

## POONCH AMBUSH Search Ops Continue For 6th Day

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Jammu: Battling difficult terrains and dense forests, security forces continued to carry out cordon and search operations for the sixth consecutive day on Tuesday to track down the terrorists behind the ambush that left four soldiers dead in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch last week, officials said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is likely to visit ground zero on Wednesday with top Army and civilian officials monitoring the situation in Poonch in view of the terrorist attack which was followed by the death of three civilians in the area, official sources said.

Over 30 suspects have been questioned during the past few days and several of them have been released, they said.

"The cordon and search operation is going on to track down the terrorists involved in the

## Defence Minister To Visit Rajouri Today



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said he will visit Jammu and Rajouri on Wednesday. "Tomorrow, 27th December, I shall be in | More on P6

# 20-25 Terrorists Cannot Terrorize People Of J&K: LG

'If Article 370 Had Remained In J&K, Anand Marriage Act Would Not Have Become A Reality'

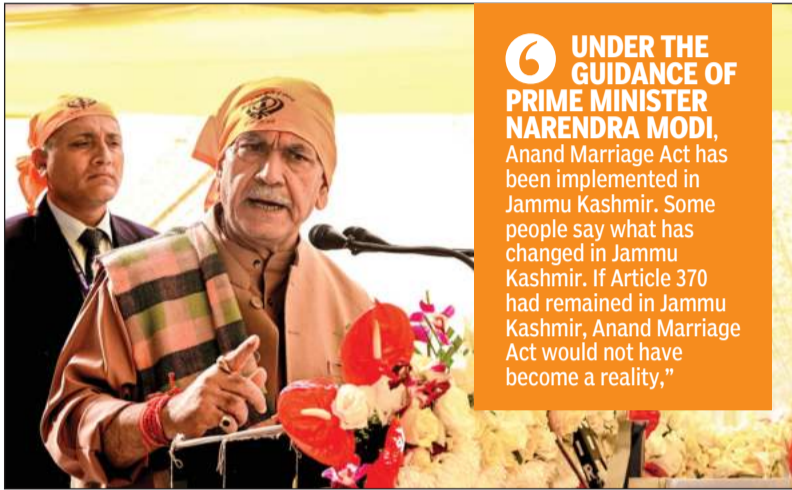
Observer News Service

Srinagar: Stating that 20-25 terrorists cannot terrorize the people of Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday appealed to the society to come out in the open against those attempting to disrupt peace in Union Territory.

"The society has to collectively stand up against these numbered terrorists, anti-social and anti-peace elements. There is also need to isolate those people who are trying to create hurdles in this objective, and their information must be shared by people with our security forces," Sinha said.

He was addressing a gathering at a function to mark 'Veer Baal Divas' at Gurudwara, Bhagwati Nagar here on Tuesday.

"When I look at the transformation Jammu and Kashmir has gone through, and the sporadic incidents that take place with the aim of creating disturbance in peace and prosperity of the



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society, I am reminded of Guru Gobind Singh Maharaj Jee's accomplishments. For peace and transitional development, he taught the lesson of sacrifice to the entire Bharat," he added.

In an apparent reference to recent attack in Poonch that left four soldiers dead, the LG said that if two or four people come to a village with a population of 2000 and try to disturb peace there,

try to disturb development of Jammu and Kashmir, and prosperity of people, then the blood of those 2000 people should boil in form of lava.

"Everyone should only raise one voice that it is enough now. 20-25 terrorists can't scare the entire population of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Hitting out at his critics for questioning the changes in Jammu and Kashmir after August 2019, Sinha said that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Anand Marriage Act has been implemented in the Union Territory which would not have become a reality if Article 370 had been in place.

The LG also reiterated the commitment of his administration to promote Punjabi language in education.

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## 'PM Modi Restoring Past Glory Of India'



Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi is restoring the past glory of India and building a prosperous and modern nation. He was speaking at a function organized to mark Juna Akhara Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Swami Avdhesanand Giri's 25 years as Acharya Mahamandaleshwar at Harihar Ashram, here. Highlighting the contribution of Acharya Giri's contribution

to the nation, the LG said, Swami Ji has tirelessly worked for spiritual upliftment of people and to bring peace and prosperity in the society.

"To achieve the vision of developed India, Acharya Shri is working on a mission mode for environment security, social welfare, healthcare, providing amenities in rural areas and playing the role of a catalyst and a facilitator in educating kids from deprived section of society," he said. | More on P6

## Blast Near Israel Embassy In New Delhi

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New Delhi: A blast took place on Tuesday evening near the Israel embassy located in the New Delhi district but no explosive has been found yet, officials said.

A search operation is underway and all staff are unharmed, officials said.

Delhi Police sources said a typed letter addressed to the Israeli ambassador was found in a garden area behind the embassy, where the explosion took place.

The authenticity of the letter is being verified, they said.

When contacted, Israeli embassy spokesperson Guy Nir said, "We can confirm that around 5:48 pm, there was a blast in close proximity to the embassy. Delhi Police and the security team are still investigating the situation."

Deputy Chief of Mission (Israel) Ohad Nakash Kaynar said, "All our diplomats and workers are safe. Our security teams are working in full cooperation with local Delhi security and they will investigate the matter further."

According to Delhi Fire Services officials, they received a call about the blast at 5:45 pm and it was transferred from the Delhi Police PCR (police control room). The fire department immediately sent two fire engines to the spot.

Police and fire department officials are at the spot and a search operation is underway, the fire officials said.

Sources said the caller told police that there was a blast behind the embassy. | More on P6

ambush on Army vehicles," a senior official told PTL.

The official said that the operation includes sniffer dogs, surveillance equipment and aerial mechanisms. Additional forces have been deployed to plug seven infiltration routes amid area domination operations in the area, he said.

Operations are being carried out cautiously as there are dense forests, deep gorges and caves, official sources | More on P6

## Infrastructure Projects Will Change Face Of J&K: Singh

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New Delhi: Stone pelting incidents in Jammu and Kashmir are a "thing of the past", Union Minister Jitendra Singh said Tuesday and asserted that various infrastructure projects will change the face of the Union Territory.

Addressing around 250 school children from all districts of Jammu and Kashmir, who are on a visit to the national capital, he said they are destined to be the architects of 2047 when India will celebrate the centenary of Independence.

These students are visiting Jaipur, Ajmer and New Delhi as part of the Union government's 'Watan Ko Jano - Youth Exchange Programme'. In the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', the visit is aimed at showcasing the cultural and social diversity of the country to the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the picturesque region of Jammu and Kashmir has undergone a remarkable transformation, Singh said, adding, "Stone pelting incidents are | More on P6



## DENSE FOG COVERS SRINAGAR

# Flight Delays, Traffic Chaos; Safety Alerts Issued

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: A dense layer of fog enveloped Srinagar city on Tuesday, severely disrupting flight operations and traffic movement. The low visibility situation prompted authorities to issue a safety alert.

The visibility in Srinagar at 8:30 am was 91 meters due to thick fog, and the Meteorological Department

has predicted that these conditions will persist until the end of the year.

Motorists in Srinagar were seen pushing their vehicles down the streets at several locations as the batteries had stopped functioning due to the below-freezing temperature.

"I left my house for the ski-resort Gulmarg with a group of tourists around 7 am. Nothing was properly visible, and I had

to take a halt at Gupkar Road because a passenger asked me to. The low temperature caused the battery to die, making it impossible for me to start the vehicle," Tariq Ahmad, a cab driver from Nishat area, told Kashmir Observer. "I had to call a friend to help me start the engine."

Director, Meteorological Department, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, told Kashmir Observer

that dense fog would persist in Srinagar until the end of December, especially during morning and evening hours.

"The dense fog is expected to continue in Srinagar till the end of December, especially in morning and evening hours. Motorists are requested to adhere to traffic guidelines dutifully to avoid tragedies that occur due to poor visibility," Director MeT said. | More on P6

## 2015 KUPWARA ENCOUNTER

# Lt Col In Coma Dies 8 Yrs After Suffering Gunshot Wounds

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Srinagar: A lieutenant colonel in the Territorial Army, who had been in a coma since November 2015 after sustaining gunshot injuries in an anti-terror operation in Jammu and Kashmir, has died in a Jalandhar hospital, officials said on Tuesday.

The Patahirri Garrison in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district paid rich tributes to the officer, Lt Colonel K S Natt, earlier in the day. Officers and troops of the Kupwara Terriers unit laid wreaths at its war memorial and observed a two-minute silence to honour his sacrifice.

Natt was posted with the

160 Infantry Battalion of the Territorial Army at the time of the encounter in November 2015. He was leading a combing operation against terrorists holed up in a densely forested area of Manigah in Kupwara when he was injured, they said.

"During the search, the officer along with his party approached the location of the terrorists. Suddenly, he was charged by a fidayeen and grievously injured. However, despite his injuries and without any concern for his safety, he advanced towards the terrorist's location and eliminated him," an official said.

He said the | More on P6

## Police Officer Empowered To Probe Offences Under Wildlife Law: HC

M Ahmad

Jammu: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has held that a police officer is empowered to investigate the offences under Wildlife Protection Act.

