

Kashmir Bids Farewell To Chillai Kalan, Plains Left Bereft Of Snow

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Srinagar: As the curtains fall on the 40-day harsh winter period known as 'Chillai Kalan' in Kashmir, the plains bid farewell with an unusual absence of snow. The region, typically draped in a pristine white blanket during this period, stood bereft of the winter's icy embrace.

While there was light to moderate snowfall in the higher reaches of the valley at the fag-end of the 40-day period, most of the Chilla-i-Kalan when the chances of snowfall are maximum and most frequent remained dry.

The valley witnessed a prolonged dry spell this winter, with no snowfall in the plains. Regarding temperatures, Srinagar recorded a low of 0.8°C against 3.6°C on previous night and it was 1.8°C above normal for the summer capital of J&K for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 0.4°C against minus 2.0°C on the previous night, he said. The minimum temperature was 3.0°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, MeI official said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 3.3°C against 0.7°C on the previous night and it was 2.8°C above normal for the famous



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resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 0.7°C against 0.5°C on the previous night and the temperature was above normal by 3.3°C for the place, the official said.

Kupwara town in north Kashmir recorded a low of 0.3°C against 0.5°C on the previous night and it was 2.8°C above

normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg, the official said, recorded a low of minus 6.0°C against minus 3.2°C on the previous night and the temperature was 1.5°C above normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir.

Jammu, he said, recorded a minimum of 8.5°C and it was below normal by 0.2°C for the winter capital of J&K.

The Kashmir Division anticipates light to moderate rain and snow from January 30 to February 10, with heavy snowfall expected in specific districts on January 31, the MeI office said here on Tuesday.

The Meteorological Department in Srinagar issues a comprehensive weather update for Jammu & Kashmir, spanning from January 30 | More on P6

Kashmir Records Driest Ever Chillai Kalan This Year

Agencies

Srinagar: In a first of its kind, Srinagar and other parts of the Valley witnessed the record-breaking driest Chillai-Kalan this year.

As per the details shared by the Meteorological department, this year's prolonged dry spell has surpassed the previous records at all the stations across Kashmir.

In Srinagar, a precipitation of 1.5 mm was received from December 21, 2023 to January 30, 2024, thereby recording the driest-ever Chillai-Kalan. Ski resort of Gulmarg has surpassed the record of 1987 when 17.7 mm precipitation was recorded. The famous spot has recorded a precipitation of just 17.3 mm this Chillai-Kalan.

Qazigund also surpassed the record of 2018 as against the then precipitation of 4.8mm, it has recorded 0.0 mm precipitation this Chillai-Kalan.

Pahalgam has witnessed

PRECIPITATION IN CHILLAI KALAN	
SRINAGAR	1.5MM 5.6 MM IN 2015
QAZIGUND	ZERO PRECIPITATION 4.8MM IN 2018
KOKERNAG	ZERO PRECIPITATION 5.5MM IN 2018
GULMARG	17.3MM 17.7 MM IN 1987
PAHALGAM	2.7MM 13.9 MM IN 2018
KUPWARA	13.8 MM 15.8 MM IN 2001
BANIHAL	ZERO PRECIPITATION 4.3MM IN 2018

the driest-ever Chillai-Kalan after the gap of six years as against the precipitation of 13.9 in 2018, it has recorded a precipitation of only 2.7 mm in the last 40 days. | More on P6

Cricket Hero To 10 Years In Jail

The Rise And Fall Of Pak's Imran Khan



Reuters

Islamabad: Former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan's 10-year jail sentence under the Official Secrets Act is the latest in a series of ups and downs for the charismatic cricket star who is barred from elections next week but looms large over the country's politics.

Khan, 71, has been fighting dozens of cases since he was ousted from power in a parliamentary vote of no confidence in 2022. He was sentenced to three years in jail in a corruption case in August, which has ruled him out of the Feb. 8 general elections.

Opinion polls early last year said Khan was the South Asian nation's most popular leader. A brief arrest in May on separate corruption charges sparked deadly unrest across the country at a time of | More on P6

SHORT TAKES

Property Of Drug Peddler Attached

The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday attached assets linked to a notorious drug peddler in Kulgam district, officials said. The police attached an under-construction house on a four-marla plot belonging to the peddler Aijaz Ahmad Ganie, a resident of Gadihama, Kulgam under Section 68-F (2) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, an official said. He said the property was found to be illegally acquired by Ganie. | More on P6

House Damaged In Kupwara Fire

A residential house was damaged in a fire incident in Nawabazar Khumriyal area of North Kashmir Kupwara district on Tuesday. An official told News Agency Kashmir Scroll that during the intervening night fire broke out in a double storey residential House of Ab Gani Mir son of Skindar Mir resident of Nawabazar Khumriyal. He said that the fire was controlled with the help of fire tenders and locals, however, the house got | More on P6

Explosive Devices Found In Kathua

Security forces on Tuesday detected and defused two explosive devices in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, officials said. Locals informed police and the Border Security Force (BSF) about some suspicious material packed in a polythene bag in the Sherpur area, around 2 kilometers away from the International Border, they said. Security personnel | More on P6

Avalanche Warning In Ganderbal

The authorities in Jammu and Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Tuesday issued an avalanche warning in the wake of snowfall in the higher reaches of the valley, officials said. A low-danger level avalanche warning was issued to the people of the central Kashmir district, they said. "Avalanche with low-danger level is likely to occur above 2,800 metres over | More on P6

Uber Begins Services In J&K

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New Delhi: Ride-hailing firm Uber on Tuesday said it has started operations in Jammu and Kashmir with the launch of services in Srinagar.

Uber will offer Uber Go and outstation cab service Uber Intercity in the Valley.

"Uber's launch in Srinagar is in line with its expansion plans in India, with an aim to increase its footprint and product offerings to regional markets. Residents of Srinagar and visiting tourists can now book Uber Go and Uber Intercity rides for their mobility needs," Uber said in a statement.

Intercity rides can be booked to tourist destinations around Srinagar, including Gulmarg, Sonmarg, and Pahalgam, the company said.

"With the global ride-hailing app now available in Srinagar, tourists as well as locals will now find a trusted ride in and around Srinagar with a few taps on the app. The launch of our service will also create meaningful earning opportunities for drivers and will support the economic growth of local communities," Head of Supply and Regional Operations at Uber Shiva Shailendran said.

Earlier this

Officers Must Act As Professional Service Providers: LG

Directs for Quick Action On Complaints In Time Bound Manner



Observer News Service

Jammu: Asserting that officers need to maintain the standards of accountability and always strive for improvement, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that when it comes to handling complaints, grievances and delivering public services, the officers need to act as professional service providers and keep the citizens in the loop on action taken.

LG was interacting with the citizens and heard their grievances during

"LG's Mulaqaat- Live Public Grievance Hearing" through virtual mode.

The LG directed the concerned officials to take quick action on the complaints in a time bound manner with greater transparency. Several applicants expressed their gratitude to the LG for resolving their issues on the spot.

The LG directed the officers to listen to people and create a comprehensive strategy for maintenance of basic infrastructure like borewells, handpumps, power distribution lines | More on P6

FOLLOWING THE IDEALS OF BAPU, the UT of J&K is today creating its new identity as a land of peace, harmony and brotherhood"

Bapu's Principles Are Shaping A New J&K: LG

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid tributes to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his Punyathi, today.

He attended the solemn event organised by the Gandhi Global Family, J&K and honoured the family members of freedom fighters, martyrs, social activists and NGOs for their exemplary contribution in nation building.

"Mahatma Gandhi's principles are shaping a new Jammu Kashmir, which has been a victim of violence and terrorism for more than three decades. Following the ideals of Bapu, the UT of J&K is today creating its new identity as a land of peace, harmony and brotherhood," the LG said.

He said the hymns of Mahatma Gandhi, his message of truth, non-violence, simplicity and equality of | More on P6

Ordnance Depot Sends Armoured Vehicles To J&K

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Chennai: Light Specialist Armoured Vehicles (LSVs) indigenously designed and developed at the Ordnance Depot, Avadi, here, were dispatched for special duties in the Jammu & Kashmir Valley.

These armoured vehicles have been dispatched to help the forces of the Northern Command, a release here said on Tuesday.

"The Ordnance Depot, Avadi, under the aegis of Dakshin Bharat Area of the Indian Army has dispatched Light Specialist Armoured Vehicles indigenously designed and developed, for helping forces of Northern Command," it stated.

These modular type vehicles allow efficient maintenance and can be configured in the field for a wide variety of operational roles, the release added.

J&K Govt Hikes Salary For MGNREGA Staff

Agencies

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha on Tuesday announced the approval of an enhanced monthly remuneration for supporting staff associated with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

Fulfilling a long-standing demand, this move the LG said is set to benefit approximately 4000 employees. "J&K Admin is committed to the



well-being of all the staff and their families," he said.

