contended that the trial court erred while directing the investigating agency to supply all unrelied upon documents to the accused. Investigating agencies, for the purpose of prosecution, may not rely on all the documents they have gathered during the probe resulting in the documents getting bifurcated into "relied" and "un-relied" categories. While the former may benefit the prosecution, the latter could help the defence, which would normally want to inspect all the documents, including those the probe agency has not relied upon.

The CBI, represented through senior advocate Sanjay Jain, said the special judge had taken cognisance of the charge sheet on November 27, 2021 and issued summons for the appearance of all the accused. On January 20, 2022, the trial court had directed the CBI to file a list of unrelied upon documents before the court and supply copies of the same to the accused.

"Accordingly, a list of 67 unrelied upon documents was filed by CBI on February 18, 2022 and copies of the same were supplied to the accused persons. Applications were filed under section 207 CrPC by

the accused persons for supply of un-relied upon documents. Special judge vide order dated March 5, 2022 directed CBI to supply all un-relied upon documents as sought by the accused," the CBI counsel said. The agency challenged the March 5, 2022 order and contended that the trial court had erred in observing that the

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The CBI said the case involves high level of corruption with wide ramifications for society, and while the accused have a right to fair trial, the collective interest of the society cannot be impinged upon.

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Gulmarg 'Sold Out'

"The tourist arrivals and bookings are looking great. Hotels in Gulmarg are fully booked, while occupancy in Pahalgam and even in Srinagar is very good," Burza told PTI.

He said the tourism players are expecting the footfall to improve further with snowfall in the coming days.

"Hotels are fully booked for the last ten days of December and the first week of January," he added.

Rauf Tramboo, the president of Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK), said the bookings for December-end and January were very good.

"The numbers for Christmas and New Year are very good. The bookings are better than the last year. A good number of tourists are visiting the valley," he said.

He said while there was full occupancy in Gulmarg, the numbers were better for Pahalgam and Srinagar as well.

The TAAK president said Kashmir has become an all-weather destination and tourist arrivals have stretched all year round.

"This year, the tourism season for Kashmir has extended to eight-nine months, unlike before when it was for two-three months only," he said.

Attributing the increase in tourist arrivals to the change in the narrative around Kashmir over the last few years, Tramboo expressed hope the industry will develop on a positive note and a huge influx of tourists will be seen in the next year especially destination of the country, this time the department is focusing in a big way on destinations like Sonamarg, Doodhpatri, Bhaderwah, and Sanasar.

"We are focussing on diversification of the tourism portfolio in terms of products of tourism, destinations, and in terms of improving the livelihoods of the people," Shah added

Srinagar Colder

to beat the chill. The cold and dry weather has resulted in an increase in respiratory problems among children and elderly.

The weatherman has forecast generally cloudy weather on Friday, with a possibility of light snow over isolated places in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday.

It said another spell of light snow over isolated places in the higher reaches is possible on December 27.

'Chilla-i-Kalan' is the 40-day harshest winter period when a cold wave grips the region and the temperature drops considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies, including the famous Dal Lake here, as well as the water supply lines in several parts of the valley.

The chances of snowfall are the most frequent and maximum during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches, receive heavy snowfall.

Traditionally, the valley residents used to consume dried vegetables to overcome the scarcity of fresh vegetables during the winter months as the Srinagar-Jammu would often be closed due to heavy snowfall While dried vegetables are still consumed as delicacies, the highway to Jammu does not face frequent closures anymore. 'Chillai-Kalan' will end on January 31. However, the cold conditions continue even after that in Kashmir with a 20-day-long 'Chillai-Khurd' (small cold) and a 10-day-long 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold).

terrorism", White Knight Corps, or XVI corps, wrote on X. The Director General of Police R R Swain also visited the spot and assessed the ground situation. An official said aerial monitoring using helicopters is also being conducted and sniffer dogs have been pressed into service to track down the terrorists who ambushed two Army vehicles in the area Thursday afternoon.

"A massive cordon and search operation has begun this morning after a night cordon in area," an officer told PTI. The operation was still going on.

He said that additional troops have been inducted into area to track down the terrorists involved in the firing.

On Thursday, around 3.45 pm, the two army vehicles carrying personnel to the site of a cordon-and-search operation came under attack at a blind curve at Dhatyar Morh between Dhera Ki Gali and Bufliaz under the jurisdiction of the Surankote police station.

