

INTERIM BUDGET 2024-25 PRESENTED

Households Will Save Up To 18K Annually Under Rooftop Solar Scheme: FM

1 Cr Families To Get 300 Units Of Free Electricity Every Month

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said Pradhanmantri Suryodaya Yojana will enable one crore families to get up to 300 units of free electricity every month and help them save up to Rs 18,000 annually. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the 'Pradhanmantri Suryodaya Yojana' with the target of installing rooftop solar earlier in January. "I have taken my first decision after returning from Ayodhya that our government will launch 'Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojna' with the aim to install rooftop solar systems in one crore houses," Modi had said on X.

Sitharaman in her interim Budget speech said through rooftop solarisation, one crore households will be enabled to obtain up to 300 units of free electricity each month.

This scheme follows the resolve of the Prime Minister on the historic day of consecration of the Ram Mandir in | [More on P6](#)



1249 Cr For Salaries Of Ministers, Guest Entertainers

The interim budget 2024-25 on Thursday allocated Rs 1,248.91 for the expenses incurred by the council of ministers, cabinet secretariat, prime minister's office, and on hospitality and entertainment of State guests. The allocated amount is substantially lower than Rs 1803.01 crore earmarked in 2023-24. A total of Rs 832.81 crore has been given for the expenses of council of ministers (Rs 1289.28 crore in 2023-24). The provision is for expenditure on salaries, sumptuary and other allowances | [More on P6](#)

Budget 6 Percent Higher Than FY24

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The size of Budget 2024-25 has increased 6.1 per cent to Rs 47.66 lakh crore because of rise in expenditure and higher allocation for capital expenditure and social sector schemes. "The Revised Estimate of the total receipts other than borrowings is Rs 27.56 lakh crore, of which tax receipts are Rs 23.24 lakh crore. The Revised Estimate of the total expenditure is | [More on P6](#)

No Changes In Tax Rates: FM Withdraws 'Disputed Tax' Liability Upto 25K

Press Trust Of India

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said there are no changes in tax rates for direct and indirect taxes, including import duties. She also said the number of tax filers has swollen 2.4 times and the direct tax collection has trebled since 2014. The processing time of | [More on P6](#)

J&K Gets 37,277 Cr In Union Budget



KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir has been allocated Rs 37,277.74 crore in the interim union budget for 2024- 25, which was unveiled by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

According to details, Rs 37277.74 crores have been allocated to J&K for the next fiscal year.

Of this, Rs 35,619.30 crore alone have been kept for bridging resource gap in the Union Territory.

Rs 279 crore have been allocated to the Union Territory Disaster

Response Fund. The UT Disaster Response Fund would be utilized to meet the expenditure on account of mitigation of disasters caused due to natural calamities.

Rs 130 crore and Rs 476.44 crore and Rs 171.23 crore grants have been respectively allocated to equity contribution for 624 MW Kiru, 800 MW Ratle and 540 Kavar hydroelectric power projects.

In the budget, Rs 500 crore have been earmarked for Jhelum-Tawi Flood Recovery Project, whose deadline for completion was recently extended by the World Bank by one more year. | [More on P6](#)

Inclusive, Innovative, Inspiring: PM on Budget

KO Web Desk

New Delhi: Praising his government's last Budget ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said the capital expenditure will touch a record high of 11,11,111 crore while keeping the fiscal deficit in check, achieving a "sweet spot".

In a speech in Hindi after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Interim Budget for 2024, the PM said the decisions will not only aid the development of advanced 21st-century infrastructure but also lead to the generation of "countless" new employment opportunities for youth.

Stating that the Budget reflects the young aspirations of young Bharat, PM Modi said two key decisions have been taken in this direction - setting up a 1 lakh-crore fund for research and innovation, and increasing tax exemption for startups.



The PM also highlighted the decision of upgrading 40,000 railway coaches to Vande Bharat standards and said that this will lead to crores of passengers on various rail routes enjoying a comfortable journey.

Asserting that his government sets high targets, achieves them and then aims even higher, PM Modi said over 4 crore houses have been constructed for the poor in | [More on P6](#)

J&K Admin Transfers 230 Officers

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: In a major reshuffle, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has transferred 230 bureaucrats, including two IAS and IFS officers, officials said on Thursday.

According to the order issued late Wednesday night, those transferred include 36 special secretary officers, 60 additional secretaries, 85 deputy secretaries and 45 under secretaries.

IAS officer Pardeep Kumar has been transferred from Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J-K and posted as secretary in the Forest department. IFS officer Alok Kumar Maurya has been repatriated to the department of Forest, Ecology and Environment from Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Shrine Board.

Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers Asif Hamid Khan, Vivek Sharma, Bashir Ahmed Khan, Sajad Hussain have been posted as member J-K Special Tribunal, Secretary in the Agriculture Production department, Secretary in the Social Welfare department and Director General, Development Expenditure Division-I, Finance Department respectively.

This is the third major reshuffle in the police and administration since Atal Dulloo took over as chief secretary in December last year. On January 28, a | [More on P6](#)

Chillai Khurd Brings Cheer To Kashmir

Valley Plains Receive Season's First Snowfall

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Srinagar and other plain areas of Kashmir received this winter's first snowfall on Thursday, bringing cheer to the residents.

The snowfall in the plain areas began late Wednesday night and continued till the morning at most places, officials said.

"It started as a mix of rain and snow late last night in Srinagar and other adjoining areas in the plains and by the morning, the valley was covered under a blanket of snow," they said.

Srinagar received around two inches of snowfall, Anantnag town four inches, Qazigund nine, Pahalgam



10, Pulwama town two, Kulgam town three, Shopian town five, Ganderbal town two, Baramulla town three,

Kupwara town four, and Gulmarg 14 inches, the officials said. The higher reaches

received moderate to heavy snowfall, they added. It is the season's first snowfall in | [More on P6](#)

Not A Single Flight Cancelled During Chillai Kalan

Notwithstanding the biting cold and adverse weather conditions, the Srinagar International Airport managed to operate smoothly without a single flight cancellation from December 21 to January 30 - the period that marks the Chillai Kalan, the harsh winter phase in Kashmir. According to data the Srinagar airport handled a total of 2344 flights, including arrivals and departures. "The airport facilitated | [More on P6](#)

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e-tender short Abbreviated Notice
 E-NIT No.19/EDIV of 2023-24, dated: 31.01.2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor Jammu and Kashmir UT, Executive Engineer, Electric Division-IV Srinagar invites online e-bids from registered suppliers/dealers / firms dealing with workshop material for supply of machinery equipment's under:

S.No	Particulars	Qty	Estimated cost
1	Supply of machinery equipment's	1	1.53 lacs

The complete tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidder/tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

i)	Date and Time of downloading/Sale (Start) of Tender Document	03.02.2024: 10:00 Hrs
ii)	Date & Time of Download/Sale (End) of Tender Document	03.02.2024 : 16:00 Hrs
iii)	Date & Time of Bidding Queries/Clearifications	03.02.2024: 11:00 Hrs to 03.02.2024 : 16:00 Hrs
iv)	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/End)	03.02.2024: 16:10 Hrs to 13.02.2024 : 16:00 Hrs
v)	Submission of Hard Copy (end) Date & Time	Shall be communicated later
vi)	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	14.02.2024 up to 14:00 Hrs
vii)	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
viii)	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Soft Copy Electronically and Hard Copy in the office of Executive Engineer, Electric Division IV, Srinagar
ix)	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.200.00 (Rupees Two Hundred Only) (Non-refundable)
x)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs 3100.00 (Rupees Three Thousand one hundred Only)

DIPK-NB-5501/23
 dated: 01-02-2024

Executive Engineer
 Electric Division IV, Srinagar

Government Of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer (KPDCL)
Sub Transmission Division 1st Bemina, Srinagar, 190018

Email: XENSTDI@gmail.com

EXTENSION NOTICE No. II

Due to poor response, the last date of sale/download, receipt/submission and the bid-opening of below mentioned e-NITs extended as under:-

S. No	NIT No.	Tender ID	Description	Last date of sale/Down load & receipt/ submission of e-Bid document (Extended)	Techno-Commercial Bid-Opening Date (Extended)
1	e-NIT No. STD 2024 / 24 of 2023-24 dated 01.01.2024	PDD_241761_1	Augmentation of 33 KV Wanganpora-Khanyar-Rainawari Line by way of Reconductoring (Thickening) from 0.15 ACSR (Wolf) to 0.2 ACSR (Panther) conductor from Wanganpora Grid upto 3 ckt kms towards Firdous Cinema Hawal	07/02/2024 (3:00 PM)	09/02/2024 (02:00 PM)

The complete NIT/Tender Documents/BOQ can be downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in. All other terms and conditions as stipulated in the original NIT shall remain same.

DIPK-NB-5504/23
 dated: 01-2-2024

Executive Engineer (KPDCL)
 Sub Transmission Division 1st Bemina, Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

My DOB has been wrongly written in my school records as 02-09-2017 while my correct DOB is 15-03-2016 which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Salfiya Institute Russu Narbal within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Muntesha Jan
 D/o Bashir Ahmad Dar R/o Russu Teh. Narbal Budgam bmg

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my E-Stamp Paper at District Srinagar under No.RD0019833010 which is issued by the concerned authority on dated 01-11-2023 against my name under account ID No.KI2556504 somewhere and could not be traced out. That I have not misused the above said E-Stamp paper and that in case they said E-Stamp Paper is traced out at any time in future, I shall forthwith inform the same to the authorities

Bilal Ahmad Wani (Stamp Vendor)
 S/o Manzoor Ahmad Wani
 R/o Shaheed Gunj, Srinagar nj

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office Srinagar Municipal Corporation within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Momin Maqbool (DOB 15-06-2007)
 S/o Mohammad Maqbool Khanday
 R/o Maloor Srinagar NU

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office Of The General Manager District Industries Centre Srinagar
 email: srinagardic@gmail.com/gmdic-srinagar@jk.gov.in tel. no: 0194-2427478

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s Supreme Concrete Products I/E Khunmoh Srinagar formally registered with this office under No. 01/03/08382/PMT/MSME dated. 07-06-2012 for the activity of "manufacture of wire nails (on provisional basis) as proprietorship concern of Rohi Javeed W/o Javeed Iqbal R/o Harwan Srinagar.

Now the one of proprietor of the unit intends to induct the two partners namely 1. Iqbal Javeed S/o Hakim Javeed R/o Harwan Srinagar and 2. Imran Mukhtar Naqati S/o Mukhtar Naqati R/o HMT Zainakote Srinagar

Any person having any objection, change of constitution by way of induction of two partners namely 1. Iqbal Javeed S/o Hakim Javeed R/o Harwan Srinagar and 2. Imran Mukhtar Naqati S/o Mukhtar Naqati R/o HMT Zainakote Srinagar in favour of the units shall report to General Manager DIC Srinagar within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice

DIPK-15846/23
 DATED: 31-01-2024

General Manager
 District Industries Centre Srinagar

Srinagar, 20/01/2024. SHIKH ALI ALAM CHARITABLE TRUST, a Trust/NGO based in Srinagar, announces significant changes in its board of trustees/membership and office address.

As per the provisions outlined in the Trust's By-laws and in accordance with applicable laws, some of the Trustees have either resigned or been terminated. In light of these changes, SHIKH ALI ALAM CHARITABLE TRUST is pleased to introduce the appointment of new Trustees/Members who will contribute to the continued growth and success of the organization vide namely as Mr. Muzaffar Ahmad, Mr. Amir Riyaz, Mr. Shabir Ahmad Hajam, Mr. Mohammad Amir Matrawi & Mr. Arif Hassan Hajam.

Simultaneously, the registered office address of our trust has been relocated from Mir Complex to Pandit Complex, Munawara Chowk, Srinagar. However, it is important to note that the functional office and hostel facilities will remain unchanged and continue to operate at Barabashah, Srinagar.