"Enhancement of monthly remuneration of MGNREGA supporting | More on P6

'Not To Be Kept In Cupboard' Publish Review Orders On Internet Ban In J&K: SC

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday said review orders to consider pleas for the restoration of internet services in Jammu and Kashmir are "not meant to be kept in the cupboard" and asked the administration to publish them.

A bench of Justices B R Gavai and Sanjay Karol gave Additional Solicitor General KM Nataraj, appearing for the J-K administration, two weeks to seek instructions and apprise the court on the next date of hearing.

The bench was hearing an application filed by the Foundation for Media Professionals seeking the publication of the review orders passed by a special committee headed by the Union Home secretary on internet restrictions

in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"What are review orders meant for? Review orders are not meant to be kept in the cupboard," the bench observed as Nataraj submitted that the petitioner is seeking publication of the committee's deliberations.

The bench ordered, "We are of the prima facie view that it may not be necessary to publish the deliberations (of the committee), but the review orders passed are re-quired to be published. Mr Nataraj seeks two weeks time to take instructions in this regard. List after two weeks."

Advocate Shadan Farasat, appearing for the Foundation for Media Professionals, said at the outset that the administration is required to publish the review orders | More on P6

33 Institutions, Roads in J&K Renamed After 2019

LG Admin Names Them After 'Martyrs & Eminent Personalities'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Government of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday ordered for renaming of thirty-three educational institutions, including schools and colleges, and roads after the names of 'martyrs and eminent personalities' of Jammu and Kashmir.

Among the newly named infrastructure/assets after the following martyrs/eminent personalities, as per an order include; Anantnag - Late Himayun Muzamil Bhat, Dy.SP. Government Degree College (Boys), Anantnag; Srinagar - Late Masroor Ali Wani, Inspector, Government Boys High School, Narwara; Jammu - Late Rachpal Singh, HC, Government High School (Lehar) Sungal, Akhnoor; Jammu - Late Vishal Sharma, Rfn. Government High School, Chak Malal, Zone Khour, Tehsil Khour, District Jammu;



Udhampur - Late Krishan Singh, Subedar, Government Middle School, Uriyan, Udhampur; Udhampur - Late Yash Paul, Rfn. Government Girls High School, Mantalai; Poonch - Late Abdul Majid, Havaladar; Government High School, Ajote, Poonch; Kishtwar - Late Ravi Kumar, Rifleman, High School, Galigarh;

Ramban - Late Tanveer Ahmed SPO Shaheed Tanveer Ahmed Memorial Cricket Ground, Sargali; Jammu - Late Krishan Singh, LNK, Government High School, Sungal; Jammu - Late Mohd Dhan Singh Salaria, NK, Government Middle School, Dharam Khoo; Jammu - Late Sham Singh Langeh, Rfn.

Government Higher Secondary School, Gharota; Jammu - Late Parshotam Kumar, Naib Subedar, Government High School, Majua Uttami; Ramban - Late Irshad Ahmad, SgCT, Ramsow Chowk as "Shaheed Irshad Ahmad Chowk"; Ramban - Late Abdul Rehman, HC, Neel Chowk as "Shaheed Abdul Rehman Malik Chowk"; Ramban - Late Jagdish Singh, SPO, Government Middle School, Dudha Bhajmasta; Ramban Late Shankar Singh, SPO, Shaheed Shankar Singh Road, Ukhral to Bhangra; Ramban - Late Nisar Ahmad, SgCT, Ind Martyrs Road; Ramban - Late Sher Mohd, SPO and Ramban - Late Shadi Lal, SPO.

The other renamed educational institutions and roads include; Ramban- Late Sher Singh, SPO; Ramban - Late Mohd Iqbal, SPO; Ramban - Late Fareed Ahmad, SPO; Ramban - Late Angrez Singh, SPO; Ramban - | More on P6



In A Show Of Communal Harmony, Muslims Fulfill Last Rites Of KP

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A beautiful display of communal harmony and brotherhood unfolded in Srinagar on Tuesday as Muslims performed the last rites of a Kashmiri Pandit, who passed away at his home in the Tankipora area of Srinagar.

As the Kashmiri Pandit left this world late on Monday night, Muslim neighbors from the area visited the Pandit's house to offer emotional support and performed the last rites of the deceased.

A local from Tankipora, Srinagar said Sohan Lal, the Kashmiri Pandit, passed away around 3:00 AM. "He was a very helpful man. He was ill for some time," he said.

He added that, "his relatives are in Jammu and Delhi, and until they arrive, they will wait. "He has been in Srinagar for a long time and we have shared a significant part of life with Sohan Lal. He was a man of words," said Gulam

Mohammad Lala, a local.

Another local said that Sohan was like his brother and always used to help them and was present whenever we needed him. "During any function or event in the locality, Sohan made his home available for the people and was like our family member," added Zahoor, a local.

Ashok Koul, a relative of Sohan told KNO that they had been urging Sohan to return to Delhi and live with them, but he consistently said, "he will stay here in Kashmir, as it is my home, and the neighborhood here has taken great care of him." I am thankful to the neighbors and the Muslim community members who helped in the last rites of my uncle, Sohan Lal, as we shifted to Delhi nearly 34 years ago," he said.

He added, "All the neighbors have been present since last night, and we hope the brotherhood will continue in the valley as we are overwhelmed."



Harvesters extracting famous Kashmir (Nadru) 'lotus stem' from Dal Lake amidst bone chilling cold in Srinagar on Tuesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

DC Srinagar Calls For Zero Tolerance Against Drug Abuse

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat on Tuesday claimed that menace of Drugs is non-negotiable and stressed on adopting zero tolerance against the drug abuse. He also called the members of NCORD Committee to keep vigil on vulnerable places to prevent spread of drugs.

The assertions by the DC comes during a District Level meeting on Prevention of Drug Abuse & Narcotics Trade (NCORD) here to re-

view the measures taken by Law Enforcement Agencies and other Stakeholders to curb the menace of drug abuse and drug peddling in Srinagar District.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed appraisal from concerned members of NCORD Committee regarding implementation of the deterrence measures taken and progress achieved to eliminate drug abuse and it's peddling from the Srinagar District.

He also reviewed the present scenario of drug related occurrences, treatment facilities for

victims of substance abuse and rehabilitation measures taken by Administration, besides anti-drugs awareness campaign and drug deterrence measures in place in Srinagar District.

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

Commercial Complex Gutted In Saraf Kadal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A double-storey commercial building was damaged in an early morning fire incident that broke out at Saraf Kadal area of Srinagar, officials said on Tuesday.

An official said that one double-storey commercial building housing three shops - Jewellery, Grocery, and a Printing Press on the ground floor was

completely damaged in the fire incident.

He said the roofs, ceiling, doors, and windows, along with the two shops, were severely damaged while the printing press suffered indirect damage due to heat, water and smoke.

The official further mentioned that the cause of the fire is being ascertained and no loss of life or injury was reported in the incident.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I informed to general public that my Son namely MUSAIB BILAL NAJAR S/O BILAL AHMAD NAJAR had born on 20-12-2013 at SDH Kreeri already registered in Police Station Kreeri Vide Registration Number 25/15A/PSK/2013 Dated:-16/01/2014 but was not issued till date i.e 29-01-2024. Now I am applying for issuance of his birth certificate. If anybody have any objection in this regard He/she may file his /her objection in the BDO office Wagoor / Tehsil: Kreeri within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained.

Rukhsana Begum M/O:-Musaib Bilal Najar R/O:- Kаланtra Payeen, Tehsil Kreeri District Baramulla fko

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education Department

Civil Secretariat, J&K

Subject:- Appointment of Assistant Professor, Botany in the Higher Education Department.

Reference: Letter No. PSC/DR/AP/Botany/2019 dated 06-06-2023 from J&K Public Service Commission, J&K.

Government Order No. 50 -JK(HE) of 2024 Dated: 29-01-2024

On the recommendations of the J&K public Service Commission, sanction is hereby accorded to the appointment of following candidate as Assistant Professor (Botany) on regular temporary basis in the pay band of Rs. 15600-39100 with AGP Rs. 6000/- (Pre-revised) Academic Level-10 with pay structure of Rs. 57700/- in the Higher Education Department.

Table with 4 columns: Name Mr./Mrs., Parentage, Address, Selection Category. Includes Mr. Javed Ahmad Wagay, Ms. Sumiya Jamshied.

Above mentioned Candidate shall report to the Nodal Principal, A.S College, Srinagar within a period of 21 days from the date of issue of this order failing which their appointment shall be deemed to have cancelled without any notice.

The appointment of candidate shall be subject to the following Conditions :-

- 1. The appointee will be on probation for a period of two years from the date of joining.
2. The appointment of the above candidate shall be governed by the "New Pension Scheme as per SRO-400 of 11/009 dated 24-12-2009.
3. The appointee shall, at the time of joining, produce the following testimonials in original which will be verified by the concerned Principal.