A bench of Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi made the observations while dismissing a petition, seeking quashment of a case (FIR No.207/2022) dated 21 December last year registered with Police Station, Leh Ladakh for commission

of offences punishable under Sections 9/51 of the Wildlife Protection Act.

As per the case details, on 21st December last year, the Police Station, Leh Ladakh received information through reliable sources that some unknown persons with the criminal intention entered into Thiksay village with an intention of hunting the animals.

Subsequently the FIR came to be registered. The petitioners—Bashir Ahmad Khan and others—had sought | More on P6

## S H O R T T A K E S

### Earthquakes Hit Ladakh, Kishtwar

Two earthquakes of mild intensity struck Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir early Tuesday, officials said. There were no immediate reports of any damage due to the tremors, they said. The epicentre of the two quakes were in Ladakh's Leh district and Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, they added. According to the National Centre of Seismology (NCS), an earthquake of | More on P6

### KU Announces Winter Break

University of Kashmir on Tuesday announced winter vacations for main campus and its satellite campuses from January 1 upto February 25, 2024. "It is for the information of all concerned that the Teaching Departments of the University and its Satellite Campuses shall observe winter vacations from 1st January, 2024 to 25th February, 2024", reads a notification in | More on P6

### Man Injured In Bear Attack



A man was severely injured after he was attacked by a bear in a forest area in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Tuesday, officials said. He was on the way to the forest area in Seri Khawaja | More on P6

### Hardcore Criminal Held In Samba

An alleged hardcore criminal was arrested along with a country-made pistol in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district, police said on Tuesday. Vishal Sharma, a resident of Akhnoor area of Jammu, was arrested from Vijaypur area, they said. According to police, Sharma is a hardcore criminal and two cases under relevant sections of the Arms Act and the | More on P6

### 3 Held With Arms In Pulwama

Security forces have arrested three persons and recovered weapons from them in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, the Army said on Tuesday. "Based on specific intelligence inputs, a Joint Cordon & Search Operation (CASO) was launched by Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police at Panzu and Gamiraj in Pulwama on 25 December, 2023. | More on P6

### Security Reviewed In Kishtwar

Authorities in Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar on Tuesday reviewed the prevailing security situation in the hilly district, a police spokesperson said. Kishtwar Senior Superintendent of Police Khalil Poswal convened the Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centre (SMAC) meeting at the police headquarters. Representatives of the Army, central armed police force, and intelligence | More on P6



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e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/109/2023-24 Dated: - 22-12-2023

Executive Engineer PCD PHQ&K JAMMU/SRINAGAR on behalf of The President of India invites tenders by e-tendering on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. / CPWD / Railways and other State / Central Governments for the following works.

Table with 9 columns: S.No, Name of Work, Name of Division, Estimated Cost, Cost of document, Earnest Money, Time Allowed for completion, Date of opening of tender, Class of Contractor. Rows 1-5 describe renovation works for 04 Nos buildings.

- 1. Date of Publishing 23-12-2023 at 1600 hours.
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3. Earnest Money: The earnest money deposit (EMD @ 2% of advertised cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar of the successful bidder (L1) shall be released, only after defect liability period, the DLP shall be calculated from the date of successful completion of the work to the satisfaction report of Engineer in charge.
4. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://ktenders.gov.in Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.
5. The site for the work is available. The intending bidders are strongly advised to inspect the site of work before bidding.
6. Financial Bids will be opened on line in the office of the Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/Srinagar. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
7. The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.
8. No Engineer of Gazetted rank or other Gazetted Officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the Government is allowed to work as a Contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from Government service, without permission of the Government. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor or any of his employees is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as aforesaid before submission of the tender or engagement in the Contractor's Service.
9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.
10. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
11. The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website http://ktenders.gov.in
12. No construction material shall be supplied by Police Construction Division, PHQ. However, the brands of the material will be approved by Engineer In-charge of the concerned site in consultation with Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K.
13. In case of any typographical error, if found in the rates or units etc. the same shall be corrected and paid as per sanctioned schedule of rates 2022/LMR with contractor's Tender appreciation/depreciation.
14. Any item of work not advertised in the rate list but found necessary during execution of work should be got approved by the competent authority before proceeding further beyond the allotment and payment for the same shall be made on sanctioned schedule of rates 2022 and LMR with contractor's overall appreciation/depreciation.
15. In case of delay in completion of the work beyond schedule period of completion (as per allotment), a penalty at the rate of 1% per month (on pro-rata basis) on the amount of allotted work shall be imposed on the Contractors subject to a maximum of 10% of the contract value.

(Er. Neelika Gupta) Executive Engineer PCD (PHQ) J&K Jammu/Sgr.

No.-e-NIT/EE-PCD/PHQ/2023-24/8014-21  
DIPK-14282/23 dated: 26-12-2023

Subject: Grant of Registration of proposal Travel unit under the name and style "CADBURY TOUR AND TRAVELS situated at Kakapora Pulwama, 192304, Neer social welfare office kakapora

Whereas I EHSAN UL HAQ S/O:- MOHD MAQBOOL BHAT R/O :- TRICH PULWAMA KASHMIR intend to apply in the department of tourism for Registration of my proposed travel unit under the name and style CADBURY TOUR AND TRAVELS situated at Kakapora Pulwama, 192304, Neer social welfare office kakapora under the tourist trade act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas I will submit state subject/Domicile certificate, Qualification certificate, pan card, Experience certificate (Minimum 5 years), Character certificate (Police department), Bank Statement (Minimum balance Rs 10000), Site plan, Affidavit, Rent deed duly attested by sub-registrar, Printing material (Letter head/Visiting Card/photo graph of the unit (Indoor and outdoor) and two passport size photographs to the department of tourism as per the prescribed checklist prior to registration of my unit as an excursion agency.

Now as per J&K registration of tourist trade act of 1978/82/2011/12 before my case is processed for registration by the competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/financial institutions/bank/organisation etc. for objection. If any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism registration (email: idtdtreg23@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days after the publication of this notice in leading newspaper of the valley. No, objection beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR  
Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board  
CPO Chowk Panjtirthi, Jammu/ Zamzam Complex, Rambagh, Srinagar.  
www.jkssb.nic.in

Subject: Written Examination for the posts of Driver(s) and Truck Cleaner held on 24-12-2023 - Provisional Answer key regarding. The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted the Written Examination for the following posts on 24th December, 2023.

Table with columns: S.No., Department, Name of the Post, Notification No., Item No. Lists various posts like Driver, Truck Cleaner, Transport Department, etc.

The Provisional Answer Key of the question paper (Series A, B, C, D) for the above said examination is provided at Annexure "A" to this notice for the information of the candidates.

Any candidate having objection(s) to the answer key, may submit his/her objection(s)/ representation(s) in respect of such question(s) on prescribed format/proforma annexed herewith as Annexure "B" along with the documentary proof/evidence substantiating the claim (hard copies only) and a fee of Rs. 200/- (in the form of demand draft) per question (refundable in case of genuine/correct representation/objection) in favour of the Accounts Officer, J&K Services Selection Board.

In case, the objection is found correct, the Answer Key will be revised accordingly in respect of all candidates. No candidate will be informed about the acceptance/non-acceptance of his/her objection individually. The objections/representations can be submitted in offline mode only, in the office of JKSSB, CPO Chowk, Panjtirthi, Jammu/JKSSB, Zamzam Complex, Rambagh, Srinagar on three working days starting from 26-12-2023, during office hours only. The Board shall not entertain any such representations/objections after the expiry of the stipulated period or through any other mode.

PUBLIC NOTICE

That Airtel company is going to install a tower over my land bearing khasra no.2357 .2358 situated at khonmoh sgr.in case any body/person /persons is / are having any kind of objection in this regard he / she shall file the same before Airtel co. Within the period of 7 days.failing which no objection shall be entertained.

Mohammad Rajab dar S/o late Abdul ahad dar R/o khonmoh sgr nj

Subject :-Grant of Registration of Paying Guest House/ Home Stay under the name and style "Silver Woods" situated at "Hamza Hills Ishbar Nishat Srinagar".

Where, I Syed Manzoor Qadri, S/o Syed Ghulam Jeelani R/o Hamza Hills, Ishbar Nishat, Srinagar, Kashmir intends to apply in the office of prescribed authority of Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir for registration of my proposed Paying Guest House/Home Stay under the name & style "Silver Woods" situated at Hamza Hills, Ishbar Nishat, Srinagar, Kashmir under the Tourist Trade Act, 1978/82/2011.

Whereas, I will submit Land ownership certificate from concerned Tehsil dar with attested photograph of the unit through Deputy Commissioner concerned, Rent/ Lease Deed/Partnership Deed issued by the concerned Sub-Registrar, Judicial Magistrate (if applicable NOC from the owner to the effect that the property can be used as home stay), Character Certificate of the applicant from the concerned Police Station, undertaking from the owner as self declaration, Public Notice inviting objections if any in print media, list of family members Name, Age & Photograph self attested by owner, Photographs of the unit as mentioned in the application (each of the exterior & individual bedrooms and bathrooms) Inspection report by the committee. The recommendation of the inspection committee shall decide whether to issue a registration to the unit or not keeping in view, The type of accommodation and amenity, Adhaar Card.