The officer quoted above said the Dhera Ki Gali (DKG) Road has been closed for traffic. Top officials of army and police are monitoring in the situation at the ground.

The heavily-armed terrorists, believed to three to four in number, initially took position on hill tops and chose a blind curve to target the army vehicles.

After the attack, they reportedly mutilated the bodies of at least two soldiers and have taken weapons of some of them, officials say. The security officials say that investigation of site is being carried out to know the nattern and use of weapons including steel core bullets in the ambush. Security experts said on Friday the rising number of terror incidents in the Rajouri-Poonch region is concerning. "It is matter of concern. It is second incident in the last two months. This region was peaceful till recently. During last two years, 35 soldiers were martyred here. Why is it happening? Why have terrorists got so emboldened?" Defence expert Col S S Pathania said. Security expert Captain (retd) Anil Gaur said that Pakistan is trying to revive terrorism in this region by engineering these incidents. "There is some fault in how we are dealing with terrorism. It is time to strengthen intelligence and security setup of the region and eliminate all terrorists in difficult areas. There are caves," he said.

society," he said in his address at the sammelan. Shah also said he has seen many ups and downs in life, but the teachings of the Gita have always guided him.

"I have seen many ups and downs, but as my mother taught me the Gita in my childhood, I never experienced any disappointment and pain," he said.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, yoga guru Ramdev and Swami Gyananand Maharaj among others were present on the occasion.

'Don't Charge

the Act reads.

In this direction, the FFRC Chairperson in a circular instructed all private schools of UT not to charge admission fee in violation of Statute. He said in case of a complaint is proved against a private school having charged admission fee, it will be deemed to have been charged from all students admitted and action in accordance with law will be taken against the school management.

"In case of denial by the school management has charged admission fee on the pretext of lack of receipt or otherwise, the matter will be referred to CBI for conducting enquiry in the matter. In case of adverse report from the investigation agency, action in accordance with law will be taken against the school which may include de-recognition/dis-affiliation," the circular adds.

HC Grants

is compelled to purchase oxygen cylinders due to frequent power cuts. The interruptions in electricity supply disrupt the continuous operation of the concentrator, leading to the need for

an alternative oxygen source. "Even with the presence of an oxygen concentrator at our disposal, we maintain a reserve of three oxygen cylinders," Wahid Hussain, Zooni's son said.

"My mother is a widow and we struggle to make ends meet. We had managed to buy a concentrator with difficulty, but the power outages have made it worse for us," Wahid, a carpenter, added. "We are forced to endure additional expenses due to the unpredictability of electricity supply in our area."

Notably, Kashmir has a high prevalence of COPD at (17.3%) and an increasing population of these patients requires long-term oxygen therapy (LTOT). According to a 2018 study that examined the contribution of chronic respiratory diseases to the deaths and disabilities in India, found J&K to be among the top four states with a growing prevalence of COPD. It indicated that, in J&K, over 4,750 people per lakh (100,000) population suffer from COPD.

The power crisis in Kashmir has highlighted the urgent need for authorities to address the electricity supply issues before the onset of winter each year. Pertinently, Kashmir valley is experiencing a heightened demand for oxygen cylinders this winter – a surge linked to an uptick in nulmonary 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 Batamaloo 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. Meanwhile, Mehbooba Mufti, President People's Democratic Party (PDP) took to X to take a dig at the government on the power crisis which, according to her, is putting the lives of COPD patients at risk. "Hundreds of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) patients, dependent on long-term oxygen therapy during winters, are gasping for oxygen in Kashmir due to prolonged and unprecedented electricity cuts, owing to poor planning to procure electricity ahead of winters this year." Mehbooba tweeted. Earlier this month, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha met Union Power Minister R K Singh in New Delhi and requested him to allocate additional electricity to Jammu and Kashmir to meet the rising power supply demand in winter. The LG also informed the Minister that the current demand of electricity has touched around 2800 MW with a deficit of approximately 1400 MW in the current winter season. Assuring full support to the LG, the Power Minister said that 1500 MWs have already been allocated to J&K while additional 472 MWs of electricity under Shakti policy will be given to J&K after signing of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) by the end December 2023.

they are ascertaining further details. **Himachal Cops**

local court on November 23 this year, said Hamirpur SP Akriti Sharma. **Peddler Booked**

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Jammu", reads a statement. "The most wanted and notorious drug smuggler namely Shoaib Aijaz Guru @ Shoaib son of Aijaz Ahmad Guru resident of Milat Colony KanisPora Baramulla has been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority", reads the statement.