If any individual or entity has any concerns or issues regarding these changes, they are encouraged to reach out to us within the next three days from the date of this publication.

Admin/In-Charge
 Sheikh Ali Alam Charitable Trust, Barabashah, Srinagar

PRESS NOTE

Contact: 0194-2473225, 6005448817, 6005523253

PRESS RELEASE

A cultural programme was organized at Udam Buran Pattan by the artists of Luke Pather Palhan under the title Zare Pather on 27 January 2024. The Programme witnessed Huge gathering of local people. The programme was financed by the Ministry of Culture Govt of India New Delhi and the programme was presided by the famous artists Sonaulah Bhat.

آج مورخہ 27 جنوری 2024 ادم برن پٹن میں گھر گھر لگے تھیٹر پھیلان پٹن کے فنکاروں نے ایک رنگ رنگ پروگرام پیش کیا گیا جس کا نام درز پاتھر تھا جس کو بہت سے لوگوں نے دیکھا اور پسند بھی کیا۔ انکی مالی معاونت منسٹری آف کلچر گورنمنٹ آف انڈیا نئی دہلی نے کی تھی یہ پروگرام شاد اللہ بٹ کی سربراہی میں پیش کیا گیا ہے۔

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Office Of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Water Supply Master Plan Division.

TENDER NOTICE
 E-NIT No.40/WSMP of 01-2024, Date:-31/01/2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders (in Two Cover System) are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Union Territory Govt., for the following Work.

S. No	Name of Work	ADVT COST. (Rs. In Lacs)	EMD Cost	COST OF TENDER DOCUMENTS	Class of Contractor	Time Allowed For completion	Major Head of Account
1.	IMPROVEMENTS EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO DIFFERENT SHORTAGE POCKETS AND NEWLY DEVELOPED AREAS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN DIVISION SRINAGAR AT MIR MOHALLA ATHWAJAN, NEW COLONY NEAR DPS AND NEAR LASJAN BRIDGE NEAR GJAGE STATION PANTHACHOWK AND NAAZ COLONY NEW LANES YAW MOHALLA, ABU HURAIRAH COLONY, NEW COLONY ELAHI MOHALLA, IQRA MOHALLA NEW COLONY NEAR HORTICULTURE GROUND & SR SITE NEW COLONY ZAWOORA SHAH MOHALLA, ASTAN MOHALLA, GANIE MOHALLA, BUDI BAGH, BUNGAM KHONMOH MIRGUND GRATBAL, WARI-PORA, BHAT MOHALLA, FIRDOUS COLONY, IQRA LANES SEMPORA & BEFINA (PART B) (UNDER UT CAPEX)	Rs.81.00 Lacs	2% of Advertised Cost	Rs. 3000/-	AAY	45 Days	UNDER U.T CAPEX (FRESH FOR S.NO. 01 OF ENIT 24/WSMP OF 09/2023)

The ENIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ), terms and conditions of contract can be seen/downloaded from the departmental web site (jktenders.gov.in) as per the dates shown below:-

S. No.	Description	DD	MM	YYYY
1	Publishing date of ENIT	31	01	2024
2	Download start date	31	01	2024
3	Bid submission start date	31	01	2024
4	Bid submission end date	12	02	2024
5	Bid opening date	13	02	2024

NO: WSMP/CC/94252-59
 DIPK-15841/23 Date:- 31-01-2024

Sd/-
 Executive Engineer,
 Jal Shakti WSMP Division Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

While travelling from Punjab to Srinagar I lost my passport bearing number H9031043. Now I intend to apply for its duplicate copy. Anybody having objection, if any, may approach Regional Passport Office, Srinagar within seven days from the date of publication of this notice.

Ali Abbas Wani
 S/o Showkat Ali Wani
 R/o Wani Manzi, Sazgaripora, Bala, Hawal, Srinagar 190002. ss

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Mohd Sultan Chachoo
 S/o Gh Mohd Chachoo
 R/o Abi Nowpora Srinagar
 Phone number.7006889690 fko_r

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my Aadhaar Card as Bakhti Begum while my correct name is Zahida Begum which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection 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.

Bakhti Begum
 W/o Mohammad Sultan Dar
 R/o Tapper Waripora Pattan fko

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شیہار احمد جان ولد محمد باکر جان	سربرہ	40 سال	سرکاری ملازم
نسبہ نگینہ بی بی شیہار احمد جان	والدہ	39 سال	گھر بیٹھاکام
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از عدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر

با اجلاس: اروند شرما

J&K Bank B/U Rajouri Kadal Sgr

بنام
 Gulzar Ahmad Najar

دعویٰ وصولیاتی رقم مبلغ =/Rs 87,215.00

اشتہار بمراد آگاہی بنام
 Gulzar Ahmad Najar S/o Gh Nabi Najar
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با اجلاس: اروند شرما

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از عدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر

با اجلاس: اروند شرما

J&K Bank B/U Lal Bazar Sgr

بنام
 Shagufta Amin Bhat

دعویٰ وصولیاتی رقم مبلغ =/Rs 4,67,822.42

اشتہار بمراد آگاہی بنام
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با اجلاس: اروند شرما

J&K Bank B/U Zaldagar Sgr

بنام
 Nuzhat Tanveer

دعویٰ وصولیاتی رقم مبلغ =/Rs 95,195.00

اشتہار بمراد آگاہی بنام
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Azad Meets Several Deputations In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Despite snow and rain, Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad visited the Srinagar office here on Thursday. The DPAP Chairman appealed to the Governor Manoj Sinha for ensuring essential supplies like electricity and ration, emphasizing the need for additional relief to mitigate the impact of snow on vulnerable communities.

"I am delighted that the valley finally received the much needed snowfall, people were eagerly anticipating. However, the government must ensure proper arrangements to navigate its effects.

Azad met with various deputations, attentively listening to their concerns and grievances. He assured that he would raise these issues and ensure they are addressed.

Simultaneously, numerous activists from various parties joined DPAP, pledging to bolster the party at the grass roots level. Their commitment adds strength to the party's mission, Azad said.

Among others who were present on the occasion were Mohammad Amin Bhatt Provincial president, Peer Bilal Zonal president, Amir Bhatt District President, Shafiq Shabnam Provincial GS, Umar Kakroo Former Chairman MC Baramulla and others.

Drug Addiction On Decline In Srinagar As 'Heroin' Prices Rise

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: The number of drug addicts in Srinagar has declined due to a drop in the availability of "Heroin," a highly addictive opioid substance derived from morphine that majority of substance abusers snort and inject in this summer capital, health experts claimed.

Another factor influencing the decline in substance abuse amongst youngsters in the summer capital, they claimed, is strict monitoring of identified drug hotspots and the crackdown against the drug peddlers.

Intravenous (IV) drugs are the drugs of choice for the majority of substance abusers in Srinagar, after the priciest but most lethal substance known as 'heroin', price of which has doubled in the last one year.

Besides, they linked the decrease in the number of drug addicts and admissions at drug de-addiction facilities to the ongoing district-wide awareness initiatives, indicating the administration's commitment to combat the threat.

Noted psychiatrist and professor at the Institute of Mental Health & Neurosciences (IMHANS) at Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar, Dr.

186 Drug Peddlers Arrested In Srinagar In 2023

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Two of the 186 people who were arrested in connection with illicit drug trafficking have been charged under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA), and 16 more under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1988 (PIT NDPS) in Srinagar.

Official data revealed that 107

cases of illicit drug trafficking have been registered by the police in the summer capital since January 2023 till date.

A senior police official said that a huge haul of contraband substances has also been recovered from those arrested in connection with drug peddling in Srinagar. A cash amount of Rupees 25 lakh has also been recovered from the drug peddlers, he said.

Yasir Hassan Rather said that 728 patients were admitted to the facility in 2023—which is more than 50 percent of the total patients admitted there in 2022.

"The number of drug addicts in Srinagar is declining, and the district's decreased heroin supply is to be credited for the dip. The majority of substance abusers consume heroin in Srinagar, which has a gram cost of Rs 6000," Dr Yasir told Kashmir Observer.

Dr Yasir said the drug-abusing

population is primarily composed of individuals between the ages of 25 and 35, with fewer women consuming drugs in Srinagar

"All the patients have received effective care, and the rate of recovery has also been satisfactory. It now relies on whether a person having received treatment will resume drug addiction or give it up. The environment in which we live also has an impact," said Dr Yasir.



Stock Market Investing

The Virtue Of Patience and Discipline

Irshad Mushtaq

Investing in the financial market requires a great deal of patience and discipline. Significant fluctuations are normal in the market, and they are actually beneficial for stock market investors. Unfortunately, many investors tend to panic due to fear and greed, leading them to sell their quality investments at very low prices.

In the stock market, patience can play a significant role. Engaging in diversification and systematic investment plans in mutual funds can assist in cost averaging. When investors engage in diversification, they often sell stocks for small profits or



get stuck with certain stocks, leading to fear and a loss of trust in the market. At times, investors even stop their systematic investment plans when the market is falling, and they may choose to increase lump sum investments in shares at an inopportune time. It is important for investors to realize that some stocks may remain stuck for up to 3 years, and this is a normal part of business. The overall goal is to ensure profitability.

For example, a Chinese bamboo tree does not show any growth in the first 3 years, but it experiences significant growth after this period. Just because there is no immediate return, it is not appropriate to become frustrated. Patience is key in stock market investments, and maintaining discipline is crucial.

Author is NISM qualified, Mutual Fund advisor and distributor having experience of 18 years in financial market



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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R/O zainakote., near jamia masjid shala
teng ghat, Srinagar NJ

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AUCTION NOTICE

(For sale of mortgaged immovable property under sub rule 06 of Rule 08 read with sub rule 01 of Rule 09 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 of SARFAESI Act 2002)

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, mortgagor and guarantors in particular that the below mentioned immovable property mortgaged to The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Batwina, the physical possession whereof has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank under section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 will be sold through e auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "No complaint" basis on 19.03.2024 for recovery of dues to the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Batwina. The description of property, reserve price and the earnest money deposit (EMD) is mentioned herein below:

Description of the mortgaged property (Put on sale)	Land measuring 14 Kanal and 10 Marlas in aggregate falling under Khasra No 1288 (3 Kanal 12 Marlas), Khasra No.1299 (2 Kanal 7 Marlas), Khasra No.1300 (1 Kanal 1 Marla), 1301 (2 Kanal 9 Marlas), 1304 (1 Kanal 1 Marla), 1306 (4 Kanal) Khata No. 820 and Khewat No. 160 situated at mouza Dab Tehsil & District Ganderbal, standing in the name of Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Ghulam Mohi ud Din Bhat and Farooq Ahmad Bhat all sons of Abdul Gaffar Bhat
Reserve Price	Rs. 1,77,30,000 (Rupees One Crore Seventy Seven Lac Thirty Thousand Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.17,73,000/

The bid document/format containing full details of the mortgaged property and all the terms & conditions can be had from and submitted on the website "https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net (Contact Persons: Mr. Ram Sharma(M) 9978591888, 9265562821 (O) 079 - 6813 6844.). The bids complete in all respects can be only submitted online by or before 18.03.2024 upto 4.00 PM. The e-auction will be held on 19.03.2024 from 11.30 AM-4.00 PM. The contact details of the bank officials are: Mr. Zahoor Ahmad Khan (Authorized Officer) Mobile No.9149443300& Mr. Mohammad Masroor Chesti (Branch Head Batwina) Mobile No. 9697986739.

Sd/-

Zahoor Ahmad Khan
Authorized Officer, J&K Bank Ltd.

