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No Restrictions On Republic Day: Div Com

Appeals People To Attend Function In Large Numbers Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Divisional Commissioner Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Thursday that there are no plans by the administration to impose any restrictions or to cut off internet connectivity on January 26 in the valley. He urged the public to attend the Republic Day function at Bakshi Stadium in large numbers.

Highlighting the shift from the past when restrictions were deemed necessary for maintaining law and order, the Divisional Commissioner said that Kashmir has advanced to the point where the government could do away with restrictions on the Republic Day eve. "The days are long gone," he said.

Bidhuri said that honoring Republic Day in line with the interests of the country is a collective responsibility of all Indian citizens, He hoped that the people of Kashmir would observe the event in the same manner as they observed the Independence Day last year with enthusiasm.

"I would like to reiterate our worthy LG's appeal to the public to attend the Republic Day function in large numbers at Bakshi Stadium on January 26. This is your festival and we want this to be celebrated with great enthusiasm," Div Com told reporters here. "What they must d | More on P6 **Iran-Pakistan Crossfire Puts Region on Edge**

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Amid rising hostilities rippling through the region, Pakistan on Thursday carried out unprecedented missile strikes inside Iran in response to an earlier Iranian strike on a terrorist hideout in its Baluchistan province.

The tensions between two Muslim countries escalated at a time when Iran's allies, so called Axis of Resistance- have stepped up attacks on Israeli forces and its allies across the Middle East against the backdrop of the war in Gaza.

Iran also staged airstrikes late Monday in Iraq and Syria over an Islamic State-claimed suicide bombing that killed over 90 people in early January and attack inside Pakistan was in response to killing of 11 policemen by Jash-al-Adl operating out of Pakistan.

On Tuesday Iran hit what it called Jash-al-Adl hideout inside Pakistan prompting angry reaction and today's retaliation from Pakistan.

Pakistan's military described using "killer drones, rockets, loitering munitions and standoff weapons" in the attack. Standoff weapons are missiles fired from aircraft at a distance – likely meaning Pakistan's fighter jets didn't enter Iranian airspace. It said the targets were bases used by the Baloch Liberation Front (BLF) and the associated Baloch Liberation Army.

In Islamabad, a foreign ministry



spokesperson said Pakistan's caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-hag Kakar would cut short a visit to the World Economic Forum in Davos and return home.

A day before, Iran conducted an airstrike in Baluchistan Province in Pakistan. The Iranian government later said that the strike in Pakistan, as well as attacks it conducted this week in Iraq and Syria, showed that Iran would hit

back forcefully at enemies anywhere. An emboldened Iran has been using its allied forces against Israel and its allies since the war in Gaza began in October after the Hamas-led attacks on Israel.

Pakistan denounced the Iranian strike as a blatant violation of international law and warned on Wednesday that it "reserves the right to respond." Reacting to the strikes Iran summoned Pakistan's chargé d'affaires demanding Islamabad's "immediate explanation" about the attack.

Pakistan, which is grappling with political and economic troubles, indicated on Thursday that it did not want further escalation in its clash with Iran. In a statement, the Pakistani military called the two neighbors "brotherly countries" and said that "dialogue and cooperation is deemed prudent in resolving bilateral issues" between them. In carefully crafted statements is-

sued on Thursday, Pakistani officials refrained from directly accusing Iran. Pakistan's narrative mirrored Iran's rationale for its own strikes, saying that the Pakistani actions similarly targeted only those separatists who had taken refuge across the border.

After Iran's strike in Pakistan, Iranian officials said that the attack had been aimed at terrorists who threatened Iran, but the Pakistani au-thorities rejected that account, citing what they said were civilian casualties from the strike.

Pakistan's comments after its retaliatory strikes signal a desire to keep the row contained, but analysts warned it could get out of hand."Iran's motivation for attacking Pakistan remains opaque but in light of broader Iranian behaviour in the region it can escalate," Asfandyar Mir, a senior expert on South Asia security at the U.S. Institute of Peace, told Reuters. "What will cause d | More on P6

1990 IAF ATTACK **Witness Points To Malik As Main Shooter**

Press Trust of India

Jammu: JKLF chief Yasin Malik lifted his 'pheran', pulled out his gun and opened fire at a group of IAF personnel, an eyewitness deposed before a special CBI court on Thursday while narrating what happened in Srinagar on January 25, 1990.

Former IAF corporal Rajwar Umeshwar Singh, who survived the terror attack in which four IAF personnel were killed, pointed to Malik in the courtroom as the main shooter. Malik attended the court proceedings on video from Delhi's Tihar Jail where he has been incarcerated since 2019.

Besides the four men, including squadron leader Ravi Khanna, who were killed, 40 people were injured on January 25, 1990, in Rawalpora on the outskirts of Srinagar. The IAF employees were waiting for their pickup to old Srinagar airfield for duty when they came under fire from terrorists.

A charge sheet was filed on August 31, 1990 against Malik and five others before the designated TADA Court at Jammu.

Besides Malik, others accused in the killing of the IAF personnel are JKLF operatives Ali Mohammed Mir, Manzoor Ahmed Sofi alias Mustafa, Javed Ahmed Mir alias 'Nalka', Showkat Ahmed Bakshi, Javed Ahmed Zargar and Nanaji. "This is an d | More on P6

Over 4 Cr Have Taken Health Checkups During VBSY: PM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Thursday that a transparent system put in place by his government, its honest efforts and an emphasis on people's participation have led to nearly 25 crore people being lifted out of poverty in the last nine years.

During a virtual interaction with beneficiaries of the



J&K Leads In Innovative Education Interventions: LG

Encourages 'Entrepreneurship with Education' Model

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Asserting that Jammu Kashmir is emerging as a frontrunner in planning and implementing innovative interventions in the education sector. Lieutenant Coverno Manoj Sinha said that it is high time for our Higher Education Institutions to carry out selfassessment of capabilities and work on a collaborative model of 'Entrepreneurship with Education' aligning with National Education Policy. He was speaking at the first meeting of the Advisory Board for Creating and Developing Entrepreneurship (ABCDE), constituted under the aegis of J&K Higher Education Council, at Raj Bhawan on Thursday. The LG exhorted Higher Education Institutions of the Union Territory to reinvent classroom learning, reorient curriculum to focus on entrepreneurship in education to develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills and promote hands-on activities and



ecosystem spearheaded by the Design Your Degree programme.

meeting, attend-The ed by Prof Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council; Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary Higher

J&K HEALTH INSURANCE CASE **ED** Attaches Assets Worth 36 Crore

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Enforcement Directorate has attached property worth over Rs 36 crore in the case of M/s Reliance General Insurance Pvt. Ltd. (RGIPL) and M/s Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Private Limited (TRBL) linked to health insurance of employees in Jammu and Kashmii In a statement, the ED said that case is linked to awarding of tender of Mediclaim Insurance Policy for the J&K Government Employees, PSUs' employees & pensioners fraudulently to Reliance General Insurance by J&K Finance Department in collusion with Trinity Brokers Limited Reinsurance (Insurance Broker). The statement reads that the ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the CBI, ACB, Srinagar for commission of offences under various sections of PC (Pari-Materia to sections 120-B & 420 of IPC) and JKPC (Pari-Materia to sections 13(1)

the basis of complaint filed by the J&K government against Trinity Reinsurance Brokers Limited, Reliance General Insurance Company Limited and unknown Public Servants & private persons. It reads that the investigation revealed that J&K Finance

Department deliberately awarded the tender for engagement of intermediary for designing, floating the tender for and implementation of the Health Scheme government for employees & pensioners of J&K by dubious or questionable selection and shortlisting process to TRBL without holding the essential eligibility criteria. "Moreover, the tender for engagement of IRDAl registered insurance company was awarded through M/s TRBL to the said Insurance Company which was already blacklisted by Govt. of Chhattisgarh by modification and deletion of essential eligibility criteria even though the company had | More on P6

Bharat Sankalp Yatra', he said that nobody could have thought that poverty in India can decline but the poor have shown that it can be if they are given resources.

People's trust in the government is visible everywhere, he said.

Citing a recent Niti Aayog report, which highlighted the decline in poverty, Modi said India has presented a model to other countries in helping the poor and this has drawn global attention. It is a very encouraging re-

port, he said.

Modi said the yatra has met success beyond his imagination and his government is likely to extend its beyond January 26 due to an increasing demand from the masses that the vehicles meant to publicise welfare schemes and enlist more beneficiaries should visit their places too.

It has become a mass movement in two months and a study will find it as a great example of last-mile delivery, the prime minister said. Asserting that no one will be left out of these welfare schemes, he said, "Modi worships and values people who were neglected by everyone"

The yatra has already reached 70-80 percent of panchayats and about 15 crore | More on P6

THESE ARE NOT MERELY statistics for me as every number represents a life who was deprived of the benefits so far.

projects in collaboration with diverse industries

He further highlighted the need for mentoring the students and providing them with an enabling environment where they can realise their ideas and specific goals.

The meeting also discussed the comprehensive strategy for the seamless integration of entrepreneurship into academic curriculum and creation of progressive entrepreneurship Education Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Secretary to Lt Principal Vikramjit Singh, Governor; Commissioner Secretary, Commerce Industries & Department; Vice Chancellors of various Universities, Director, CIC Delhi University; Director Colleges and other Board members, emphasised on strengthening of industry-academia connect and building new partnership with corporate.

Pioneers in the industry including Piyush N Singh, Senior Managing Director Accenture; Vinod Sood, Co-Founder Hughes Systique Corporation; Sanjay Salil, MD Media Guru; Dr Subi Chaturvedi, Global SVP Chief Corporate Affairs & Public Policy Officer InMobi and young d | More on P6

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Snowfall Shortage Causes Kashmir's Springs to Dry Up

Shereen Naman

Srinagar: Amidst a prolonged winter dry spell, Kashmir confronts a pressing issue as crucial springs vital for the region's water supply dwindle. Experts note that the continuous absence of precipitation has led to the recession of water levels in various springs across Kashmir.

Verinag spring, the major source of the Jhelum River, is experiencing a decline in water levels to an extent that

> ight temperatures dropped at most places in Kashmir as the cold-wave conditions intensifie cold-wave conditions intensified again after a day's respite, officials said here on Thursday. Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of d | More on P6

(d) read with 13(2) of PC Act), on

BGSBU Researchers Discover New Caddisfly Species

Hirra Azmat

Srinagar:

Researchers at Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University have discovered a novel species of Caddisfly

Caddisflies are a vital component of aquatic ecosystems. The insects play a crucial role in the food chain. Not only do they serve as a primary food source for various fish species, they also contribute to water purification by filtering algae and other potentially problematic organisms.