"The booked drug smuggler has been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Bhalwal Jammu."

"Pertinent to mention that many cases are registered against these drug smugglers and were involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Town Baramulla & other areas of the District. Despite his involvement in many FIRs he did not mend his activities and was again involved in promoting drug abuse by supplying drugs to local youth."

Karnataka To

should indulge in vote bank politics. Lashing out at the BJP, Siddaramaiah said, "They say 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas' (Cooperation of all, Development of all) but sidelining those wearing caps, burqa and sporting beard. Is this what they mean?"

When someone in the crowd asked

Challenging Order To Supply Un-Relied Upon Documents New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday sought a response from Congress leader during the probe resulting in the documents getting bifurcated into "relied" and "un-relied" the accused persons for supply of un-relied upon documents. Special judge vide order dated The CrPC, the prosecution is

HC Asks Chidambaram To Respond To CBI's Plea

with Kashmir getting connected to the railway map of the country.

He said a good number of foreign tourists were also showing a keen interest in Kashmir and if the travel advisories by some countries are lifted, "we could become the number one travel destination in the country".

However, hotelier Burza said domestic tourists matter the most for the economy as they have good capacity to pay.

"The paying capacity of domestic tourists has increased and they have contributed to economy. The tourism that matters, that contributes to the economy, is domestic tourism because domestic tourists have a good capacity to pay and spend not only on hotels, but local arts and crafts as well," he said.

The hotelier said Kashmir is the preferred destination for high-end domestic tourists.

Crediting the support from the film industry, as many movies and TV series have been shot in the valley in recent times, for an increasing influx of tourists, Burza expressed hope of an increased footfall in the coming weeks.

"We are getting a good support from the film fraternity. Leo, which has done well at the box office, was shot at Pahalgam for two months. Many more projects are lined up and that is giving us hope for the last quarter of the financial year," he said.

Secretary of the tourism department there is a lot of positivity around tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Many new destinations of Kashmir have received awards and appreciations this year. So, there is a huge positivity, there is a huge element of hope and growth and development in the tourism sector.

"Tourism is going to the places which are off-beat destinations and people from all over the world are going there. Trekking has been revived. People are now visiting many such destinations where they were not going before. We have also promoted border tourism at a larger scale," Shah said.

He said the winter season is one of the core focus areas, and other than Gulmarg which is the famous winter

Terrorism On

His remarks comparing the law and order situation in West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir drew sharp reactions from the ruling Trinamool Congress.

TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh urged Sinha "not to misuse the chair of the Lieutenant Governor" and cautioned against making baseless comments against West Bengal.

"He should consult with his predecessor Satya Pal Malik," he said. Speaking at the programme titled "Scope of Industry in Jammu & Kashmir," Sinha highlighted the improved industrial climate in the union territory.

He noted, "J&K is now charting a historic path since the abrogation of Article 370. A solid foundation has been built for the industrial development. Investing in J&K will be a wise choice for those seeking growth."

The Supreme Court last week unanimously upheld the 2019 revocation of Article 370 of the Constitution that gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir even as it ordered Assembly elections there by September end of next year and restoration of statehood at the earliest.

"We decided to improve the entire ecosystem. There are immense opportunities in the UT, like in the horticulture sector. I want to ensure that after 2019, J&K is emerging as a peaceful and corruption-free region. There had been a record number of tourist arrivals in the UT last year," Sinha added.

The Lieutenant Governor affirmed that the union territory welcomes both MSMEs and large industries, assuring that investments made there will be secure and protected.

Poonch Attack: Choppers,

In Jammu, several bodies including the Jammu Statehood Organisation held anti-Pakistan protests in the city and burnt the effigy of Pakistan.

Dogra front Shiv Sena also held anti-Pakistan protests and demand an all out operation to clean the area of terrorists. They asked the government to carry out special operation along forest areas and strengthen intelligence network.

Solutions To All

abrogation enabled the complete integration of Jammu and Kashmir with the Indian Union.

Referring to past BJP manifestos, Shah highlighted that the party always said that the Ram temple should be built and the practice of instant triple talag be ended.