Dated: 01.02.2024

Place: Ganderbal

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Kashmir Power Development Corporation Office of Executive Engineer ED-IV Khanyar

Email:emre.ediv@gmail.com Tel No 0194-247026

e-tender short Abbreviated Notice

E-NIT No. 19/EDIV of 2023-24, dated: 31.01.2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor Jammu and Kashmir UT, Executive Engineer, Electric Division-IV Srinagar invites online e-bids from registered suppliers/dealers /firms dealing with workshop material for supply of machinery equipment's under:

S.No	Particulars	Qty	Estimated cost
1	Supply of machinery equipment's	1 Job	1.53 lacs

The complete tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidder/ tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid on-line up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

i)	Date and Time of downloading/ Sale (Start) of Tender Document	03.02.2024; 10:00 Hrs
ii)	Date & Time of Download/Sale (End) of Tender Document	13.02.2024 ; 16:00 Hrs
iii)	Date & Time of Bidding Queries/Clarifications	03.02.2024: 11.00 Hrs to 03.02.2024; 16:00 Hrs
iv)	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/End)	03.02.2024; 16.10 Hrs 13.02.2024 ; 16:00 Hrs
v)	Submission of Hard Copy (end) Date & Time	Shall be communicated letter
vi)	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	14.02.2024 up to 14:00 Hrs
vii)	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
viii)	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Soft Copy Electronically and Hard Copy in the office of Executive Engineer, Electric Division IV, Srinagar
ix)	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.200.00 (Rupees Two Hundred Only) (Non-refundable)
x)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs 3100.00 (Rupees Three Thousand one hundred Only)

Executive Engineer

Electric Division IV, Srinagar

DIPK-NB-5501/23

dated: 01-02-2024

University Of Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer, Construction Division

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

For and on behalf of the University of Kashmir, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage (%age) Basis from approved and eligible Civil Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/U.T/ Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc in shape of E-Challan (in Rs.)	Earnest Money In Rs.	Time of completion	Time and Date for Submission of E-Tender Bid	Date & Time of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Storage Cabinets in the General Administration Unit II in Old Admin Block at Main Campus.	2.28 Lacs	Rs.200/-	4600/-	15-Days	03-02-2024 to 12-02-2024 (6.00 PM)	13-02-2024 (11.00 AM)	"DEE"
2.	Casting of Concrete Slab and other Finishing works for the Cutout in the Corridor in the Examination Block at Main Campus.	1.57Lacs	Rs.200/-	3200/-	20-Days	03-02-2024 to 12-02-2024 (6.00 PM)	13-02-2024 (11.00 AM)	"DEE"
3.	Partitioning of Existing Tables in 24x7 Library inside Allama Iqbal Library at Main Campus.	1.10Lacs	Rs.200/-	2200/-	15-Days	03-02-2024 to 12-02-2024 (6.00 PM)	13-02-2024 (11.00 AM)	"DEE"

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the web site www.kashmiruniversity.net / www.jktenders.gov.in.

NIT No: - F (E.Tend) (UCD)KU/71/23
DIPK-NB-5507/23
DATED: 01/02/24.

Executive Engineer

Office Of The Executive Engineer Mechanical Srinagar Municipal Corporation

GIST OF Short Term E-NIT
NO. 91/e-TENDERING/2023-24
DATED: 30/1/2024

For and on behalf of the Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders in two bid cover system are invited for Annual Rate Contract for the Supply of Batteries for Corporation Vehicles and Machines:

1.	Estimated Cost	Rs.16.56 Lacs approximately
2	Cost of Tender document To be deposited in the J&K Bank Branch Balgarden under Account No: CD-021601020000007 through pay in slip receipt, in favour of FA/Chief Account Officer, SMC	Rs. 500/=
3	Earnest Money	2% of total value
4	Online Submission of Bid	31/01/2024 5.00 pm to 20/02/2024 12.00pm
5	Date & time of opening of Bid	21/02/2024 at 2.00pm

Detailed e-NIT with terms and conditions can be downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in

Sd/-

Executive Engineer Mechanical
Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

No: SMC/EEM/774-78
DIPK-NB-5493/23 Dated: 31-01-2024

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Lonely Elders In A Digital World

Like elsewhere in the world, the elderly in Kashmir are becoming the victims of the migration of social interactions to virtual spaces. As recently reported by this paper, this has inadvertently left them struggling to navigate a world that seems foreign and impersonal. Recent studies have revealed an alarming reality: more than one-third of adults aged 45 and older feel lonely, and nearly one-fourth of adults aged 65 and older are considered socially isolated. The elderly in Kashmir, in particular, face a high prevalence of loneliness, that demands immediate attention.

Societal attitudes toward aging have played a significant role in exacerbating the isolation experienced by the elderly. Families, equipped with communications technology, unintentionally contribute to this problem by leaving their elderly members feeling isolated and irrelevant. The rapid advancements in society, coupled with a lack of preparedness to address the challenges faced by the elderly, have marginalized and alienated this vulnerable population. This echoes a broader concern for the overall well-being of society, as the consequences of loneliness can manifest in both mental and physical health issues.

Strengthening social infrastructure is crucial, involving the development of programs, policies, and structures that support healthy relationships. This includes initiatives to bridge the technological gap for the elderly, ensuring they can participate in the digital age without feeling excluded.

Elderly care homes are also a need of the hour. Last year, the Valley opened its first residential care homes for the elderly. The move, aimed at addressing the growing need for elderly care, was not without controversy. For generations, the prevailing cultural norm has been for the elderly to live with their children, surrounded by extended family support. However, the changing dynamics of modern life have prompted a shift in attitudes, giving rise to concerns about the potential erosion of traditional family values.

Renegotiating our relationship with technology is another vital aspect of the solution. Creating space in our lives without constant device engagement allows for more meaningful in-person interactions. The recommendation is particularly pertinent in the context of the elderly, who may feel left behind in an era dominated by screens and virtual communication.

Small acts of kindness, reaching out to neighbors, and fostering community engagement can go a long way in alleviating loneliness. This is especially relevant for the elderly, who may face barriers to social interaction due to physical limitations or unfamiliarity with technology.

To address the specific challenges faced by the elderly, there is a need for targeted interventions. Community outreach programs, local support networks, and initiatives that encourage intergenerational connections can help bridge the gap between the elderly and the rapidly evolving digital society.

OTHER OPINION

Interim budget makes no leaps, keeps a calm head

This is in contrast to the last interim budget for 2019-20 which saw the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) programme, delivering direct income support of Rs 6,000 per year to all farm households in the country. In fact, the scheme was implemented with retrospective effect from December 2018, thereby translating into a huge pre-election sop. Also, the tax liability on individuals with annual income of up to Rs 5 lakh was completely waived off, along with an increase in the standard deduction for salaried persons. This interim budget, by contrast, has not witnessed any increase in the PM-Kisan transfer — there was wide expectation of its going up to Rs 9,000 per year — or any tinkering with income tax rates or slabs.

In short, it has been a simple vote-on-account exercise, seeking Parliament's approval for routine expenditures till the next full-fledged budget is presented. The Modi government has not seen the need for any populist measures ahead of Lok Sabha polls in 2024, unlike in 2019, when it was perhaps more uncertain of the outcome, especially after losing assembly elections in three major Hindi heartland states.

A POSITIVE offshoot of the apparent political confidence is the Modi government's renewed emphasis on fiscal consolidation. Not only has the Centre's gross fiscal deficit in the revised estimates for 2023-24 fallen below the budget target, both in absolute terms (from Rs 17,86,816 crore to Rs 17,34,773 crore) and relative to GDP (5.9 to 5.8 per cent), it is expected to decline even more sharply to 5.1 per cent in the coming fiscal year. More encouragingly, this is coming largely from a cut in the revenue deficit — from 3.9 per cent in 2022-23 to 2.8 per cent in the revised estimates (RE) for 2023-24, and to a budgeted 2 per cent in 2024-25.

On the other hand, the Centre's capital expenditure, which rose by 28.4 per cent in 2023-24 (RE), is budgeted to grow further by 16.9 per cent in 2024-25. This focus on the quantum as well as quality of fiscal consolidation — redirecting spending away from subsidies and other current outlays towards asset-creating capital expenditure — is welcome. It is especially so, ahead of elections.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman reiterating the government's commitment to achieving a fiscal deficit of less than 4.5 per cent of GDP by 2025-26, signals two things. First, the Indian economy's normal growth trajectory has returned, so much so that the government feels less pressure to borrow and stimulate or provide extraordinary support to those worst impacted by pandemic-induced disruptions. Second, the impetus to growth is expected to henceforth come from the private sector. Lower government borrowings — yields on the benchmark 10-year bond eased by nearly 0.1 percentage points on Thursday — will release more resources for private corporates to invest. Macroeconomic stability — be it government finances, external sector balance or corporate and bank balance sheets — along with a government with a decisive majority, could create conditions conducive for a much-overdue revival of private investment.

The Indian Express

Lost in Screens

The Unseen Threat to Childhood Innocence



Ikka Ikbal

“**The challenge for parents is to strike a delicate balance between embracing technology's benefits and safeguarding childhood's sanctity. It's a call to arms against the digital tide threatening to engulf youth's essence. Vigilance is key as parents navigate this uncharted territory, ensuring their children's internet journey is a guided exploration rather than a reckless free fall**”

In this digital age, where screens illuminate every facet of our lives, the innocence of childhood stands perilously at the crossroads. Children, the most voracious consumers of the internet, traverse a landscape fraught with both wonders and dangers. The very devices designed to connect us may inadvertently be severing the ties that bind our children to the tangible world. One silent menace, often overlooked in the glow of screens, is the pervasive exposure to short-wavelength blue light emitted by mobile devices.

Too much exposure to short-wavelength blue light, a staple of modern screens, has been linked to a myriad of long-term problems. The eyes, the windows to a child's soul, bear the brunt of this silent assailant. Swelling, strain, and other eyesight problems emerge as insidious companions of the digital age. The consequences extend beyond the physical realm, infiltrating the delicate fabric of mental well-being.

Excessive use of mobile phones among children not only leads to physical issues like eye strain but also triggers mental disorders such as anger, depression, and anxiety. The paradox lies in the fact that mobile phones, initially intended as a distraction or engagement tool for children, become gateways to a perilous digital realm. Games and addictive content captivate young minds, stealing time from genuine childhood experiences.

As children increasingly wield mobile phones, the line between leisure and addiction blurs. The seductive allure of digital content creates a vortex, drawing attention away from authentic, tangible experiences. Parents

face a paradox — the very devices meant to save time paradoxically steal time from their children's formative years.

Statistics highlight that children and youth are the most significant consumers of the internet. Their exploration of the online world, while unlocking doors to knowledge, also exposes them to its darker corners. Parents must vigilantly monitor their children's online activities to prevent them from getting lost in the digital wilderness.

In this age of connectivity, mobile phones exert unparalleled influence, and the consequences of relinquishing children's innocence to smartphones are profound. The essence of childhood risks slipping through the cracks of a pixelated reality, as social me-

mindfulness to reclaim the balance between the digital and the tangible. The screens, gateways to virtual realms, must not eclipse the brilliance of genuine childhood moments. The future of youth depends on navigating the digital labyrinth with discernment and preserving innocence amid the ever-evolving glow of screens.

In the dance of childhood and technology, remember this: screens are a stage, and your child is the protagonist. While technology can be a wondrous ally, its allure can obscure genuine youth joys. To children, we say: embrace pixels as stepping stones, not shackles. To parents, a cautionary note: it's not about labeling technology as good or bad; it's about guiding children through

“**Too much exposure to short-wavelength blue light, a staple of modern screens, has been linked to a myriad of long-term problems. The eyes, the windows to a child's soul, bear the brunt of this silent assailant**”

dia, addictive games, and the vast internet landscape distance children from tangible joys.

The challenge for parents is to strike a delicate balance between embracing technology's benefits and safeguarding childhood's sanctity. It's a call to arms against the digital tide threatening to engulf youth's essence. Vigilance is key as parents navigate this uncharted territory, ensuring their children's internet journey is a guided exploration rather than a reckless free fall.

