

PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

## 300 Units Of Free Electricity Per Month: PM



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: In a bid to boost solar power and sustainable progress, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced that his government is

launching the 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana' which aims to light up one crore households by providing up to 300 units of free electricity every month. Modi said the project would entail an investment | [More on PIO](#)

### Solar Panels In All J&K Govt Buildings

In a move to tackle the persistent power shortage in government buildings, the Jammu and Kashmir government has decided to make it mandatory for all its departments to install solar power panels. This initiative as per the government sources has been taken to address the mounting expenditure on power dues incurred by various government departments. The directive comes following a detailed communication issued by the Director of Planning in the Public | [More on PIO](#)

J&K Illegal Arms Licenses Case

## ED Files Prosecution Complaints Against 21

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Enforcement Directorate has filed a prosecution complaint against 21 people accused in a case linked to illegal arms licenses case in Jammu and Kashmir. According to a statement, ED filed the prosecution complaint against 21 accused which includes the then arms license authorities Rajeev Ranjan (IAS) and Itrat Hussain Rafiqi, judicial clerks, other officials of deputy magistrate Kupwara and gun house dealers, agents and middlemen including Rahul Grover, Syed Adhel Hussain Shah and Syed Akeel Shah before the special PMLA Court in Jammu in a case related to illegal issuance of large number of arms licenses.

The statement reads that the ED initiated investigation on the basis of various FIRs registered by the Anti-Terrorist Squad/Special Operations Group Rajasthan Police and Central Bureau of Investigation Chandigarh under various sections of IPC and Arms Act. ED investigation revealed that during the relevant period the then DM/ADMs, judicial clerks and other officials of office of Kupwara in connivance with gun house dealers and agents hatched a criminal conspiracy among themselves and issued or renewed large number of illegal arms license to ineligible applicants in lieu of monetary consideration by flouting various norms, procedures of Arms Act," it reads. It added that



## J&K To Lead Nation In Farmers' Income In 4 Yrs: LG

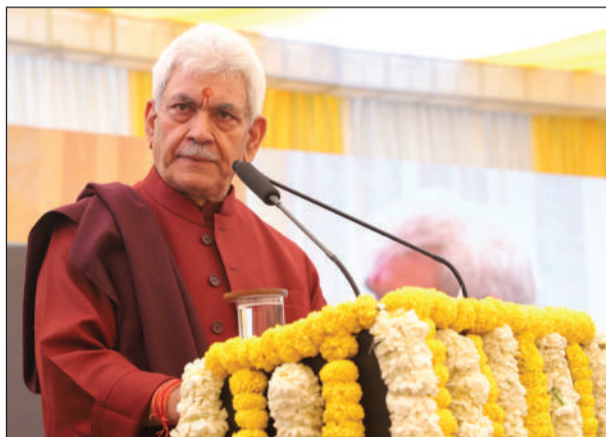
- Inaugurates Various New Projects Undertaken By J&K's Resident Commission
- J&K Has Witnessed A Complete Turnaround In Development Scenario: LG

Observer News Service

New Delhi: Highlighting the key initiatives of the UT Administration including Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), GI tagging for niche products, better market linkage, capacity building of farmers and promotion of local products, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said, "I am confident that in the next 4 years, J&K will be number one in terms of farmers' income in the country."

On the eve of Basant Panchami, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched 'J&K Sambhaav Utsav-2024', organized by Resident Commission Jammu Kashmir at J&K House, New Delhi today.

The LG also launched Information-cum-facilitation hub 'Hello J&K'; Digital Photography, Painting



and singing competitions for Youth on the theme "Know Jammu Kashmir" and inaugurated various new projects undertaken by J&K's Resident Commission.

The LG congratulated the officials of the Resident Commission Jammu Kashmir and all the associated departments of J&K Government.

He said the 7-day long vibrant exhibition will represent the very best of cultural artistic heritage, cuisine, agriculture and handicraft products of J&K UT.