Now before my case is processed for registration by the prescribed Authority. The matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/Organizations for objections if any and the same should reach the office of prescribed authority within a period of seven days (07) from the publication of this notice in leading Newspaper of the valley. Objections received beyond the period of 07 days from the date of publication shall not be entertained and the case shall be processed under rules as per merit.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have changed my name from (Old name) Ashraf Ali to (New) Ashraf Ali Gazi. In future I will be known as (New name). Ashraf Ali Gazi. If anybody is having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted

Ashraf Ali Gazi S/O Late Hakeem Ghulam Rasool Gazi R/O Doctors Colony, Molvi Stop Lal bazar Srinagar. inf

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## Srinagar Smart City Advisory Forum Reviews Progress, Engages Stakeholders

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Srinagar Smart City Advisory Forum (SSCAF) Tuesday convened a meeting at the TRC Meeting Hall, Srinagar, drawing participation from key stakeholders.

Member of Parliament (LS), Dr. Farooq Abdullah, alongside representatives from various government departments, technical experts, traders' fraternity, and members of civil society, contributed to the vibrant discussion.

CEO Athar Aamir Khan of Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) provided a comprehensive overview of both completed and ongoing projects undertaken by SSCL during a recent presentation. He underscored

the transformative changes witnessed in key areas of Srinagar city, notably the Jhelum Riverfront, Central Business District (CBD) Lal Chowk, Polo High Street, and MA Road. These spaces, once neglected, have now evolved into vibrant hubs of social and business activities, fostering a thriving atmosphere in Srinagar.

One of the focal points of the presentation was the successful revitalization of Dal Lake Front, where a continuous 5.10km cycle track has been established along the pristine lakeside. This development has significantly enhanced the appeal of the Dal Lakefront, attracting numerous visitors well into the late evening, and contributing to its newfound vibrancy.



Heavy traffic snarls were witnessed in parts of Srinagar amidst the dense fog cover, affecting the normal life in the summer capital on Tuesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## DPL Srinagar Organizes 5-Day NAFIS Enrolment User Training Program

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) enrolment user training programs inaugural session was conducted on Tuesday at District Police Lines (DPL) Srinagar.

On the occasion, DIG Crime J&K Javid Iqbal Mattoo, who was the Chief Guest, while addressing the participants during the introductory speech emphasized the crucial role of fingerprints for law enforcement agencies during investigation.

He highlighted and advocated that NAFIS serves as a PAN-India searchable database of crime and criminal-related fingerprints, which will readily help to identify the perpetrators of crime along with the establishment

of crimes against them by virtue of NAFIS-related scientific evidence.

Other notable attendees during the inaugural session included Suhail Munawer-SSP (EOW Kashmir), Musadiq Basu, SP (CICE Kashmir), Nissar Ahmad Khoja, DySP (DAR) DPL, Srinagar, DySP Feroze Mohammad, Pvt. Secy. to DIG Crime J&K, Jagpal Sharma DySP, (F.P. Expert) IC NAFIS, CRB, Jammu.

Ganesh Gajalwad and Dhananjay Jadhav fingerprint experts from CFPB/NCRB provided detailed familiarization/training regarding the NAFIS application to all the participants followed with on spot resolutions to all the queries faced by enrolled NAFIS users daily while working on NAFIS project at the end of each training session.

## DC Srinagar For Concerted Efforts To Crack Drug Hotspots In Srinagar

107 Cases Registered, 186 Drug Peddlers Booked Under PITs-PSA In 2023

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad Tuesday directed the enforcement agencies for making concerted efforts to crack hotspots of drug abuse, and obstruct drug peddling, besides creating greater deterrence to combat the dangerous trade of drug trafficking.

The DC also urged the concerned to intensify the IEC campaign and install signages for awareness of target groups and also implement the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003(COTPA 2003), around the educational institutions to prevent the children/ youth from the harmful effects of tobacco and its products.

The DC said the menace of Drugs is non-negotiable and stressed on adopting zero-tolerance against drug abuse. He also called the members of the NCORD Committee to keep a vigil on vulnerable places to prevent the spread of drugs.

The DC called for attacking the societal issue of drug menace from both supply and demand sides to contain the drug peddling and break the supply chain. He also stressed upon the Officers of all the line Departments to further intensify the deterrence measures to control the harmful effects of drug menace so that youth is discouraged from tempting towards drugs.

This was stated during a meeting of District Level on Prevention of Drug Abuse and Narcotics Trade (NCORD) here at the Meeting Hall of DC Office

Complex to review the measures taken by Law Enforcement Agencies and other Stakeholders to curb the menace of drug abuse and crush the hotspots of drug peddling in the district.

Those attended the meeting includes Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Shabir Ahmad, Superintendent of Police, Arif Amin Shah, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Ahmad Kataria and SP Traffic, Tariq Ahmad, the meeting was attended by Program Officer ICDS, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Education Officer, District Social Welfare Officer, Chief Agricultural Officer, Deputy Drug Controller, ARTO, DDMO Srinagar, Incharge Drug De-addiction Centre SMHS Hospital, Incharge ATF, SKIMS Bemina and Officers from ANTF, Excise, Labour, DYSSO and other Departments.

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## This Day In History

- 537 - Hagia Sophia inaugurated by the Emperor Justinian I as an Eastern Orthodox cathedral
- 1512 - Spanish Crown issues the Laws of Burgos, governing the conduct of settlers with regards to native Indians in the New World
- 1679 - Dutch troops capture Madurees prince Trunudojojo in Java
- 1703 - England & Portugal sign Methuen-Asiento-trade agreement
- 1741 - Prussian forces took Olmutz, Czechoslovakia
- 1862 - Battle of Chickasaw Bluffs, MS (Chickasaw Bayou)
- 1862 - Battle of Elizabethtown, Kentucky
- 1918 - The Great Poland Uprising against the Germans begins.
- Assassination Attempt
- 1923 - Emperor Hirohito of Japan narrowly evades an assassination attempt by a Korean independence activist, Lee Bong-chang
- 1924 - Albania is declared a dictatorship under Ahmed Beg Zofu
- 1924 - The US signs a treaty with the Dominican Republic, which supersedes that of 1907: in July, the US had withdrawn its Marines and ended its occupation
- 1934 - Shah of Persia Mohammad Reza Pahlavi declares Persia now Iran
- 1939 - Between 20,000 & 40,000 die in magnitude 8 quake in Erzincam Turkey.
- 1941 - Japan bombs Manila even though it was declared an "open city".
- 1943 - France transfers most of her powers in Lebanon to Lebanese government.
- 1945 - International Monetary Fund formally established by 29 member countries.
- 1945 - The World Bank was created with the signing of an agreement by 28 nations.
- 1961 - Belgium & Congo resume diplomatic relations.
- 1968 - Apollo 8 returns to Earth.
- 1975 - Explosion at Chasnala Colliery collapses drowning 350 (Dhanbad India).
- 1978 - Spain becomes a democracy after 40 years of dictatorship.
- 1979 - Soviet troops invade Afghanistan, President Hafizullah Amin overthrown.
- 1981 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalaitinsk USSR
- 1982 - Imran Khan 8-60 to bring innings victory v India at Karachi
- 1987 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalaitinsk USSR
- 1988 - Bulgaria stops jamming Radio Free Europe after more than 3 decades
- 1995- Australian cricketer David Boon completes his 21st Test Cricket century (110 v SL, MCG)
- 1996- Taliban forces retake the strategic Bagram air base which solidifies their buffer zone around Kabul.
- 1997- Protestant paramilitary leader Billy Wright is assassinated in Northern Ireland.
- 1999- Joe Sakic records his 1,000th career point, an assist against the St. Louis Blues
- 2001- The People's Republic of China is granted permanent normal trade relations with the United States.
- 2002- Kenyan General Election: National Rainbow Coalition headed by Mwai Kibaki wins, overthrowing 39 year rule by the Kenya African National Union
- 2002- Two truck bombs kill 72 and wound 200 at the pro-Moscow headquarters of the Chechen government in Grozny, Chechnya.
- 2004- Radiation from an explosion on the magnetar SGR 1806-20 reaches Earth. It is the brightest extrasolar event known to have been witnessed on the planet.
- 2007- Former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto is assassinated by a suicide bomber in Rawalpindi
- 2008- Israel launches Operation Cast Lead in the Gaza Strip, beginning with an airstrike that hits 100 targets in 220 seconds killing around 250 people

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This is to inform the general public that I have changed my name from Tufail Hamid Raina to Tafeel Hamid Raina .If anybody has any objection he/she may contact concerned department within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.No objection shall be entertained thereafter.

Tafeel Hamid Raina  
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I Ajaz Ahmad Qureshi S/O: Ab Rahid Qureshi R/O: 224-RajBagh Srinagar Manging Partner of M/S Kashmir Fruit Preservers IGC Lassipora Pulwama intends to change constitution of firm M/S Kashmir Fruit Preservers IGC Lassipora, Pulwama by way of inducting Mr. Hilal Ahmad Wani S/O Gh Nabi Wani R/O K.K.Sokhta Srinagar as partner.

Any person (s) or any organization / Department having any objection in this behalf should convey in writing to the General manger District Industries Centre, Pulwama Within (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After expiry of the time frame no objection shall be entertained.