J&K has been officially designated as Rhyacophila masudi

The researchers told Kashmir Observer that the insect has been named after Late Dr Masud Choudhary, a visionary and founder Vice

Chancellor BGSBUs. The species etymology in Dr. Choudhary's name has been decided in view of his significant contribution in transforming the university teaching and research and his outstanding services to the local communities, especially for

This discovery underecological signifiscores cance of these insect species, showcasing the ongoing contributions of BGSB University scholars to the field of entomology, the researchers said. The initial d | More on P6

ECHOES OF THE PRESENT **2013 Research Foreshadowed What Kashmir Witnesses Today**

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: As Kashmir navigates through the impacts of this prolonged dry spell, the tourism sector has become a focal point, reflecting the intricate interplay between climate patterns and economic sustainability in the valley. The current scenario eerily echoes a prescient warning from a 2013 research endeavor, highlighting the challenges foreseen a decade ago that are now unfolding with grim actualization.

Kashmir Observer, earlier this month reported on how prolonged dry weather is squeezing the winter tourism in the valley and the same was anticipated by a group of researchers nearly a decade ago. The findings of the show that winters are getting prolonged with little snowfall on account



of climate change. The average minimum and maximum temperatures are showing statistically significant increasing trends for winter months and that the precipitation is showing decreasing trends.

The team headed by Prof. Shakeel Ahmad Ramhsoo through this study has made an

attempt to know the impact of climate change on the snow precipitation, water resources, and winter tourism in the two famous tourist resorts Gulmarg and Pahalgam of the Kashmir Valley. According to the study,"Climate change is a severe threat to snow-related winter sports d | More on P6

Night Temperature **Drops In** Kashmir

main springs, includ-Verinag and Ishma Shahi. ing Chashma These vibrant sources, were to the region's ecosystem and water supply, are now

feeling the effects of no snowfall," said Faizan Arif, an independent Meteorologist.

Earth scientist, Professor Shakil A Romshoo d | More on P6

into a center of excellence in residents of Pirpanjal Range in the UT.

The novel species found in



found in Jammu & Kashmir.

"The valley's recent extended dry spell has had a negative impact on the



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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Subject: Application of Showkat Rasool Dar S/o Ghulam Rasool Dar R/o Chinkipora Sopore for issuance of DOB Certificate of his Daughter namely Inave Showkat born on 29-07-2020

Notice

General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the undersigned office has received the above mentioned application for issuance of DOB. If any person(s) has any objection(s) he/she can visit the undersigned's office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection will be considered. PT

In The Court Of Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kaprin

Subject: Application of Sheeraz Ahmad Mir S/o Abdul Samad Mir R/o Batpora Nildong tehsil and District Shoplan for registration of event of Birth (delayed entry) of hsi Son(s) / Daughter (s) namely Adnan Sheeraz & Mawvish Sheeraz

PUBLICATION NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC Whereas the applicant named above has filed present application for Issuance of birth certificate of his Son/ Daughter of birth as 20-07-2010 | 12-04-2008 with date As such notice is issued in the name of general public that in case anybody has any objections regarding the entry of birth record of applicant's Sons with the office of Registrar (Births & Deaths)/Block Development Officer KAPRAN then h e / she/they can file objections to same in this court within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which application shall be decided in accordance with the mandate of law. Issued under seal and signature of this court today on 18-01-2024

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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan **Executive Magistrate 1st Class**

Subject: Application of Waheed Hassan Malik S/o Ghulam Hassan Malik R/o Uchilpora Kunzer for issuance of DOB Certificate of his son namely Afaan Bin Waheed born on 20-05-2022

Notice

General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the undersigned office has received the above mentioned application for issuance of DOB. If any person(s) has any objection(s) he/she can visit the undersigned's office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection will be considered. PT

In The Court Of Executive Magistrate **1st Class Kaprin**

Subject: Application of Mohd Shafi Mir S/o Ab Gani Mir R/o Batpora Nildong tehsil and District Shoplan for registration of event of Birth (delayed entry) of hsi Son(s) namely 1) Mudasir Shafi, 2) Burhan Shafi, 3) Faisal Shafi

PUBLICATION NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC Whereas the applicant named above has filed present application for Issuance of birth certificate of his Sons._ with date of birth as 15-06-2009 | 16-06-2008 | 23-07-2014 As such notice is issued in the name of general public that in case anybody has any objections regarding the entry of birth record of applicant's Sons with the office of Registrar (Births & Deaths)/Block Development Officer KAPRAN then h e / she/they can file objections to same in this court within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which application shall be decided in accordance with the mandate of law. Issued under seal and signature of this court today on 18-01-2024

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Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kaprin

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my 9th pass Discharge Certificate . Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the offfice of the Govt Higher Secondery School Palhallan within a period of seven day s from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Abdul Aziz Malik

S/o Mohammmad Abdullah Malik R/o Magraypora Pattan

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Pattan Executive Magistrate 1st Class

Subject: Application of Ab. Majeed Lone S/o Gh Rasool Lone R/o Seer Yagi Spore for issuance of DOB Certificate of his Daughter namely Zainab Majeed born on 12-06-2021

Notice General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the undersigned office has received the above mentioned application for issuance of DOB. If any person(s) has any objection(s) he/she can visit the undersigned's office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection will be considered.

Public Notice

This is information for general public that I Zabida Begum W/O No-6364309F Ex NK Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Malik R/O Lawaypora Tehsil / District Bandipora . In my Husband's service records my name and DOB has been wronlgly mentioned as Zubaida Begum DOB 01-06-1967 instead of Zabaida Bagam DOB DOB 10-04-1959 Now I want to apply for it correction in this regard any person has any objection he/she may file the same in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained Zabaida Bagum

W/o Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Malik (No- 6364309F Ex NK) R/o Lawaypora

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Department of RD&PR **Office Of The Block Development Officer Chittergul**

Executive Magistrate

1st Class Kaprin

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Subject: Invitation for Expression of Interest(EOI) for Solid Waste Management in Block Chittergul District Anantnag

On behalf of the Govt. 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 Plan in Block Chittergul District Anantnag.

BACKGROUND:

The Solid Waste Management program aims to implement effective and scientific waste management practices in Block Chittergul District Anantnag, in line with the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin). The program will cover the 15 Panchayat Halqas of Block Chittergul comprising 15 Gram-Panchavats in single cluster:

The Blockwise /cluster-wise details of households of 15 Gram Panchayats of Block Chittergul District Anantnag is given under:

S No	BLOCK NAME	Name of Panchayat	NoofHHs	Commercial Establishments
01	CHITTERGUL		532	27
02		Brimmer	238	10
03		Brah A	317	22
04		Brah B	377	18
05		Deethu A	410	10
06		Deethu B	383	10
07		Chittergul A	436	44
08		Chittergul B	413	15
09		Chittergul C	458	13
10		Chowgam	763	19

first appellate authority, the 2nd appellate authority shall be the Assistant Commissioner Panchayats Anantnag and the third appellate & final authority shall be the District Level Committee for implementation of SBM-G with Deputy Commissioner Anantnagasits Chairperson.

The contracting agency shall have to report to the Block Development Officer of the Block Chittergul 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.

In matters pertaining to any disputes, or repercussions arising, the Anantnag District Court 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

The contracting agency shall chalkouta plan for a sustained IEC campaign for incita) ing behavioral change among the people through various means. The means could be composing appealing and effective sanitation jingles played through over head speakers of waste collection vehicles on a regular basis, organizing special sanitation drives by involving local youth clubs, students, andSelf 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.

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.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The contracting agency must meet the following criteria:

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. The agency must have an average annual turnover of more than Rs. 15,00,000 (Rupees b) Fifteen Lakh) for the last three years and ITR in this context may be furnished.

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

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

From The Principal District Judge, Srinagar

Present : Mr. Jawad Ahmad

1. Mukhtar Ahmad Sofi S/o Abdul Rehman Sofi R/o

- Nawakadal Srinagar 2. Faroog Ahmad Sofi S/o Abdul Rehman Sofi R/o
- Nawakadal 3. Rehana Sajad W/o Sajad Ahmad Sofi R/o Tawheed Colony,

Natipora Srinagar (Petitioner/Applicant)

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1. Public at Large In the matter of

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Application for issuance of Succession certificate in favour of the petitioner(s)

Notice to public at Large

Where the petitioners(s) FILED ABOVE TITLED PETITON BEFORE THIS COURT OF ISSUANCE OF SUCCESSION certificate in favour of Petitioner(s) in respect of Rs 4,84094 as debits and securities in name of Deceased Namely: Abdul Rehman Sofi S/o Mohammad Shabaan Sofi R/o Khanda Bhawan Nawakadal Srinagar who died on 23-10-2010. The petition is pending disposal before this court and the next date of hearing is fixed on 08-02-2024

Public Notice is hereby issued, informing all and sundry through the drom of this proclamation that at any anyone has any objection for issuance of succession certificate, he/ she / they shall appear before this court either personally or through counsel or any authorized agent and file objections on or before 08-02-2024 . Failing which the petition will be taken up and appropriate orders will be passed in the same In case, the date fixed is declared as holiday the matter shall be taken on the next working day.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on

Jawad Ahmad Principal District Judge, Srinagar

از دفترنا ئې تخصيلدار ساوتھ سرينگر صمون: درخواست منجانب مدثر احمد بث دلد مرحوم غلام نبی بٹ ساکنہ بونم سرسوار سرینگر بمراداجرائی لیگل لیر سرٹفیکیٹ بوجہ فوتگی والدہ مسمانہ زرینہ بیگم اشتہار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔ معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں درخواست سائل ہے کہ سائل کی والدہ مسمانہ زرشید زجبہ مرحوم غلام نبى بث ساكه بونم سرسوار مورن 2023-12-12 كوفوت بهوتى باورمتوفيه شادی شد ہتھی وار بوقت فو تگی متو فیہ نے بذیل پسما ندگان چھوڈے ہیں۔ سائمه بك دختر مرحوم غلام نبى بث 39 سال گھر بلوكام دختر متوفيه مد ثراحدبت ولد مرحوم غلام نبی بث 25 سال بے کار پسر متوفیہ مازرب دُتر مرحوم غلام نبي بٹ 34 سال شادي شدہ ناتوان س کےعلاوہ اورکوئی افراد کنہمہ نہیں ہے۔ سرٹفیکیٹ زیر جحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کہ اگر کسی محص کو کوئی عزریا عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد مشتہراخبار سات دن کے اندراندرآ پنے عذریا محتراض ودالت هذا کودفتری ادقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔بعد گزرے میعادکویی عذریا عتر اغر قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ تحصيلدا، NJ

زدفتر نائب تخصيلداريثن

رم بب ما کند کانلویی نیز خرص انتقال مضمون انتقال دراشت نبست دارشت عبدالرزاق ریشی دلد د باب ریشی سا کند کانلوییش بغرض انتقال اشت نونش بمراداطلاع

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12	Poshnari	330	11	
13	Chearpora	586	25	
14	Panchalthan	617	12	
15	Rakhi Brah	596	17	
TOTAL		7063	263	

2. SCOPE OF WORK:

The contracting agency will be responsible for the following processes:

Solid Waste Collection

Sanitation and door-to-door collection of both biodegradable and non-biodegradable a) waste from all households of Block Chittergul. Details of HHs and commercial establishment is givenin above table covering all households, shops, factories, industrial establishments, etc. at least thrice a week.