- a. Domicile Certificate.
b. Date of Birth Certificate.
c. Qualification and Marks Certificate i.e. NET/SLET/Ph.D. etc and marks cards/degrees.
d. Category certificate as may be applicable to the appointee.
e. Health and Medical Certificate.
f. Any other certificate as required under law.

The salary of the appointee shall be drawn and disbursed after the receipt of the satisfactory report in respect of genuineness of Qualification/Date of Birth/Relevant Category Certificate and subject to production of an affidavit (as per annexure A) to this order.

The seniority of the candidates shall be determined in term of J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956.

The appointment of the candidate shall remain provisional till time as the certificates get verified by the concerned Principal and found to be in order. In case any certificate is found to be fake, inadequate or not consistent with eligibility requirements, the appointment of the candidate would be deemed to have been and void ab-initio.

The appointment of the candidates shall be subject to outcome of writ petition(s), if any, pending before the Court of law.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/- (Alok Kumar) IRS Principal Secretary to the Government

Mo. HED-GAZ/176/2023-04 DIPP-15792/23 Dated: 30-01-2024

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Dooru

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT NO 42 OF R&B/DOORU/2023-24 /E-TENDERING/ EED/T-1/2353-60 DATED: 30-01-2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Dooru invited e-tenders on % age basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

Table with 8 columns: S. No, Name of Work, Estimated Cost (Rs in Lacs), Cost of T/Doc. (in Rs), Earnest Money (in Rs), AA NO, Time of Completion, Major Head of Account, Class of Contractor. Lists 6 construction projects.

Position of AAA : Accorded Position of TS : Accorded

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

Table with 3 columns: S.No., Particulars, Dated. Lists dates for tender notice, document download, bid submission, and opening of bids.

- 1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division DOORU (Tender Inviting Authority) (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) Ref: Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt/07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challans should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date (NIT No and Name of work/ Item No. should be mentioned on Treasury Challan) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division DOORU (Tender receiving Authority).
2. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD) 2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division DOORU (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarment of the Contractor for a period of 01 Year be forwarded to Higher Authorities.
3. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.
4. The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division DOORU.
5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of Opening of Technical bids.
7. The Earnest Money/Performance Security shall be forfeited if:
a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid.
b) Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period before issue of letter of intent.
c) Successful Bidder fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
d) If at any stage of work, the Bidder back up from the contract, again the Performance security/EMD as well as work done claim will be forfeited.
e) The tenders shall be opened and allotted to 1st lowest responsive bidder only when the funds are released/ available on Bids.

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When investing through a SEBI registered stock broker, individuals are provided with a platform to connect with stock exchanges such as the NSE and BSE. All trades are conducted through the broker's office, mobile application, or website, and are instantly confirmed by the broker as well as the exchange. This ensures that the trade is conducted in a legal and transparent manner.

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Furthermore, SEBI guidelines require that investors receive trade confirmations and other important information directly from the exchange, NSDL, and CDSL. This ensures that investors are kept informed about their investments and any activities related to their accounts.

Overall, investing through a SEBI registered stock broker provides a secure and transparent platform for individuals to invest in the stock market. With the implementation of initiatives like KYC, and the involvement of government-controlled entities such as NSDL and CDSL, investors can have confidence that their investments are safe and legally conducted. Therefore, it is essential to invest through SEBI registered stock brokers for a secure and legitimate investment experience.

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De-escalate in Middle East

The ongoing conflict in the Middle East, particularly the Israeli war on Gaza, has reached a dangerous tipping point, with the risk of regional spillover looming large. As tensions escalate and multiple nations become entangled in hostilities, urgent measures are needed to prevent further bloodshed and foster stability in the region. A crucial first step towards de-escalation is the immediate implementation of a ceasefire in Gaza.

The humanitarian crisis unfolding in Gaza is alarming, with more than 85 percent of the population displaced since the start of Israel's brutal war on October 7. Schools, hospitals, and residential buildings have been targeted, leaving civilian infrastructure in ruins. The United Nations agencies warn of a famine-like situation, underscoring the urgency of addressing the dire humanitarian conditions.

While acknowledging the complexities of the situation, a ceasefire in Gaza is a prerequisite for any meaningful dialogue and a pathway to de-escalation. The suffering of innocent civilians, caught in the crossfire, demands immediate international intervention to end the violence.

The spillover of the conflict into neighboring countries is a cause for grave concern. Recent attacks by Iran in Syria and Iraq, along with the United States and the United Kingdom's involvement in Yemen, points out the potential for a regional conflagration. The Red Sea has become a hotspot with Houthi attacks on commercial and military ships, prompting the United States to respond. Tensions between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah have escalated, leading to cross-border artillery firing and drone attacks, displacing tens of thousands of people.

The risk of further escalation is compounded by tit-for-tat attacks between Iran and Pakistan, emphasizing the need for diplomatic efforts to prevent the situation from spiraling out of control. The delicate balance in the region demands a collective commitment to peace and stability.

It is essential for all stakeholders, including the international community, to prioritize diplomatic solutions and exert pressure on the conflicting parties to adhere to an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. Beyond Gaza, efforts must be made to address the root causes of the conflicts, engage in dialogue, and find lasting solutions that promote stability in the entire region.

The United States, as a key player in the region, should reassess its military approach and explore diplomatic avenues to de-escalate tensions. The international community, including regional powers, must collaborate to facilitate dialogue and negotiations, fostering an environment conducive to lasting peace.

The urgency of the situation cannot be overstated. A ceasefire in Gaza is not just a regional imperative; it is a moral obligation to prevent further loss of life and safeguard the well-being of countless innocent civilians. The international community must act swiftly and decisively to de-escalate tensions, with the ultimate goal of establishing a lasting peace in the Middle East. And this peace won't be possible without Palestinians getting a sovereign state of their own.

Right to Information

Sidelined and Out of Reach

With more than 1200 e-services available in J&K, Why does Online RTI continue to be sidelined by the Government even as it talks about AI?



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

For many years now, I along with my colleagues have been rigorously campaigning for allowing residents of Jammu & Kashmir to access information through a digital platform. This author has written extensively on this subject and were even given assurance by none other than the then J&K Chief Secretary Dr A K Mehta himself. It is almost three months since we met the Chief Secretary but RTI doesn't find a place on the e-platform even as J&K Govt claims to be number 1 in the country by providing more than 1200 online services to people.

After our meeting with the Chief Secretary, some local newspapers carried news that an online RTI portal would be launched by the Govt. After meeting a delegation of RTI activists in Srinagar and Jammu, the then Chief Secretary Dr A K Mehta had directed the Administrative Secretary of Information Technology Department to develop an online RTI portal on the pattern of the portal of the Central Government.

The Chief Secretary has directed all the departments to adopt proactive measures for training of the Public Information Officers (PIOs), who were supposed to have a three days training before handling the role of PIO. Neither have people been given the online RTI facility nor are PIOs given training to handle the RTI applications.



To seek information through an offline mode, an RTI applicant has to travel to Govt offices, pay bus fare and then spend the whole day in the town. This is a more costly affair even for those applicants who live under Below Poverty Line (BPL) category. The BPL applicants have not to pay Rs 10 IPO but to send the RTI application via speed post is a challenge for them

ferent Govt departments for conducting security audits of their official websites as well without any delay.

By January 15th 2023, all the offline services had to be made online but even as we have entered 2024 and first month of this year is also coming to an end the citizens in J&K continue to seek information under Right to Information Act 2005 (RTI Act) through the archaic and obsolete ways by going to office and filing an RTI application. In many cases, the PIOs are not in office and the applicants have to come back, moving from pillar to post in the Govt offices. Some applicants who are a bit well versed with RTI file it via speed post but in many cases the application isn't responded to at all.

As on date, citizens intending to seek information under RTI in J&K write down an RTI application, take its printout, then purchase the Indian Postal Order (IPO) of Rs 10 which isn't available in all the local post offices. The application is then sent via speed post / registered post or dropped personally in a Govt office. But this isn't the case with central Govt offices. One can file an RTI application on a cell phone and pay application fees online. If J & K is directly being ruled by the centre for more than 5 years, why are not the same services being given to people here?

Challenges faced by RTI applicants

Due to non-availability of the online RTI facility in J&K, the applicants face lots of challenges. They face difficulty especially to deposit RTI application fees of Rs 10 in the shape of Indian Postal Order (IPO). To buy an Indian Postal Order (IPO) is a difficult task in J&K. I have not come across a single post office in any urban or rural area of J&K where Rs 10 Indian Postal Orders (IPOs) are available freely. I have been writing about it for last many years now. In a city like Srinagar or Jammu, or Srinagar, one can buy an IPO from a post office that too in GPO, but in districts or tehsil headquarters this is impossible and in smaller villages or towns one cannot even think of getting an IPO from a local post office?

If a person from a remote village of Poonch or Kishtwar wants to file an RTI application, the RTI applicant will have to travel all the way from his or her village to district headquarters and again there is no guarantee that IPO will be available or not.

I know many RTI applicants who travelled all the way from Kupwara or Bandipora to Srinagar General Post Office GPO to buy a Rs 10 Postal Order. This is unacceptable.