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Tender Notice No.	Name of work	Approx Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Date of opening	Bidding Start date on IREPS	Cost of tender form Rs	Completion period of work
OT-22-JRC-2023	Blasting, metalizing & painting of fabricated members for Br no. 32 on PTK-JDNX section (NG) of FZR division in side Bridge workshop Jalandhar Cantt under SSE/BWS/JRC.	2,59,46,278.11	2,79,700.00	15.01.2024	01.01.2024 to 15.01.2024	0	06 Month

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Subject: Conduct of 2<sup>nd</sup>/Mop-Up Round of Counselling (Physical) for Upgradation/Allotment of seats for admission to 10<sup>th</sup> Based Paramedical Diploma (MMPHW/FMPHW) Courses-2023 in Government/Private Colleges/Institutions of UT of J&K/Ladakh.

Reference: Notification No. 134-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 07-12-2023

**Notification No. 142-BOPEE of 2023**  
 Dated 24-12-2023

Pursuant to Notification No. 134-BOPEE of 2023 dated 07.12.2023, the Board has received short fall from Government/Private Colleges/Institutions running 10<sup>th</sup> Based Paramedical Diploma (MMPHW/FMPHW) Courses-2023 in Government/Private Colleges/Institutions in the UT of J&K/Ladakh. To fill up the seats received as short-fall and the seats which have remained unfilled after conclusion of 1<sup>st</sup> Round of counselling, it is hereby notified that the Board shall conduct the 2<sup>nd</sup>/Mop-up Round of Physical Counselling for allotment/up-gradation of seats to the eligible candidates for admission to these Courses as per the following schedule:-

S. No.	From Rank To Rank	Date/Day of Counselling	Remarks
1	Rank 0001 to 4043	29.12.2023 (Friday)	Candidates of all Reserved Categories including PWD candidates.
2	Rank 0001 to 1300	30.12.2023 (Saturday)	Open Merit Candidates.
3	Rank 1301 to 2600	01.01.2024 (Monday)	Open Merit Candidates.
4.	Rank 2601 to 4043	02.01.2024 (Tuesday)	Open Merit Candidates.

After conclusion of the Counselling for the Reserved Categories on 29.12.2023, the unfilled Reserved Category Seats, if any, shall be converted into Open Merit as per Section-9 of J&K Reservation Act, 2004 and filled up accordingly from amongst the Open Merit Candidates. However, the candidates who may not get any seat under their Reserved Category, can participate in the Counselling process as an Open Merit Candidate on his/her date of Counselling subject to the condition that he/she is eligible under the Open Merit category.

**Note**  
 The following procedure shall be adopted during the conduct of 2<sup>nd</sup>/Mop-up round of Counselling:-

- All the interested and eligible candidates are advised to report at the BOPEE Office Srinagar/Jammu on their respective day/date of counselling from 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. for registration and fulfilment of other formalities.
- The candidates who have been allotted seats during 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Counselling but have failed to join in the allotted College shall also be eligible for 2<sup>nd</sup> /Mop-up Round of Counselling.
- All the participating candidates are advised to bring along the following documents in original for check and verification at the time of Counselling:-
  - Domicile Certificate.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Class Marks Card.
  - D.O.B Certificate issued by the Board.
  - Category Certificate, wherever applicable.
  - PwD Certificate, wherever applicable.
- Those candidates who have remained absent or got CNA or SNA during 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Counselling shall also be eligible to participate in this 2<sup>nd</sup>/Mop-up Round of Counselling.
- It is enjoined upon all the eligible candidates that they shall visit/attend Counselling only after checking the Seat Matrix to be made available on the official website viz. [www.jkbopee.gov.in](http://www.jkbopee.gov.in) of the Board before the day of counselling.
- The candidates who have been allotted seat(s) during 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Counselling and have joined against the said Seat/College, if interested, shall be eligible to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/Mop-up Round for up-gradation/allotment, subject to the condition that these candidates shall have to bring along the receipt of admission fee deposited in the allotted College for check/verification during the counselling.
- The Board reserves the right to notify such changes as may become necessary in view of any technical difficulty or the reasons beyond its control.

The other terms and conditions shall, however, remain the same as notified by the Board in various notifications/notices issued from time to time in this regard.

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Sd/-  
 Controller of Examinations  
 J&K BOPEE

No: BOPEE-EXAM/26/2023 (7346096)  
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Wednesday | 27-12-2023

## Joke Is On You

As is usual in the winter, power shortage in Jammu and Kashmir is back in discourse in a big way. It is after many years that the union territory is facing unscheduled power cuts in winter beyond the normal curtailment schedule. If we go by the logic of the Kashmir Power Development Corporation, it is the power pilferers who are responsible for this state of affairs. The corporation is currently naming and shaming people in its videos posted on its social media handles, a practice that has generated widespread resentment among the people in the valley. Acting like a mob, the corporation's ground staff in its videos throws due process to the winds and humiliates people by identifying them. What is more, it adds colourful posts to the videos to have a hearty laugh at the expense of people, with some local bureaucrats in tow.

It is unfair to blame people for being responsible for what can only be termed as the JKPDC's own failing. Provision of services and enforcing the rule of law is the job of the corporation. If there is pilferage of power, it is the corporation that is responsible, not the people. There can be no power theft if there is no collusion by the officials working for the corporation and deployed to the colonies where power theft takes place. For people can only pilfer power when they are allowed to do so. How come the lineman of the locality who knows each household by his heart not be responsible. How come he doesn't know that power pilfering is taking place? Isn't this dereliction of his duty? So, if anyone has to be taken to task, it is the local PDC official, not the power pilferer, for who knows the latter must have been encouraged to do so in lieu of some gratification. It can thus safely be concluded that the PDC has failed to enforce the law, rather than consumers breaching it.

The fact is that power is a complex and very contentious subject in J&K. And if anybody is responsible for messing it up or failing to provide curtailment-free electricity to the state for the past six decades, it is the successive state governments who have overlooked the exploitation of the region's resources. Blaming people can therefore be termed only an abdication of the responsibility by the PDC. For the corporation, its own officials are innocent. It is the people who are thieves. While this inanity will do nothing to redeem the existing situation, it will feed the resentment brewing among people against the PDC and in turn against the administration.

### OTHER OPINION

## Time for caution, again

So far, its substrains have displayed certain common characteristics — they replicate in the upper respiratory tract and tend to cause less severe disease compared to the Delta variety.

Viruses are strips of genetic material and some other molecules. Strictly speaking, they never die and even when they are benign, these microbes are at work, infecting people. That's why experts have maintained that the Covid virus will never go away — new variants and sub-variants that escape the protection offered by vaccines will emerge. That's what seems to be happening in India and some other parts of the world which have seen an uptick of Covid cases for about a week. The rise in infections has largely been driven by a new sub-variant of Omicron, JN.1. Three Covid-related deaths have been reported from Kerala and two from Karnataka, though their connection with the JN.1 hasn't yet been established. The government has rightly advised caution though it has also assured that the situation is by no means worrying. "The variant is currently under intense scientific scrutiny but not a cause of immediate concern. All JN.1 cases were found to be mild and all of them have recovered without any complications," the Health Ministry has said.

Omicron has been the dominant coronavirus variant for a little more than two years. So far, its substrains have displayed certain common characteristics — they replicate in the upper respiratory tract and tend to cause less severe disease compared to the Delta variety. Its ability to mutate fast helped Omicron find new ways to infect people. A section of researchers had feared that its slipperiness may offset Omicron's reduced nastiness. That does not seem to have happened.

So far there is very little evidence that JN.1 will behave very differently from other Omicron sub variants. That said, the standard SARS-CoV-2-related caveats — Covid-appropriate behaviour — must be adhered to during the current spurt in infections. The immunity conferred by vaccinations or through infection could be waning amongst a large section of the country's population. JN.1 has emerged during the festive season when markets and streets are likely to be crowded, allowing the virus to spread fast. The Karnataka government has mandated masks for senior citizens and people with comorbidities. Some other states might follow suit. There is good reason to believe that with precautions, the country will tide through the current spurt of infections. At the same time, the appearance of JN.1 has led to renewed conversations on a vaccine that works against all SARS-CoV-2 variants. In India, ICMR has handed over strains of all existing variants to Bharat Biotech. The jury is out on whether such a vaccine can eliminate infections. Once again, the work in laboratories and research institutes will be keenly watched.

The Indian Express

# Incomplete Justice

The Case of a Unani Doctor Who Lost His Job to a Fraudster



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

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**Is this complete justice? Will the Government now provide the job to Dr Zaffar Shaheen for which he was entitled 10 years back? Is this the precedent we are setting for future aspirants? Why must an applicant suffer due to the malpractices of other candidates and the government hiring agencies' negligence?**

Recently, the Crime Branch of Jammu & Kashmir Police produced a charge sheet against a Ganderbal resident who had obtained a fake class 12th marks certificate to get admission in Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery or the BUMS course. This degree paved a way for him to get a job in the Health Department of J&K Government under the centrally sponsored scheme National Health Mission-NHM. Infact, this fake Unani Doctor has already been dismissed from service by the Government.