A Panchayat-Halga-wise schedule of waste collection shall further be notified in consulb) tation with the agency who shall be awarded bid after opening of Bid.

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

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

Effective and scientific management and disposal of collected waste in an environe) mentally sustainable manner. A weekly review/report shall be submitted by concerned secretary panchayat to this office to ascertain the effectiveness of weekly disposal.

Revenue Collection

Conducting a fresh survey, in consultation with the field functionaries of the Rural Dea) velopment Department, to update the household data and include commercial factories, business units, institutions, shops, etc. Collection of monthly Fees/Charges from the house holds preferably indigital mode.

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

X% (to be decided through EOI) of the Fee/user charges so collected has to be deposited c) in the bank account of the concerned Gram Panchayat on a monthly basis.

Maintenance

Maintenance and up keep of departmental garbage collection vehicles which shall be a) provided after purchasing of vehicles which is in process, and e-rickshaws (ready for Use) used for waste collection and ensuring their dedicated use only for solid waste management purposes.

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

The intending agency shall be responsible for the smooth handing over of all c) 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 sweepers/ waste collectors, labour for segregation a) of waste collected at segregation sheds, Drivers, and Management staff with a unique uniform having a SBM logo, the design and details of which shall be conveyed to the contracting agency later.

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

Dispute Resolution and Penal provision

In case of any dispute, the Block Development Officer of the concerned Block shall be the a)

4 The agency must deposit a Cash Deposit Receipt (CDR) of Rs:30,000 (Thirty thousand rupees) pledged to the Block Development Officer Chittergul

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Interested agencies must submit their EOI in sealed envelopes addressed to the Block a) Development Officer Chittergul by or before 30-01-2024 upto 2PM.

The envelopes will be opened on the next day on 02-01-2024 at 3 PM in the presence b) of the bidders or their authorized representatives. Assistant Enigneer REW Chittergul, Statistical Officer (Plg) Block Chittergul, Assistant Accounts Officer Block Chittergul shall be the members of the evaluation team and the whole proceedings of opening of Bids shall be video recorded to ensure transparency c)

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

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Thes elected agency will be awarded a one-year contract, which may be extend able a) based on the performance and the necessity of the Department. b)

The agency shall adhere to all the terms and conditions specified in the EOI document.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any EOI without assigning any reason c) thereof, in the interest of the government, department, and public funds.

SUBMISSION OF EOI AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

a) Interested agencies must submit their sealed envelopes containing the EOI to the following address:

Office of the Block Development Officer Chittergul Near Main Market Chittergul District Anantnag, Jammu and Kashmir

Email: bdochittergul@gmail.com

For any inquiries or clarifications regarding the EOI, interested agencies may contact Block Development Officer Chittergul, at the above-mentioned addressor via email.

Note:- EOI shall be submitted personally by the Contractor or by authorized agent of Firm/contractor / Speed Post / Registered Post.

8 NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS:

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

LEGAL AND ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS: 9

a) The selected agency must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ethical standards during the execution of the Solid Waste Management project in Block Chittergul. The contracting agency has to adhere to

a) The Environment protection act 1986, the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and the by-laws drafted and passed by the GramPanchayats in letter and spirit. b)

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

The contracting agency has to submit an affidavit duly attested by a Judicial Magistrate c) 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.

In matters pertaining to any disputes, or repercussions arising, the Anantnag District Court 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 efficient, effective, and sustainable one in Block Chittergul. Sd/-

Block Development Officer Chittergul

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DC Srinagar Chairs DLEPC Meeting

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A meeting of District Level Export Promotion Committee (DLEPC) was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex to finalize the Draft Export Action Plan aimed to enhance the Export of Goods from Srinagar District to boost the local Economy and institutionalize the Export Ecosystem through establishment of Srinagar Export Hub.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner held an extensive discussion with all the stakeholders present in the meeting on the proposed Draft District Export Action Plan.

The DC, who is also the Chairman of DLEPC held a detailed deliberation on the comprehensive Export Plan placed before the Committee under which 3 products have been identified/finalized having good export potential viz Silk Carpet, Pashmina and Papier Mache in Srinagar District.

On the occasion, the DC asked the concerned to include wood carving in the Export Plan. He said it is an ornamental and delicate craft process that is unique to Kashmir and is among the most important crafts of Kashmir.

The DC asked the Officers

to prepare a plan for Walnut wood carving in consultation with the stakeholders at the earliest so that the same is incorporated in the District

Export Plan. The DC said the objectives of the initiative is to give a fillip to the Export volume and to boost the local economy, particularly focusing on promoting specific products or industries within the District that have good export potential, thereby likely enhance production, improve quality, and facilitate marketing and export of these products with adequate market linkage.

"The idea is also to enable holistic socio-economic growth of the local Artisans and Exporters of the District", he added.

Earlier, a PowerPoint presentation was given to the DC and was apprised that Rs 10.65 crore plan has been earmarked under Silk Carpet having different components including Strengthening of Indian Institute of Carpet Technology(IICT), Srinagar, setting up of Raw Material Banks, Replacement of Old worn-out Carpet Looms, Skill Up-gradation and Capacity Building Training, Publicity and Promotion of Gl Tagging of Carpets, Marketing and Promotion, Market Research/ Study, Setting up a Common Facility for Carpet Washing

and Drying on Modern Lines.

sharing and cooperation.

With participation from

various departments, the

camp aimed to educate the

community about the objec-

tives and procedures of dif-



A protracted dry spell has gripped the Kasmhir valley, causing the water level in the Jhelum River to drop alarmingly. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

CT Scan, CT Simulator Machines At SKIMS Defunct, Patients Suffer

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Dozens of patients at Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura are facing hardships as vital CT scan and CT simulator machines have been non-functional for several days.

The patients and their attendants travelling from distant places of the valley expressed dissatisfaction, saying the inoperative CT scan machine has compelled them to visit private labs, which incurs additional expenses.

"Not everyone can afford tests at private clinics," said an attendant from Pulwama, adding that the machine must be repaired at the earliest so that the patients do not suffer.

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Official sources confirmed that both the CT scan and CT simulator at the hospital have been frequently developing snags, causing distress, particularly to cancer patients.

An official from SKIMS Soura told KNO that the machines are currently under repair.

"The SKIMS administration is actively working towards procuring an additional CT scan to prevent further inconvenience to patients." he said.





Exploring Investment Options

Irshad Mushtaq

you find yourself in the dilemma of wanting to invest but uncertain about the ideal sector, navigating India's diverse market can be overwhelming. Here are some of the best sectors to consider -

1. IT and Technology - With India being a hub for IT services and software development, this sector often shows strong growth potential.

2. Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare - India's pharmaceutical industry is one of the world's largest and is bolstered by both domestic demand and export potential.

3. Consumer Goods - As the Indian middle class expands, consumer demand for both durable and non-durable goods tends to increase, often benefiting companies in this sector.

4. Financial Services - With increasing financial inclusion, the banking and



finance sector in India typically presents opportunities, especially with the growing digitization of financial services.

5. Infrastructure - The Indian government's focus on improving infrastructure can be a tailwind for companies in this sector.

6. Renewable Energy - With a national commitment to reducing carbon emissions, renewable energy is gaining focus, and investments in this sector may be promising. 7. Automobiles - The sector can benefit from increasing consumer spending, but it can also face headwinds from regulatory changes and global supply chain issues. 8. Telecommunication - This sector is pivotal for India's digital transformation and could have growth potential, especially with the rollout of new technologies like 5G. — Author is NISM qualified, Mutual Fund advisor and distributor having experience of 18 years in financial market. TRAFFIC POLICE: 9419993745, 01998-266686 PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883 PDD: 0194-2450213 FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155 CAPD: 18001807011 SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081 Ambulance: Kashmer EMS Service: +919484100200 SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311 X

SMC hosts VBSY Camp At **Gilli Kadal Srinagar** ing a platform for knowledge-

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Thursday organized a successful Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) camp at

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In continuation to auction notice dated 16.01.2024, published in daily Kashmir Observer on 18.01.2024, the date of auction has been inadvertently mentioned as 25.02.2024 instead of 27.02.2024. Therefore the auction date now shall be read as 27.02.2024. Rest of the contents of the auction notice dated 16.01.2024 will remain unchanged. Sd/

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Snow In New York, Davos Raises Hope

ew York City on Tuesday witnessed its first significant snowfall in over 700 days, shattering a previous record of 400 days without measurable snowfall. The iconic Central Park reported a layer of snow, marking the end of an unprecedented period without substantial snowfall.

The resumption of snowfall in New York City, home to 8.5 million residents, brought about a flurry of activity as residents in various parts of the city engaged in clearing sidewalks after the long snowless streak, things that now trigger nostalgia in Kashmir experiencing one of its driest winters.

Simultaneously, parts of Europe faced their own weather challenges, with freezing rain disrupting travel in central and southern Germany. Davos in Switzerland where currently the World Economic Forum is being held also recorded heavier snowfall.

It is, however, disheartening that regions in India, known for snowfall, are experiencing a dry winter. Kashmir, Manali, and Shimla, typically blanketed in snow during the winter months, are facing an unusual absence of snow. The Chilla-i-Kalan in Kashmir, characterized by intense winter and heavy snowfall, is about to pass without snow. Weather forecasts predict dry conditions in the three regions until January 21, further emphasizing the impact of changing climate patterns.