In the face of this escalating crisis, the conclusion is a call to action. Parents bear an undeniable responsibility, requiring

the digital landscape, emphasizing that the true adventure lies in tangible, unfiltered experiences shaping character and resilience.

In the glow of screens, let children find inspiration, not isolation. Let them discover the power within themselves to navigate both pixels and playgrounds. Parents must be vigilant navigators, weaving guidance and caution, for in this delicate dance, a child's future unfolds—one pixel, one step at a time.

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Bring Étiquettes Back

In the hustle and bustle of our cutting-edge lives, where efficiency and speed often take priority, the significance of mannerism can occasionally be neglected. Mannerism, the diffused artwork of carrying out oneself with grace and politeness, is an undying distinctive feature that provides a touch of beauty to our interactions. Beyond being an insignificant social nicety, it plays a pivotal role in fostering tremendous relationships, developing harmonious environments, and contributing to personal and expert achievement.

Mannerism isn't restrained to a hard and fast of inflexible regulations; rather, it is an expression of consideration and appreciation for others. It features a spectrum of behaviors, from easy gestures like protecting doors open for others to greater complicated interpersonal competencies like powerful communication and active listening. At its

center, mannerism displays a cognitive of the impact our movements can have on the ones around us and a dedication to contributing definitely to our shared areas.

One of the profound benefits of training mannerism is its ability to put the foundation for meaningful relationships. Politeness, kindness, and attention form the cornerstone of wholesome interactions. By adopting a mannered technique, we create an ecosystem of consideration and warmth, making it easier for others to connect to us on a deeper stage. Whether in non-public relationships or expert settings, the artwork of mannerism will become a bridge that fosters information and cooperation.

Imagine a world wherein anyone prioritizes kindness and attention. Mannerism has the energy to convert our environment into havens of tranquility and positivity. When people embrace correct manners, conflicts

are minimized, and the general environment turns into conducive to collaboration and creativity. A polite and respectful environment nurtures a feel of network and belonging, contributing to the overall well-being of its inhabitants.

In the expert realm, mannerism is a precious asset which can set people apart in their careers. Employers often cost personnel who no longer only excel of their abilities however additionally show off a high degree of professionalism and courtesy. Effective conversation, punctuality, and a deferential demeanor decorate one's professional recognition, establishing doors to possibilities and advancement.

Mannerism isn't always handi-est a non-public exercise however it is also a catalyst for wonderful exchange in society. The ripple effect of courteous conduct can encourage others to undertake comparable at-

titudes, growing a collective movement closer to a greater thoughtful and compassionate international. In this way, the effect of mannerism extends far beyond personal interactions, influencing groups and shaping the cultural fabric.

In a world that is continuously evolving, the undying essence of mannerism stays a beacon of mildness, guiding us towards a greater graceful and harmonious lifestyle. It is a preference to embrace the artwork of consideration, politeness, and respect—and funding in the first-rate of our interactions and the proper-being of our groups. As we navigate the complexities of our lives, let us not neglect the transformative power of mannerism, for in its subtlety lies the key to growing a greater stunning and interconnected world.

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Kashmir Welcomes Its First Frost

Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Wani

Now in Kashmir is like nature's own art installation. It's as if the sky decided to sprinkle its magic all over the land, transforming it into a breathtaking canvas of white. The snowflakes gently fall from above, creating a serene atmosphere that envelops the entire region. It's a time when the world seems to slow down, and there's a sense of tranquility in the air. It blankets the landscape in a pristine white, creating a serene and breathtaking scene. The arrival of snow in Kashmir holds great significance, not only for its scenic beauty but also for its agricultural and economic benefits. The snowfall nourishes the soil, replenishing water sources and providing vital moisture for crops. Additionally, it attracts tourists, boosting the local economy and supporting various industries. From an economic perspective, snow brings a significant boost to tourism in Kashmir. The picturesque landscapes covered in a blanket of snow attract visitors from all over the world. Tourists come to experience the beauty of snow-capped mountains, fro-

zen lakes, and charming valleys. This influx of tourists stimulates the local economy, creating job opportunities and supporting businesses in the hospitality, transportation, and adventure sports sectors. Winter sports, such as skiing, snowboarding, and ice-skating, also thrive during this season, attracting adventure enthusiasts and contributing to the local economy. Now, let's talk about the scenic beauty that snow brings to Kashmir. When the first snowfall occurs, it transforms the entire region into a breathtaking winter wonderland. The majestic Himalayan peaks, adorned with pristine white snow, create a stunning backdrop. The snow-covered trees, meadows, and rooftops add a touch of serenity and tranquility to the surroundings. It's a sight that truly captivates the senses and leaves a lasting impression on anyone who witnesses it. As for the local traditions surrounding the first snowfall, it's a time of immense joy and excitement in Kashmir. People were eagerly waiting for the arrival of snow, as it signifies the onset of winter and the beginning of a festive season. Children and adults

alike engage in playful activities, such as building snowmen, having friendly snowball fights, and sliding down snowy slopes. Warm beverages like Kahwa, a traditional Kashmiri tea infused with spices, are enjoyed to keep cozy in the chilly weather. Snow in Kashmir holds a cultural significance also, and is celebrated with unique traditions that have been passed down through generations. The arrival of the first snowfall is celebrated with enthusiasm, and marks the beginning of winter festivities. It's a time for families and friends to come together, celebrate, and create cherished memories.

1. Building Snowmen and Snow Sculptures:

One of the most beloved traditions during snowfall is building snowmen. Children and adults alike eagerly gather in parks and backyards to roll snowballs, stack them up, and adorn them with accessories like hats, scarves, and carrot noses. It's a creative and playful activity that showcases the whimsical side of winter.

2. Snowball Fights:

When there's enough snow on the ground, it's time for a friendly

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snowball fight! Friends and family engage in spirited battles, dodging and throwing snowballs with laughter and joy. It's a thrilling way to embrace the winter spirit and create lasting memories.

3. Sledding and Tobogganing:

Sledding down snowy slopes is a cherished tradition in many snowy regions. Children and adults grab their sleds or toboggans and race down hills, feeling the rush of adrenaline and the cool wind on their faces. It's a classic winter activity that brings smiles and laughter to all.

4. Ice Skating:

When lakes and ponds freeze over, ice skating becomes a popular pastime. Families and friends gather at frozen bodies of water, lacing up their skates and gliding gracefully across the ice. The sound of blades cutting through the frozen surface creates a symphony of joy and elegance.

5. Warm Beverages and Comfort Food:

Snowfall traditions often involve indulging in warm beverages and comfort food. Whether it's sipping hot chocolate by the

fireplace, enjoying spiced cider, or relishing a bowl of steaming soup, these treats provide comfort and warmth during the chilly winter days.

6. Snow Lanterns and Ice Sculptures:

In some cultures, snowfall is celebrated by creating intricate snow lanterns or ice sculptures. Artists and enthusiasts carve delicate designs into snow or ice, illuminating them with candles or colorful lights. These stunning creations add a touch of magic to the winter landscape.

In conclusion, when the first snowfall graces the breathtaking land of Kashmir, it's like the region is giving a warm embrace to the delicate snowflakes. The people of Kashmir welcome this magical moment with open hearts and wide smiles, as they cherish the beauty and serenity that the first snow brings. It's a time of awe and wonder, where the entire atmosphere is filled with a sense of reverence and respect for nature's gift.

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Is AI Paving the Way for Smarter Thinking?

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In the 14 months since the launch of ChatGPT in November 2022, generative AI has been a hotly discussed topic, with many critics cautioning that AI has the potential to destroy critical thinking, education, and potentially even society as we know it. And it does. But it also doesn't. Ultimately, it is rare for the worst-case doomsday to come to pass, and typically, the consequences will land somewhere in the middle of the two extreme views. At the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland, this month, a panel of experts and educational leaders took the alternative stance: that the advent of AI will enhance rather than destroy education, as long as we prepare ourselves to embrace the changes needed. Their point is that AI cannot do many of the things that humans do, be originally creative for example, and positively it can actually be employed to challenge thinking and make humans even better at natural human skills. Indeed, as the panel highlighted, AI is going to become ever more pervasive; it is essential to embrace it as a learning medium, to ensure continued educational relevance and capability. How do we embrace education and critical thinking in the age of superintelligence? Humans are fallible. We

have several psychological predispositions which make it easier for us to survive, but make it inherently more difficult for us to think critically. AI has no such qualms; given its algorithmic, process-based programming, its fallibility comes not in logical processing, but in how it is employed. If employed in the right way, it has the potential to counterbalance and combat human fallacy, while humans can counterbalance the AI fallacy in turn. According to the Center for Countering Digital Hate, their report on AI found that it can be pushed to produce misinformation in 78 percent of inquiries if asked to do so. The key point is that it was asked to do so. Generative AI is reliant on data to produce a narrative, and it produces that narrative based on how it is queried. Employed positively, AI can be a useful tool; but employed by threat actors, there are, currently at least, ways to circumvent its safeguards and use it for nefarious means. There is much to be done to add guardrails, but in the medium term, if we can secure AI to utilize legitimate, verified data sources, and have correct oversight and safeguards to protect users, then there is the likelihood of using AI as a robust, beneficial resource. AI shortcomings aside, the forum at Davos discussed a matured and safeguarded model of AI and looked at the

positive use cases, for example in tackling climate change, or in enhancing education. The conclusion drawn by the education panel is that the future of teaching should focus on old-fashioned skills, including your creativity. Jeffrey Tarr, CEO at Skillssoft commented "How we teach is also changing at a dramatic pace." Meanwhile Hadi Partovi, CEO of Code.org, commented, "When it comes to and it is up to you to figure out which ones to trust. Teaching students how to distinguish fact from misinformation, how to use critical thinking, and how to question their sources, are part of becoming digitally

differentiating between true and false; having meaningful conversations; and thinking critically. It is here that AI has the opportunity to also enhance human education they argued, utilising it to challenge your thinking, and therefore bias, there are many biases, but these are things that we can help teach people to recognise. Even without AI, the internet has bias. When you Google, you are not always getting unbiased results. You are getting many different results

fluent, and these are skills that are relevant pre-AI, but even more relevant in a world where we rely more and more on technology for education." Artificial intelligence systems are not inherently good or bad, and when employed proac-

tively can be an innovative and interesting resource. The argument should perhaps focus not on AI specifically, but on how we need to adapt education to suit the modern era. AI is an inevitable part of that, so educators must focus on teaching the right skills, and enhancing human capability, to ensure it can harness the advantages and avoid the pitfalls of emerging and maturing tech. As Michael Spend, president and provost of University College London highlights, "There's things the machines can't do that we need to be really good at teaching our students." Considering the reality of generative AI in education, alongside other AI applications, it is interesting to ponder the potential for improving education. Critical thinking improves an individual's ability to differentiate between fact and fiction, true and false, information and mis- or disinformation. It is an essential life skill, and it is an imperative skill for inoculating your brain against nefarious threat actors. Indeed the World Economic Forum Global Risks Report 2024 highlights misinformation-disinformation as the biggest global risk for the next two years, falling to fifth for the decade only behind extreme weather and climate change events. The report states "perceptions of reality are likely to also become more polarized, infiltrating the public discourse on issues

returning from public health to social justice. However, as truth is undermined, the risk of domestic propaganda and censorship will also rise in turn." Continued development of critical thinking skills is an essential means to withstand and undermine these challenges and will gain ever-increasing relevance in the modern world. Returning to AI, it is interesting to consider how the technology can be employed to help safeguard societal norms and protect against global risk. Aside from the practical application of AI in identifying and removing propaganda, for example, AI can potentially be employed to educate and test skills in people. For example, humans are at risk from confirmation bias, truth bias, groupthink, and the illusory truth effect, any or all of which make us susceptible to believing what we read and hear, and to aligning our views to the views of those around us. AI can be more impartial, in theory, so there is the potential that it can be employed as an educator and counterbalance our psychological predispositions, encouraging debate, challenging thinking, supporting lateral reading, and even playing devil's advocate. It will be interesting to see the gains that can be made.