In Modi's tenure, he said, the construction of the Ram temple (in Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya) started and now the consecration of Lord Ram's idol will take place on January 22.

He also talked about the Kashi Vishwanath corridor in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi, the Mahakal Lok corridor in Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain, and the inauguration of the Mata Sharda Devi temple in Kashmir. The home minister also highlighted the installation of the 'Sengol', a historical sceptre from Tamil Nadu, in the Lok Sabha chamber of the new Parliament building.

"I am happy that seers sitting here have dedicated their lives to guiding a continuing cause of action and, therefore, no amount of delay and laches would extinguish the right to property of a person," the court said.

The court said that it was not a case where the petitioners have slept over the matter "but it is a case where from the documents placed on record by the petitioners, it is discernible that they have been consistently agitating their right to compensation for the land taken over by the respondents (authorities) which resulted in passing of the tentative award dated 28.01.2010 that was approved by the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, on 23.06.2010, whereby the total amount of compensation for the land in question was assessed at Rs.37,16,943."

The court also underlined that it was a settled law that the State cannot claim adverse possession in respect of the property belonging to private persons. "Therefore, it does not lie in the mouth of the respondents to say that the property in question has vested in them because of their long possession over the same."

"....there is no manner of doubt that the land measuring 02 kanals 05 marlas owned and possessed by the petitioners has been taken over by the respondents for the purpose of construction of and irrigation canal without paying any compensation to the petitioners," the court said, adding, "The respondents are, therefore, liable to pay compensation to the petitioners in terms of the award already passed by the Collector."

Power Cuts

the need for stringent measures against electricity theft while advocating for the provision of ample electricity to law-abiding citizens.

"We have always paid the electricity bills on time. How is it justified that my father will die due to lack of power supply," he said.

"Those abiding by the laws and paying electricity dues should not suffer because of people who survive on power thefts. I can't afford to lose my father to a man-made crisis," he added.

Akin to Ghulam, Zooni Begum, an asthma patient from Mir Behri Dal needs machine-made oxygen to help her breathe. Despite having an oxygen concentrator at home, Zooni's family

Man Found

A police official confirmed to a local news agency Kashmir Scroll about the recovery of the body and said that about restrictions on wearing hijab, the CM said, "No (restrictions). You can wear Hijab. I have instructed (the officials) that there will be no restriction from tomorrow onwards. You can wear and eat whatever you want. It's up to you."

"... your choices are yours and my choices are mine. it's that simple," Siddaramaiah said amid the cheering crowd.

"I wear dhoti and kurta, and you wear pant and shirt. It's your choice. What's wrong in this?" he asked.

Affirming that the Congress party does not indulge in politics for votes, the chief minister said, "Congress government came to power to protect the rights of the poor, backward classes, Dalits and minorities. There is no question of compromising on this."

Referring to the five guarantees of the government in Karnataka, he said the benefits are available to people irrespective of their caste, religion and even "political ideology".

"Even BJP supporters are availing the benefits and travelling in the bus free of cost. We never discriminate," he added.

Hijab was banned in educational institutions in the state during the BJP regime in 2022.

India Logs

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease has increased to 4,44,70,887. The national recovery rate stands at 98.81 per cent, according to the health ministry's website.

The case fatality rate stands at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry's website, 220.67 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the country so far.

ADGP Kumar

Additional Director General Police (Law & Order), J&K, shall also hold the charge of the post of Director, Anticorruption Bureau, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till further orders, relieving Shri Anand Jain, IPS (RR:99), Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone, of additional charge of the said post", reads an order issued by the general administration department.



DEVOTEES LIT UP DIYAS at the shrine of Sufi saint Abdul Rahman Manak Shah, to commemorate his death anniversary in the Rainawari area of Srinagar on Friday. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Ease Of Doing Business Govt's Top Priority: Atal Dulloo

Meets Tourism Bodies And Industries' Federation In Srinagar

required approvals.

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo said on Friday that the ease of doing business (EODB) is a top priority of the government of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the industrial ecosystem in the region.