Over the last two years, the growing tourism has gone a long way to shore up the Kashmir economy and brought back employment lost to the successive security and Covid-19 lockdown. The boom in tourism, which forms 6.8 percent of Kashmir's GDP and employs over two million people, has also had a positive spillover effect on other sectors.

The absence of snow in both the plains and upper reaches, including popular tourist spots like Gulmarg, Pahalgam, and Sonamarg, has cast a pall over the Valley's tourism industry. The Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK) reports a staggering 70-75% cancellation or postponement of bookings for January, highlighting the severe impact of the dry spell on the tourism sector.

The snowfall in New York City, contrasting weather events in Europe, and the absence of snowfall in parts of India collectively highlight the unpredictable nature of our changing climate. As we celebrate the return of snow to some regions in the west, we must also acknowledge the broader context of climate change and its far-reaching consequences on weather patterns across the globe. Meanwhile, in Kashmir, people anxiously await a change in weather patterns. The hope remains that the snow will return, rejuvenating Kashmir's tourism industry and restoring its winter magic.

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Systemic Solutions

Can't blame social norms alone: Policymakers must create conditions for female employment before investing in equality

Ashwini Deshpande

n China, the painful custom of binding young girls' feet to alter their shape began in the 10th century and continued for a millennium, until it was outlawed in 1911. Although the practice did not truly end until the establishment of the People's Republic in 1949, by 1990, China's female labourforce participation rate had climbed to 73%—well above the OECD average.In 15th-century Europe, women started wearing corsets, often reinforced with wood, bone, or even metal, designed to mold the upper body into a V-shape. Comfortable clothing that was easier to move in came into fashion only over the course of the 20th century. And yet today, several European countries have the highest rankings in terms of gender parity across various dimensions.Both practices-binding women's feet and constricting their waists-started among the aristocracy before spreading to the middle and lower classes. Given this trajectory, it is not surprising that adherence to beauty norms made it difficult for women to participate ir economic or productive work. Although China and Europe are poles apart culturally, both pushed women into subservient roles in similar ways. Similarly, both societies were able to shed restrictive social norms-of which body modification is only one example-and make significant progress on gender equality.It is important to understand how this happened, especially because international organisations and academics have increasingly focused on changing social norms as a means of achieving gender equality, designing toolkits and interventions aimed at nudging individuals towards new attitudes and practices. But they tend to forget an important lesson from history: social norms are products of material realities and, as a result, only shift in response to changes in those conditions, not because of a sudden change of heart. Comprehending the complex evolution of social norms requires

examining the long arc of history. The work of Nobel laureate economist Claudia Goldin exemplifies this approach. Focusing on the United States, Goldin found that "increased participation of women over the long run resulted more from a changed nature of jobs, such as decrease in hours of work and the rise of white-collar work, than from shifts in social norms and attitudes."This insight is particularly useful in India, where the proportion of women in paid work remains very low, despite high rates of economic growth and rapid poverty reduction over the last two decades. The discrepancy has sparked debate about which social norms are constraining female labour-force participation and, equally importantly, whether norms are the only limiting factor.A new study by Ashoka University identifies the norms that matter. Foremost is Indian women's disproportionate responsibility for domestic chores, including cooking, gathering fuel, fetching water, household maintenance, childcare, and elder care. Indian women spend as much as 10 times more time on these activities than men, one of the highest gaps globally. sal marriage and a strong preference for sons, young women enter marriage and motherhood sooner than in other parts of the world and are expected to produce a male heir. Despite the limiting effect of these norms, our data also reveal unmet demand for paid work on the part of women. Women move in and out of paid employment over short periods, indicating a willingness to take on such work when it is available. Constraints on mobility vary by caste status, with women from lower castes historically participating in the labour market at higher rates and also reporting a greater number of transitions, indicating the precarity of available work. The low proportion of women in paid employment in India is a matter of serious concern, and policymakers should focus more on generating demand for female labour, rather than changing social norms. That means working to ensure the regular availability of paid work that women can



Moreover, with nearly universal marriage and a strong preference for sons, young women enter marriage and motherhood sooner than in other parts of the world and are expected to produce a male heir.Despite the limiting effect of these norms, our data also reveal unmet demand for paid work on the part of women

access and incentivising employers to hire them.Several Indian states have already enacted gender quotas in public-sector employment. But with more than 90% of India's workers in the informal sector, such quotas do not affect female labor-force participation rates substantially. Instead, private employers must hire, retain, and promote women workers. Some leading companies, including Tech Mahindra, Wipro, Hero Motocorp, and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, have already launched initiatives to increase female workforce participation, and others should follow their lead. More importantly, mandatory reporting of gender-disaggregated data can reveal the exact contours of gender gaps and shape a focused policy response.

Given India's predominantly rural population, there is also an urgent need to create avenues for remunerative employment for women in labour-intensive sectors such as food processing, textiles, leather goods, and small-scale, low-tech manufacturing. Women in India want to earn their own livelihoods, as shown by the massive number of rural women-larger than the combined population of Canada and Austral have help groups under the National Rural Livelihood Mission, the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world. There is tremendous potential to promote productive and remunerative female self-employment. In East Asia, the availability of rural non-farm employment provided a massive stimulus for women to enter the paid workforce, and social norms started to change in response. There is no reason to believe that India is any different in this respect. Policymakers must put the horse before the cart: create conditions for female employment before spending immense sums on efforts to engender a new culture of equality.

Historic hearing

hatever the outcome of the preliminary hearing at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at The Hague, South Africa's case against Israel's ongoing military campaign in Gaza has garnered global attention in a way no proceeding at this elite interstate forum may have done before. As the 15-member court assembled, along with two ad hoc judges representing South Africa and Israel, quite a bit of history must have weighed on the parties. Of the two countries on either side of this dispute over whether the Gaza war is aimed at wiping out the people, one has left behind its apartheid past, but believes that the other is practising 75 years of 'apartheid' against the Palestinian people since 1948; one firm in its belief that it is acting in the interest of justice and humanity, the other equally firm in its belief it can never be accused of genocide, a crime that was sought to be prevented by the Genocide Convention of 1948, a treaty to prevent the sort of Holocaust the Jewish people had suffered. Both countries spent many years in the last century in diplomatic isolation, as countries and sporting bodies boycotted them, but both had the support of their western allies. Today, save for those few allies, the entire world supports a ceasefire in Gaza to end the epic suffering of its people.

At this preliminary stage, South Africa sought to demonstrate that some of Israel's acts were capable of falling within the terms of the Genocide Convention and that there was 'genocidal intent' behind its acts. It relied on data on deaths and destruction and the collapse of civilian life and health infrastructure in Gaza. It drew upon statements attributed to key Israeli government figures to underscore what it called 'genocidal intent'. The provisional measures sought include a suspension of military operations and steps by the parties to prevent the occurrence of genocide. Israel described the South African case as 'blood libel' before the hearing, but sought to make a case that its Gaza operations were a legitimate response to the terrorist attack on October 7 last year. It played down the relevance of its leaders' statements, calling them mere rhetoric. It attributed the civilian casualties to Hamas using civilians as shields and hospitals as storage for explosives and launching pads for attacks. The issue before the court is quite straightforward, but the larger concern is whether Israel will abide by any provisional measure. Russia ignored an ICJ order to suspend its operations in Ukraine in March 2022. However, there is little doubt that any provisional measure will cast a shadow on the legitimacy of Israel's Gaza war.

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Do Not Self Medicate

ANY thanks to Kashmir Observer for publishing a very useful and informative article on the dangers of 'self-medication' online. ("The rise of 'Dr. Google", Aug. 24). Living in the e-world, naturally the internet is an endless source for information. And for many of us, it is our 'first goto' for just about everything we want

to know. It is also a tempting tool for medical self-diagnosis, but which one should be extremely careful of. For their illness, the temptation of people to treat themselves through online medication is totally wrong and highly dangerous.

When you self-diagnose, you are essentially assuming that you know the subtleties that diagnosis constitutes. This can be fatal as people who assume that they can surmise what is going on with themselves may miss the nuances of diagnosis. Says eminent Radiation Oncologist Sean Vance: "The wealth of medical information we have at our fingertips can be empowering. But we need to be really choosy about the sources we are using, especially when searching

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topics like cancer, stroke and heart attack." The problem with seeking medical advice through the internet is that you could end up being provided with completely incorrect information, which could become an added detriment to your health.

Ranganathan Sivakumar

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Mindful Fridays

The Art of Letting Go

Unshackling the Chains of the Past for a Fulfilling Present

Wasim Kakroo

etting go, a profound concept central to personal liberation, involves breaking emotional chains tethered to the past, enabling unrestrained personal growth and happiness. Despite awareness of its potential harm, severing ties with the past remains a formidable challenge for many. This article delves into the psychological complexities of holding onto the past, dissecting the impact of perfectionism on this struggle. Unraveling the intricate threads that bind us to bygone experiences, it sheds light on how this attachment adversely affects mental well-being, strains relationships, and impedes overall success in life. By examining the roots of this struggle, we can navigate the path to release, fostering resilience and embracing the transformative power of letting go.

THE ALLURE OF THE PAST

Human beings, creatures of habit, are drawn to the comfort of the familiar, even if it brings pain. The roots of our attachment to the past intertwine with nostalgia, fear of the unknown, and an inherent resistance to change. Past experiences, relationships, and achievements become emotional anchors, providing an illusion of stability and security. Reflecting on this, ask yourself: What aspects of my past do I cling to for a sense of stability? How does my fear of the unknown influence my reluctance to let go? Am I sacrificing my well-being by holding onto the past? These reflective questions prompt an exploration of the motivations behind our attachments, paving the way for a deeper understanding of the challenges associated with letting go.

PERFECTIONISM'S GRIP ON LETTING GO

Perfectionism, often viewed as the relentless pursuit of flawlessness, stands as a formidable barrier to the art of letting go. The paralyzing fear of making mistakes or encountering failure cultivates a compulsive need to clutch onto past accomplishments, creating a safety net against potential imperfections. This fear also drives perfectionists to steer clear of situations that might challenge their meticulously high standards, inadvertently trapping them in a cycle of avoidance.

The consequences of such perfectionist tendencies are profound. The relentless pursuit of flawlessness can lead to stagnation, impeding both personal and professional growth.