"Sambhaav Utsav also put the spotlight on the future of J&K which is readying to contribute in Viksit Bharat. It is a perfect | [More on PIO](#)

### Don't Support Those Spreading Rumors About J&K: LG

Agencies

Without naming any regional political party, the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday said though there are few elements trying to spread chaos and confusions about J&K, but there is no need to pay heed, support or join their ranks Lieutenant Governor Sinha was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of 'J&K Sambhaav' event held at Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi. "There are few elements spreading wrong information about J&K, but I want to say there is no need to support and join their ranks," Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha as per a local agency said. Sinha appealed to the media to play its role in making people of the country and abroad aware about changes happening in | [More on PIO](#)

**6** TODAY, J&K IS SEEN AS A MODEL in urban transformation, innovation, start-ups, agriculture, industrial development and has created a niche in tourism."

ANNUAL PROPERTY RETURNS SUBMISSION

## Govt Gives Final Opportunity To Employees

Agencies

Srinagar: The government of Jammu and Kashmir has issued a circular extending the deadline for filing Annual Property Returns (APRs) on the PRS Portal, terming it the "last and final opportunity" for its workforce.

Despite earlier notifications urging employees to submit their property returns between January 1st and January 31st, 2024, many have failed to comply, thus breaching this mandatory process.

Defaulting employees risk punitive action under the Jammu and Kashmir Public Men and Public Servants Declaration of Assets Act, including potential criminal misconduct charges under the Prevention of Corruption Act. Additionally, failure to submit APRs will lead to the denial of vigilance clearance.

As a final chance, defaulting employees are now granted a window from February 13th to February 27th, 2024, to submit their property returns online via the | [More on PIO](#)

SRINAGAR TERROR ATTACK

## Terrorist Who Killed Punjab Residents Arrested: Police

'Was Radicalised On SM By Handlers Across Border'

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The terrorist who killed two labourers from Punjab here last week has been arrested, a senior Jammu and Kashmir Police officer said on Tuesday.

The weapon used in the attack, a pistol, has been recovered. Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Vijay Kumar told a press conference here.

"Adil Manzoor Langoo, the terrorist who opened fire on the two labourers from Punjab in the Habba Kadal area of the city on February 7, has been arrested," he said.

Langoo, a resident of Zaldagar here, carried out the attack on the directions of his handler in Pakistan, Kumar said and added he was arrested from Srinagar.

While Amritpal Singh was killed on the spot in the February 7 attack, Rohit Masih died during treatment at the Sher-i-Kashmir



Institute of Medical Sciences a day later.

"It has come to the fore that the accused had conspired with his handler in Pakistan for commission of the crime," Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Range, VK Birdi, told the press conference.

Langoo, he said, was a highly motivated and radicalised individual. "His handler in Pakistan radicalised him on social media

and motivated him to carry out the attack," Birdi said.

The February 7 incident was the first targeted killing of the year by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and the responsibility for it was taken by the banned 'The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow group of Pakistan-based Lashker-e-Taiba.

Birdi said that the weapon was provided | [More on PIO](#)

## PM To Address Rally In Jammu Next Week

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Jammu: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a slew of projects and address a rally during his visit to Jammu and Kashmir on February 20, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Tuesday.

Modi will address a public rally in Jammu, the minister of state in the Prime Minister's office, who was in his parliamentary constituency Udhampur to witness the stoppage of the Katra-Delhi Vande Bharat Express train at the Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Railway station, said.

The brief stoppage of the medium-distance superfast express train at Udhampur and Kathua railway stations was introduced to facilitate the people of the area.

"We wanted the prime minister to visit J-K before the start of the election code of conduct. His programme has been finalised for February 20 during which he will launch various projects and also address a public meeting," the minister told reporters in Udhampur.

During the visit, the prime minister will inaugurate an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Vijaypur in Samba, the highest railway bridge over Chenab in Reasi district, Devika project at Udhampur, IIM Jammu and Shahpur-Kandi Dam project.