He made these remarks during an interaction with delegates and participants from various Trade and Travel Bodies in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that government is committed towards ease of doing business (EODB) in its true spirit and has taken slew of measures to promote business in the UT besides providing ease of doing business with the

heads and representatives from different Tour, Travel and Industrial Bodies presented a spectrum of issues before the Chief Secretary. Among the topics discussed were regular power supply to industrial units, renewal of licences, registration of hotels to be eased, promotion of virgin tourist destinations in a

planned manner, streamlining of registrations. Hoteliers Club raised the issue of registration of hotels, permission for repairs, industry status, extension of leases.

Houseboat Owners Association while submitting

DIPR Staffers Acquainted With New

Trends In Media For Info Dissemination

their memorandum raised During the interaction, the issue of renewal of licences, repairs of houseboats, subsidised timber among other things. KCCI in its demands said

that the new destinations should be promoted and developed in a planned manner besides carrying out environmental impact assessment and taking capacity of the area into consideration.

Representatives demanded Gondola Cable Car facility in Sonamarg and Hotel Association of Sonamarg raised the issue of snow clearance machines, fire and emergency vehicles, promotion of winter sports activities among other things. Chief Secretary gave a pa-

tient hearing to the demands of the associations and said that the government will act as a facilitator and will take all stakeholders on board.

Atal Dulloo said that the government is taking promotion of tourism in and across the country very seriously and is taking several initiatives in this direction. He advised the various bodies that they should

partner with the Government in organizing high profile events like the G20 event held this year and another with film industry can be planned. CS encouraged tourism players to be part of FAME events that will have a cascading effect on the arrival of tourists.

J&K To Get Additional 7000 MW Of Power in Next 8 to 10 Yrs: Gol

Auqib Javeed

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir is expected to receive an incremental hydro power capacity of approximately 7,000 MW in a phased manner in the next 8 to 10 years. This statement was made by the Minister of Power and New Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh, in response to a question in the Rajya Sabha regarding the power crisis

in the Union Territory. The question was raised to obtain details of power plant projects launched, including their costs and the progress made, in J&K since 2019. The minister, in response, said that a major initiative for the development of hydropower in J&K was jointly undertaken by the Government of India and the Union Territory, aiming to transform J&K into an energy surplus UT.

The objective, according to him, was achieved through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on January 3, 2021 between the Gov-

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ernment of J&K and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).

Under the MOU, three projects with a total installed capacity of 2354 Megawatts (MW) were allocated to NHPC for development on a Build, Own, Operate, and Transfer (BOOT) basis. These projects include Uri (Stage-11) with a capacity of 240 MW, Dulhasti (Stage-II) with a capacity of 258 MW, and Sawalkote HEP with a capacity of 1856 MW.

"930 MW Kirthai II HEP was given to Chenab Valley Power Projects [P] Ltd. (CVPPPL) for development Generating Stations. in Joint Venture mode," the response from the Ministry

reads that the Government of India and J&K government have created Rattle Hydro Power Development Corporation Limited, a joint venture company between NHPC and JKPDC, for the development of the 850 MW Rattle HEP. The project is currently under execution and is expected to be commissioned by May 2026. Furthermore, according to the minister, Jammu &

response further tional power to J&K to help authorities to meet the increased demand of power during the winter months. "In this regard, Ministry of Power has made additional allocation of 393 MW for the month of December-23, 443 MW for the months of January-24 & February-24 and 593 MW for the month of March-24 to UT of J&K,' the government said.

The center said that the J&K government has identified 14 projects with aggregate installed capacity of 738.5 MW for execution.

Providing details about the projects launched, the minister said, "Four hydroelectric projects namely Kiru (624 MW), Ratle (850 MW) Kwar (540 MW) and Karnah (12 MW) totaling to a capacity of 2026 MW have been launched in J&K

According to him, the development of these projects shall have a great impact on the overall economic development of J&K including employment generation of otherwise economically backward areas.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER SUB TRANSMISSION DIVISION-IIND, RAJBAGH, SRINAGAR

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE eNIT No STD-II / 50 of 2023-24 Dated 22-12-2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from A-class Electrical contractors / registered firms enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/DGS&D and Inspection Agency for "Stabilization/improvement of 33 KV Shariefabad- Narbal Line by way of twining of existing 0.1ACSR with 0.1 ACSR from Shariefabad Bridge upto 33/11 KV Receiving Station Narbal under Capex Budget (Part B)"