However, only incomplete justice has been done in this case. The case is far from settled as the aggrieved Unani doctor who was supposed to get this job hasn't gotten it even after 10 years have passed already. Dr Zaffar Shaheen, a qualified BUMS graduate, who was eligible to get a job under RBSK programme in district Ganderbal was bypassed by the district level selection committee and a candidate who hadn't even passed his class 12th and had furnished fake documents was given this job.

The aggrieved Unani doctor Zaffar Shaheen didn't surrender to the decision. He fought for justice until the fake BUMS doctor was finally exposed.

### Background

In 2013, the Government had invited applications for the appointment of Medical Officers (Ayush) for Rashtriya Bal Swastha Kariakram — RBSK under National Health Mission -NHM for block Kangan in district Ganderbal.

After the selection process headed by the district level selection committee headed by Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, one Shahid Ul Islam, a resident of Preng Ganderbal was appointed to the aforementioned position. The then Chief Medical Officer-CMO Ganderbal under the order No. 08 DRSHG of 2014 dated 20-01-2014 issued orders of appointment in favour of the accused. This person had obtained a BUMS degree from the Institute of Asian Medical Sciences J&K associated with the University of Kashmir. The said doctor also managed to get himself registered as a Medical Practitioner from the Board of Ayurvedic/ Unani System of Medicine J&K.

Dr Zaffar Shaheen who hails from Manigam Ganderbal had also applied for the said position in pursuance to advertisement notification issued on 13-10-2013 in Srinagar based newspapers. Despite good merit, Zaffar was dropped and Shahid Ul Islam was selected fraudulently. This was later on authenticated by the Mission Director National Health Mission J&K and Kashmir University as well and now the same has been proved by the Crime Branch of J&K Police also. This author has filed a detailed video report on this whole story last year in our weekly Inkishaf programme which finally prompted the Govt and Kashmir University to take action against Shahid ul Islam the fake BUMS doctor.

The appointment of Shahid Ul Islam was possible only after he ob-

tained the degree certificate issued by the Institute of Asian Medical Sciences J&K, Zakura Srinagar.

The completion of BUMS degree as a regular student and the compulsory Rotatory Internship of one year was totally doubtful.

Zaffar Shaheen had moved an application against the selection of Shahid ul Islam especially questioning his compulsory rotatory internship. The certificate issued by the Institute of Asian Medical Sciences, Zakura under serial number 191 dated 29-08-2013 was showing that Shahid ul Islam did his internship in various Institutes without seeking any permissions. He also produced a certificate of experience showing that he had worked on a voluntary basis from Oct 2009 to Oct 2012 at a local Primary Health Centre-PHC in Nunar Ganderbal and gained experience. The fact is that he was a regular student in Asian Medical Institute Zakura Srinagar until June 2010 when he appeared for BUMS final exams. The representation filed before CMO Ganderbal went to DC Ganderbal who directed the CMO to take legal action against Shahid ul Islam and relieve him from the job but the then CMO Ganderbal allegedly gave clearance to the accused and he continued to remain working and during this time he also mislead court of law as well and obtained some relief by suppressing the facts about his fake academic certificates.

From 2014 onwards, aggrieved job aspirant Dr Zaffar Shaheen produced documentary proof by obtaining information under RTI from different institutions, Govt offices and J&K School Board. Zaffar Shaheen got details of his internship certificate, class 12th certificate which turned out to be fake and fictitious.

The class XII (10+2) marks card submitted by Shahid ul Islam for getting provisional registration from Board of Ayurvedic and Unani system of medicine and them subsequent employment as Medical Officer in NHM indicated that he has passed 10+ 2 examination in the annual session of year 2003, J&K Board of school Education and had secured 305 out to 600 marks.

### Fake 10 +2 certificate

The information obtained under RTI by Dr Zaffar Shaheen (aggrieved BUMS doctor) from J&K Board of School Education -BOSE revealed that one Parveen Bano D/o Mohammad Younis Raina bearing Registration No. K-99-52358-5058 had appeared as a candidate in the annual Regular Session for Class-12th in the year 2003 and had failed to pass the examination, the result that has been declared against this roll number "reappear, GE, PS". The information was received by Dr Zaffar Shaheen from the Public Information Officer -PIO JKBOSE Kashmir Division under communication No. F766(Inf./RT)/B/KD/21 dated 03.12.2021.

On the basis on this information the only conclusion that could be drawn was that Shahid ul Islam had obtained admission in the BUMS Degree course at Institute of Asian Medical Sciences Zakura Srinagar on the basis of a

forged, fake 10+2 marks card. The said person had never qualified the 10+2 examination which is an essential requirement for the admission in BUMS course.

It took Dr Zaffar Shaheen over 6 years to get these details and in December 2021 a representation was made to the Registrar University of Kashmir, Registrar Board of Ayurvedic and Unani system of medicine and also to the Secretary J&K Board of School Education. A representation was also sent to Mission Director J&K National Health Mission -NHM who had assured that they will inquire into the matter and take appropriate action.

### Conclusion

The Mission Director J&K National Health Mission already has terminated the services of Shahid ul Islam vide order No 178 of 2022 dated 12/10/2022 and Controller of Examinations University of Kashmir also cancelled his BUMS degree through a notification issued under official letter No:F(BUMS-Certs-Exams)Ku/23 dated 26/04/2023. In addition, the Crime Branch of J&K police has also been investigating this case for several years and they have now filed a detailed charge sheet before the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Ganderbal against the accused Shahid ul Islam under FIR No. 17/2023 for his involvement in commission of offences punishable under section 420,465,468,471,201 of Indian Penal Code -IPC.

However, is this complete justice? Will the Government now provide the job to Dr Zaffar Shaheen for which he was entitled 10 years back? Is this the precedent we are setting for future aspirants? Why must an applicant suffer due to the malpractices of other candidates and the government hiring agencies' negligence?

Zaffar should not only be appointed as Medical Officer (Ayush) under NHM (RBSK) with full honor and dignity but the Govt must also provide him with 10 years worth of salary as well. The trial court must take stern action against the fake BUMS doctor and also initiate action against the Govt officials especially the then CMO of Ganderbal.

We must salute the courage and commitment of Dr Zaffar Shaheen for his struggle to unmask a fake doctor in spite all odds. Zaffar Shaheen has not been able to even practice medicine during the last 10 years and suffered huge financial losses and faced mental trauma as well. He has two daughters who are both deaf and mute and that has also been a great family challenge for him. The way Dr Zaffar Shaheen has used RTI law to expose the fake Unani doctor and his fictitious marks sheets and degrees is also highly appreciated. I would request LG Shri Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary Mr Atul Dulloo to give justice to Dr

Zaffar Shaheen.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

# HANGUL: An Update On The Stag Of The Valley

Mohammad Hanief

The Kashmir stag also called Hangul is a subspecies of Central Asian red deer endemic to Kashmir and surrounding areas. It is found in dense riverine forests in the high valleys and mountains of Jammu and Kashmir and northern Himachal Pradesh. In Kashmir, it is found primarily in the Dachigam National Park where it receives protection. A small population has also been witnessed in Overa-Aru Wildlife Sanctuary in south Kashmir.

Hangul (*Cervus hanglu hanglu*), the state animal of the of UT of Jammu and Kashmir and is one of the eastern most distributed species of red deer inhabiting the temperate coniferous forests in western Himalayas of Jammu and Kashmir. Hangul is critically endangered as per IUCN RED LIST DATA and listed under Schedule I of the Indian Wild-life (Protection) Act, 1972. It was once widely distributed in the mountains of Kashmir and parts of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh.

During the recent past, the distribution range of Hangul appears to have been drastically reduced possibly due to habitat fragmentation and associated factors. Some small or relic populations are also reported to be present in some areas in Kupwara, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Pulwama and Anantnag Districts.

Of the present distribution range in Dachigam Landscape only viable population of Hangul occurs in Dachigam National Park and only some small groups are present in its adjoining protected areas which includes 10 conservation Reserves (CR), Tral WS and the Overa Aru Wildlife Sanctuary (WS). Within the Dachigam National Park of 141 kms also, the animals are restricting their movements mostly to lower and middle part because of various disturbances in the upper i.e., summer range of this animal. The Hangul movement and presence has been recorded in the Tral WS and Wangat CR during recent winter season.

The population of the unique Kashmiri royal stag, vernacularly known as the Hangul, is on marginal increase with the latest census showing the estimated number of this endangered species rising to 289 against 263 in 2021.

According to a report of Department of Wildlife Protection, Jammu



Wildlife Department, Kashmir

& Kashmir with the collaboration of Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and local research institutions, has been regularly monitoring the Hangul population in the Dachigam landscape since 2004 through scientific methods that involves participation of researchers, field staff, university students, NGOs and NGLs.

Till date nine such annual exercises have been carried out during March of 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021 (Qureshi & Shah, 2004, Qureshi et al. 2009, Charoo et al., 2011, 2015, 2017 and 2019). The Hangul population estimates in the past were 197 (2004), 153 (2006), 127 (2008), 175 (2009), 218 (2011), 183 (2015), 214 (2017), 237 (2019), 261 (2021). In the present population monitoring exercise, 55 Transects (each of average 3km) were traversed and three such repeats were done. Out of the three attempted repeats, only two repeats were considered for data analysis.