Had online RTI service been available in J&K like central Govt offices, people living in remote areas like Gurez Bandipora or Machil in Kupwara Dachen or Pader in Kishtwar district could also access information from their mobile phones. To seek information through an offline mode, an RTI applicant has to travel to Govt offices, pay bus fare and then spend the whole day in the town. This is a more costly affair even for those applicants who live under Below Poverty Line (BPL) category. The BPL applicants have not to pay Rs 10 IPO but to send the RTI application via speed post is a challenge for them. They have to travel to a town to send the application to the Govt office through a speed post. In some cases these poor applicants travel to their tehsil, block or district headquarters spending at least Rs 300 to 500 plus leaving their work for a day.

Conclusion

Infact last year's theme of International RTI Day (September 28th 2023) was also focussed on Access to Information through digital mode. The theme was titled as "The Importance of the online space for access to Information". At a time when the Govt of India talks about embracing artificial intelligence -AI to reshape the Governance and Public services delivery I am unable to understand why J&K Govt isn't giving its citizens the access to seek information electronically? I request the incumbent Chief Secretary to take this issue seriously and ask the IT Department to launch an online RTI portal in J&K without any delay

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

OTHER OPINION

The best of Tests

Hyderabad and Brisbane are split by an aerial distance of 9,443 kilometres and yet on Sunday, the two cities were seemingly fused together through some cricketing magic. The old sporting trope of the underdog toppling the fancied rival was again in play as England at Hyderabad and the West Indies at Brisbane, respectively humbled their potent hosts India and Australia. Test cricket, often lost in the stardust and breathless hype that permeates its younger and faster siblings, ODIs and T20s, found its mojo and again reiterated its durability and the potential to alter scripts and presumptions. At Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, England conceded a 190-run first innings lead to India and on a surface tipped to aid spin, it was deemed that Ben Stokes and his Bazball troops were down for the count. However, in the second innings tussle, Ollie Pope's splendid 196 and left-arm spinner Tom Hartley's seven for 62 left India stranded by 28 runs while chasing a target of 231. Pope's sweeps, both conventional and reverse, employed against the Indian spinners were effective, and debutant Hartley, whose first ball in Test cricket was hammered for a six by Yashasvi Jaiswal, made a stirring comeback in the second dig to hoodwink Rohit Sharma's men. England now leads the five match series at 1-0.

The absence of Virat Kohli, due to personal reasons, did leave a vacuum in the middle order even as the other batters, including K.L. Rahul, tried hard to bridge that gap. England spinners choking Indian batters in their backyard is not new as Phil Edmonds and Pat Pocock showed in 1984, and Graeme Swann and Monty Panesar in 2012. As the series shifts to Visakhapatnam, India will have to find a method to reiterate its dominance. Meanwhile at Brisbane's Gabba, it was the turn of another debutant to prosper. Despite an injured toe, Shamar Joseph's fiery pace and his second innings tally of seven for 68 blew away the Australians, who pursued a target of 216. The eight-run triumph helped the West Indies draw level the two-Test series at 1-1. The stalemate hinted at the need for a minimum of three Tests to judge teams and find the real victor. The men from the Caribbean have floundered in the past, but the latest result hints at a turnaround. The West Indies had its sunshine phases in limited overs cricket, winning the ICC Champions Trophy in 2004 and the ICC T20 World Cups in 2012 and 2016. Sunday's Test victory offers a fresh path laden with hope for the West Indies.

The Hindu

Assurance given by Chief Secretary

Infact, in 2022 as well, the Govt had given assurances about the creation of an online RTI platform in J&K and the then Chief Secretary had impressed upon all the Govt offices to make all the offline services online. As per the Govt statement issued

on December 16th 2022, the Chief Secretary while reviewing the performance of the Information Technology (IT) Department in a meeting, directed the officers to prepare a list of all the services provided by the Govt departments. The Chief Secretary directed the officers to separate the services still offered through offline mode and prepare a roadmap for offering the same through an online platform with end-to-end digitisation by January 15th 2023. The Chief Secretary during the meeting asked the officers of the IT department to issue advisories to dif-



CHILDHOOD

No sorrows, No Worries

M Ahmad

Childhood is the most fun and memorable time in anyone's life. It's the first stage of life which we enjoy in whatever way we like. Besides, this is the time that shapes up the future. The parents love and care for their children and the grandchildren remains the same too. Moreover, it's the golden period of life in which a child is taught the right ones.

The memories of childhood ultimately become the life long memory which always brings a smile on our faces. Only the grownups know the real value of childhood because the children do not understand these things. Moreover, Children's have no worries, no stress, and they are free from the filth of worldly life. When an individual collects memories of his/her childhood they give a delighted feeling. Besides, bad memories haunt the person his entire life. Apart from this, as we grow we feel more attachment to our childhood and we want to get back those days but we can't. That's why many people say 'time is neither a friend nor a foe'. Because the time which is gone can't come back and neither does our childhood. In this stage of life, we can easily remodel the mindset of someone.

Childhood is the time that makes our adulthood special. Also, children are like pottery vessels that we can shape in any way we like. Besides, their innocence and helpful nature gives everyone the message of humanity. Most importantly, they learn by either making mistakes or seeing their elders. Childhood is that stage of life which we can enjoy - the part of life which we cannot get back however much we want. Our future is built up on the basis of our childhood. Our future is shaped by our parent's love and care. It is the actual time when we can teach our children what is right and what is wrong. Childhood is the time when the foundation of our life is built on the pillars of right values and principles. It is the most unforgettable time period of life.

Everyone has childhood memories; remembering those memories brings peace and the feeling of delight. They are one of the



most valuable for an individual. In our childhood, a child does not have any worries about the modern world and when an adult recalls his/her memories of that carefree phase of one's life, they get a chance to forget their current pressure and stress that they are facing in the present life, even for a moment. People become very attached to their childhood memories especially in the later stage of their life and want to go back in time to re-experience their childhood but sadly can't.

The childhood memories we gather stay with us throughout our life and anytime they can

bring happiness in our life when we are down. The actual value of childhood can only be understood by the grownups because children are not capable of realizing the importance that this period brings with it. Children are free from all the worries, hazards of a busy life, and stresses in this world of uncertainty. We, the grownups, feel delighted when we recollect our childhood memories. But it is obvious that every memory of childhood days can't be good. There may be some unwanted memories which can haunt a person his entire life. When we grow up we miss every

single day of our childhood period. Our life is fully dependent on time. The time that has already passed cannot be brought back and so can't our childhood.

The innocence and carefree days of childhood are what makes even poets and writers cherish those days and praise them. Children may fail to realize what golden moments they are passing through only until they reach adulthood. For an adult the best days of his life were spent while he was a child and it is during his stressful days he longs for the lost time. This is when the significance is best realized. The moral

The memories of childhood have their own place in any individual's heart. As one grows up, one feels more and more attached with his childhood, the best period in an individual's life

and social character of a child is developed in this time. In this time, the parents can easily alter the mindset of the children and make them differentiate between right and wrong. The minds of children are like clean slates on which any story, pleasant or harsh, can be written easily.

A happy childhood makes for a successful adulthood. We all have

memories from our childhood that we cherish. It's a time in our life when everything seems perfect and wonderful. The most memorable things about childhood were holidays, birthdays, school days, and vacations. Our parents did their best to make these special occasions special for us, ensuring we had plenty of delicious sweets, good friends, family time and doing something that captured our attention. The most important thing which makes childhood memorable is love and care of the family and family members. A child has the purest heart any human being can possess and all that heart desires is love; no matter what the circumstances are. Any person who claims that he or she had an amazing childhood has witnessed a sufficient amount of love, care and affection from their family members.

The memories of childhood have their own place in any individual's heart. As one grows up, one feels more and more attached with his childhood, the best period in an individual's life. Having no anxieties, worries or work, a child is free from the dirty and filthy noise of worldly life. When individuals recollect the memories of childhood, they feel delighted as it is the most pleasant period which is free from any kind of worry or anxiety. Childhood memories are the unforgettable part of our life. The funny, happiest, pleasure, best, wonderful and unforgettable memories of childhood days are quite hard to stop remembering. Childhood is in fact the best part of anyone's life.

Childhood is the most enjoyable and amazing part of our life. It is that phase of our life when we were free from sorrows and worries. We had no job or anything to worry about. The best experience in our life, if we have ever had, is the childhood period.

"Sometimes, it's better to bunk a class and enjoy it with friends, because today, when I look back, marks never make me laugh, but memories do."-----A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

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How Teenagers Navigate The Nuances Of Social Media – And What Adults Can Learn From Them

Linda Kaye

For older generations, social media might feel like a specific and often new way of interacting - markedly different from meeting in person or talking on the phone. For most teenagers, though, it is part of an interconnected social landscape. They may not necessarily need to distinguish social connections as either online or offline. These can be fluid across digital and physical spaces.