Reflecting on this, individuals grappling with perfectionism may ask themselves: How has my fear of making mistakes



starting point for dismantling the perfectionist mindset and fostering an environment conducive to letting go of the past.

THE CONTINUATION OF TRAUMA

Clinging to the past, particularly when it entails traumatic experiences, acts as a potent force that perpetuates a cycle of pain and suffering. Unresolved trauma infiltrates various dimensions of life, casting a long shadow over relationships, decision-making processes, and overall well-being. The grip of past trauma can create a pervasive emotional distress, akin to a relentless storm that refuses to subside.

ASK YOURSELF AND LISTEN TO THE ANSWERS:

- How has my past trauma influenced my current relationships, and what steps can I take to mitigate its impact?
- In what ways has unresolved trauma affected my decision-making, and what changes can I make to promote healthier choices?
- How do I recognize the signs of emotional distress linked to past trauma, and what coping mechanisms can I adopt to break free from this perpetual cycle?
 What aspects of my overall well-being are most affected by my inability to let go of past trauma, and how can



Unshackling oneself from the past is not merely a philosophical pursuit; it is a pragmatic necessity for unlocking personal potential, fostering meaningful connections, and achieving the success that eludes those bound by the chains of vesterday

I actively work towards healing and recovery?

Breaking free from the chains of past trauma begins with self-reflection, as these questions prompt individuals to an insidious force, casting a shadow over the present and hindering the ability to fully embrace the current moment. The perpetual replay of past mistakes or the retention of grudges plants seeds of discontent, fostering emotional unrest that can infiltrate various aspects of life. Individuals trapped in this cycle find it challenging to experience peace and fulfillment, as their minds remain entangled in the web of bygone grievances.

ASK YOURSELF AND LISTEN TO THE ANSWERS:

- 1. What specific past mistakes or events am I currently fixated on that may be hindering my ability to embrace the present?
- 2. How do I hold onto grudges, and what impact do these lingering resentments have on my emotional well-being?
- 3. In what ways does my toxic attachment to the past manifest in my daily life, affecting my relationships, decisions, and overall sense of contentment?
 - By contemplating these questions, in-

IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

The lingering grip of past traumas can cast a long and dark shadow over one's mental health. Refusing to let go often precipitates severe consequences, with anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) frequently emerging as unwelcome companions of unresolved past experiences. The mind, like a broken record, replays negative scripts etched in the subconscious, perpetuating destructive thought patterns that deepen mental health challenges.

ASK YOURSELF AND LISTEN TO THE ANSWERS:

- 1. How do my past traumas manifest in my daily thoughts and behaviors?
- 2. In what ways do recurring negative scripts contribute to my mental health struggles?
- 3. Have I noticed a pattern of heightened anxiety or depression during specific triggers related to past traumas?
- 4. What steps can I take to interrupt and redirect destructive thought patterns when they arise?
- 5. How might addressing unresolved past experiences positively impact my overall mental well-being?

DAMAGE TO SELF, RELATIONSHIPS, AND SUCCESS

The refusal to let go wreaks havoc across multiple dimensions of life. A stagnant sense of self becomes a breeding ground for arrested personal growth, thwarting the ability to adapt to evolving circumstances. Reflect on how your past may be anchoring you to a version of yourself that no longer serves your present aspirations.

In relationships, the persistent echoes of the past drown out the potential for intimacy and connection in the present. Ask yourself: What past experiences or grievances am I carrying into my current relationships, and how are they influencing my ability to connect authentically?

Furthermore, the tenacious grip on past failures and disappointments acts as a formidable barrier to success. Ask yourself: In what ways is my fear of repeating past mistakes inhibiting my willingness to take risks and pursue new opportunities?

Unshackling oneself from the past is not merely a philosophical pursuit; it is a pragmatic necessity for unlocking personal potential, fostering meaningful connections, and achieving the success that eludes those bound by the chains of yesterday.

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hindered my progress?

In what ways has my pursuit of flawlessness limited my willingness to embrace new challenges?

These reflective questions serve as a

confront and navigate the complex web of emotions tied to their experiences.

TOXIC ATTACHMENT AND EMOTIONAL UNREST Toxic attachment to the past acts as dividuals can gain insight into the nature of their toxic attachments and begin the process of untangling themselves from the past, paving the way for a more serene and fulfilling present. College Srinagar) and works as a Child, Adolescent and Family therapist at Centre for Mental Health Services (CMHS) at Rambagh Srinagar. He can be reached at 8825067196

The Modern Prometheus In The Form of AI

John Nosta

I've suggested that fire is our first technology. Its profound and transformative impact—to this very day—is so powerful that its mythical source is the divine. Let's start at that point where Prometheus stole fire from the gods and disrupted the divine order to challenge their authority. In some ways, it feels like it's happening again embodied as artificial intelligence.

AI emerges not merely as a technological advancement, but as a modern Prometheus. Like this mythic figure who stole fire from the gods to bestow upon humanity, AI has, in a sense, "stolen" knowledge-or rather, made accessible vast realms of information and insights previously beyond our reach. This act, much like that of Prometheus, has ignited a new spark of human achievement, heralding an era of unprecedented cognitive expansion and controversy. And building on the inspiring words of late President John F. Kennedy, the "technology torch" has been passed to a new generation.

ENLIGHTENMENT AND DISRUPTION

AI, in its Promethean role, is a dual-edged sword, embodying both enlightenment and disruption. On one hand, it has democratized knowledge, broken down barriers to information access, and fueled innovation at a scale hitherto unimaginable. Individuals, businesses, and societies are empowered with data-driven insights, fostering advancements in every field from medicine to education. AI's contribution to human progress in this light is unequivocal, a true testament to its role as a catalyst of human potential.

Conversely, much like Prometheus, who faced Zeus's wrath for his transgression, AI's "theft" of knowledge comes with its own set of challenges and ethical dilemmas. The disruption it brings can be seen in job displacement, privacy concerns, and the unsettling rapidity of change it imposes on societal norms. The very act of AI accessing and processing vast amounts of data – a modern equivalent of stealing fire – raises questions about security and the ethical use of information.

A PARTNER IN HUMAN CREATIVITY

Despite these challenges, AI's role in our modern society is akin to a partner in human creativity and problem-solving. It takes on the laborious tasks of data analysis and pattern recognition, freeing human minds to engage in higher-order thinking and creative pursuits. This synergy between human and artificial intelligence is fostering a new age of innovation—a cognitive age where the boundaries of what can be achieved are constantly



being redefined.

A FLAME OF ILLUMINATION AND SHADOW

As AI illuminates pathways to progress, it also casts shadows, creating new complexities that must be navigated with care. The responsibility lies with us to wield this "flame" ethically and wisely, ensuring that the benefits of AI are distributed equitably and its risks are mitigated. The narrative of AI, much like that of Prometheus, is one of empowering humanity, but it also serves as a cautionary tale of the responsibilities that come with newfound power.

THE PROMETHEAN GIFT TO HUMANITY

AI challenges us to rethink our relationship with technology and its role in society. It compels us to consider not just the benefits of the knowledge and opportunities it presents, but also the ethical and moral implications of this new power. As we cast a light at the crossroads of technology and humanity, it is imperative to balance the flame of AI with a commitment to responsible stewardship. In doing so, we can harness the full potential of this Promethean gift, ensuring that it serves as a beacon of progress and enlightenment, rather than a source of unchecked disruption for you, me, and the divine.

– Psychology Today

News

Lt Governor felicitates winners of JK Cement's Architect of the Year Award at Jammu

Lauds the contribution of architects, planners and designers in shaping the future infrastructure, urban transformation and sustainable development

Artificial Intelligence & 4.0 technologies Industry have transformed the field of Architecture, enabled architects to build more efficient infrastructure, public spaces and to effectively tackle the challenges of urbanisation and climate change with unique designs: LG Sinha

JANUARY JAMMU, 18: Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha felicitated the winners of the 32nd JK Cement's Architect of the Year Award (JK AYA), at Jammu today.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor congratulated all

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No Restrictions

do is bring their identity cards with them and show up in big numbers for the event at Bakshi Stadium," Bidhuri added.

Replying to a query on security arrangements in Srinagar, he said that elaborate security arrangements have been put in place while the number of security forces has also been stepped up as per requirement.

Iran-Pakistan

anxiety in Tehran is that Pakistan has crossed a line by hitting inside Iranian territory, a threshold that even the U.S. and Israel have been careful to not breach.'

Russia's foreign ministry on Thursday called on Iran and Pakistan to show maximum restraint and solve their differences through diplomacy

Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said after speaking with his counterparts from both countries that neither side wanted to escalate tensions.

IRAN PAK RELATIONS

Iran and Pakistan have complicated but cordial relations. Their ministers met at Davos this week and their navies conducted joint exercises in the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf. The two countries have similar concerns about the lawless border area, where drug smugglers and militant Baloch groups are very active.

After both sets of air strikes, each side seemed anxious to emphasise that these did not represent attacks on a brotherly neighbour.

Tehran's reaction to the Pakistani strike appears relatively muted and the authorities have said that the victims, who included women and children, were not Iranian nationals.

Michael Kugelman, South Asia director at the Wilson Center, said that while Pakistan's retaliation raises the risk of escalation, "it also provides an opportunity to step back from the brink"."In effect, the two sides are even now.

Islamabad had a strong incentive to try to estore deterrence, especially with Iran on the offensive around the wider region deploying direct strikes and proxies to hit out at threats and rivals. In effect, if Pakistan had held back, it would have faced the risk of additional strikes," he said. Others suggested that the government in Islamabad was under domestic pressure to respond. The country, which saw its former leader Imran Khan removed nearly two years ago, is holding an election next month.

infusing trust among people that no deprived person will be left out of its benefits, he said.

More than four crore people have taken health checkups during the yatra and over 2.5 crore have been screened for TB, he said, adding that over 50 crore 'ayushman' cards have been given to people and nearly 35 lakh farmers have been included in the 'PM Kisan Yojna'. Neearly 25 lakh new 'Kisan Credit Cards' and 25 lakh free gas connections were given and 10 lakh new 'SVANidhi' applications received dur-

ing the course of the yatra so far, he added. He said these are not merely statistics for him as every number represents a life who was deprived of the benefits so far. The prime minister said he has always tried to ensure saturation of welfare schemes coverage.