The 1.3 km Chenab rail bridge located 359 metres | [More on PIO](#)

PM'S UAE VISIT

## Long Live India-UAE Friendship: PM

Press Trust Of India

Abu Dhabi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday held wide-ranging talks with the UAE's President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan during which they reviewed the strategic partnership, discussed new areas of cooperation and witnessed the signing of several agreements, including a bilateral investment treaty.

In a special and warm gesture, Modi was received at the airport by President Mohamed bin Zayed. The two leaders hugged each other. He was later given a guard of honour.

"Immensely grateful to my brother, HH @MohamedBinZayed for taking the time to receive me at Abu Dhabi airport," Modi posted on X. The two leaders held one-on-one and delegation-level talks soon after Modi landed here.

They reviewed the bilateral partnership and discussed new areas of cooperation.

They welcomed the deepening of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership across sectors, including trade and investment, digital infrastructure, fintech, energy, infrastructure, culture and people-to-people ties. Discussions also covered regional and global issues, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement. | [More on PIO](#)

## 'Excessive Time Wasted' Due To Improper Paper Books: HC

Calls For Proper Placement Of Documents In Criminal Appeals

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High court of J&K and Ladakh on Tuesday said that excessive time is wasted in just trying to locate relevant documents from trial court while hearing criminal appeals as paper books are not properly prepared by its registry.

Hearing an appeal, a bench of Justice Atul Sreedharan and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi directed its registry to ensure all cases in which criminal appeals have to be heard and decided by it, paper books are properly prepared.

"Despite this Court having passed the order dated 09.11.2023 in Cr. Appeal No. 9900007/2017, the paper books are not prepared in the manner so directed by this Court," the Division Bench said.

It requested the Registrar Judicial to pay special attention to the order and ensure that all cases in which criminal appeals have to be heard and decided



by the Court, paper books are properly prepared and placed before it and the same paper book that is available to the Bench is also available to the respective counsel for both the sides.

"Experience has shown that excessive time is wasted in just trying to locate the relevant documents from the trial court record which would otherwise be obviated if the paper books are prepared in the manner required in the aforementioned order," the court said.

On 9 November 2023, the court had observed that in case after case, the parties disclose that the paper books have not

been prepared and handed over and in cases where the paper books are prepared, they are in haphazard manner and without any sequence.

Accordingly, the court had directed that in all criminal matters, the paper book shall be prepared by placing among others the First Information Report first. "If there is a inquest proceeding on account of cause of death not being known, then the proceedings in the inquest 174 proceedings shall form the next set of documents," the court had said. Thereafter, the court said, the medico-legal certificate, if there was an examination by the doctor of the victim while he was alive or in cases under Section 307 followed by a post mortem report, if any. "Thereafter, the 27 memorandum of the accused and the seizure memorandum shall come next," the court had said, adding, "Thereafter, the FSL reports shall be the document which shall | [More on PIO](#)

Statehood, Tribal Status, Job Reservation

## What Are Ladakh's Demands From The Govt?

Auqib Javeed

Srinagar: Despite freezing temperatures, thousands of men and women marched through Leh and Kargil districts of Ladakh region earlier this month, following the call for a complete shutdown by the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA). These two groups, formed in the Muslim-majority Kargil and Buddhist-majority Leh districts, have come together to demand special rights for the people of Ladakh after the region was separated from Jammu and Kashmir with the abrogation of Article 370.

The civil society of Ladakh recently presented a set of demands to the government of India, including the request for Sixth Schedule status, the establishment of a separate Public Service Commission, the granting of statehood to Ladakh, and an amendment to the Reorganization Act of 2019. As a result, the group

has been invited for a second round of talks with the High Powered Committee in New Delhi on February 19.

The leaders were asked to draft their demands following their first round of meeting with the Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai on 4 December 2023.

According to the memorandum submitted to the government, the representatives have justified granting of land and job rights for the people of the region and have urged the government to address their demands keeping in view of the sensitivity of the region.