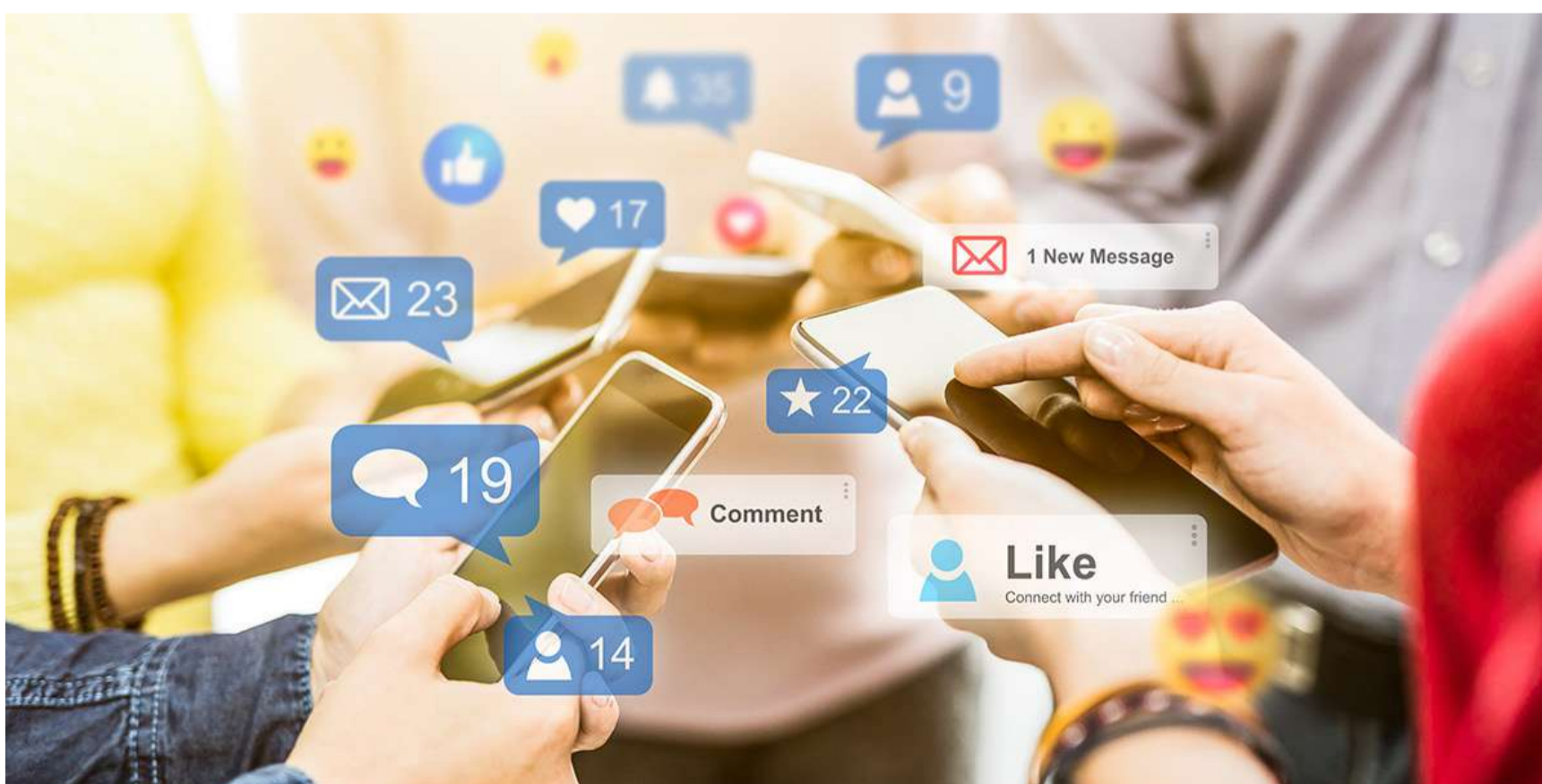
But there are nuances to interacting on social media - and teens are often acutely aware of them. Social media accounts are often characterized by what is known as context collapse. This means that there are multiple different types of audience in a single context. A post on Instagram or TikTok might be viewed by friends and other teenagers, but also teachers, parents or family members.

UNDERSTANDING AUDIENCES

When posting online, teens will be negotiating these audiences, perhaps aiming a post at their friends, but making sure the content is still appropriate for other types of audience.

This, in some cases, might explain why teenagers (like many others) may be drawn towards more protected or private channels. These include Snapchat group chats, WhatsApp groups or close friends lists on Instagram.

Parents might think their teen is being secretive by us-



ing closed channels like this. But the social connections which can occur here are likely to be the most authentic and valuable in terms of building connections with friends. These smaller or more self-contained types of social connections may also encourage more active types of social media use, such as voice messages, replying to threads and video calls.

Psychological evidence suggests that more active types of social media behaviour are related to greater perceptions of social belonging, when compared to more passive types of social media engagement, such as simply scrolling through a feed. These active kinds of social media use could support teens' expression of their identity, and therefore, feelings of social support and belonging.

Social media can also present teens with opportunities for experimentation and discovery. For example, for those who identify as LGBTQ+, joining relevant social media groups can provide them with an opportunity to explore their own identity and gain social support from others.

Beyond this, curating their own social media accounts can help teenagers build their

identities. In many cases, the teen may be reclaiming ownership of their identity from how it might have been built and curated by their parents.

SOCIAL CUES

On the other hand, the way social media makes the subtleties of friendships and peer relationships explicit can create difficulties.

Features and functions such

as "remove friend" or "follow", provide concrete markers on the boundaries of relationships or connections that don't exist in the offline world. "Likes" and "reactions" from others provide feedback which can affect a teen's perception of whether they are receiving social approval or validation.

An absence of these cues, or inactivity within social interactions, such as being "left on

read" or a post going unliked, might feed into perceptions of social disapproval or worse still, feelings of social rejection.

This may have particular significance for teenagers because peer relationships hold crucial importance in adolescence. Teenagers typically value the opinions and approval of their friends and peers more than others, such as their parents or siblings.

What's more, teenagers typically place particularly high value on social approval. This means that they may be more sensitive to whether or not they have validation from their peers on social media. It might also explain why higher social media use in adolescence has been linked to lower life satisfaction.

In many ways, there are lessons we can learn from how teenagers use social media. In general, they appear to be much better equipped than their older counterparts to self-censor and curate the various aspects of their identities across different channels. This suggests they are much more socially aware and attuned to the way these are interpreted by various audiences.

Teenagers' ability to move fluidly between online and offline environments may make them better than older adults at recognising that how they behave on social media may have direct social consequences in the real world.

By arrangements with The Conversation

J&K Home To 9 now leopards; Ladakh Has Highest At 477

Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir is home to nine snow leopards while Ladakh has the highest number at 477, officials revealed Tuesday.

They said that the snow leopard, an endangered species, has been estimated to have nine in J&K, while Ladakh holds the highest count in India at 477.

Experts told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that these figures are satisfactory, but there are still many more areas to be covered.

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav released India's first-ever Snow Leopard Population Assessment report, revealing a total of 718 snow leopards in the country.

The Wildlife Institute of India, in collaboration with Nature Conservation Foundation and WWF-India, conducted the assessment covering 70% of the potential snow leopard range. Ladakh leads with 477, followed



by Uttarakhand (124), Himachal Pradesh (51), Arunachal Pradesh (36), Sikkim (21), and J&K (9).

Talking to KNO, Munib Khanyari, who was part of the assessment team, said, "This is a first-of-its-kind estimation. I feel very privileged to be part of this estimation. It's a new binary estimation of snow leopards in mountains and ecosystems in

India. It's something we are very proud of," he said.

The figures for J&K and Ladakh are satisfactory in the sense that they reflect the efforts made. "Especially in J&K, we have many other areas to cover, especially right after the previous report was released. There are additional areas for snow leopards, so I think there is an opportunity

for the numbers to improve, and for us to know. The concerned department is working really hard to enhance conservation efforts in both J&K and Ladakh to protect the animals."

Khanyari said the department is conducting extensive training for locals to become rangers and is increasing the number of daily

UGC Removes 'De-reservation' Draft Guidelines From Website Amid Backlash

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The University Grants Commission (UGC) on Tuesday removed from its website, the draft guidelines suggesting "de-reservation" of reserved posts if enough candidates from the SC, ST and OBC categories are not available, amid a controversy over the issue.

The commission chairman, M Jagadish Kumar, however, said "the guidelines have been removed from the website as the time period for stakeholders to submit their feedback is over".

A controversy erupted on Sunday over UGC's draft guidelines proposing that any vacancy reserved for SC, ST and OBC candidates can be "declared unreserved" if enough candidates from these categories are not available, with the Congress terming it a conspiracy to do away with quota in higher education institutions.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan clarified that not a single post will



be de-reserved and there is no scope for ambiguity about reservations after the introduction of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Act, 2019.