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1500 Gujjar-Bakkarwal Out of School Students Enrolled In Govt Schools At Kishtwar Under "Back 2 School" Initiative

Kishtwar: Once grappling with a significant number of Out-of-School Children (OoSC), particularly from the Scheduled Tribe community, the success of the first phase of the Back to School initiative has played a pivotal role in elevating the literacy rate among the ST population in the district Kishtwar.

In 2021, a survey conducted by SAMAGRA Shiksha Jammu and Kashmir identified thousands of OoSC across J&K UT, including 2,469 OoSC in district Kishtwar, marking the highest number in the Jammu Division. This was a problem that demanded urgent attention by the authorities. The district administration in Kishtwar took proactive steps to bring back all the OoSC to school.

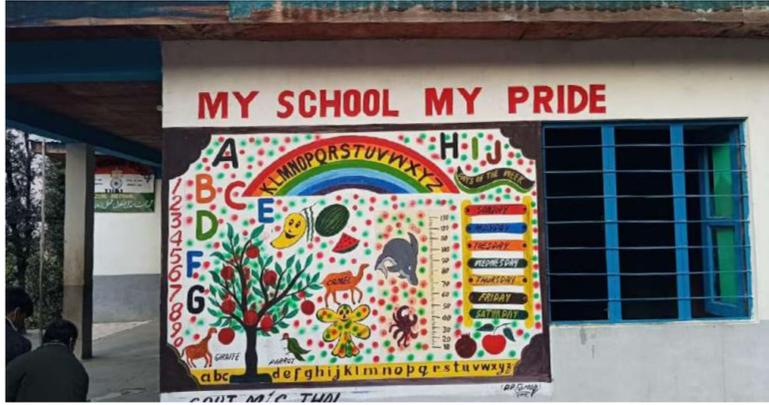
It is pertinent to mention that the term "Out of School Children" is a collective term encompassing dropouts, students who have left their education midway, and those who have never enrolled and never

experienced formal education.

In December 2022, verification of 2469 Out-of-School Children (OoSC) in Kishtwar was conducted, revealing that approximately 1600 students in the age group of 6-14 years were not attending school. The Gujjar and Bakkarwal population were more susceptible to low enrollment due to relatively poor socio-economic conditions, migratory nature, dependence on livestock, and less emphasis on higher education because of early marriage etc.

To enroll these students, the Back to School initiative was launched. The first step involved convincing parents and galvanizing public opinion through Gram Sabhas presided over by senior officers, including the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, ADDC, ADC, SDMs, and Tehsildars.

A 3-month Bridge Course, initiated with the help of DIET Kishtwar in January 2023, prepared these students to join schools. Following the completion



of the Bridge Course, admissions for 1376 Out-of-School Students were done in various Government Schools, with 95 percent belonging to the ST Gujjar and Bakkarwal population.

Sustainability is crucial in such initiatives, and for this,

community support was mobilized. A Tribal Samaj Sudhar Committee, comprising Gujjar and Bakkarwal volunteers, encouraged parents to re-enroll their kids in schools and monitored already enrolled students. Additionally, School

Management Committees were restructured in collaboration with the India Education Collective NGO. In these restructured committees, parents took on the role of Chairmen and became active partners with the Education Department

for School Improvement.

A visible result of these activated School Management Committees was the "My School My Pride" campaign, a bottom-up initiative culminating on January 26, Republic Day 2024. Parents in 50 percent of schools donated their money for Building as Learning Aid (BaLA) paintings, minor repairs, and kitchen gardens in respective schools. Well-performing SMCs were awarded during the Republic Day Ceremony 2024.

The School Education Department Kishtwar, led by CEO Kishtwar Prahlad Bhagat, played a proactive role and launched commendable incentives for Out-of-School students, including additional Dhok seasonal centers, winter ST centers, stipends, and zonal level libraries in schools.

Overall, due to the Back to School initiative, major indicators in Kishtwar district have improved. The Gross Enrollment Ratio has jumped from 89% to

97.49%, while the dropout rate has decreased from 11% to 2.5 percent.

The total number of Out-of-School Students has been reduced from 1600 to only 57 in the district, with an improved transition rate of 98%. Since Gujjar and Bakkarwal are nomadic groups, the number of seasonal units increased from 79 to 121 in 2023. Additionally, 80 new winter ST centers were opened, and a stipend of Rs 500 is provided to each ST student as an incentive.

In Back to School 2.0, additional 200 OoSC have been identified for enrollment in schools in January 2024 for 100 percent saturation. The Back to School initiative is a success story that can be replicated in all backward and remote areas. It requires active participation and collective efforts from the district administration, education department, scheduled tribe community, and, most importantly, parents of out-of-school children.

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Households Will

Ayodhya, she said. Talking about the benefits, she informed the House that there will be "savings up to Rs 15,000-18,000 annually for households from free solar electricity and selling the surplus to the distribution companies."

The scheme will also aid charging of electric vehicles; entrepreneurship opportunities for a large number of vendors for supply and installation and employment opportunities for the youth with technical skills in manufacturing, installation, and maintenance.

Talking about India's commitment for "net-zero" by 2070, she announced a viability gap funding for harnessing offshore wind energy.

"Viability gap funding will be provided for harnessing offshore wind energy potential for initial capacity of 1 GW," she said.

According to the Central Electricity Authority data, India has a solar energy-installed generation capacity of over 73 GW.

Similarly, the data showed that wind energy capacity in the country stood around 45 GW while large hydro (over 25 MW capacity each) is 47 GW. The biomass power/cogen capacity is about 10 GW and that of small hydro (up to 25 MW) is around 5 GW, while the waste-to-energy capacity stood at 583 MW.

India has set a target of having 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030 and has 50 per cent of installed power generation capacity from non-fossil fuel sources.

President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday said in her joint address to the Members of Parliament that in 10 years, non-fossil fuel-based energy capacity has increased from 81 GW to 188 GW.

"During this period, solar power capacity has increased 26 times. Similarly, wind power capacity has doubled. We are placed at fourth in the world in terms of renewable energy installed capacity. We are ranked fourth in wind power capacity. We are at fifth position in solar power capacity," she said.

1249 Cr For Salaries

and travel by cabinet ministers, ministers of state and ex-prime ministers. This also includes provision for special extra session flight operations for VVIPs.

The National Security Council Secretariat has been allocated Rs 200 crore (Rs 299.30 crore in 2023-24).

The provision is for meeting the administrative expenses and space programme of the National Security Council Secretariat.

As much as Rs 76.20 crore has been given to the office of principal scientific advisor (Rs 75 crore in 2023-24). The provision is for meeting the administrative expenses of the office of principal scientific advisor and national research foundation.

The cabinet secretariat has been allocated Rs 70 crore (Rs 70.28 crore in 2023-24) for meeting the administrative expenses of those of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

The prime minister's office has been allocated Rs 65.30 crore (Rs 62.65 crore in 2023-24) for meeting the administrative expenses.

The budget has given Rs 4 crore for hospitality and entertainment expenses (Rs 4 crore in 2023-24).

This provision is for expenditure on government hospitality and entertainment of foreign state guests, official entertainment arranged at Rashtrapati Bhawan on behalf of the vice president and prime minister, reception on national days, investiture and ceremonies for presentation of credentials, etc.

The budget allocated Rs 1.80 crore for secretariat assistance to former governors (Rs 1.30 crore in 2023-24). This provision is for expenditure on payments of secretariat assistance to ex-governors. PTI

Budget 6 Percent

Rs 44.90 lakh crore," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said while presenting the interim Budget in the Lok Sabha on Thursday.

The revenue receipts at Rs 30.03 lakh crore are expected to be higher than the Budget Estimate, reflecting strong growth momentum and formalisation in the economy, she said.

The Revised Estimate of the fiscal deficit is 5.8 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), improving on the Budget Estimate, notwithstanding moderation in the nominal growth estimates.

The nominal GDP growth for the next financial year has been pegged at 10.5 per cent against the 11 per cent estimated earlier.

The nominal GDP for 2024-25 BE has been projected at Rs 3,27,71,808 crore, assuming 10.5 per cent growth over the estimated nominal GDP of Rs 2,96,57,745 crore, as per the First Advance Estimates of 2023-24.

"Coming to 2024-25, the total receipts other than borrowings and the total expenditure are estimated at Rs 30.80 lakh crore and Rs 47.66 lakh crore, respectively. The tax receipts are estimated at Rs 26.02 lakh crore," she said.

Stressing that the impact of all-round development is discernible in all sectors, she said, "There is macro-economic stability, including in the external sector. Investments are robust. The economy is doing well."

People are living better and earning better, with even greater aspirations for the future, she said, adding that the average real income of people has increased 50 per cent.

"Inflation is moderate. People are getting empowered, equipped and enabled to pursue their aspirations. There is effective and timely delivery of programmes and of large projects," she said.

No Changes

tax returns has been reduced from 93 days in FY14 to 10 days; and refunds have been made faster, she said.

The government continues to be on the path of fiscal consolidation to reduce fiscal deficit to 4.5 pc in 2025-26.

She added that the tax base of Goods and Services Tax (GST) has more than doubled since FY14.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also announced a significant relief for taxpayers involved in tax disputes. She said that a considerable number of disputed cases are pending, and some even dates back to 1962.

To remove the "anxiety of honest taxpayers", Sitharaman proposed to withdraw outstanding tax demands up to Rs 25,000 in disputed cases pertaining to the financial year 2009-10 and up to Rs 10,000 from FY2010-11 to FY2014-15. She said it will benefit about a crore tax-payers and will help reduce the backlog of disputed tax cases significantly.

The decision comes as a big relief for people, especially senior citizens, who have been grappling with unresolved tax issues ahead of the new financial year and general elections this year.

Disputed tax is the income tax (including surcharge and cess) payable by the taxpayer in a financial or assessment year, as demanded by the tax department under the Income-tax Act, 1961. In 2020, the government launched the tax dispute resolution scheme "Vivad Se Vishwas 2020" in an effort to address the pending

income-tax-related cases through this initiative, where the taxpayer only needs to pay the disputed tax to settle the matter.

This means the taxpayer is only required to pay disputed tax amount, without interest and penalty. Anyone facing a tax demand can pay the tax liability raised to settle the matter. The Income-tax department will pass a conclusive order when payment is made and the matter is settled. The immunity from interest and penalty in a disputed case is a notable benefit.

To alleviate the burden of such issues, the finance minister announced the relief.

She stated, "In line with our government's vision to improve ease of living and ease of doing business, I wish to improve tax payer services. There are a large number of petty, non-verified, non-reconciled, or disputed direct tax demands, many of them dating as far back as the year 1962, which continue to remain on the books, causing anxiety to honest tax payers and hindering refunds of subsequent years", she said.

Commenting on the decision, Anupama Bhargava, a Certified Financial Planner and Partner at Beekay Taxation & Investment LLP, said, "This will result in relief to a large number of tax payers stuck with such unresolved and disputed tax demands."

J&K Gets 37,277 Cr

According to documents, Rs 101.77 crore have been allocated to meet resource gap funding for infrastructure projects This was the last budget of the PM Modi led government ahead of the Lok Sabha elections scheduled to be held in April-Mat this year.

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villages and cities, and the government is now aiming to build 2 crore more.

He said a target had been set to make 2 crore women 'Lakhpati Didis', which has now been revised to 3 crore. The 'Lakhpati Didid' scheme provides skill development training to women in self-help groups (SHGs) to enable every SHG household to earn an income of at least 1 lakh a year.