SNO	Description of Work		Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Estimated Cost(In Rs)	Last date of sub- mission of e-bid					
01	Stabilization/improvement of 33 KV Shariefabad- Narbal Line by way of twining 0.1ACSR with 0.1 ACSR from Shariefabad Bridge upto 33/11 KV Receiving Stati under Capex Budget (Part B)		Rs 40.57Lacs/-	02-01-2024; 2:30pm						
 Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications by the bidder. The tender document is available on website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view or download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid on line up to date as per the details mentioned in the table below: 										
A Da	ate & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	The standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http:// iktenders.gov.in from 23-12-2023; 5:00pm								
B Sa	ale of Bid Document (Start)	23-12-2023; 5:00pm								
C Sa	ale of Bid Document (End)	02-01-2024	4; 2:30pm							
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F Or	nline commercial and technical e-bid opening date and time	04-01-2024; 2:30pm								
G Or	nline financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be com	municated to the t	echnically qualified	bidders					

Observer News Service

JAMMU: Keeping in view the dynamic shifts in the realm of media and communication, the staffers of the Department of Information and Public the senior faculty mem-Relations (DIPR) were today acquainted with the emerging trends for effective and time bound dissemination of information to print, electronic and social media. The staffers of the department were also briefed about the latest digital tools for wider circulation of information about the policies and programmers of the government with focus on implementation of various welfare schemes and execution of develop-

mental projects. During a day-long workshop on "Emerging trends in Media and Communication', organized by the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Jammu, bers as Resource Persons spoke in length about various communication skills. They focused on enhanced coordination between the department and media fraternity for dissemination of information. not only on the governmental schemes, but various events taking place across the Union Territory. Joint Director DIPR Jammu, Atul Gupta, while delivering inaugural address, emphasized the significance of the workshop in equipping the participants

with the emerging communication trends to deal with the subject in a better way. He hoped that the initiative will immensely help the employees perform their tasks with added efficiency and accuracy.

The Resource Persons in- Dr Vinit Utpal elaborately cluding Vasir Arfat and Dr explained about the emerge Vinit Utpal delved on ining methods in the field of tricacies of impactful press photography and videogreleases containing useraphy to get better results. ful information for public He offered the participants consumption, besides usdeeper insights into the use ing different IT tools to imof latest tools and different prove general presentation. technically affluent methods In the first session, Yato make their performances sir Arfat enlightened the even better. participants about the key Earlier, the first session unfolded an introductory ingredients requisite for further streamlining of account about the objecpress release preparation tive of the workshop by suitable to present com-Joint Director, DIPR Jammu, munication scenarios. He Atul Gupta.

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emphasized the need for keeping pace with changing media patterns to deliver the best to the public. He aptly described five tools requisite for preparation of an ideal news story.

During the second session,

of Power states.

Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Limited (JKSPDC) has generated 48,808.68 Million Units of electricity in the last nine years from 13 Hydro power Projects with installed capacity of 1197.4 MW. The UT has also received

99,430 MU since 2018 from the center. The government said the energy deficit in UT has been reduced from 17.8% since 2019." during the year 2018-19 to 1.5% during the year 2023-24. As on November 2023,

2791 MW of power has been allocated to UT from Central Ministry of Power has also been allocating addi-

H Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids Rs2030.00 (Rupees Two Thousand and Thirty Only) Rs 81140.00 (Rupees Eighty One Thousand One Hu The bidders need to submit the proof/Cost of e-Bid document as stated above through e-Challan/Treasury Receipt pledged to Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar to be credited to M.H-0801-Power payable at Srinagar. The scanned copy of the e-Challan/Treasury Receipt must be enclosed along with the e-Bids. No demand Draft shall be accepted.

The office of Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinaga

All the e-Bids must be accompanied by EMD in the form of CDR/FDR from a Nationalized Bank only pledged to the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinaga Hard Copy of e-bid (complete) shall have to be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar only from the bidder who is declared L1 afte opening of financial bids.