University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman M Jagadish Kumar also made it clear that there has been no de-reservation of reserved category positions in Central Educational Institutions (CEI) in the past and there is "going to be no such de-reservation".

The draft guidelines have drawn flak from several quarters. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the BJP is "only busy snatching the jobs

of youths". The JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) also staged a protest against the UGC chairman on the issue on Monday.

Stepping up an attack, the Congress on Monday demanded the dismissal of UGC Chairman M Jagadish Kumar over the draft guidelines for "de-reservation" of posts in higher education institutions, with party leader Rahul Gandhi alleging it was a "conspiracy" to end the reservation given to SC, ST and OBC categories.

Pradhan, however, hit back at Gandhi saying his politics is completely based on lies.

The minister said that of the 6,080 appointments made, the participation of Scheduled Caste (SC) is 14.3 per cent, Scheduled Tribe (ST) 7 per cent and Other Backward Classes (OBC) is 23.42 per cent.

It is clear from the data that the maximum number of appointments in reserved posts in central universities have been made under the Narendra Modi government, the minister had said on Monday.

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Kashmir Bids

to February 10. In the Kashmir Division, the forecast indicates the likelihood of light to moderate rain/snow during this period, with heavy snowfall expected in specific districts on January 31st.

In the Jammu Division, intermittent light to moderate rain accompanied by thunder/lightning in plains and light to moderate snowfall in higher reaches is anticipated between January 30-31 and February 3-4.

The department emphasizes the potential temporary closure of roads in higher reaches and important passes, urging travelers to plan accordingly.

Also, farmers are advised to adjust irrigation and fertilizer activities, draining excess water from orchards and fields during the specified period. This comprehensive update aims to keep residents and stakeholders well-informed about the expected weather conditions in the region. (with inputs from agencies)

Kashmir Records

Kupwara also recorded a low precipitation during the 40-day harshest winter period this year as against the previous record of 15.8 mm in 2001, it has received a precipitation of just 13.8 mm.

Kokernag and Banihal have recorded 0.0 mm precipitation this Chillai-Kalan, thus simultaneously breaking the previous record of 5.5 mm and 4.3 mm precipitation respectively in the year 2018.

Pertinently, the 40-day Chillai-Kalan in Kashmir this year witnessed warmer days and prolonged dry spell while the experts here have sounded alert, saying that the dry spell will have repercussions in the future. (KNO)

Cricket Hero

economic crisis. He has denied any wrongdoing, telling Reuters in June the military - which has ruled Pakistan for most of its history since 1947 - and its intelligence agency were trying to destroy his political party.

The military, which controls some of the nuclear-armed nation's biggest economic institutions, has said it is neutral towards politics.

Once criticised as being under the thumb of the generals, Khan had a falling out with the then-army chief, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, which led to his ouster.

He has said the army, now under

General Asim Munir, still targets him and his party, charges the army denies.

The violence after his May arrest may have brought tensions to a head with the military, as his supporters ransacked army establishments in multiple cities.

Some leaders of Khan's political party quit after the violence. Thousands of party workers also remain under arrest, the party says.

In 2018, the cricket legend who led Pakistan to its only World Cup win in 1992, rallied the country behind his vision of a corruption-free, prosperous nation respected abroad. But the fire-brand nationalist's fame and charisma were not enough.

Road To Power Khan rose to power more than two decades after he launched Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI), the Pakistan Movement for Justice party. Despite his fame and status as a hero in cricket-mad Pakistan, PTI languished in Pakistan's political wilderness, not winning a seat other than Khan's for 17 years.

In 2011, Khan began drawing huge crowds of young Pakistanis disillusioned with endemic corruption, chronic electricity shortages and crises in education and unemployment.

He drew even greater backing in the ensuing years, with educated Pakistani expatriates leaving their jobs to work for his party and pop musicians and actors joining his campaign.

His goal, Khan told supporters in 2018, was to turn Pakistan from a country with a "small group of wealthy and a sea of poor" into an "example for a humane system, a just system, for the world, of what an Islamic welfare state is".

He won the election, a sporting hero at the pinnacle of politics. Observers cautioned, however, that his biggest enemy was his rhetoric, having raised supporters' hopes sky-high.

Playboy To Reformer Born in 1952, Khan grew up with four sisters in an affluent urban Pashtun family in Lahore, Pakistan's second-biggest city.

After a privileged education, he went on to the University of Oxford, where he graduated with a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

As his cricket career flourished, he developed a playboy reputation in London in the late 1970s.

In 1995, he married Jemima Goldsmith, daughter of business tycoon James Goldsmith. The couple, who had two sons, divorced in 2004.

A second marriage, to TV journalist Reham Nanyar Khan, also ended in divorce.

His third marriage, to Bushra Bibi, a spiritual leader whom Khan came to know during his visits to a 13th-century shrine in Pakistan, reflected his deepening interest in Sufism - a form of Islamic practice that emphasises spiritual closeness to God.

Once in power, Khan embarked on a plan of building a welfare state modelled on what he said was an ideal system dating back to the Islamic world some 14 centuries earlier.

But his anti-corruption drive was heavily criticised as a tool for sidelining political opponents - many of whom were imprisoned on charges of graft.

Pakistan's generals also remained powerful and military officers, retired and serving, were placed in charge of more than a dozen civilian institutions.

Khan was pushed out as premier in April 2022 amid public frustration at high inflation, rising deficits and endemic corruption that he had promised to stamp out.

The Supreme Court overturned his decision to dissolve parliament, and defections from his ruling coalition meant he lost a subsequent no-confidence vote.

With that, Khan became the latest in an unbroken line of elected Pakistani prime ministers who did not serve their full terms.

Uber Begins

month, Uber launched the Green-Autos service in Ayodhya.

It also partnered with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to launch the app-based car aggregator service across airports -- Surat, Indore, Bhubaneswar, Varanasi -- this month.

Uber is an American transport mobility company that entered India in 2013 and now has services available across 125 cities in the country.

Officers Must

and saturation of scholarships and pension schemes.

Listening to one another is the strongest pillar on which good governance rests, he said.

Sinha also commended the exemplary participation of the citizens and officials in the 75th Republic Day celebrations.

During this month's LG Mulaqaat, Sinha addressed the grievances filed on JKIGRAMS by Mohd. Ashraf from Ramban; Rohit Sharma from Simbal

Gala Moghla Rajouri; Mohd Arif, a resident of Mandi Poonch; Doda's Firdous Ahmad; Hilal Ahmad from Kuzwera Chadoora Budgam and Mohd Shafi, a resident of Fathagad Anantnag pertaining to Power Development Department; Jal Shakti, Labour and Social Welfare Department.

Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar, Secretary, Public Grievances conducted the proceedings of the LG's Mulaqaat.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, SSPs, HoDs and other senior officers were present during the interaction, in person and through virtual mode.

Bapu's Principles

all human beings are creating a new consciousness among the people. The annual Shanti Yatra dedicated to spread Bapu's ideals across Union Territory is inspiring and guiding people towards peace and unity, he observed.

The LG said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is fulfilling Bapu's dream of self-reliant villages and empowered rural India.

"He has ensured empowerment of youth, women, farmers and marginalised sections of society," the LG observed.

Sinha appreciated the endeavours of the Gandhi Global Family J&K, all the organizations and individuals who are working towards promoting the Gandhian values and spreading the noble message of Truth and Non-Violence.

Padma Shri Dr SP Varma, President Gandhi Global Family J&K; B.R Sharma, Election Commissioner J&K; senior officials; ex-Servicemen; family members of the martyrs and freedom fighters, prominent citizens, social workers and youth were present.

Earlier, a two-minute silence was observed at the Civil Secretariat as a mark of respect to the Father of the Nation and the martyrs who made supreme sacrifice in the struggle for India's freedom.

J&K Govt

staff has been approved thereby fulfilling their long pending demand. The move will benefit around 4000 employees. J&K Admin is committed to the well-being of all the staff and their families," the office of LG said in a post on X

Publish Review

and the mother order on internet restrictions in the union territory according to the 2020 verdict in the Anuradha Bhasin versus Union of India and the Telegraph Act.

"Review orders are something to be passed under the Act and 2020 verdict and therefore they must be published. They are saying that the special committee orders do not have to be published. I am not contesting that, there may be national security reasons. But review order and mother order are something which must be published," he said.

Nataraj submitted that these issues had arisen during the internet curbs that were there at the time (after the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019).

"We have complied with all the prayers made in earlier petitions. A contempt petition was also filed and was dismissed. Now, they have come up with a new prayer for publication of recommendations and deliberations of the special committee," he said.

Justice Gavai told Nataraj, "Forget about the deliberations, you only publish review orders. They only want publication of the review orders."

Nataraj submitted that there is already compliance of directions passed in the 2020 verdict and in the May 11, 2020 order in the plea of the Foundation for Media Professionals and others.

If that is the case, the bench said, it will record Nataraj's statement that review orders have been published.

Nataraj said he would like to seek instructions and sought time to apprise the court after two weeks.