The people of Ladakh, as per the memorandum, feel disappointment that in the process of becoming a separate entity from the state of J&K, they have lost the right to be represented at the state level, rather than gaining the autonomy they had hoped for.

"As per the promises of the central government as well as the recent judgment of the Supreme | [More on PIO](#)

## Contractual Lecturers Protest Govt's 'Guest Faculty' Order

Demand Fair Pay, Threaten Hunger Strike



Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: The contractual lecturers across various academic institutions of the Kashmir valley gathered at Amar Singh College on Tuesday to protest against a "government order", transitioning them to guest faculty roles.

A circular issued by the Director Colleges, Higher education Department, Government of J&K issued on February 1, 2024 states that the Guest faculty shall be engaged by respective Head of the Institutions strictly

as per requirement for teaching.

Earlier, contractual lecturers were compensated with a monthly salary of Rs 28,000, however, the new directive slashes their earnings to a mere fraction of what they previously received, leaving many in financial distress.

The protesting lecturers raised slogans denouncing the government's decision, highlighting the plight of academic scholars who find themselves grappling with economic uncertainty due to the abrupt change in policy. | [More on PIO](#)



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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 84 /R&B/RAJ of 2023-24 issued under Endorsement No: 7030-40 DATED: 12.02.2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

Table with 8 columns: S. No, Name of Work, Adv. Cost (Rupees in Lacs), Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees), Earnest Money (In Rupees), Time of completion, T.S No & Date, M.H of Ac-count, Class of Contractor

Position of AAA: Accorded Order No :06-Chirag of 2024 Dated: 05.01.2024 (S.No.1487)

Position of Funds: Available/Committed/Budgeted.

Project Authority:-Deputy Director Planning) Samgra Shiksha J&K

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

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2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under M.H-0059 in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh Srinagar (Tender Inviting Authority) (The Date of Treasury Challans should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh Srinagar (Tender Receiving Authority).

3. At the time of tendering, all the bidders must upload Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bid Security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the Tender Receiving Authority i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh Srinagar (The date of Earnest money should be between Date of Start of bid and bid submission end date). The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% of allotted cost in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of contract award. The Earnest Money/Bid Security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of performance security of 5% of the total allotted cost which will be released under rules after successful completion of the DLP.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh Srinagar (Tender Receiving Authority).

5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

6. The bid is liable to be rejected if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in the NIT.

7. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double Agreement Form) and detailed NIT issued vide this office No. 07/CDII/2011-12/389-414 dated 07.04.2011.

No. 7030-40 DPK-16316/23 Dated 13.02.2024

Sd/- Executive Engineer R&B Division Srinagar

In The Court Of Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kanjullar

Subject: Application of Mohd Yousuf Sheikh S/o Gh Qadir Sheikh R/o Reshinagri Tehsil and District Shoplan for registration of event of Birth (delayed entry) of his Daughter namely Asifa Yousuf

PUBLICATION NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

Whereas the applicant named above has filed present application for Issuance of birth certificate of his Daughter with date of birth as 06-04-2013 As such notice is issued in the name of general public that in case anybody has any objections regarding the entry of birth record of applicant's Daughter with the office of Registrar (Births & Deaths)/Block Development Officer Reshinagri then he/she/they can file objections to same in this court within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which application shall be decided in accordance with the mandate of law.

Issued under seal and signature of this court today on 12-02-2024

Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kaprin

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From The Office Of The Mohammad Younis Bhat Advocate J&K High Court Srinagar

chamber no. 303 District Court Premises Srinagar

Ref No: 114-my 2024 dated 30-01-2024

To Abdul Ahad Parry S/O Haji Mohammad Jamal Parry R/O Jandwal Tehsil/ District Pulwama

Subject: Demand Notice U/S 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act under the instructions and authority from my client namely Abdul Hameed Dar S/O Late Abdul Rashid Dar R/O Abi Buchwara Dalgate Srinagar, hereinafter referred to as my client, I am hereby serving this notice to you:-