New Income Avenues
"The Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme has helped the poor in a big way and Anganwadi and ASHA workers will now also benefit from it. In this Budget, there has been a big push for empowering the poor and people from the middle class, and generating new avenues of income generation for them," the PM said.

The rooftop solar programme will enable 1 crore families to not only get free electricity but earn an additional 15,000 to 20,000 a year by selling the surplus power to the government," he added.

Pointing out that the direct tax demand relief will benefit 1 crore people from the middle class, PM Modi took aim at previous governments and said they had hung a sword over the head of the common man for decades.

The PM said several key decisions have also been taken to increase the income and reduce expenses of farmers, including the use of Nano DAP (Di-Ammonia Phosphate).

J&K Admin

major reshuffle was carried out in the police department in which 75 officers, including 30 IPS officers were transferred.

Valley Plains

the plains of the Kashmir valley, including in the summer capital Srinagar, which had experienced little precipitation so far this winter in the form of rains, the officials said.

The Kashmir valley witnessed a prolonged dry spell this winter with most of the Chilla-i-Kalan -- the 40

day harsh winter period, when the chances of snowfall are maximum and most frequent -- remaining dry.

While some areas in the higher reaches had received light snowfall, most of the upper reaches experienced moderate snowfall at the fag-end of the Chilla-i-Kalan.

The snowfall at the end of Chilla-i-Kalan brought cheers to the tourists as well as the locals associated with the tourism sector.

Thursday's snowfall shut down the Srinagar-Jammu national highway as it was blocked due to shooting stones between Ramsoo and Banihal. The alternate Mughal road and the Srinagar-Leh highway are closed for traffic due to snow accumulation.

However, the snowfall brought cheer to the residents.

"Finally, there is snow in the plains of Kashmir. We thank God for this blessing," Mehraj Ahmad, a resident of the city here, said.

He expressed hope that the coming days will see more snowfall in the valley.

Irfan Ahmad, a resident of Ganderbal, said while the snowfall was the need of the hour for the valley as it was essential for sustenance.

"We witnessed prolonged dry weather. Our glaciers have melted, there was hardly any snow left on the mountains before the recent snowfall. Snow is really important for our sustenance. Without it, our water resources would have dried up, it could have hit our

horticulture especially fruit produce, and the dry spell resulted in many respiratory ailments. So, it is essential we have a good snowfall," he said.

The valley's orchardists also expressed happiness over the snowfall.

"We thank God as the long wait is finally over and it is snowing across Kashmir. The snow is very beneficial for the farmers and orchardists. People in Kashmir were under distress because there was no snow in the plains which could have meant doom for the horticulture produce.

"However, the snowfall now has infused a new life into it and we hope there is more snow in the days to come," a farmer in Kulgam said.

The Met Office has said the weather would remain cloudy with light snow at few places till the afternoon and there would be a gradual improvement thereafter.

On Friday, the weather is likely to remain dry with a possibility of very light snow at isolated higher reaches.

There is a possibility of light to moderate snow/rain (in Jammu) at many places of J-K on February 3-4, and the weather is likely to remain dry thereafter till February 12, the weather office said.

Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of 0.2 degrees Celsius -- down from 2.2 degrees Celsius on the previous night.

Pahalgam recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4.1 degrees Celsius, Qazigund minus 0.4 degrees

Celsius, Kokernag minus 1.4 degrees Celsius and Kupwara minus 0.7 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg registered a low of minus 7.6 degrees Celsius and was the coldest place in the valley.

Not A Single Flight

1172 flights and ensured uninterrupted connectivity for the region, with an equal number of take-offs. There was a seamless transportation of people and goods. Despite the winter chill, passengers consistently arrived," the data reveals.

The total passenger count during this period reached 401,244, with 198,793 arrivals and 202,451 departures from Srinagar airport.

Among the scheduled 2617 flights, only 273 were cancelled, and all cancellations occurred outside Jammu and Kashmir.

Srinagar Airport's Director, Javed Anjum said that the overall flight operations remained smooth during Chilla-i-Kalan. "The minimal cancellations were limited to flights departing from Delhi, Jammu and Chandigarh airports due to unfavourable weather conditions," he said.

Anjum said only flights outside the J&K were affected, and those too were restricted from departing from certain airports.

"From the airport's perspective, operations remained open without any flight cancellations during this winter period," the Director added. KNO

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Short Term NOTICE INVITING TENDER
GIST OF FRESH E-NIT No.64/JJM (XI) (PIPE LINE WORKS)/JS-PHE/RWSD/Gbl of 01/2024, Dated: 31-01-2024

For and on behalf of I. E. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer J Shakti (PHE) RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr. invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders / Firms / Companies/ relevant classes (shown against each) registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works. Le Providing, Laying, fitting, successful testing & commissioning of HDPE pipes including Pipe specials and Laying / Fitting of delivery / distribution Pipe network of GMS Tubes and DI/GI pipes of different nominal bores along with pipe fitting and control valves at different locations falling under the jurisdiction of J Shakti PHE RWSD Ganderbal/Sgr. of DISTRICT GANDERBAL of Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). The bidding process shall be completed online on www.iktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover I consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on over all percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No	Particular of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender fee in Rs.	Class of Contractor	Earnest Money (in shape of CDR/FDR/EG) (Rs.25.00 ADVT. COST)	Time of Completion Of work (in days)
1	Providing, supplying, Laying of various dia of HDPE pipes and laying/ fitting of GI pipes for Mains/Sub-Mains/ Distribution Network for Upgradation, Augmentation & Retrofitting of various Water Supply Schemes in Block Gnd & Satrina-B of District Ganderbal under JJM	114.26	1500.00	AAA	2.28 lacs	70 days
2	Providing, supplying, Laying of various dia of HDPE pipes and laying/ fitting of GI pipes including anchor / saddle blocks for Mains/Sub-Mains/ Distribution Network for Upgradation and Retrofitting of various water supply schemes in Block Wakoor (Part-II) of District Ganderbal under JJM	95.927	1000.00	AAA	1.92 lacs	60 days
3	Providing, supplying, Laying of various dia of HDPE pipes & LF of GI pipes including anchor / saddle blocks for mains/ sub mains/ distribution network for upgradation and retrofitting of various water supply schemes in Block Lar of District Ganderbal under JJM	68.14	800.00	AAA	1.36 lacs	45 days
4	Providing, supplying, Laying of various dia of HDPE pipes and laying/ fitting of GI pipes for Mains/Sub-Mains/ Distribution Network for Upgradation and Retrofitting of various water supply schemes in Block Wakoor (Part-I) of District Ganderbal under JJM	44.96	500.00	AAA & BEE	0.90 lacs	30 days
5	Providing, supplying, Laying of various dia of HDPE pipes and laying/ fitting of GI pipes, including anchor/ saddle blocks for Mains/Sub-Mains/ Distribution Network for Upgradation and Retrofitting of various water supply schemes in Block Safpora of District Ganderbal under JJM	25.11	400.00	AAA & BEE	0.50 lacs	25 days

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr.
The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM)
The works were earlier advertised vide this office e - NIT No. 59 of 2023 - 24 (1) call & Fresh e - NIT No. 62 of 2023 - 24 (2nd call) (Financing from S. No. 02, To 06)

Note: Considering eminent snowfall & harsh winters ahead, time of completion is extendable subject to prior approval from the divisional office.

Critical Dates		
i	Publish Date	31.01.2024
ii	Document Download start Date	01-02-2024 at 10:00 AM
iii	Bid submission start date	01-02-2024 at 10:00 AM
iv	Bid submission end date	06-02-2024 at 12:00 PM
v	Date of Bid opening (online)	06-02-2024 at 13:30 PM

Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz. Earnest Money (in shape of CDR/FDR/EG) and Treasury Receipt (amounting therein the NIT No. S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) as cost of Tender Document, under MH 0215 to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer, JS-PHE RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr. (as specified in the table (I) (Page 12) OF SBQ besides other requisite docs. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 90 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, JS - PHE RWS Division Ganderbal / Sgr. (H.Q. Cheki Duderhama Ganderbal) on 06.02.2024 at 01.30 PM. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue:

Sd/-
(Er. Samiullah Beigh)
Executive Engineer, JS-PHE
RWS Division Ganderbal/Sgr.

No: - JS-PHE/RWSD/Corr./14640 - 64,
DIPK-15863/23 dated: 01-02-2024

Div Com reviews post-snowfall situation in Kashmir

Takes strong note of Boniyar accident

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Thursday reviewed the post-snowfall situation in all the districts of Kashmir by taking stock of snow clearance on main roads and inner links besides those leading to major installations and tourism places.

At the outset, the Div Com took strong note of the Boniyar accident that resulted in loss of precious lives and injuries to others. He directed DCs to take stringent action against overloading and get potholes filled to prevent accidents.

He also made it clear that no such accident should happen in future.

The Div Com also took stock of essential supplies, services, power and water supply scenarios, especially in far-off places including



Sonmarg, Gurez, Tangdhar and Karnah and Passes besides medicare facilities in hospitals.

All the District heads informed the chair that all the major roads have been cleared of snow while inner links shall be cleared by Thursday evening.

It was informed that except for a few issues, power supply is smooth and in case of outages the same shall be restored by Thursday evening.

The District heads also assured that all the services, water supply are smooth besides there is no dearth of essential supplies.

Meanwhile, the Div Com also

convened a meeting, to review progress on Transit Accommodation for PM Package Employees.

The meeting was attended by Sajad Naqeeb, C.E PWD(R&B) central Kashmir; Narindra Kumar, S.E PWD(R&B); besides Ex. Engineers and AEEs of PWD (R&B) in person, while all Deputy Commissioners of all districts and Commissioner (M) Relief and Rehabilitation J&K, Chief Engineers of PWD (R&B) North and South Kashmir joined the meeting through V.C.

At the outset, C. E PWD(R&B) central Kashmir briefed the chair about the status of transit ac-

commodations for PM package employees at Zewan, Srinagar; Baba Daryadeen, Ganderbal; Wandeama, Ganderbal; Kakan Marg, Budgam and Sheikhpora, Budgam.

Similarly, the C.E PWD(R&B) North briefed the meeting regarding the status of transit accommodation for PM package employees at Kulangam, Handwara; Odina, Sumbal and Fatehpura, Baramulla.

Also, the C.E PWD(R&B) South briefed the meeting regarding the status of transit accommodation for PM package employees at Allowpora, Shopian; Lethpora, Pulwama; Machbhawan, Anantnag; Shangus, Anantnag; Ranbirpora, Anantnag; Mirhama, Kulgam; Chowgam, Kulgam and Vessu, Kulgam.

The Div Com took accommodation wise details of blocks which included number of blocks completed and handed-over, number of blocks to be handed over by March, June and September re-

spectively. He directed the C.Es to ensure timely completion of all the blocks as per schedule.

He also took stock of electricity and water supply of the flats/blocks to be handed-over by March, 2024 and directed concerned to make them fully functional in time so that allottees do not have to face any difficulty.

Bidhuri also directed the Department of Disaster Management, Relief and Rehabilitation (DMRR) to go for parallel allotment of the completed blocks/flats to be handed over by March, 2024.

The meeting also discussed the construction of boundary walls of these accommodations; it was informed that some of the accommodations are without boundary walling raising security concerns.

The Div Com directed the concerned to erect temporary walling of accommodations wherever funds are not available yet, and construct boundary walls where funds have been allocated.

Singh Addresses Workers' Concerns, Affirms Labor Rights Commitment

KO NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU: Labour Commissioner, J&K Charandeep Singh Thursday interacted with a large gathering of workers who joined through video conferencing from all twenty districts of J&K. The interaction provided a platform to the workers for directly engaging and raising issues concerning them with the Labour Commissioner.