Based on the direct animal sightings, a mean population number of hangul was estimated to be 275 individuals at Dachigam National Park. Also, at Shikargarh, in Tral wildlife sanctuary, which is known to be second home for hangul, 14 individuals were recorded based on the camera trapping exercise being carried out at Conservation Breeding Centre.

Degradation owing to the large scale biotic interferences in Hangul's

**THE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT MEASURES AND LANDSCAPE LEVEL PLANNING APPROACH TAKEN UP BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE RECENT PAST (SHIFTING OF SHEEP BREEDING FARM, NOTIFICATION OF TRAL WLS) will have long term conservation benefits for hangul and for other wildlife as well. However, these measures need to be augmented by the ex-situ conservation efforts of successful captive breeding. There is still a dearth of vital information on basic ecological knowledge on this important species**

habitat, in the form of excessive livestock grazing in its erstwhile summer habitats, grass cutting, fuel and firewood collection, human trampling owing to men and vehicles in lower Dachigam and poaching have contributed largely to the Hangul habitat degradation and hence decline of the Hangul during the recent past.

Livestock grazing in Upper Dachigam has been considered to prove harmful to Hangul in the long run. Apart from competition for food resources, chances of transmission of disease also exist as there has been confirmed evidence of transmis-

sion of John's Disease to Hangul in Dachigam in 1978. The higher parasitic prevalence rate (32.26%) during summer has been attributed possibly to be influenced by cross-species parasitic infection from the livestock when the Hangul shares its habitats with livestock in both lower and upper Dachigam.

The recent scientific studies on current Hangul population trend have indicated that the species could go extinct if serious management and conservation interventions are not made immediately. The studies indicate that besides

biotic interferences, some of the major ecological issues, concerning the decline in the population and long-term conservation and survival of the Hangul are Low breeding and disturbed viability. The ideal ratios of 40-50 Male/100 female & above 60 fawn/100 female reported in Red deer populations, however in case of hangul it is significantly skewed.

The low fawn to female ratio and fawn survival is presumed to be attributed to stress owing to the biotic disturbance in upper Dachigam compounded with nutritional stress and fawn predation by common leopard, Asiatic black bear, jackal, red fox and stray dogs of shepherds. The predation by leopard and black bear, both of which prey principally on the young deer seems to be the worst threat for. Studies indicate that the predation on Hangul by leopard comprises 60% of biomass of leopard diet which is very high in winter and summer when the Hangul has a limited distributional range to move in Dachigam National Park.

The Scientific studies conducted by WII and SKUAST-Kashmir have indicated a decrease in genetic heterozygosity in Hangul population over a period of time and resultant susceptibility to inbreeding depression resulting from low population size.

The sensitivity analysis indicated that there is a 25% chance of extinction in 100 years. Increasing the chance of poaching to 39% with additional winter mortality with a 5% chance of occurrence will substantially increase the extinction risk to 90%. There is as such a dire need for urgent measures to arrest the loss in heterozygosity and declining trend of the Hangul population.

The Department of wildlife protection has been carrying Hangul population estimation exercises since a long time. Several methods have been tried to monitor the population of Hangul e.g., Holloway (1971) conducted a systematic count in November 1969 and February 1970. He divided the area into six blocks, each block was scanned by a group of individuals so as to maximize the detection. Gee (1965) guesstimated population size in 1957 and 1965. Schaller (1969) estimated population during the rut and concluded that rutting period is not good for population estimation.

However, in 2004 the trail/ transect method was standardized by the Department of wildlife Protection with technical support from Wildlife Institute of The low fawn to female ratio and fawn survival is presumed to be attributed to stress owing to the biotic disturbance in upper Dachigam compounded with nutritional stress and fawn predation by common leopard, Asiatic black bear, jackal, red fox and stray dogs of shepherds. The predation by leopard and black bear, both of which prey principally on the young deer seems to be the worst threat for.

Apart from population estimate exercise, an effort was made to collect the biological samples of hangul to understand the genetic diversity/population demography/health monitoring. All the samples have been stored and will be analysed accordingly.

The habitat improvement measures and Landscape level planning approach taken up by the Department in the recent past (shifting of sheep breeding farm, notification of Tral WLS) will have long term conservation benefits for hangul and for other wildlife as well. However, these measures need to be augmented by the ex-situ conservation efforts of successful captive breeding. There is still a dearth of vital information on basic ecological knowledge on this important species. Research is needed to understand the skewed demographic ratio's and the reasons associated.

Trees are important for the survival of the Hangul population but as is the case in so many habitats, the biodiversity and indigenous ecosystem of the region is under threat due to heedless human activities, poaching, livestock grazing, constant fragmentation, and wildlife trafficking. The careful planting of trees will help improve the habitat cover and increase the availability of browsing material for the Hangul as well as help in water catchment.

Dachigam National Park is said to be the last abode of critically-endangered Hangul which is known for its magnificent antlers with 11 to 16 points, and is the only surviving race of the Red Deer family of Europe in the sub-continent.

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# Islamophobic Politics Amplified in Europe

Recent events and political upheavals in many European countries point to the increasing Islamophobic and anti-Islam right-wingers inching closer to power in these countries

Asad Mirza

Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni is often in the news for making bold statements, but she recently scoffed at Islamic culture and said that there is no place for it in Europe. She says there is no place for Islam in Europe: "There is a problem of compatibility"

Her comments were made at a political festival organised by her far-right party – the Brothers of Italy, in Rome, which was attended by the British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and X's owner Elon Musk, too.

In her speech Meloni said, "The Islamic cultural centres in Italy are financed by Saudi Arabia where Sharia is in force. In Europe, there is a very Islamisation process distant from the values of our civilisation! I believe that there is a problem of compatibility between Islamic culture and the values and rights of our civilisation."

Meanwhile, an old video of her also re-surfaced on various social media platforms that shows her saying she would not allow Sharia law to be implemented in Italy. Meloni also criticised Saudi Arabia for its strict Sharia Law.

"I believe that these should be raised, which does not mean generalising on Islam. It means raising the problem that there is a process of Islamisation in Europe that is very distant from the values of our civilisation," she added.

During his speech at the event, Rishi Sunak said that he would push for global reforms to the asylum system while warning that the threat of a growing number of refugees could 'overwhelm' parts

of Europe.

He even warned that some 'enemies' were deliberately 'driving people to our shores to try and destabilise our societies'.

"If we do not tackle this problem, the numbers will only grow. It will overwhelm our countries and our capacity to help those who actually need our help the most," Rishi Sunak said, adding, "If that requires us to update our laws and lead an international conversation to amend the post-war frameworks around asylum, then we must do that."

Meanwhile, Tesla's founder and X's owner Elon Musk marked a rare appearance as he met world leaders at the annual gathering. "Immigration isn't enough to combat population shrinking," he said at the event, explaining: "There is value in cultures, we don't want Italy as a culture to disappear, we want to maintain a reasonable cultural identity of those countries or they won't be those countries."

Analysing the speeches given by these three leaders, makes it clear that not only political leaders alone but even business leaders are increasingly turning to Islamophobia, based on their belief systems and also converting political issues to anti-Islam utterances, to gain public support.

Both Sunak and Musk couched their Islamophobic feelings into anti-immigrants policies. This could be partly blamed to these countries' own doing. Firstly, various European nations opened their doors for immigrants from the Muslim dominated countries.

The migrant's flow to many western countries increased as the



increasing prosperity there was matched with no desire to engage in menial jobs at lower wages, gaps which were filled by the migrants. Further, they allowed Muslim immigrants entry to assuage their own guilt feeling, as many of the migrants fleeing their homes were coming from those countries where these countries had started or were supporting wars against the so-called radical or Islamist elements.

Though many of these immigrants were not connected to any radical ideology, but they became an easy scapegoat to be blamed for any wrongs happening in these western societies.

Rishi Sunak has been accused of adopting the "toxic" rhetoric of his former home secretary Suella

Braverman, after he warned that migration would "overwhelm" European countries without firm action.

Sunak also said that both he and Meloni, with whom he has been forging a close relationship over hardline migration policies, were taking inspiration from Margaret Thatcher's steadfast radicalism in their quest to do "whatever it takes" to "stop the boats".

Sunak's relationship with Meloni, Italy's first female premier has blossomed over their shared hardline approach towards immigration through policies that have pushed the limits of legality. They have also bonded over their admiration of Thatcher.

As far as Elon Musk is concerned,

recently studies have found that Islamophobic comments are being spread widely through X and the company does not respond to complaints or seem to take any remedial action, to handle the issue. X users resort to spelling mistakes intentionally while debating controversial subjects like religion, terrorism, crime, and even the Indian history.

These are not errors made in the heat of the moment, but careful distortions meant to keep the tweet from being flagged or deleted for hateful content. For example, a tweet posted in November 2022 that singled out people with Muslim names from a series of random crime news reports did not refer to the perpetrators as "Muslims"

but instead used the phrase "Ola ke Bande" (Ola's group or Ola's gang). The word "Ola," which refers to the Indian ride-hailing taxi service, was used in place of "Allah." The tweet author currently has close to 7,00,000 followers.