He stressed his priority is to ensure good nutrition, health and treatment to people besides houses with availability of water, cooking gas and power connections.

He also underlined how crores of people have got bank accounts and opportunities to do something on their own.

Over four crore poor families have got a house of their own in the last 10 years and owners of 70 per cent of them are women, which has boosted their empowerment, he said.

The average period to build a house for the poor has come down to nearly 100 days from 300 days earlier, he said.

It is his government's priority to boost the rural economy and empower farmers, he said.

"India is changing rapidly. People's selfconfidence, trust in the government and the resolve to build a new India are visible allaround," he said.

Citing welfare schemes for transgenders, who were part of the interaction, he said his government was the first to show concern about their difficulties and gave priority to making their lives easier. In 2019, it enacted a law protecting their rights.

Highlighting the steps taken to empower self-help groups, he said collateral-free loans ceiling was increased to Rs 20 lakh from Rs 10 lakh, resulting in 10 crore new women getting associated with them They have received over Rs 8 lakh crore assistance for opening new businesses, he said. Speaking about the government's efforts to modernise the rural economy and empowering farmers, he listed the steps to strengthen the small farmers, including the presence of over 8,000 farmers producer organisations and 50 crore vaccinations for foot and mouth disease resulting in 50 percent increase in the milk production. Launched on November 15, the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' was started to attain saturation coverage of flagship government schemes and ensure their benefits reach all targeted beneficiaries in a time-bound manner. With the Lok Sabha polls expected in April-May, the programme is likely to boost the ruling BJP's outreach to the poor and tens of millions of beneficiaries of numerous welfare schemes.

transformation and sustainable development.

He also commended the endeavour of JK Cement Ltd. and the management of JK AYA Secretariat for recognising the invaluable contribution of architects in nation-building.

"Artificial Intelligence and 4.0 technologies Industry have transformed the field of Architecture and enabled architects to build more efficient infrastructure, public spaces and to effectively tackle the challenges of urbanisation and climate change with unique designs," he said.

I am confident that the community will continue to support the government in achieving sustainable economic, social and

out of this amount, medical claims of Rs. 17

"ED has attached land worth Rs 4.04 Crore

in the name M/s Globus Trade Links Pvt. Ltd., a

subsidiary of M/s TRBL and FDRs to the extent

of value of Rs 32.53 Crore, pertaining to M/s

Further investigation is under progress," it

such as skiing, snowboarding, and cross-

country skiing. The change in climate will put

further pressure on the sensitive environment

to climate change and the implications of cli-

mate change can be seen in less snow, reced-

ing glaciers, increasing temperatures, and de-

The skiing season at Gulmarg tourist re-

sort usually commences before Christmas

(around mid-December) and continues till

mid-April. However, due to increase in winter

temperature, the actual time period for snow-

fall has undergone a change with December

and January receiving scanty or no snowfall

while February and March witnessing heavy

the study, has clearly reduced over the years

as revealed by the snow depletion curves.

Although occasionally it does have spells

of heavy fall, the inability of snow to freeze

and develop into a long lasting snow cover

in February and March owing to higher tem-

peratures results in faster meltdown and if fol-

A considerable area in these regions

(Gulmarg and Pahalgam) remains under the

snow and glacier cover throughout the year es-

pecially during the winter and spring seasons.

MODIS images using Normalized Difference

Snow Index shows a decreasing trend in snow

cover in both the regions from the past few

"...However, time series analysis of LandSat

lowed by rainfall into devastating floods.

Similarly, the quantity of snow, according to

It said that the mountain areas are sensitive

Reliance General Insurance Pvt. Ltd.

2013 Research

of high mountains.'

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crore had been disbursed by the M/s RGIPL.

environmental goals, the Lt Governor further added.

The Awards were presented to the winners under different categories including Green Indian State Architecture, Architecture, Young Architect, Architecture Student of the Year, Focus Countries Architecture and Commendation Award. The Lt Governor also released

the fourth edition of the AYA Book series focusing on Group Housing Projects in India.

Dr. Nidhipati Singhania, Vice Chairman JK Cement Ltd; Dr. Raghavpat Singhania, Managing Director JK Cement Ltd & Chairman JK AYA; Sh Rana Pratap Singh, Administrator, JK AYA; Jury members, Architects from the UT, various parts of the country and abroad were present.

AC transfers land for development of Industrial Estate at Kathua

JAMMU, JANUARY 18: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, the Manoj Sinha approved transfer of State land measuring 2183 Kanal 14 Marla situated at Village Gandyal, Majra, Bhagthali & Taraf Manjli, Tehsil & District Kathua in favour of Industries & Commerce Department for establishment of Industrial

Estate there. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to LG attended the meeting.

Industrial Estate in Kathua

District shall play important role for the development of the area, create various employment opportunities which shall be in the interest of the public and the government. The industry sector has been declared as the main vehicle for accelerating economic activity besides providing employment to the educated unemployed youths.

Development of industrial infrastructures has been the focus of special attention during the last few years. In the perspective of industrial growth, Industries & Commerce Department has been established with a system for carrying its activities effectively to attract investment in the UT of J&K.

temperatures.

"Depletion curves also reveal that there is a considerable decrease in snow precipitation from 2008 to 2012. The trend is more pronounced in the months of February and March. There is also a negative relationship between annual air temperature (1991–2001) and snow cover area pro- portion from 2008 to 2012," it says.

"A considerable change both in snow precipitation and snow cover will lead to the depletion of snow for skiing and water resources for different sectors of economy," it added.

The study further added that the tourism industry, which contributes much to the GDP of the state, will be severely affected because of less snow available for skiing and other skating programs.

Snowfall Shortage

also said, "Due to the prolonged dry spell and scanty snowfall in the Kashmir valley this winter, there has been a substantial depletion of surface and groundwater resources. This depletion is evident in the drying of springs observed at various places in the Kashmir valley."

He added that the decline in snowfall over the last few decades can be attributed to climate change and has contributed to the recent phenomenon of springs drying up in the region, though the situation has become more acute this year.

Romshoo further said that there is hope for improvement in the situation with anticipated precipitation during the typically wetter months of February and March in the Kashmir valley. This expected increase in precipitation may alleviate the impacts of the current water shortage situation.

Pulwama's renowned springs are also experiencing a drying trend, attributed to a prolonged dry spell in the Kashmir Vallev. leading to water scarcity in multiple villages. Aripal Spring in Tral and Bulbul Spring in Newa Pulwama are notably impacted water sources.

Public Health Engineering (PHE) officials in Iral report a steady decline in the water level of

water or deeper wells, increasing the risk of water-borne diseases," said Faizan Arif, an independent meteorologist.

"A major global threat to springs is the growing demand for groundwater and the effects of climate change. The drying up of springs in the valley has led to changes in agricultural practices as well," Faizan added.

Night Temperature

minus 4.6 degrees Celsius on Wednesday night, dropping from the previous night's minus 2.4 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 4.2 degrees while in the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir it was minus 4.5 degrees Celsius, they said.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, which serves as one of the base camps for the annual Amarnath Yatra, recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.8 degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature in Kokernag town settled at minus 0.8 degrees Celsius and in Kupwara at minus 4.5 degrees Celsius.

A dry and largely snowless winter in Kashmir has resulted in freezing nights and warmer than usual days as Srinagar day temperatures were over eight degrees above the normal temperature for this time of the year, officials said here.

Kashmir has been going through a prolonged dry spell and a 79 per cent deficit in rainfall was recorded for December while there has been no precipitation in most parts of the vallev in the first fortnight of January.

There has been no snowfall in most plain areas of Kashmir, while the upper reaches of the valley have received lesser than usual amounts of snow

BGSBU Researcher

sighting of this novel species occurred during caddisfly sampling activities across the Indian Himalayas, with the new species making its debut in the DKG forest of Buffliaz in the Poonch District, International acceptance granted following rigorous peer review, culminating in the decision of Dr. John C. Morse, Professor Emeritus of Entomology at Clemson University, USA. The research work was also a part of the 17th International Symposia on Trichoptera, which was held at Lunz Am See, Austria, in September 2022. Dr. Sajad Hussain Parey, an assistant Professor at the Department of Zoology, in Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University presented the findings of their work in Austria alongside other world-renowned entomologists working on caddisflies. The work has been published in the prestigious German refereed journal, Contributions to Entomology. BGSBU faculty Tabraq Ali is the lead author of this discovery along with research scholars Zahid Hussain and Aquib Majeed while Dr. Sajad Hussain Parey, and Dr. Manpreet Singh Pandher, Scientist-D at High Altitude Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, are co-authors.

played pivotal role in shaping the talented architects, planners and designers, who have the future infrastructure, urban

Architect



Witness Points

important development in the case... the prosecution witness has identified Malik as the man behind the shooting," said Senior Public Prosecutor for CBI Monika Kohli.

Kohli is the chief prosecutor in two key cases against Malik, the 1989 abduction of Rubaiva Sayeed, daughter of then Union home minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, and the killing of the IAF personnel.

Malik was given an offer to cross-examine the eyewitness but he refused and has been pressing for physical appearance in court.

Over 4 Cr Have

people have joined it, he said The 'Vikas Rath' has become 'Vishwas Rath',

ED Attaches

less presence in J&K and bare minimum experience, as pre requirement of the tender, during the stipulated period," it reads.

It added that in this way, Rs 63.53 Crores was fraudulently disbursed to these companies and years," the study says, adding, "Similarly, the stream discharge, comprising predominantly of snow- and glacier-melt, is showing a statistically significant declining trend despite the melting of these glaciers.'

The study further maintains that the predicted futuristic trends of temperature from Predicting Regional Climates for Impact Studies regional climate models are showing an increase which may enhance snow-melting in the near future posing a serious threat to the sustainability of winter tourism in the region.

"Hence, it becomes essential to monitor the changes in temperature and snow cover depletion in these basins in order to evaluate their effect on the winter tourism and water resources in the region," the study adds.

Notably, both the tourist resorts witness huge rush of tourists and many national and international skiers travel to Kashmir during winters for sikking. However due to ongoing dry-spell and no snowfall, hundreds of skiers have canceled the hotel bookings and have abandoned the plan to visit the valley.

"This is impacting our business as many players have canceled their bookings," said Farhat Nai, a snowboard instructor.