- 1. That in liquidation of legally enforceable debt towards my client, you issued a cheque bearing No 169247 dated 21/01/2024 for Rs. 7,50,000/- payable at J&K Bank Narbal Pulwama Main.
2. That the said cheque was presented by my client in J&K bank Branch CD Hospital Srinagar where my client is operating his account, for encashment. However, it is regretted that the said cheque was returned unpaid on 25/01/2024 on the account of "Funds Not sufficient" and in this regard a memo was issued to my client.
3. That the dishonor of the cheque in the aforesaid manner reflects your careless approach in the matter and is otherwise unwarranted. The above fact makes it clear that you have knowingly and intentionally issued fraudulent cheque with ulterior designs of defrauding my client.
4. That on account of the above facts, you are liable to be prosecuted under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act 1881, under which you are liable to be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine, which may extend to twice the amount of the cheque, or with both. Under these circumstances, I hereby call upon you to make the payment of Rs. 7,50,000/- to my client within a period of fifteen days from the date of the receipt of this notice, failing which, I have standing instructions from my client to take necessary action against you in the competent court of law and in that event, you shall be liable for all the costs and consequences resulting there from.
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Subject: - Grant of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & style "M/s visual of kashmir tour & travels Situated at Saidal kadal srinagar

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Whereas, I Mr./Ms. sarfaraz Ali S/o Mohammad Younis Kand R/o: kand mohalla nehru park Srinagar Kashmir intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for Registration of my proposed Travel Unit under the name and style "M/s visual of kashmir tour & travels situated at saidal kadal Srinagar Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12 Newspaper Whereas, I will submit State Subject/Domicile Certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan Card, Experience Certificate (Minimum 05 Years), Character Certificate (Police Department), Bank Statement (Minimum Balance 10000), Site Plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested by Sub-Registrar, Printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting Card), Photograph of the Unit (Indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photographs to the Department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director: Tourism Registration (e-mail id: dtdreg123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained. nko

PUBLICATION NOTICE

I have changed my name from Lateef Ahmed Kala to Lateef Ahmed Dar. In future I will be known as Lateef Ahmed Dar. If any body is having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar within 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted. Lateef Ahmed Dar S/o Ghulam Ahmad Dar R/o Sumbal Inderkote laa

PUBLICATION NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of Fertilizer Licence. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Plant Protection Officer Lalmandi Srinagar within a period of seven days. After that no objection shall be entertained. Mohmad Ashraf TANTRY S/o Ghulam Hassan TANTRY R/o Palhallan Pattan FKO

از نیابت پہلوان

عنوان:- از نیابت پہلوان ہیر سرٹیکٹ بین درانان جائز موضع دایگام پنن

اشہار ہر خاص وعام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں ساکن نے ایک درواست بفرض حصول پہلوان ہیر سرٹیکٹ پیش کی ہے جو کہ زکراوائی ہے اس بارے میں بیواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ درواستان جائز کا کاوالد غلام علی الدین کھانہ سے ولد غلام محمد ساکن دایگام مورثہ 06-12-2023 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے متوفی کے پسماندگان بذیل ہے۔

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تخصیلا نایب فکو

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate of my daughter Khadija Altaf who was born on 23-12-2020. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Naib Tehsildar Office Kreeeri within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained

Mohd Altaf Mir F/o Khadija Altaf R/o Alibagh Hyam Khoie fko

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I want to change the name on Electricity Bill bearing Consumer ID No: 0206050001691 from M. Sultan Khan S/o M. Subhan Khan R/o Arath to Gh. Mohi-ud-Din Khan Adopted son of M. Sultan Khan S/o Ab. Raheem Khan R/o Aarth Narbal Budgam. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Sub. Division PDD Narbal within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Gh. Mohi-ud-Din Khan Adopted son of M. Sultan Khan S/o Ab. Raheem Khan R/o Aarth Narbal Budgam bmg