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

- The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the identified venue on indicated date and time mentioned or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder' representative will be required to be produced.
- The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e- Bids/ the e- Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding 6. In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being a holiday/closed day for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the same time and place.
- All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should 8. be up loaded electronically in the same BOO sheet provided with the SBD.
- To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' class III(b) as per InformationTechnologyAct-2000, to participate in online bidding. Hard Copy of e-bid (complete) shall have to be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar only from the bidder who is declared L1 after opening of financial bids. The name of the bidder and e-NIT no. shall be clearly written on the cover
- 10. Any other information regarding e-tendering process can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer, STD-II, Rajbagh, Srinagar No.:STD-II/34

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Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir

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

(Fresh to NIT No.98 Sr.1, NIT No.101 Sr.1)

e-NIT No.107 of 2023-24/6318-27/R&B Uri e-tendering

DATED: 22-12-2023

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are being invited on an percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with the J&K Government, CPWD, Railways, and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

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02	Construction of Sub office cum store at Uri.	26.20	1100/-	52400/-	90 davs	29.12.2023	AAY	UT Capex	
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Project Authority: Chief Engineer Kashmir& Executive Officer MC Uri

Position of funds: Available

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Position of AAA/ TS /Accorded

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

	1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	22.12.2023
	2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	22.12.2023 from (10:00 AM) to 28.12.2023 (4:00PM)
	3	Bid submission Start Date	22.12.2023 (10:00 AM)
	4	Bid Submission End Date	28.12.2023 (4:00PM)
Γ	5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	29.12.2023(11:00 AM) in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Uri

- Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan/ CDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited 2, in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Uri (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.
- 3, At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/ FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Uri . Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the Allotted cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.
- 3(b All other terms, conditions shall remain same as per NIT No: 1 of 2023-24 issued under No;-350-70 dated: 20.04.2023 PWD form 25 (Double agreement form)
- If the contractor/HMPO quotes rate for any item of work in his tender as free of cost at the time of tendering process, his tender shall 20. be rejected outrightly.

	For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT,	
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J&K Congress Protests Against Suspension Of MPs

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Congress workers held a protest here on Friday against suspension of 146 MPs.

Scores of workers assembled at the party headquarters at the Moulana Azad Road and started protesting against the suspension of MPs. The protestors raised slogans against the suspension and termed it a "murder of democracy".

They tried to march towards the city centre but were stopped by the police and pushed back inside the party headquarters complex.

Speaking to reporters, district Congress president Imtiyaz Khan said it was a "dark period" for the country, and condemned the suspension.

"The suspended MPs are chosen by lakhs of people and not the BJP. Whenever we try to speak in the Parliament, they pass suspension orders. The Parliament is the highest forum in the country and they are inciting fights there.

"This is a dark period and we condemn it. We will continue our protest till the expulsion order is not revoked," Khan said. He said issues of people need a peaceful resolution and not dictatorship.

"The Parliament has become a one-man shop. If this is not the murder of democracy, then I don't know what is." he added.

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SPORTS

Kashmir University Enters Inter University Football QFs



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Kashmir University has stormed into the Quarter Final of the North Zone Inter University Football Tournament after securing three consecutive victories. The team's latest win came against CU Bathinda with a two-goal triumph, where Talib and Afnaan showcased their prowess by each scoring a goal for KU. Set to face Panjabi University Patiala in the Quarter Final, Kashmir University exhibited commendable performance, setting the stage for an exhilarating encounter.

Dr. Nadeem Ahmed, Coordinator DPES, extended heartfelt congratulations to the team for their outstanding achievements. JKFA also extended its appreciation to Sajid Yousuf Dar, the International Coach / Coach Educator and coach of Kashmir University.

from different departments,

did not lose even a single match

The members of the star stud-

ded team include Param Vir

Singh, (Jal Shakti Department),

Gagan Singh Jamwal (Information

department), Ankush Kholi (Hos-

pitality & Protocol), Raibrinder

Singh (Animal and Sheep Hus-

bandry department), Vikram

Gupta, (PMGSY, Jammu), Salil Ma-

hajan, (Executive Engineer, Elec-

tric Division II, JPDCL, Jammu),

Sanjeev Kumar, (Tourism Depart-

for the last five years.

J&K Masters Win 5th Successive **Roller Skating National**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Masters Roller Hockey Team of Jammu and Kashmir, under the captaincy of international Roller Hockey player, Rajesh Anand (J&K Police), has once again clinched the national title for the fifth consecutive year in the 61st National Roller Skating Championship held at Chandigarh.

The J&K team defeated Chandigarh, Telangana and Punjab teams in their league matches. The J&K masters roller hock-

ment), Arvindeep Singh, (School ey team, comprising officials Education Department).