The study further noted that the winter accumulation of snow has drastically reduced owing to an increase in average minimum Aripal Spring over the past weeks, culminating in its complete depletion. This spring played a vital role as a drinking water source for various supply schemes, contributing to water scarcity in diverse areas. Due to the spring's exhaustion, the Fisheries Department relocated its fish farm near Aripal Spring to Dobiwan and other locations.

Residents express their ongoing struggle with water scarcity, marking the first significant drop in the water level at Aripal Spring in recent history

Similarly, Bulbul Spring in Newa village in Pulwama, which has supported a water supply scheme for four decades, has also dried up, leading to water shortages in numerous villages.

Water from these springs is supplied either through direct supply via water pipes to the residents or is extracted using water generators. Alternatively, it is stored in reservoirs and then distributed to the people in a scheduled manner. Springs are significant hotspots for biodiversity because they are a natural source of groundwater discharge at the topographic surface.

"Springs are vital sources of clean water in rural areas and their depletion can lead to serious shortages, forcing communities to rely on potentially unsafe sources like polluted surface

J&K Leads In

entrepreneurs Aditi Kakar and Garima Sipani-Co-founders Timoniyo Design also attended the meeting and shared their valuable suggestions and inputs on promotion of startups and entrepreneurship in Jammu Kashmir.



STATE

CS Ensures Functionality of Rural Sanitation Assets

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Thursday while reviewing the updated scenario of Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) here impressed upon the concerned authorities to carry out frequent field visits to the nook and corner of the UT for having first hand appraisal about the utility and functional status of the assets created for sanitation of rural areas.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, RDD; DG, Rural Sanitation besides other concerned officers of the Department.

While taking cognizance of the status of door to door collection of waste in rural areas the Chief Secretary emphasized upon adopting sustainable models keeping in view the significance of this national mission. He maintained that after achieving the status of ODF+ Model category for the UT, it is imperative to maintain it without any slackness creeping in our approach.

He advised to conduct a study of all the assets created across the villages of the UT to evaluate their utilisation in their respective areas. He stressed on their proper upkeep and maintenance for their operational readiness round the year. He urged the department to evolve a roadmap to receive the real time information about the utility of these assets in these villages.



Dulloo was concerned that the LG administration would extend every possible assistance in maintenance of these rural assets. He asked them to come up with a suitable plan for their optimum use and operation to make sanitation a hallmark of our villages here.

Regarding the promulgation and execution of carbon neutral plan for the panchayats of the UT as envisioned by the Prime Minister, the Chief Secretary upheld that interdepartmental coordination and synergy should be shown to make it successful. He also encouraged them to conduct the survey of the villages by experts to estimate the carbon these villages produce and the possible remedial measures to

be taken there. In his presentation the Secretary, Rural Development Department, Shahid Iqbal Choudhury gave an in-depth description of the measures and achievements registered by the department in implementation of the mission. He revealed that all the 6650 villages of the UT have been declared ODF+ in August

last year after complying with the guidelines for the same. He further apprised the meet-

ing that both the Solid Waste and Liquid Waste Management in these villages have been upgraded and drainage facilities provided to the villages. It was revealed that a total of 2,36,137 SWM assets, 923331 assets for Grey Water Management (GWM), 80 Plastic Waste Management Units (PWMU), 7 Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants and 3 Gobar Dhan Plants including 17,20,765 individual household latrines (IHHLs) have been raised by the department in rural areas.

Moreover it was given out that the department has created 28,077 IHHLs and 565 CSCs as per the demand from districts. It was informed in the meeting that the department is in a process of establishing 8 Gobar Dhan Biogas plants in the UT besides completing 76 more PWMUs which would take the tally to 218 blocks for taking care of the plastic waste generated there.

Sensitization programme on **FRA** held

OBSERVER NEWS SERVICE

BUDGAM: With an aim of creating awareness about the Forest Rights Act among Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers -OTFDs in remote areas of Budgam, Jammu & Kashmir RTI Movement in association with KOSHISH a Non Governmental Organisation organised an awareness programme at Nengroo Basti Darwan in Doodh Ganga forest range of Budgam.

The volunteers of RTI Movement and Koshish explained in detail about the provisions of the FRA which was extended to J&K post article 370 abrogation. The speakers during the programme urged upon the locals to use this law for their benefits.

"The local residents who live in a forest area are entitled to Individual and Community forest rights under the Forest Rights Act -2006 but due to lack of awareness and information the villagers couldn't even file claims for the same till date," said Dr Raja Muzaffar Chairman RTI Movement.

He further added that the villagers were settled here around 20 years back and provided 5 marlas of land but were not given other benefits like graveyard or land for Anganwadi or school.

"Now with an aim of ensuring these people get these legal rights under FRA we held a sensitization workshop in the area. We have also taken up the matter with the local Block Development Officer -BDO who assured that a Gram Sabha would be held on the said issue," Dr Raja added.

Among others who spoke on the occasion included Mohammad Mudaser, Nazir Ahmad Nengroo, Showkat Ahmad Lone, Mohammad Shafi Rather . Aamir Khan and others

Labour Commissioner Interacts With Trade Union Representatives

KO NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Labour Commissioner, J&K Charandeep Singh Thursday chaired an interactive meet with various Trade Union representatives here in order to advance workers' overall socioeconomic well-being.

The representatives of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, Jammu, Centre of Indian Trade Union, Jammu, AS-COMS Employees Welfare Association, Jammu (J&K), Indian National Trade Union Congress and Jammu Marble Workers Union participated in the interaction.

Deputy Labour Commissioner, Jammu, Deputy Labour Commissioner (Central), J&K, Deputy Director (Planning) and Assistant Labour Commissioners were also present. The Trade Union repre-

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ating that welfare of labor and improving their living standard shall remain the primary focus of cooperation between the Department and the Trade Unions.

"Trade Unions play a crucial role in advancing the interests of workers and allowing amicable solutions of issues between establishments and workers", the Labour Commissioner said and added that unions are a good source of information on workplace practices and noncompliance of labour laws.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY Azadi Ka E-Tender Notice Sr.DEN-II/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders Sr.DEN-II/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (L-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 08.02.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. In place of Earnest money deposit. "Bid Security Declaration" is to be submitted or prescribed format as available in cument section on the portal. ender Type Tendering Section Bidding System Date of Uploading Tenders Bid Starting Date Bid Closing Date/Time Single Bid System 17.01.2024 08.02.2024/15:00 Hrs Open Works 25.01.2024 Details of Tende S.N. Tender No. 378-2023-24-JAT-connection with Multi-Disciplinary committee report. connection with Multi-Disciplinary committee repor

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir **OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PULWAMA

Subject: Quotation (for supply of items for celebration of Republic Day 2024 event) at Municipal Council Pulwama. E-NIT No: MC/Pul/2023-24/3110-14 Dated: 03.01.2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, term e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited from the interested persons, parties, dealers, firms, suppliers, for supply and installation of below mentioned items for "celebration of Republic Day 2024 programme" at Municipal Council Pulwama. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other

		Tender Notice	18.01.2024					
		oading of bidding documents	From 18.01.2024 to 24.01.2024					
		Start Date	18.01.2024 from 10.00 AM					
4 Bid su	bmission	End Date	24.01.2024 upto 04.00 PM					
5 Date &	& Time of	opening of Bids (Online)	25.01.2024 at 10.30 AM in the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Pulwama.					
6 Call D	eposit Re	ceipt	Rs. 5000/-(Five Thousand Only)					
			List of BOQ items:					
	D No.							
	S. No	Particulars						
	01	Tent (ONLY TOP) (50x50) with seating arrangement (chairs) for 200 persons with stage and mic system.						
	02	Invitation cards						
	03	Banners (10x10)						
	04	Banners (6 x 6)						
	05	Certificates						
	06	Refreshment (Kehwa with Shirmal)						
	07	Illumination (Tri colour) Town Hall Building and Clock Tower.						
	09	Trophies (Medium Size) Re	public Day 2024 with Flag, SBM Logo and Municipal Council Pulwama embossed.					
The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov. jktenders.gov. in to acquaint bid submission process.								

the office of the Executive Officer, Municipal Council Pulwama

 participate in bidding process,b Certificate(DSC) as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get



S.O. 5532(E).— Whereas, the Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, Jammu and Kashmir (hereinafter referred to as the TeH), is known for its involvement in fomenting terrorism and anti-

India propaganda for fueling the secessionist activities in the Jammu and Kashmir; And, whereas, the objective of TeH is to separate Jammu and Kashmir from India and establish Islamic rule in Jammu and Kashmir;

And, whereas, the leaders and members of the TeH have been involved in raising funds through various sources including Pakistan and its proxy organisations for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities, sustained

sentatives while welcoming Charandeep Singh on assuming charge of Labour Commissioner, J&K assured their support in raising awareness among the workers regarding various schemes of the Government being implemented for their welfare across the UT. They gave a brief about their working and union constitutional mandate. Detailed deliberations

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	The bids must be accompanied with the CDR amounting to the tune of Rs.5000/-only. The bids/rates for the tender shall remain valid for a period of 03 months till 31 st March 2024 from the date of opening of bids. The bidder has to make payment of <u>Rs. 500/-</u> in the name of Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Pulwama bearing account number 0054040500001346 JRY at Jammu and Kashmir Bank, Main Branch Pulwama having ifsc code as JAKAOGOLDEN as bid document fee and upload the receipt under bank challan / receipt – mandatorily, without which the bids are liable to be rejected. Payment in respect of the successful bidder shall be made only after receipt of fitems as per the specifications and conditions laid down in the notice. The registered dealers, suppliers, event managers, individuals, interested parties pr persons shall upload valid GST. The bidder has to quote item wise rates (as per boq) including all taxes, freight, installation.	digital certificate from any approved vendor. c) The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form. d) Bids will be opened online as per time schedule. e) Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Note:-Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option. f) f) The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. g) Scanned copy of cost of tender document & Bank Receipt/challan in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Council Pulwama and bid securing declaration must be uploaded with the bid. h) The Bidder must have to upload (soft copies) of the following documents (Photostat/Original should be clearly seen in all respect with Ink Signed and Seal):-Valid GSTIN. i) Valid GSTIN.	terrorist activities with an intent to create a reign of terror in the country, thereby endangering the security and public order of the State; And, whereas, the TeH and its leaders and members, have been indulging in unlawful
4. 5. 6. 7. 8.	the receipt under bank challan / receipt – mandatorily, without which the bids are liable to be rejected. Payment in respect of the successful bidder shall be made only after receipt of items as per the specifications and conditions laid down in the notice. The registered dealers, suppliers, event managers, individuals, interested parties pr persons shall upload valid GST. The bidder has to quote item wise rates (as per boq) including all taxes, freight, installation. The successful bidder has to complete the job by or before 25th January 2024. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any offer without assigning any reasons thereof.	 any reasons. g) Scanned copy of cost of tender document & Bank Receipt/challan in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Council Pulwama and bid securing declaration must be uploaded with the bid. h) The Bidder must have to upload (soft copies) of the following documents (Photostat/Original should be clearly seen in all respect with Ink Signed and Seal): 	in encounters with Security Forces and its members have been involved in supporting terrorist activities with an intent to create a reign of terror in the country, thereby
9. a)	Instructions to the Bidders regarding E-Tendering process: Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.	Sd/- DIPK-NB-5296-23 Chief Executive Officer DT: 18/01/2024 Municipal Council Pulwama.	leadership gave repeated calls to boycott assembly elections on multiple occasions;