PUBLIC NOTICE

In municipal Records the name of my son is wrongly entered as Mohammad Ziyaan Dar while his correct name is Mohammad Aariz Dar which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file the same in the office of the Municipal Council Shopian within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Rafiq Ahmad Dar F/o Mohammad Aariz Dar R/o Talangam Pulwama fko

In The Court Of Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kaprin

Subject: Application of Kaleemullah Sheikh S/o Ab Rashid Sheikh R/o Kachdoora Tehsil and District Shoplan for registration of event of Death (delayed entry) of his Mother namely Javeeda Akhter

Whereas the applicant named above has filed present application for Issuance of death certificate of his Mother with date of Death as 30-07-2020 As such notice is issued in the name of general public that in case anybody has any objections regarding the entry of death record of applicant's mother with the office of Registrar (Births & Deaths)/Block Development Officer KAPRAN then he/she/they can file objections to same in this court within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which application shall be decided in accordance with the mandate of law.

Issued under seal and signature of this court today on 12-02-2024 Executive Magistrate 1st Class Kaprin FKO

از عدالت پرنسپل ڈسٹرکٹ جج پلوامہ یا اجلاس نصیر احمد ڈار

عنوان: درخواست منجانب: اوپس کنکلی ملدولیش احمد ساکن شہر آبا دکور ہیر حصول لیکن ہیر سرٹیکٹ بین خود

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از نیابت گوم احمد پورہ

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Table with 2 columns: Name, Age

تخصیلا نایب فکو

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Zehra w/o Khaja Ali Mohammad R/o Hassanabad Rainawari am holding One Thousand (1000) of shares of J&K Bank jointly with Masarat Jan W/o Mirza Shahid Ali Beig R/o Gassiyar Zaidal under folio JK8012089 where our names have been inadvertently recorded as Amina and Masarat Ali both of which are incorrect. Whereas our actual names are Zehra w/o Khaja Ali Mohammad R/o Hassanabad Rainawari and Masarat Jan W/o Mirza Shahid Ali Beig R/o Gassiyar Zaidal. In this regard, I am applying for correction of names under our folio. If anybody has any objection may contact J&K Bank Corporate Headquarters within Seven Days for the publication of this notice after which no objection shall be entertained. inf

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the DOB certificate of my ward. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may contact Srinagar Municipal Corporation within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Abdul Aziz Mir F/o Fayaz Ahamd Mir R/o Syedpora Humchi Hazratbal Srinagar nj

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost the my DOB certificate. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may contact Srinagar Municipal Corporation within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Fayaz Ahamd Mir DOB 25-07-1989 nj S/o Abdul Aziz Mir R/o Syedpora Humchi Hazratbal Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

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از نیابت سرکل خانیا سرینگر

مضمون: درخواست منجانب: جبران الطاف میر ولد مرحوم محمد الطاف میر ساکن سجدہ کدل سرینگر برادر اجرائی لیکن ہیر سرٹیکٹ

اشہار ہر خاص وعام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں درخواست ساکن ہے اس بارے میں بیواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ ساکن کا والد محمد الطاف میر ساکن سجدہ کدل سرینگر مورثہ 13-04-2019 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے متوفی کے پسماندگان چھوڑے

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The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

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Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the same before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is treated as cancelled.

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## Traffic Police Set To Launch Integrated Traffic Management System

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Traffic, Srinagar, Muzaffar Shah on Tuesday said the department is all set to implement the Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS) in the city.

SSP Traffic said the ITMS system will automatically capture and record instances of vehicles violating traffic rules. "It will mark identity offenders and promptly issue challans to the respective vehicle owners, ensuring swift and effective enforcement of traffic regulations," he said.

Addressing the culmination event of the National Road Safety Month at Amar Singh College Srinagar, Shah said this advancement will mark a significant step towards the city's efforts to promote road safety and enforce traffic regulations effectively.