SA v IND: Kohli Returns Home, Gaikwad Ruled Out



Press Trust of India

CENTURION: Virat Kohli has returned to India due to a family emergency but the senior batter will be back in time for the first Test against South Africa starting here Kohli had travelled to South

Africa as part of the Indian squad for the two-Test series, which will begin at SuperS-

"Virat Kohli has returned to India due to a family emer-It is understood that Kohli

short leave.

Thursday and it was pre decided. Virat didn't take part source added.

the emergency.

away series in South Africa due to a back injury. He will be back in the Rainbow Nation on December 24

ning but former South African pacer Fanie de Villiers believes that Rohit Sharma's and will take part in the premen have the best chance of ending a 31-year wait for a Test series win in the Rainbow

gaping hole in India's plan-

"Indian team has arrived in South Africa with its best ever chance (to win a series)," De

"India have been coming for many years but very few of your fast bowlers were line bowlers. But now you have Bumrah and Siraj. Yes, I agree that Shami not playing makes a massive difference. But Sirai and Bumrah are bowlers who can bowl line, whereas South African bowlers bowl from off to leg stump. against South Africa earlier

"Because they (Proteas pacers) are youngsters running and trying to bowl fast. Only Rabada can bowl that good line, I think India have got the best chance ever."

"I think, India have a 65 percent chance of winning this Test series," he declared when asked if he considers it a 50-50 contest in Shami's absence.

Madrid, Barcelona Still Alone In Fight For Super League

Agencies

MADRID: Real Madrid and Barcelona are struggling to find allies in their fight to revive the Super League project.

The Spanish powerhouses were quick to claim victory and praise the decision by the European Union's top court on Thursday to rule against the attempt by UEFA and FIFA to block plans for the breakaway competition. But as the hours passed,

there were no signs that they would get anybody else to join their crusade despite the favorable ruling.

Madrid and Barcelona faced an uphill battle trying to convincing other clubs to get back on board, but they were not likely to give up anytime soon. The Super League deal would be especially important for Barcelona, which could po-

tentially solve its financial dif-

ficulties if the competition was

to be formed. The club said it

was time to take action and in-

vite "the parties to engage in a

But none of the other 10

clubs involved in the original

project expressed their desire

to return. Italian club Juventus

had been one of the three hold-

out clubs until finally with-

Madrid's and Barcelona's ri-

val Atletico Madrid was one of

the clubs to quickly reinstate

their stance against the new

drawing earlier this year.

competition.

new phase of discussions."

The Premier League was among the leagues expressing their disagreement with the idea of the new competition, as were many teams and the European Club Association, which represents Europe's top football clubs.

"Our position has not changed," Manchester United said. "We remain fully committed to participation in UEFA competitions, and to positive cooperation with UEFA, the Premier League, and fellow clubs through the ECA on the continued development of the European game.'

Madrid-based A22 Sports Management, the promoter of the Super League, immediately announced revised plans for the competition that would be a rival to the Champions League, Europe's top club tournament. The newly proposed Super



League would have promotion, relegation and exit from the breakaway competition.

The original idea introduced in April 2021 collapsed within 48 hours after vehement protests by fans, leagues and the soccer world in general.

So far there was no history being done, though, as the Spanish rivals remained the only two clubs fighting for the breakaway competition.

"I hope they start their fantastic competition as soon as possible with two clubs," UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin said sarcastically.



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MAZBOOTI SE BANI HAR — DEEWAR SE JHALAKTE HAI —

this week.

VOURITES'

That Gaikwad was ruled

out of the first Test was re-

ported by PTI on Thursday but

it wasn't confirmed if he had

'INDIA ARE 65 PERCENT FA-

Mohammed Shami's ab-

sence will certainly leave a

sustained a fracture.

next week.

port Park on December 26.

gency. But he will be back before start of the first Test," a BCCI source told PTI on Friday.

had already taken permission from BCCI brass about his

"Virat had already left on in the three day intra squad match where India and India A players took part," the

No one in BCCI however could confirm the nature of

Kohli had missed out on a Test match during the last match training. Meanwhile, Indian batter Ruturaj Gaikwad was ruled Nation. out of the two-match series, which is a part of the World Test Championship cycle, af-Villiers told PTI. ter fracturing his finger. In Gaikwad's place, Abhimanyu Easwaran, who had a good intra squad match, has

been drafted into the main team. "Ruturaj Gaikwad has been ruled out of the two-Test



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