And, whereas, the Central Government is of the opinion that if there is no immediate curb or control of unlawful activities of the Tehreek-e-Hurrivat, Jammu and Kashmir, it will use this opportunity to -

- continue advocating the secession of Jammu and Kashmir form the Union of (i) India while disputing its accession to the Union of India; and
- (ii) continue with the anti-national activities which are detrimental to the territorial integrity, security and sovereignty of the country; and
- continue propagating false narrative and anti-national sentiments among the (iii) people of Jammu and Kashmir with the intention to cause disaffection against India and disrupt public order;

And, whereas, the Central Government for the abovementioned reasons is firmly of the opinion that having regard to the activities of the Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, Jammu and Kashmir (TeH), it is necessary to declare the Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, Jammu and Kashmir (TeH), as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect;

Now, Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of the section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government hereby declares the Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, Jammu and Kashmir (TeH), as an unlawful association;

The Central Government, having regard to the above circumstances, is of firm opinion that it is necessary to declare the Tehreek-e-Hurriyat, Jammu and Kashmir (TeH), as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect, and accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 3 of the said Act, the Central Government hereby directs that this notification shall, subject to any order that may be made under section 4 of the said Act, have effect for a period of five years from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

DIPK-15387-23	
DT: 18/01/2024	

[F. No. 14017/19/2023-NI-MF0] PRAVEEN VASHISTA, Addl. Secy

Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION LOLAB **ENGINEERING COMPLEX LOLAB PIN NO.193223**

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER



TWO COVERS | NIT No. 20-Lolab/1082-88 of 2023-24 e-tendering DATED: -16-01-2023 Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Lolab for and on behalf of the President, of India invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for the following work from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State Governments.

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	01	CONSTRUCTION OF ST/G&B HOSTEL FOR GIRLS AT KALA- ROOSE DISTRICT KUPWARA	361.67	5,500/-	723360/-	720days	"AAY"	CAPEX BUDGET	298 DTA OF 2022 DATED 19.12.2022	CE (R&B) K/ TS/North/48 of 2022-23 dt: 15.12.2023

M.H Account CAPEX BUDGET

Position of AAA Accorded Position of funds Demanded

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:

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1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	16-01-2024	I
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	16-01-2024	I
3	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	30-01-2024 from 11.00 AM.	I
4	Bid submission Start Date	16-01-2024from 06.00 pm.	I
5	Bid Submission End Date	05-02-2024 up to 4.00 PM.	I
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- 6 | Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) (Tech. Bids) | 06-02-2024 10:00 AM in the office of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Circle Kupwara. 1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) DIVISION LOLAB and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Circle Kupwara failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly. The Issuance date of the Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR Must be in between the date of Downloading to Bid Submission end Date. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) DIVISION LOLAB. The name of work or NIT No S.No. should clearly be mentioned on the Treasury Challan and Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Superintending Engineer, PWD (R&B) Circle Kupwara failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly
- All other terms and conditions shall be strictly as per SBD circulated by this office letter No. CE/RBK/HD/29158-88 dated 10-02-2018
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids
- No: 1082-88
- Sd/ DIPK-15335-23 Dated:-16/01/2023 Executive Engineer DT: 18/01/2014 (R&B) Division Lolab

<u>SPORTS</u>

Warner, Boult, Bravo Among Stars To Light Up ILT20



of the league's marketing cam-

paign alongside former India

spinner and the event's official

Boult, who is an active inter-

ambassador Harbhajan Singh.

national cricketer but has opt-

ed out of New Zealand's central

contract pool, will play for MI

shown live on Zee's 10 channels

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Cinema HD, Zee Anmol Cinema, Zee Zest, Zee Ganga, Zee Cinemalu HD, &Flix, &Flix HD

and Zee Zest HD-and stream-

augural edition after beating

MI Emirates. The tournament

opener will be played between Sharjah Warriors and Gulf Gi-

The ILT20 has also an-

nounced a star-studded com-

mentary panel that includes

Harbhajan, Virender Sehwag,

Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis,

Shoaib Akhtar, Alan Wilkins, Si-

mon Doull, Daren Ganga, Dan-

ny Morrison and Niall O'Brien.

The event will feature both

Hindi and English commentary.

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T20 cricket league globally.

According to the organisers,

Gulf Giants had won the in-

The competition will be

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ants on January 19.

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The likes of Australian big-hitter David Warner and New Zealand pace spearhead Trent Boult will headline the second edition of the sixteam DP World International League T20, beginning on Friday in the UAE.

A total of 34 games will be played in the league, including the final in Dubai on February 17. Dubai will host 15 games, Abu Dhabi 11 and Sharjah will be the venue for the remaining eight games.

Former India batter Ambati Rayudu has also signed up for the competition and will represent Mumbai Indians Emirates.

The other ILT20 teams apart from MI Emirates (Reliance Industries) are Abu Dhabi Knight Riders (Kolkata Knight Riders), Desert Vipers (Lancer Capital), Dubai Capitals (GMR), Gulf Giants (Adani Sportsline), and Sharjah Warriors (Capri Global).

Besides Warner and Boult, the other big games who will be a part of the tournament are Sunil Narine, Andre Russell, Corey Anderson, Dwayne Bravo, Dasun Shanaka, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Sam Billings, David Willey, Alex Hales, Tom Curran, Rovman Powell, Shimron Hetmyer, James Vince, Chris Woakes and Martin Guptill.

The recently-retired Warner, who would be captaining Dubai Capitals, is also the face RETIRED HURT OR RETIRED OUT?

Rohit's Super Over Heroics Cause Controversy

Press Trust Of India
BENGALURU: Was Rohit Shar-

ma retired hurt or retired out? It was the question on everybody's mind as the Indian skipper walked back before the last ball of the first Super Over during third and final T20 against Afghanistan, which the hosts eventually won to bag the series 3-0.

As it turned out, it was pure

if another Super Over is needed to decide the outcome of

the match. So, how did Rohit manage to bat again in the second Super Over? A match official later explained that if the opposition

captain or coach do not have any objection, a batsman can bat again in the second Super Over. Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott hinted at minimal combowlers in Super Overs too was not conveyed to them properly. Afghanistan wanted to use Azmatullah Omarzai in the second Super Over but since the pacer had already bowled the first Super Over, he was ineligible to operate a second time.

"It was not communicated (the rule). We wanted Azmat to bowl the second over again, but Fareed (Ahmad) bowled a great over. But these things



gamesmanship from Rohit as India needed two runs from one ball to win at that stage and he wanted to use the better running abilities of third battor Bipluy Cingh to glup out

batter Rinku Singh to eke out that extra run. But the tone of the question intensified as Rohit walked out again to open the innings in the company of Pinku in

in the company of Rinku in the second Super Over. As per the rules, once a batter is deemed retired out he

ter is deemed retired out, he cannot come out to bat again

munication between officials and the players as the whole

episode panned out. "I have no idea (whether g Rohit retired hurt or out). Has g there ever been two Super the Overs? That's what I am trying to say. We keep setting these new rules. What I am r trying to say is we kept testing p the rules, we kept testing the guidelines," said Trott in the

post-match press meet. Trott stressed his point saying that the rule about the use of

will be explained and done in writing in the future.

"If those are the rules, that's great. I just think we had a good game, and I don't think that (rules) should be the talking point," he added.

g However, Trott, an experienced coach and a former player of repute, might just have forgotten that the Super Over rules are in vogue since 2019, and there is no need for an external entity to send reminders.

1st Test: Australia In Command Against WI



Agencies

ADELAIDE: An inspired spell of bowling from Josh Hazlewood and a brilliant attacking century from Travis Head put Australia in complete control of the first Test against the West Indies in Adelaide on Thursday. After Head smashed 119 from 134 balls to take Australia to 283 and a first-innings lead of 95, Hazlewood took four wickets for just two runs at the start of the West Indies second innings to deal a hammer blow to the visitors.

At stumps on the second day, the West Indies were 73-6, still 22 runs from making Australia bat again. Joshua Da Silva was not out 17, with Justin Greaves dismissed off the last ball of the day's play. Hazlewood removed the top

four West Indies batsmen in a superb spell of seam bowling. He dismissed Tagenarine Chanderpaul for a first ball duck, then in his next over he had captain Kraigg Brathwaite caught by Head at a deepish

short leg. The West Indies were 7-3 when Alick Athanaze gloved a bouncer to keeper Alex Carey, then 19-4 when Kavem Hodge edged to Steve Smith at second slip.

Kirk McKenzie and Greaves tried to rebuild the innings and took the score to 40 before McKenzie tried an expansive drive off Cameron Green, only to spoon the ball to Marnus Labuschagne at short cover.

Greaves and Da Silva batted sensibly and looked certain to take the West Indies safely to stumps, only for off-spinner Nathan Lyon to trap Greaves lbw for 24.

The Australians were expected to dominate a belowstrength West Indies, who have three players on debut in this match.

But led by exciting newcomer Shamar Joseph, the visitors took regular wickets throughout the first two sessions to initially keep the Australians on the back foot.

Joseph, playing only his sixth first class match, ended with 5-94 in a magnificent Test debut.

Australia had reshuffled their batting order on the retirement of David Warner, moving Steve Smith to opener so they could bring Green back into the side.

The first part of that experiment failed when Smith fell for 12 on Wednesday, so the Australians would have been hoping for big runs from the towering Green.

But he was gone for 14 in just the second over on Thursday morning, caught by wicketkeeper Da Silva off Shamar Joseph to leave the Australians 67-3.



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