Acknowledging their crucial role as nation builders, the Labour Commissioner reiterated the commitment of the Government in protecting and safeguarding their interests and ensuring that the benefits of welfare schemes reaches each and every worker including their family members. "The Labour Department is meant to serve and empower you" he said.

During the interaction, Labour Commissioner enquired about problems, if any, being faced by them including in availing benefits of welfare schemes like educational assistance for their children, healthcare etc. "Not just the schemes of the Labour Department, if you face any issues in availing benefits of schemes in other departments of the Government, our offices in the districts will help you in getting them", he told workers.

DC conducts extensive tour of several areas of Kulgam

KO NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM: To take first hand appraisal of the situation arising due to snowfall and restoration of essential services, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan on Thursday conducted extensive tour of Nihama, Bathipora and other areas in the district and took stock of snow clearance operations and restoration of services.

During the tour, DC visited the sub-divisional control room of MED at Bathipora where the officers from MED and R&B briefed him about snow clearance in all Priority 01 roads and also informed that 95 percent of roads under priority 02 were also cleared.

Later, he also visited Farooq Ahmad Bhat Memorial (PHC Nihama) and took stock of patient care services at the hospital.

DC B'la chairs District Road Safety Committee Meeting

Baramulla: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, today chairs District Road Safety Committee meeting in his office chamber to strategize and implement effective measures aimed at inculcating responsible road behavior and averting road mishaps.

Additional District Development Commissioner Aijaz Abdulrahman Saraf, Senior Superintendent of Police Baramulla, Amod Ashok Nagarpure, Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Zahoor Ahmad Raina, Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore, Shabir Ahmad Raina, Superintendent of Police Sopore, Divya Dev, Assistant Regional Transport Officer Muazzam Ali, Chief Education Officer Baramulla Balbir Singh Raina, Dy SP Traffic Rural, Mujahid Nazir Dar and other concerned were present during the meeting.

During the meeting, thorough discussions were held among the officers to identify and incorporate measures necessary to prevent accidents and stern directions were passed by the DC to inculcate these preventive measures.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE (G&P) DEPARTMENT KASHMIR
Tel-0194-2474234 Fax -2482032 - email: - kashflori@rediffmail.com

Subject:- Extension No.07.

In view of no response, the last date for submission of bids invited vide this office e-Tender Notice No.26 of 2023 dated.03.10.2023 for **Outsourcing of Entry Ticketing System of Lidder Park, Pahalgam** is hereby extended as per the details given below: -

1. Period of downloading of bidding document	01.02.2024 from 02:30 PM to 15.02.2024 up to 02:00 PM
2. Bid submission Start Date	01.02.2024 from 03:00 PM
3. Bid submission End date	15.02.2024 up to 02:00 PM
4. Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	17.02.2024 at 02:00 PM

Other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid Tender Notice.

No: -DFK/GS-681/4235-37
Dated:- 01/02/2024

DIPK-15903-23
DT: 01/02/2024

Sd/-
Accounts Officer,
(Member Secretary)

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE AT SRINAGAR

In the case of
Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Health and Medical Education Department through Principal/Dean Govt. Medical College Srinagar (Caveator)

V/S
PUBLIC AT LARGE
(Non-Caveators)

In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of Section 148-A of C.P.C

The Caveator has reason to believe/apprehension that non caveator may file a suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble court with respect to service of hired drivers and on the ground of Distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at irreparable loss and inconvenience to the caveator It would be proper that caveator is given opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order.

DIPK-15905-23
DT: 01/02/2024

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH AT SRINAGAR

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER HANDWARA
Phone No. (0) 01955-262076, 262075 | Fax No. 262226 email: address.adchandwara26@gmail.com

Smt Mehak Pandita,
Class -IV (MTS),
No. ADCH/Estt/24/09-14

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE. Dated:-01-02.2024

Whereas, you were appointed as MTS (Class-IV) in Revenue Department under Hon'ble PM's Special Package in District Cadre Kupwara vide Government Order No. 103-JK (Rev) of 2022 dated 18.05.2022 issued under endorsement No. Rev-NG/105/2021 (74448) dated 18.05.2022; and

Whereas, you were posted in the office of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Handwara vide Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara's order issued under endorsement No. DCK/N/Estt/2022/403-408 dated 07.07.2022; and

Whereas, you have remained un-authorizedly absent from your legitimate duties from the date of Joining in this office, and a show cause notice had been served to you by the office of undersigned vide No. ADCH/Estt/23/80-82 dated 27.05.2023 to resume your duties; and

Whereas, in response to said notice, you resumed your duties W.e.f 19.06.2023 till 07.10.2023; and

Whereas, you had applied for grant of leave for a period of ten (10) days W.e.f 09.10.2023 to 18.10.2023, which was sanctioned by undersigned / DDO; and

Whereas, instead of joining your duties W.e.f 19.10.2023, you have failed to resume your legitimate duties; and

Whereas, you were again served a show cause notice vide this office No. ADCH/Estt/23/166-68 dated 08.11.2023 to resume your legitimate duties, through your whatsapp as well as registered post, but despite of acknowledgement of said notice, you failed to resume your duties; and

Whereas, vide this office letter No. ADCH/Estt/23/174-75 dated 27.12.2023, you were relieved and directed to report in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara for further duties; and

Whereas, this office received a communication bearing No. DCK/N/Estt/2024/85 dated 25.01.2024 from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara reveals that you have also failed to resume your duties in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara till date and this office has been directed to initiate necessary action under relevant rules against you; and

Whereas, un-authorized absence from legitimate duties by a Government Employee, attracts action as warranted in accordance with J&K Civil Services Rules (Volume-I) of 1956, which reads as under:-

'Absence without leave or after the end of leave involves loss of appointment'.

Now, therefore, through the medium of this notice, you are given final opportunity to explain your position within 15 days from the date of issuance of this notice, failing which the disciplinary action as warranted under CCA rules shall be recommended against you.

DIPK-15881-23
DT: 01/02/2024

Additional Deputy Commissioner
Handwara

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION LOLAB
FINAL NOTICE

M/S. Bilal Ahmad Dar
S/o. Gh. Mohiud-din Dar
R/o. Drurao Tangmerg.

NO:- EEL-1221-23
Dated:- 01-02-2024

Subject:- Zayarath Shareef Syed Mehmood Shah Bukhari Sogam Kupwara.

In continuation to this office Notice Bearing No.1076-79 Dated. 16.01.2024 where under you were directed to resume the work within 01 day but despite lapse of more than 14 days you have failed to resume the said work till date.

You are finally directed to resume the balance work within 01 day positively otherwise action as per SBD clause of contract/agreement shall be initiated against you and work shall be put to fresh tenders at your risk and cost which may please be noted.

DIPK-15899-23
DT: 01/02/2024

Executive Engineer
R&B Division Lolab

MindLeaders India
RECRUITMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINERS
(Contractual Positions) in Jammu and Kashmir (UT)

Gross Monthly Salary Rs. 20,000 per month (inclusive of all applicable deductions).

MINDLEADERS LEARNING INDIA PVT LTD, an NSDC empanelled Training Partner invites applications from Domicile residents of Jammu and Kashmir (UT) with prescribed qualification and experience for deployment as Vocational Trainer in Physical Education & Sports, Plumbing & Healthcare trade.

Trade: Physical Education & Sports (Physical Education Assistant - Early Years)
(Vacancies: 01) District- Rajouri (1)

Qualification: A Graduate with a major in Physical Education with at least 2 years of teaching/work experience OR Bachelor of Physical Education (B.P. Ed) with at least 2- years of teaching/work experience OR Postgraduate in Physical Education from a recognized Institute/ University with at least 1 years of teaching/work experience. Minimum Competency: Effective communication skills (oral and written), Basic computing skills. Age Limit: 18-40 Years (as on Jan. 01 (2024)) Age relaxation to be provided as per J&K UT norms.

Trade: Healthcare (Home Health Aid - Trainee) (Vacancies: 02) District - Reasi (2)

Qualification: B.Sc. Nursing and Midwifery (4 years) OR 3½ years Diploma in GNM with one year experience. Minimum Competency Effective communication skills (oral and written), Basic computing skills & Technical competencies (e.g., Should be able to perform and train the patient related skills). Age Limit: 18-40 Years (as on Jan. 01 (2024)) Age relaxation to be provided as per J&K UT norms.

Trade: Plumbing (Assistant Plumber General) (Vacancies: 03) District - Budgam(2) & Shopian (1)

Qualification: B.Tech in Civil Engineering/Mechanical Engineering/B.Voc. (Bachelor in Vocational) from a recognized Institute /University, with at least 1-year work/teaching experience OR Three Years Diploma in Civil engineering / Mechanical Engineering with 2 years work/teaching experience. Minimum Competency: Effective communication skills (oral and written), Basic computing skills. Age Limit: 18-40 Years (as on Jan. 01 (2024)) Age relaxation to be provided as per J&K UT norms.

Pre-Requisite:- 1. The candidate should be domicile of Jammu & Kashmir UT
2. The selection shall be made on district basis i.e. candidates hailing from the district where vacancies exist shall be preferred based on merits. In case of non-availability of candidates in any district, the selection for such trade will be made from other district within the same division.

Interested candidates may upload or send documents through Google Link or Mail ID: <https://mindleadersindia.com/jktrecruitment> or hr@mindleadersindia.com with their Bio-Data, all Educational qualifications and Experience latest by 08-02-2024. **For any query contact: 9891393984, 8283847755.** Only shortlisted candidates will be called for written test and personal interview. All communications for Job applications to be done through emails. All positions are on contractual basis. This is not a government job. Management reserves the rights to accept or reject any applications without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

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OFFICE OF THE STATE DRUGS CONTROLLER
DRUGS & FOOD CONTROL ORGANIZATION
(JAMMU & KASHMIR)

Jammu Office : Patoli Mangotrian, 1st Floor, Combined Food & Drug Testing Laboratory, Jammu.
Fax: 0191-2538527; Telephone: 2538527; Pin: 180007

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CIRCULAR

Drug abuse continues to be an area of serious concern for all of us, as it has far reaching socio-medical & economic consequences. Addiction to Drugs not only affects the individuals involved but also disrupts the family & society. The role of drug regulatory agencies is to protect & promote public health. In our endeavor to achieve this objective we are under obligation to protect end-users against ineffective or harmful drugs.

The Policy of the Government has to be broadly based on promotion of use of such substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion from licit sources and prohibiting illicit traffic and abuse. It has been observed in the recent times that since the legal channels of distribution have been regulated through a strict enforcement, the availability of such medicinal preparation through unregulated channels continues to pose a serious challenge to the public machinery empowered to take cognizance of violations related to such offences.

The Government of UT of J&K has issued administrative directions to curb the menace of drug abuse vide minutes of meeting issued bearing endorsement No. CHQ/NCORD/14/21717-29 dated 24.11.2023. As a matter of abundant precaution, it has been made compulsory for retail pharmacies to install CCTV cameras and to adopt computerized billing system in their pharmacies.

All licensing authorities and inspecting officers have been impressed upon to include below provisions in the existing checklist before grant of license(s) for retail / wholesale as also for subsequent renewals:

- Mandatory installation of Full HD CCTV cameras with 1080p resolution and having adequate data storage capacity for at least 6 months within the respective premises.
- All records of purchase and sale shall be maintained in a computerized manner (obtain invoices of computer & Printer at the time of grant / renewal of licence).

It requires to be ensured that sale of drugs is carried out strictly against the prescriptions of a Registered Medical Practitioner and all the legal provisions mandated under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules there under read with IPC 188 are adhered to in letter and spirit.