Reporting such tweets for targeting a group of people based on their religion is now more difficult than reporting a hateful tweet simply referring to "Muslims," as the X moderators viewing the complaint would have to be familiar with not only the Hindi phrase being used, but also understand the double meaning of "Ola." Moreover, if the moderation process were automated, the machine would most likely see a user verbally abusing a taxi service, which does not constitute hateful conduct.

Meanwhile, reports from France speak of a parliamentary vote in favour of a new tough bill against the immigrants. Right-wing French leader Marine Le Pen described this as an 'ideological victory', due to the inclusion of many hardline measures

In fact from Italy's Meloni to France's Le Pen, to Geert Wilders' popularity in the Netherlands and Austria and Hungary increasing public support to the right-wing politicians on the rise, the recent developments point to the wave of right-wing and Islamophobic politics overtaking Europe.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer

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## Pilgrim Count At Vaishno Devi Shrine Highest In A Decade

**Press Trust Of India** was in 2012, with 1,04,09,569 devotees, followed by 1,01,15,647 in 2011. Between 37,000 and 44,000 devotees are embarking on the trek to the shrine every day, Garg said, adding, he expects this figure to reach 50,000 by the end of the year. This year, it is projected that the number of devotees visiting for darshan of the deity will surpass 95 lakh, he said. The shrine has in the recent past seen a few additions in terms of facilities, including a skywalk at Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan a Durga Bhawan. The skywalk and a remodelled Parvati Bhawan was inaugurated in October by President Droupadi Murmu.

## POONCH CIVILIAN 'KILLINGS' Changing Army Officers Won't Solve The Issue: Dr Farooq

**Press Trust Of India** BSF and has been serving for the past 24 years now he says that he has got brother's death in return to his services to the nation," Abdullah told reporters here. He added, "The Army Chief has taken Northern Command-er also from here to the academy in Dehradun but it will not resolve the problem. There should an investigation into why this happened?" If innocent people who have nothing to do with terrorism are killed "which India are we living in", he asked. "Is this Mahatma Gandhi's India where we can live in peace? The hatred has spread so much that Hindus and Muslims think they are enemies of each other." The former chief minister trashed the BJP claims about end of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. "Four years ago, the Home Minister made a speech in Chennai where he said Article 370 was responsible for terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Now terrorism will finish in JK and development is being done."



**A MAN BREAKS ICE** to make a way for his boat inside a water body in Ganderbal district of Central Kashmir. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

## J-K Reorganisation (Amendment) Act, J-K Reservation (Amendment) Act Comes Into Force

**Press Trust Of India** **NEW DELHI:** The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Act, 2023, which allows nomination of two members from Kashmiri migrants and one member from displaced persons from PoK, came into force on Tuesday. Besides, the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Act, 2023, which seeks to amend the term 'weak and under-privileged classes' to OBC, also came into force. According to two separate official notifications, the Ministry of Home Affairs has fixed December 26 as the date from which the two laws have come into effect in Jammu and Kashmir. "In exercise of the powers conferred sub section (2) of section 1 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Act, 2023 (34 of 2023), the central government hereby appoints the 26th day of December 2023 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force," one the notifications said. The other notification said: "In exercise of the powers conferred sub section (2) of section 1 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Act, 2023 (35 of 2023), the central government hereby appoints the 26th day of December 2023 as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force." The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Act, 2023 provides for nominating two members, including a woman, from the Kashmiri migrant community and one member from the displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) to the legislative assembly of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The law provides for representation of Kashmiri migrants, displaced persons from PoK and Scheduled Tribes in the legislative assembly of Jammu and Kashmir so as to preserve their political rights as well as their overall social and economic development. The Jammu and Kashmir Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 seeks to amend the term 'weak and under-privileged classes (social castes)' in the Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Act, 2004 to Other Backward Classes (OBC), expanding the reservation to many more communities. This was recommended by the J&K Socially Educationally Backward Classes Commission (SEBCC).

## GST EVASION CRACKDOWN Flying Squads Uncover Violations Worth Rs 1 Million In Anantnag

**Observer News Service** they get from it. This effort was there-fore augmented by the revenue department of J&K as well. Around 3 dozen dealers covering various sectors like medicine, furnishing, textiles, hardware, brass, footwear, SSL units etc in district Anantnag were inspected during the drive along with jurisdictional officers. The squad also took guidance from DC Enforcement South, Shahnanwaz Shah. During the drive onspotted violations with penal outcomes of over Rs.10 Lakhs were detected and STOs concerned shall be issuing requisite documents for the same. The drive focused on unregistered dealers and also on registered dealers violating GST Act and rules. Data like QR codes, bank accounts, electricity bills, estimated turnover, invoice malpractices etc were recorded and provided to jurisdictional officers for stern action. The areas of Bijbehara, Anantnag, Qazigund were covered in this drive. **ANANTNAG:** Commissioner of State Taxes, Dr Rashmi Singh, issued an order through which flying squads were constituted throughout J&K for checking GST evasions. The first drive in this regard was conducted in District Anantnag today in light of certain inputs from field of formations and was a joint effort put in by the field formations and the flying squad led by Assistant Commissioner Er. Sarib Sahran and his inspectors and staff. The joint inspection was also carried out in areas where certain unregistered traders were reported wherein SDM Bijbehara, Tanvir Ahmad Tanvir also took lead in the drive along with state tax officers Mr Hamid Ganaie and Amir Nath. He also made the traders aware of the importance of getting registered under GST and the numerous benefits

## SSP Doda Calls For Alertness During 5-Day Winter Festival

**Press Trust Of India** **JAMMU:** As the five-day winter festival is scheduled to commence in Baderwah valley in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda on Wednesday, a senior police officer called for strict vigil in the district for the success of the event aimed at attracting tourists and new year revellers. Doda Senior Superintendent of Police Abdul Quayom was speaking at the Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centre (SMAC) meeting which was attended by officers of Army, Central Armed Police Force and intelligence agencies, a police spokesperson said. The participants shared their views, suggestions and assessment on the present security scenario of the district and held a threadbare discussion on the present security situation and chalked out a strategy for a joint and effective mechanism for efficient monitoring and security surveillance on ground, the spokesperson said. Addressing the meeting, the SSP emphasised upon officers to ensure alertness and vigil in their areas in view of the winter festival in Baderwah which is expected to witness large gathering of tourists. The officers were advised to exercise effective area domination and surveillance on anti-social elements, social media monitoring so that mischievous persons and rumour mongers may not succeed to disturb the peaceful atmosphere of the district, the spokesperson said. According to district officials, the Vibrant Baderwah Winter Festival' from December 27 to December 31 will be celebrated at different locations. Several activities have been planned at famed destinations like Qilla (Fort), Jae Valley, Guldanda, and Gatha Park where the visitor would also have a taste of local cuisines, they said.

**FROM OFFICE OF THE ADVOCATE**  
In the case of  
Ghulam Ahmad Kuthu  
Mohammad Amin Kuthu  
Abdul Rashid Kuthu  
Bashur Ahmad Kuthu  
Son's Of Haji Ghulam Mohammad Kuthu  
Residents Of Kuthu Mohalla Harwan Srinagar  
(Caveators)  
V/s  
Public at large  
In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A  
The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seek in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.  
Sd/advocate  
Nadima Akbar advocate  
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**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION BANDIPORA.**  
**CANCELLATION OF TENDER.**  
Subject: - 1. Construction/ up-gradation of Dardpora-Randhaji Shamthan and Zulbal road Bandipora by way of earth work in cutting, P/L WBM G-I, WBM G-II, Wet Mix macadam, laying of 50 MM thick macadam, 25 mm thick semidense with 6mm thick seal coat, construction of 8 mtr span RCC culvert, construction of 02 No. 2.50mtr span RCC culvert, construction of R-Wall, P/L of RCC Pipes etc. Under NABARD RIDF-XXIX (Road Length = 3.50Kms)  
Ref:- 1. This Office e-NIT No.95 of 2023-24/BANDIPORA/5159-64 Dated:- 30-11-2023.  
2. Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Bandipora's letter No. SE/Bpr/1224-26 Dated: - 19-12-2023.  
Due to poor response, the tender for the subjected work advertised vide this office e-NIT No. in reference No. (1) is hereby cancelled.  
Fresh NIT for the same shall be issued shortly  
No.:-EE/R&B/Bandi/5683-89.  
Dated:- 23-12-2023.  
DIPK-14239-23  
DT: 26/12/2023  
Sd/= Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Bandipora.

**Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL ENGINEERING WING BARAMULLA.**  
**E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
**E-NIT No: -299/Xen/Rew/Bla/2023-2024 Dated. 23/12/2023**  
For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Est. Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc.(In Rs.)	EMD AMOUNT	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA/TS
1	construction of fencing at sirru near astan shareef at serwa under DDC for the year 2023-24 Block Wailoo	2.60	200	13000	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
2	Construction of Protection Works at Baba khaipora along road side Mehmoopora Pyt Babakhaipora Block wailoo under ADP (DCC) 2023-2024	2.80	200	14000	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
3	cons. Of pcc path with r/wall / drain and steps w5 kundibarjala bdc GRANTS 2023-24 block Parantpillan	2.51	200	12550	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
4	Upgradation Of panchayat Ghar at Rampora Under ADP PRI Year 2023 -24 Block Zainger	3.27	200	16350	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
5	Construction of chain link fence near Masjid Bilal at Rampora Under ADP PRI Year 2023 -24 Block Zainger	3.37	200	16850	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
6	Raising with ducking of drain near shiva Dangepora main road to H/O mohd Ayoub Bhat, Nazir Ahmad Bhat and Others and Decking of drain near h/o Mohd Sultan chopan and others and Culvert near H/O Mohd Shafi, Mohd Rafi and Others at Dangepora B Under ADP PRI Year 2023 -24 Block Zainger	3.61	200	18050	30days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded

1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the scheduled date given below.  
2.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	23-12-2023
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 23-12-2023 to 28-12-2023 upto to 6:00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date	23-12-2023
4	Bid Submission End Date	28-12-2023 upto to 6:00 PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 29-12-2023 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.