The bench recorded that Nataraj submits that the perusal of the verdicts and orders would show that deliberations of the special committee are not required to be published.

On May 11, 2020, the top court ordered the setting up of a "special committee" headed by the Union Home secretary to consider pleas for the restoration of 4G internet services in Jammu and Kashmir, saying national security and human rights needed to be balanced in view of the fact the Union Territory has been "plagued with militancy".

The top court said it was desirable to have better internet services in the union territory in view of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and a national lockdown.

On January 10, 2020, the top court in its Anuradha Bhasin versus Union of India verdict held that freedom of speech and conducting business on

the Internet are protected under the Constitution. It had asked the Jammu and Kashmir administration to immediately review curb orders.

33 Institutions, Roads

Late Naseeb Singh, SPO, Shaheed Naseeb Singh Taxi Stand, Nabul; Ramban - Late Jattu Ram Mob, SPO, Shaheed Jattu Ram Chowk, Marog, Ramban; Ramban - Late Mohd Saleem, SPO, Shaheed Mohd Saleem Chowk, Sirlan; Ramban - Late Anar Singh, SPO, Shaheed Anar Singh Chowk, Hunga; Ramban - Late Abdul Majeed, Constable, Shaheed Abdul Majeed Bus Stand, Panchal; Ramban - Late Naseeb Singh, Constable, Shaheed Naseeb Singh Playground, Hochak; Ramban - Late Dhaler Singh, Constable, Shaheed Daler Singh Chowk, Digidol; Ramban - Late Sarfaraz Ahmad, Constable, Shaheed Sarfaraz Khatana Chowk Bhaaderwah Morh Batote and Ramban - Late Abdul Qayoom, ASI Shaheed Abdul Qayoom Faily Road.

The order has emphasised further that the concerned Administrative Secretaries shall take immediate necessary steps, including amending their records, for effecting the changes and Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu shall personally monitor the naming of the infrastructure/assets in their respective divisions.

"Deputy Commissioner(s) shall ensure that appropriate events are held in connection with the naming of these infrastructure/assets," reads the order further.

Property Of Drug

The property was prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances by the owner, the official added.

House Damaged In

damaged in the incident. Meanwhile investigation has been taken up in this regard and the cause of fire is being ascertained.

Explosive Devices

rushed to the spot and a bomb disposal squad was called. The explosive devices were defused safely, the officials said. The matter is being investigated.

Avalanche Warning

Ganderbal in the next 24 hours," the officials said.

The people have been advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas till further orders, they said.

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Choudhary Urges Officials To Set Up Food Grain Storage In Every District

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary on Tuesday concluded a series of meetings with Assistant Commissioner Development (ACDs) of the Kashmir division.

The focus was on discussing convergence with line departments for creation of public assets, finalization of the Labour Budget for the fiscal year 2024-25 and formulating an Annual Action Plan (AAP) for development initiatives in the region.

During the meetings, Dr Shahid emphasized the importance of strategic convergence with other schemes such as NRLM, SBM, PMAY-G, IWMP of the Rural Development Department and other sectors like Agriculture, Forestry, Food Supplies, Forestry, Horticulture and Irrigation department.

The roadmap for the upcoming year was designed to include innovative strategies for enhancing land productivity, improving livelihoods, and reclaiming unused lands.

Highlighting the significance of improving household land productivity, Dr Shahid stressed

the need for robust infrastructure for irrigation. The Secretary placed special emphasis on the promotion of livelihoods through horticulture, sericulture, plantation, and farm forestry.

He urged the development of fallow lands and the inclusion of unskilled wage components in construction projects under government schemes.

Secretary RDD underscored the creation of infrastructure to promote livestock and fisheries.

He referred to successful programs like Mumkin and Tejaswini, suggesting that their experiences could serve as valuable lessons for the Unnati Scheme.

Addressing a critical need, Dr. Shahid urged departments to establish Food Grain Storage Structures in every district to enhance ration storage capabilities.

He advocated a strong focus on public works related to natural resources management, emphasizing water conservation and irrigation.

Secretary RDD stressed the importance of creating individual assets for vulnerable sections of society. This involved enhancing land productivity, improving livelihoods, developing fallow or waste lands, constructing houses, and promoting livestock and fisheries.

Resolve Medical Reimbursement Cases In 3 Days: Labour Commissioner To Officials

KO NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Labour Commissioner, J&K Charandeep Singh Tuesday chaired a meeting of Jammu and Kashmir Employees State Insurance Society (JKESIS) to review the healthcare benefits being extended to workers covered under the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) scheme of Government of India.

Regional Director, ESIC, State Medical Officer ESIC, Administrative Medical Officer (AMO) JKESIS, Chief Accounts Officer JKESIS and IMOs of JKESIS Dispensaries attended the meeting.

Under the ESI scheme, healthcare benefits are provided to employees working in factories and establishments covered under the ESI Act, 1948.

In J&K, the healthcare benefits to workers and their dependants is provided in the ESIC hospital Bari Brahmana run by Central Government and eight Dispensaries run by J&K Government viz four ESI dispensaries situated in Rangreth, Khanmoh, B&M Khan and Zainakote in Kashmir Division and four ESI dispensaries situated in Tallab Tillo, Kuthua, Bari-Brahmana and Digiana in Jammu Division.



Further, there are 16 empanelled/tie-up hospitals/Nursing Homes/diagnostic Centers and other centers in Jammu and Kashmir where cashless treatment is also provided to the workers (Insured Persons) and their dependants.

The Labour Commissioner, who is also the ex-officio Director of JKESIS, took a detailed review of the functioning of the society and discussed measures to ensure removal of bottlenecks in smooth running of its affairs.

The Labour Commissioner asked the Insurance Medical Officers (IMOs) of the dispensaries to ensure timely processing of Medical Reimbursement Claims of the workers and start documentation of clinical data

and registration of workers and their dependants on the Dhanwantri App. "Ensure disposal of all pending MRC cases at your level within the next 3- days" he told IMOs and also directed the Administrative Medical Officer (AMO) and Chief Accounts Officer, JKESIS to process all cases as per guidelines and put up a comprehensive account within a week.

It was also decided in the meeting that requisition of funds shall be made to the DG ESIC Office immediately so that the process of procurement of drugs can be started forthwith as per the guidelines. Moreover, it was informed that 90% of the earlier sanctioned funds have been released till date.

5000 Passengers Utilized Subsidized Helicopter Services Last Winter: Govt.

Secretary CAD reviews functioning of Helicopter Service in J&K

KO NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Secretary, Civil Aviation Department (CAD), Mohammad Aijaz Asad, on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review functioning of Subsidized Helicopter Service in Jammu and Kashmir.

Secretary, while addressing the meeting, exhorted all the officers to put in best efforts ensuring that the purpose of facilitating the public with affordable and accessible means of transportation is met.

He emphasized the need of creating huge awareness regarding availability of this service so that maximum people could get benefitted.

During the meeting, the issue of exploring possibilities for making these subsidized air services operational throughout the year was also discussed.

Stressing on making this air service more convenient and accessible for the public, the Secretary directed for making

the booking online platform in addition to the offline option. He also sought suggestions from the concerned officers and service provider companies regarding further streamlining of this crucial service for the public.

Responding to issue of payments of Aryan Aviation Limited Kashmir and Global Vectra Jammu, the Secretary issued directions to the concerned for releasing the reimbursement at the earliest so that the subsidized air services are not affected on this account.

Earlier, Additional Secretary, CAD, Veedushi Kapoor, briefed the meeting about the present status of subsidized helicopter services being provided in various areas like Doda, Kishtwar, Poonch, Rajouri, Bandipora and Kupwara.

She informed that about 5444 passengers have availed this vital facility from December 2022 to April 2023.

Meanwhile, Nodal Officers for Subsidized Helicopter Service Doda, Rajouri, Poonch, Jammu, Srinagar, Bandipora and Kupwara apprised the Secretary of various issues concerning their respective jurisdictions.

BJP Will Sweep All Lok Sabha Seats In J&K, Ladakh: Ashok Koul

Agencies

ANANTNAG: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir General Secretary (Organisation) Ashok Koul Tuesday asserted that the party will try its best to sweep all Parliamentary seats in J&K, Ladakh. He said

people of the region are satisfied with the pro-people efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and want the same government to continue in future.

Koul was speaking on the sidelines of a function in southern Anantnag. "BJP has accelerated its efforts ahead of Lok

Sabha polls. We have geared up party workers and activists to ensure success in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. In this regard the party has started to open offices in all Parliamentary segments so that political activities in these areas will get a boost," Koul said.

He said people of Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country are satisfied with the efforts of PM Narendra Modi who worked day and night for the welfare of people. "People by and large are happy with the efforts taken by the central government led by Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi for his pro-people measures. People want to continue this government in future too," he asserted.