(Lotika Khajuria)
State Drugs Controller
Drug & Food Control Organization
J&K, Jammu

DIPK-15895-23
DT: 01/02/2024

No: DFO/ D-HFD/279 Dated: 15.01.2024

Hurt India Look To Rebound In 2nd Test Vs England

Press Trust of India

VISAKHAPATNAM: An under-pressure and under-resourced India will need to think out of the box to counter England's fearless bunch of 'Bazballers' in the second Test beginning here on Friday.

India are seldom stretched at home but following a dramatic loss in Hyderabad, they have plenty to ponder and the absence of injured Ravindra Jadeja and K L Rahul has made their task tougher.

Three years ago, the mighty hosts found themselves in a similar situation having lost the opening Test to England at Chennai but bounced back to win the series.

However, the Joe Root-led side was a different breed then and this time India plan to fightback against a team that has redefined the way Test cricket is played and defied all probability to win the series opener after conceding a 190-run lead on a turning track.

England batters, led by Ollie Pope, swept and reverse swept their way to success in the first Test, taking Rohit and his bunch by surprise, while making the most potent spin trio in the world look ordinary.

India won't have the luxury of fielding Jadeja in this game

but Ashwin, four shy of the 500-wicket milestone in Tests, and Axar will need to redraw their plans to come back hard at their uber-aggressive opponents who are sure to employ the sweeping tactics irrespective of the conditions.

JADEJA, SHAMI SET TO MISS REMAINDER OF TEST SERIES

India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja will need more time to recover from his hamstring injury and along with pacer Mohammed Shami could miss the remainder of the five-match Test series against England.

Jadeja, who pulled his hamstring following his run-out during India's fourth-innings chase in the series opener in Hyderabad, was initially ruled out of the second Test beginning here from Friday.

Jadeja returned with figures of 3/88 and 2/131 and also scored 87 and 2 in the first Test that India lost by 28 runs.

A hamstring injury normally takes at least four weeks to heal and it is likely that Jadeja could be ruled out of the entire series. The final Test of the series is in Dharamsala from March 7-11.

Pacer Shami, sidelined with an injury after a sterling show in last year's ODI World Cup in India, has gone to England to take special injections for



his left ankle problem and also consult a surgeon.

He was initially not considered for the first two Tests, but it is now learnt that he could be ruled out of the entire series.

India will also miss KL Rahul in the second Test as he's out

with pain in his right quadriceps for which he underwent surgery in 2022.

India are also without star batter Virat Kohli, who withdrew from the first two Tests owing to personal reasons, forcing the BCCI to pick un-

capped Rajat Patidar as replacement.

India have also added middle-order batter Sarfaraz Khan, left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar and all-rounder Washington Sundar to the squad.

BASHIR TO DEBUT, ANDERSON REPLACES WOOD

Shoib Bashir will make his delayed test debut against India on Friday, while veteran James Anderson will replace Mark Wood as England's lone fast bowler in the sec-

ond match of the series in Visakhapatnam, touring captain Ben Stokes said.

Off-spinner Bashir missed the opening test in Hyderabad - where England registered one of their greatest away wins - following a visa delay. The 20-year-old will replace Somerset team mate Jack Leach, who hurt his left knee while fielding in Hyderabad, where England grabbed a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

Anderson will be playing his 184th test and Stokes said the 41-year-old's experience would come in handy as England bid to end India's record of not losing a test series at home since 2012.

Squads: India: Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shreyas Iyer, KS Bharat (WK), Dhruv Jurel (WK), Ravichandran Ashwin, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah (VC), Avesh Khan, Rajat Patidar, Sarfaraz Khan, Washington Sundar, Sourabh Kumar.

England: Ben Stokes (captain), Rehan Ahmed, James Anderson, Gus Atkinson, Jonny Bairstow (wicketkeeper), Shoib Bashir, Dan Lawrence, Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ben Foakes, Tom Hartley, Jack Leach, Ollie Pope, Ollie Robinson, Joe Root, Mark Wood.



Gulmarg Gears Up For Khelo India Winter Games

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: The Khelo India Winter Games 2024 is set to kick start from February 21, with arrangements in place to make the event a success. A total of 800 athletes from 20 states are set to compete in Snowboarding, Alpine Ski, Nordic Ski and Snow Mountaineering competitions during the event.

As per J&K Sports Council Secretary Nuzhat Gul, the competition will run till February 26, with athletes arriving at the location from February 18 onwards. The authorities had reportedly sought to defer the games, which were scheduled to be held from February 2 due to a lack of snowfall in the region. However, with Gulmarg recording over one foot of

snow in recent days has given fresh impetus to tournament.

An important meeting was also convened on Thursday at the Gulmarg Club, chaired by the Chief Executive Officer of Gulmarg Development Authority, to discuss preparations for the fourth edition of the Winter Games.

Representatives from various hotels in Gulmarg were present at the meeting, ensuring a comprehensive discussion on accommodation arrangements for the forthcoming games.

Assistant Director of Tourism, Executive Officer of Gulmarg/Tangmarg Municipal Corporation, Tehsil Tangmarg, Divisional Sports Officer of Kashmir, and other officials from the Gulmarg Development Authority attended the meeting.

J&K Play Uttarakhand In Ranji Trophy At Jammu Today

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K senior men's cricket team will be at home Friday morning as it takes on Uttarakhand in 2024 Ranji Trophy at JKCA Hostel Ground in Jammu.

J&K is fourth in Elite Group D,

last outing.

With only the top two teams entering the quarterfinals of the Ranji Trophy, J&K needs to emerge victorious in all its remaining three games to make it through.

Madhya Pradesh is currently second, with 16 points from its four



picking up 11 points from its four matches. Meanwhile, Uttarakhand has seven points from its four games and is seventh in the eight-team Ranji Trophy group.

Uttarakhand has won one game, lost two and drawn two. J&K also has only one win in its kitty, a two-wicket victory over Odisha. However, after two straight draws in Jammu, where both matches couldn't be completed due to bad light, J&K fought back to earn an innings lead against table-toppers Baroda (20 points in 4 games) in its

games, winning two and drawing two. Puducherry is third, racking up 12 points from its four.

J&K faces both these teams in its final rounds of Group Stage matchups, and only wins will ensure it remains in the competition.

J&K Probable XI:

Vivrant Sharma, Shubham Khajuria (c), Abhinav Puri, Shubham Pundir, Abdul Samad, Fazil Rashid (WK), Auqib Nabi, Abid Mushtaq, Umar Nazir Mir, Umran Malik, Rohit Sharma.

Zero Buzz For High-Profile India-Pakistan Davis Cup Contest



Press Trust of India

ISLAMABAD: Never has the Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) received requests for passes for a Davis Cup match from regions as far as Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, but the city of Islamabad is not giving the remotest of hints of hosting a high-profile India-Pakistan contest.

Nothing, not even a single poster, in this beautiful city suggests that an Indian team has crossed the border for a Davis Cup match after 60 long years.

The Islamabad Sports Complex, the venue for the World Group I match, is not giving any buzz either, and the sprawling complex is out of bounds even for local media.

The PTF has pinned hopes of revival of the sport in the country on this tie but the promotion of the match through branding, advertisement, marketing and interviews is woefully lacking. In a nutshell, the excitement

and atmosphere, which is usually attached with an India-Pakistan match, is missing.

To top it, only 500 guests and fans will be inside the complex Saturday and Sunday, the match days.

The entry will be on invitation, and PTF is picking only a niche tennis audience to attend.

The stiffness of security is such that the Indian players will not be able to enjoy Pakistani hospitality. They have access just to the venue and the team hotel as the city will remain out of bounds for them.

With the security agencies keeping a tight watch on the Indians, they cannot even go to the nearby shopping mall, let alone paying a visit to the famous Margala Hill.

Practice delayed

The overnight rain delayed the start of India's practice session by two hours on Thursday but the players still came out to see courts.

Lewis Hamilton Set For Shock Switch To Ferrari In 2025: Reports

Agencies

LONDON: Seven times Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton is set for a shock switch from Mercedes to Ferrari in 2025 as replacement for Spanish driver Carlos Sainz, according to multiple media reports on Thursday. Mercedes and Ferrari declined to comment on speculation that would be by far the most sensational driver move of the so-called 'silly season'.

Sky Sports television said it understood Mercedes principal Toto Wolff would brief the team before a formal announcement later on Thursday. Hamilton, 39, has been with Mercedes since 2013 and won his first title with McLaren in 2008. His current contract is due to expire at the end of next year and a move to Ferrari would surely extend that into the sport's new engine era in 2026.

The Briton has been linked with Maranello repeatedly during his career, particularly when his contract has been up for renewal, but he signed a



new two year deal with Mercedes last August. Despite his loyalty to Mercedes, Hamilton has remained close to Ferrari boss Fred Vasseur after winning Formula Three and GP2 (now Formula Two) championships with the Frenchman's ART team as a junior in 2005 and 2006.

Vasseur said last August that he talked to Hamilton at every race weekend. In 2019, Wolff said Hamilton and Mercedes had discussed the possibility of the driver one day racing for Ferrari and such a move would be no drama.

The most successful Formula One driver of all time, with a

record 103 wins and 104 pole positions in a career that started in 2007, Hamilton has not won a race since December 2021 as Mercedes struggled to match Red Bull and Max Verstappen.

Verstappen has won the last three titles and starts 2024 as favourite for a fourth. The Dutch 26-year-old has a contract to the end of 2028.

Hamilton would join Charles Leclerc at Ferrari, with the Italian team announcing a week ago that the Monegasque had signed on for several more seasons.

McLaren also ensured Lando Norris, who had been seen by some as a possible future replacement for Hamilton, was off the market by announcing a new deal on Friday. A move to Ferrari would likely be Hamilton's Formula One swansong and a calculated risk, with the 2026 rule changes leaving everyone entering new territory.

The possibility of a record eighth title, if not with Mercedes this season, with a third team would also be a sensational step.

Inter Aim To Take Command In Derby d'Italia Clash With Juventus

Agencies

MILAN: This weekend's Derby d'Italia may not decide who wins the Serie A title, but defeat for Juventus would put Inter Milan firmly in the driving seat. The top two meet at the San Siro on Sunday, with Inter just one point ahead in the standings, but they do have a game in hand and a win over Juve would give them a healthy advantage at this stage of the season.

Juventus slipped up last weekend with a 1-1 draw at home to struggling Empoli, which allowed Inter take back top spot after their 1-0 win away to Fiorentina. When the sides met in November, Dusan Vlahovic and Lautaro Martinez were the scorers in the 1-1 draw, and the two strikers come into this game in top form, with both finding the target last weekend.

Vlahovic has six goals in the last four league games for Juventus, with 12 Serie A goals this season, while Martinez has six in his last five in Serie A, and the Inter forward leads the scoring charts with 19 goals in his 19 games. Inter's goal threat is much greater, scoring 50 in the



league compared to 36 for Juventus. Forward Marcus Thuram has eight goals, with midfielder Hakan Calhanoglu netting nine times, and he returns for this one after missing the Florence trip through suspension.

Federico Chiesa has been struggling with injuries of late, and missed four of Juve's last six league games, but his return to training this week means he is likely to at least take his place on the bench, but Arkadiusz Milik is suspended. Back in September, Juventus lost at Sassuolo and four days later Inter were defeated at home by the same side, and since then both clubs have gone undefeated in the league.

A second defeat for either team

on Sunday won't put an end to any title hopes just yet, but a loss could prove much more costly for Juventus. AC Milan's four-game winning run came to an end last weekend in a 2-2 draw with Bologna, leaving them eight points behind Inter, and they travel to face Frosinone on Saturday.

Defending champions Napoli are out of the title race this season, down in ninth place, and they host relegation battling Hellas Verona on Sunday. Napoli are still in the battle for fourth place, a fight which involves at least five other clubs. Atalanta took over fourth spot last weekend and on Sunday they welcome a Lazio side who are unbeaten in five and are two points behind in sixth.