\* The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED:08.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance Deptt)that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat.In the event of inadequate response to a tender, participation from adjoining panchayat shall be permitted & participant to upload Panchayat certificate necessary.  
\* If the Bidder quotes his Bid exceeding the tendering Cost, his bid will be automatically rejected.  
\* In case of dilemma/confusion, the rate and the unit against any item shown in Boq, the SOR rate along with its unit will be applicable.  
1. The tender/ bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill requirements as laid down in NIT.  
2. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).  
No: 2321-2328  
Dated: 23-12-2023  
DIPK-14267-23  
DT: 26/12/2023  
Executive Engineer.  
REW Baramulla

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PW (R&B) DIVISION ZAINPORA**  
e-mail:-xenrandbzainapora@gmail.com  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**  
NIT No: 27/ZNP/RnB/e-Tendering/2023-24  
Dated:- 23-12-2023  
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on %age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Major Head of Account	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion (In days)	Cost of T/ Doc. (Rs.)	AAA No / Dt	TS No / Dt
1	Construction of Ramp (Assured Minimum facility)-AFM at Govt PS Aripora, PS Watchi-A, PS Watchi-B, Panchayat Ghar Chitragam, UPS Darbagh, PS Sofipora, PS Muloo, PS Thairan, PS Kiloora, UPS Kanigam, PS Mohandpora.	District Capex Budget	3.62989	DEE	10 Days	200/-	368-DDCS of 2023 Dated:-22-12-2023	R&B/ZNP/TS/05 of 2023-24 Dated: 23/12/2023

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details 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	23-12-2023
2	Document downloading Start Date.	23-12-2023 From 6:00 P.M
3	Document Downloading End Date.	28-12-2023 upto to 6:00 P.M
4	Bid submission Start Date.	23-12-2023 From 6:00 P.M
5	Bid Submission End Date.	28-12-2023 upto to 6:00 P.M
6	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	29-12-2023 at 11.30 AM

1. Bidders must upload the requisite cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan / Treasury Challan Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Zainpora (Tender Inviting Authority). (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Zainpora (Tender receiving authority).  
2. Bidders should quote in percentage below/percentage above or at par at the bottom of the BOQ Percentage Template for the Work Percentage Rate method requires the bidder to quote a percentage above/below /at par of the schedule of rates applicable/as mentioned in the advertised BOQ  
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/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Zainpora. 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 Bid cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.  
4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the Bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Zainpora (Tender receiving authority).  
5. All other terms and conditions are as per PWD form-25(Double agreement form)  
No.:- NIT/1988-2000  
Dated:-23/12/2023  
DIPK-14243-23  
DT: 26/12/2023  
Sd/-  
(Er. H.M Jahangir)  
Executive Engineer  
PW(R&B) Division Zainpora



## Open Kashmir Badminton Championship Held At SKISC

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The 32nd Open Kashmir Badminton Championship 2023 organised by Badminton Association of J&K in collaboration with J&K Sports Council concluded on Tuesday at SKISC here.

More than 300 players both boys and girls in different age groups, including Under-13, Under-15, Under-17 and Under-19, besides men and women category and above 35+ age group in singles and doubles participated in the event.

Muhammad Aslam, Joint Director Information Kashmir, was the chief guest on the occasion, and was accompanied by Burhan Hussain, Cultural Officer Kashmir.

Other guests present on the occasion included Iftekhhar Ahmad, Khazir Mohammad, Mansoor, Hilal Ahmad (Manager SKISC) and Touseef Ahmad, coach of Sports Authority of India.

They chief guest distributed prizes among winners and runners up in different categories.

In the U-11 Girls singles category, Areeba defeated Aira Jan in the finals. Similarly, in U-11 Boys Singles, Gurman Singh

best Yeyah.

In the U-13 Girls Singles, Aleena beat Ayesha in the final. Also in the U-13 Boys Singles, Ibrahim trounced over Kamil.

In U-15 Girls Singles, Mysha beat Aleena in the finals. Similarly in U-15 Boys Singles Salman trumped Ali to win the title.

Also in the U-15 Boys Doubles category, Ali and Salmaan beat Meezan and Ibrahim in the final.

In the U-17 Girls Singles, Mysha beat Zinia. In the U-17 Boys Singles, Salmaan beat Kazim Wani.

Also in U-19 Boys Singles, Saqib defeated Salman. In Women's Singles, Hadiya triumphed over Zinia. Among Women's Doubles, Hadiya and Manshah overcame Samiya and Suwaiva.

In Men's Singles, Uzair bested Adil in the finals. Similarly in Men's Doubles, Uzair and Ovais trounced Musheer and Humair.

In Mixed Doubles, Musheer and Manshah beat Fazil and Hadiya.

In Veteran Singles, Uzair overcame Sanjeev in the finals. In Veteran Doubles, Uzair and Humair beat Chesti and Ovais.

## Rabada Grabs 5, Rahul Holds Firm For India



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**PRETORIA:** South African seamer Kagiso Rabada took five wickets before India's KL Rahul dug in as bad light and a thunderstorm brought play to a premature close with the touring side on 208-8 on the opening day of the first test at Centurion on Tuesday. Rahul was unbeaten on 70 when poor visibility and showers halted proceedings around 80 minutes before the scheduled close, with India holding a tiring home attack at bay.

Earlier, Rabada's pace proved too hot to handle as he returned figures of 5-44 off 17 overs and debutant Nandre Burger took two wickets with his first 13 balls in the test cricket. India, 91-3 at lunch, were pegged back as they lost three wickets for 30 runs early in the second session when Rabada showed his class.

He bowled Shreyas Iyer for 31, had Virat Kohli caught behind for 38 as he feathered a stunning delivery and Ravichandran Ashwin (8) snagged at second slip by leaping substitute fielder Wiaan Mulder. "All I tried to do was get the ball in the right area all day. Today was just my day," Rabada said.

Rahul, however, proved a road block for the home side, who were hoping to dismiss India for under 200 on a track tailor-made for their all-seam attack. Rahul shared a 43-run partnership for the seventh wicket before Rabada returned to have Shardul Thakur caught by Dean Elgar for 24 and claim his 14th five-wicket haul in tests.

But Rahul continued to torment the attack as he assumed the responsibility with his tail-end partners, his 70 runs coming quickly off 105 balls and taking India past

200. South Africa put India into bat and Rabada made the initial breakthrough after a wet outfield delayed the start by 30 minutes when India captain Rohit Sharma's injudicious hook presented Burger with a catch at long leg.

It was followed by more of dream start for Burger, one of two new caps for South Africa, as he had Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill caught behind to leave India teetering on 24-3 but Kohli and Iyer led a fight back with a 68-run partnership. Both were dropped when they had only four runs with Marco Jansen spilling Iyer and Tony de Zorzi putting down Kohli.

South Africa captain Temba Bavuma pulled up with a hamstring strain as he chased a boundary-bound shot from Kohli before lunch, necessitating his departure from the arena for a scan.

## Khelo India Women's Rugby League J&K Concludes



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3rd Place - Growth Sports Academy Kupwara

**SRINAGAR:** The 1st Khelo India Women's Rugby League 2023 J&K concluded on Tuesday at Polo Ground West here. The tournament was organised under the banner of Sports Authority of India and in collaboration with Rugby India and J&K Sports Council.

More than 400 females athletes across from J&K took part in the two-day tournament, which included three age categories.

Khelo India Rugby Women's League Results:

**UNDER 14**

1st Place - Smart Cats Srinagar

2nd Place - Rebellious Rugby Girls Srinagar

**UNDER 18**

1st Place - Jammu Rugby Club

2nd Place - Gghs Avengers Rugby Club Srinagar

3rd Place - Baramulla Blues Rugby Club

**SENIOR**

1st Place - Phoenix Rugby Club Srinagar

2nd Place - Muskeeters Rugby Club Srinagar

3rd Place - Jammu Rugby Club

The winning teams in all categories were awarded with the cash prize of Rs 50,000, while the first runner-up received Rs. 30,000 and the second runner-up was awarded Rs. 20,000.

## Tourism Dept To Hold Snow Skating Course At Sonmarg



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**GANDERBAL:** The J&K Tourism Department, in collaboration with the Department of YSS Ganderbal, has announced a Snow Skating Coaching Course at Sonmarg. Running for 15 days, the

course features trained coaches from the Tourism Department, imparting expertise to a group of enthusiastic students.

These students are gearing up for the upcoming Snow Skating events, set to add excitement to the New Year celebrations at Sonmarg.



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