He said BJP is fully prepared for polls and will sweep all 6 Parliamentary seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. (KNS)

NOTICE

I have changed my name from Azmat Yaseen to Azmat Yaseen Khan in future I will be known as Azmat Yaseen Khan. If anybody having any object she/he may contact passport office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

Azmat Yaseen Khan R/o: Mohd Yaseen Khan R/o: Hathi Khan Rainawari near Central Jail

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No:- 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR-395-2023-24-ADEN-LJRC acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date: 20.02.2024 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 these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
30.01.2024	06.02.2024	20.02.2024

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1.	395-2023-24-ADEN-LJRC	Provision of cover shed at 6 LHS in severely waterlogged crossings No. 6 Shed at LHS No.S-71, S-72, S-73 and C-14, C-17 & C-24 on PSW-JRC section and JRC-HSX section in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-1/FZR (as per NR type plan no. MIS-110/GT/Br.)
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of offer	Period of completion
68183777.86	60 Days	06 Months

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have, passed/appeared in SSE/HSE-I/HSE-II (Class 10th/11th/12th) under Roll No. 2627276 Session: Annual Regular Year: 2017 through The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education. The error committed by the School/Parent/Board against my Caste as Chopan instead of Lone. Now I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education, New Campus Bemina, Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard may file the same in the office of the Deputy Secretary, Certificates-KO within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained.

This is published for the information of the general public. The correct particulars are recorded as under:-

Name: Abu Bakar Lone
Father's Name: Hayat Mohd Lone
Mother's Name: Zaiba Bagum
Date of Birth: 01-07-1999
Residence: Badwan, Wanpora, Gurez



PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Mr. Danish Showkat Dhar and Miss. Tabasum Khaliq, Directors of KASHMIR TRAVERSE EXPEDITIONS PRIVATE LIMITED, intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for Registration of our proposed Adventure Tour Operator Unit under the name and style "M/S KASHMIR TRAVERSE EXPEDITIONS PRIVATE LIMITED" Situated at AL QUDS COMPLEX BEMINA, Srinagar under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, we will submit all the prior documents to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed

Checklist prior to Registration of our unit as an Adventure Tour Operator. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12, before our case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/ Organization, etc. for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration, IRC Srinagar, Kashmir (e-mail: ddtreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 15 days from the publication of this notice in leading local news-paper/newspapers of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 15 days shall be entertained and the case shall be processed under rules.

Contact: - 7006061001

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system

Sr. Divisional Material Manager, NRI, Store Branch DRM Office, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Quantity	Due Date
1	94235977A	Manufacturing, fabrication and supplying retroreflective sign boards made up of thermoset plastic toughened moulding composite sheets of 3.0 mm thickness	334 SQM	20.02.2024

NOTE-Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate form certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India, Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted.

Tender Notice No. 10/2023-24 Date: 25.01.2024

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SHEEP HUSBANDRY OFFICER KUPWARA-193222

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Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Malik
S/o: Mohd Abdullah Malik
R/o: Amdarpora (CD Ramhall)

Subject: Establishment of sheep units under HADP 50 Ewes 50% Subsidy Mode.
Reference: i. SDOH/Tech/2023-24/1049-53 Dated: 29-12-2023
ii. DSHOK/Tech/2023-24/3756-57 Dated: 15-01-2024

Whereas you were provisionally selected by this office for availing benefit under HADP 50 commercial Ewes with Subsidy of Rs. 2.50 Lacs for the financial year 2023-24. In this context SDO Handwara & this office contacted you multiple times vide above quoted references to present livestock along with other necessary documents for on spot verification. A non-serious response was received from your side till date. You are therefore once again informed through medium of this notice to present the livestock before the committee along with other necessary documents for establishment within a period of 10 days after the publication of this notice. After that it shall be presumed that you are unwilling to establish the said unit and we may proceed ahead for exploring options for accomplishment of physical and financial targets ascribed for the year 2023-24.

No. DSHOK/tech/2023-24/4148-53
Dated: 30/01/2024

DIPK-15767-23
DT: 30/01/2024

Sd/-
District Sheep Husbandry Officer
Kupwara

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

GOVERNMENT POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE NAGAM- BUDGAM

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Subject: Engagement of Guest Faculty at Government Polytechnic College Budgam

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Application invited as per the format provided from the eligible candidates who are domicile of UT of I&k and interested for the engagement as Guest Lecturer for the current Academic session (MJ-2024) purely on temporary basis. The hard copy of application along with all relevant documents (self attested copies of qualification certificates) should reach the office of the undersigned by or before 10-02-2024.

Govt Polytechnic College Nagam Budgam

S.No	Name of Post	Branch/Discipline	Min Qualification
1	Guest Lecturer	Civil Engineering	Graduate in Engineering/Technology in Civil Engineering from Recognized university
2	Guest Lecturer	Mechanical Engineering	Graduate in Engineering/Technology in Mechanical Engineering from Recognized University
3	Guest Lecturer	Automobile Engineering	Graduate in Engineering/Technology in Automobile Engineering from Recognized University

Eligible criteria as per directorate order no: 37 of 2023 dated: 24/01/2023.

- 80 Points for Basis Eligibility Qualification
- 05 Points for higher Qualification
- 05 Points for GATE/NET/SET.
- 05 Points for teaching experience (Polytechnic Diploma level or high level) prorata basis (01) point for each academic year.
- 05 points for interaction.

Terms and conditions:

- The engagement shall be purely on guest faculty norms and shall be only for the session MJ-24.
- The selected candidate shall have to submit undertaking/affidavit duly authenticated by the first class magistrate before joining wherein clearly indication that he/she shall not claim for continuation of his/her service and the agreement can be terminated at any time without any notice period.
- The remuneration for the Guest Lecturers shall be Rs 750/ lecture subject to a maximum of Rs. 20000 monthly as per Govt order no: 89-JK-dsd of 2021.
- Shortlist of candidates for the interview will be done on 1x5 ratio
- Incase of transfer filling of post by permanent faculty. Guest faculty shall be disengaged immediately.

Principal
Govt. Polytechnic College
Nagam Budgam

APPLICATION FORM

- Post Applied for _____
- Name of the Applicant _____
- Parentage _____
- Sex Male/Female _____
- Permanent Residential Address _____
- Present Mailing Address _____
- Contact No/Mobile No _____
- Date of Birth _____
- Academic & Technical Qualification _____

Exam	Year of Passing	Board/University Name	Total Marks	Marks Obtained	Percentage of Marks	Remarks

10. Experience (if any)

Post Held	Organization Govt./Pvt	Period From	To

Declaration:-
I _____ S/o D/o/w/o _____
R/O _____ Tehsil _____ District _____ Do hereby
Solemnly affirm that the entries made herein above in the application form are true and correct and nothing has been concealed therein.

Date: _____
Place: _____

DIPK-15804-23
DT: 30/01/2024

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-NIT No. (109) of 2023-24 Dated: 29.01.2024

For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST(K), e-tenders (in single-cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors whose cards are valid up to 31-03-2024 registered with State PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. departments for the following work:-

S.No	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender document	Time of completion
1.	"Establishment of Post Entry Quarantine (PEQ) Facility for Import of Planting Material of Horticulture Crops" by way of Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Drip Irrigation System at FVSc & AH SHUHAMA SKUAST-Kashmir	28.78	57,560	Having executed similar nature of work	1000/-	60 days

a) Position of AAA: Accoded
b) Position of T.S: Sanctioned
c) Position of funds: Available

1. The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per following schedule:-

1. Date of issue of Tender Notice	29.01.2024
2. Date of start of downloading	29.01.2024
3. Pre-bid meeting date	NA
4. Bid submission start Date	03.02.2024
5. Bid submission end date	12.02.2024 (06.00 PM)
6. Date & Time of opening of Technical bid (online)	13.02.2024 (12.00 PM)
7. Date of opening of Financial bid of qualifying bidders (online)	14.02.2024

Further information can be had from the office of the undersigned.

No. Au/Estates/e-NIT(109)/1309
Dated: 30.01.2024

DIPK-NB-5466-23
DT: 30/01/2024

Sd/-
Estates Officer

KHELO INDIA WINTER GAMES

Logo & Mascot Launched

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Khelo India Winter Games 2024, set to be held in Gulmarg and Leh, received its official logo and mascot on Tuesday.

Lieutenant Governor J&K Manoj Sinha and Lieutenant Governor Ladakh B.D. Mishra (Retd) launched the competition's logo and mascot in a video ceremony from Jammu and Leh, respectively.

LG Sinha congratulated the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and extended his best wishes to the players, officials and members of organizing committees.

He also observed that



the mascot for Winter Games, Snow Leopard, is the symbol of Himalaya's natural heritage and re-

flects the commitment of the government towards the protection and preservation of wildlife.

In the 4th edition of the Winter Games, snow skating, ice hockey and curling will be held in Leh, Ladakh, while other sports events will be held at Gulmarg.

Sujata Chaturvedi, Secretary Sports, Government of India; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Yasha Mudgul, Commissioner/Secretary, Tourism; Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary Youth Services & Sports J&K; officials and members of organizing committee attended the launch ceremony.



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