"With the ITMS Challan System in place, authorities are poised to enhance compliance and ensure safer roadways for all citizens," he added.

The SSP said the new



**In his message,** the SSP said, "Life is valuable and we should take care of it, follow rules and ride two-wheelers and other vehicles carefully. The data indicates that the majority of deaths in Srinagar are of pedestrians.

technology will enhance traffic management and enforcement efforts. "ITMS Challan System will promote accountability among motorists and foster a culture of compliance with traffic laws. Though this system is in place, the challan system will soon be active in whole of the Srinagar city."

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## Noted Poet, Elegy Reciter, Dr Shabeeb Rizvi Passes Away

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Distinguished poet, elegy reciter, and qualified BUMS doctor, Dr. Shabeeb Rizvi, passed away after prolonged illness. He had breathed his last earlier in the day at his residence at Kathi Darwaza in old Srinagar.

He was later laid to rest at Nawabgah, Baghwanpora Srinagar. Large number of people joined his funeral procession. His congregational prayers will be held on Friday, February 16.

The deceased was the son of Syed Mawaiuz Hussain. Hailing from Zaidpora near Lucknow, Rizvi moved to Kashmir in his youth. He lived in different city localities, but later settled down at Kathi Dar-



waza. He married into a Kashmiri family. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

Dr. Rizvi was a versatile wordsmith fluent in Urdu, Persian, and Arabic. His literary prowess extended to poetry and elegies, earning him recognition and respect in literary circles.

Among those paying homage to the late author is Professor Dr. Zaman Azurda, Former Dean Faculty of Arts, University of Kashmir, who spoke fondly of their decades-long association.

"I had an association with Dr Shabeeb for over sixty years, we learned a lot from him in the last few decades. He was associated with literary circles in Kashmir," Dr. Azurda said.

Reflecting on their friendship spanning over fifty years, Dr. Azurda shared heartfelt memories of their time together. "I still remember how hard he used to work in those days and he was at the forefront of academic work," he recalled.

"I have admitted in one of my books that I was saved from many mistakes because of his friendship."

## Spontaneous Power Cuts Irritates Smart Metered Zafran Colony Residents

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The residents of Zafran Colony, Pantha Chowk Srinagar expressed strong resentment over the unscheduled power cuts especially during morning hours and urged the Chief Engineer Kashmir

and other concerned officials to look into the matter.

Dozens of residents of Zafran Colony areas including Friends Lane, 1, 2, and 3, Bilal Lane, Iqbal Sector A and B said the area is fully metered and cabling has been completed as well. "Digital meters,

new transformers and cables were installed last year. We are paying out monthly power bills as per the meter readings. But unfortunately, the power department doesn't follow the proper schedule especially in the morning hours," said Showkat Ahmed, a resident.

## J&K Police Headquarters JAMMU / SRINAGAR

JAMMU / SRINAGAR

Notice Inviting Offers

### Subject:- Hiring of Hotels/Guest Houses for Summer Session-2024 at Srinagar.

Sealed offers affixed with revenue stamp worth Rs. 10/- on the prescribed format (enclosed) along with requisite documents are invited from the private Hoteliers/Guest House owners, registered with the Tourism Department and are willing to offer their Hotels/Guest Houses to the J&K Police Department for a period of six months for accommodating employees of Police Department w.e.f May to October 2024 and for a period of one year in case of winter session-2024-25 w.e.f November 2024 to April 2025 at Srinagar. Copies of NIO can be downloaded from J&K Police website www.jkpolice.gov.in. The offers completed in all respect shall be submitted at Police Headquarters J&K Jammu / Incharge Camp Office PHQ Peerbagh, Srinagar against the Government Receipt of Rs. 1500/- in cash (non-refundable) on all working days till 29th of February-2024. In case, the last date of receipt declared as holiday, the next working day shall be the last date for receipt of the offers.

The Hotels/Guest Houses shall be hired only after getting necessary Security Clearance/FASSI Clearance/Tourism Registration Validation Verification/Physical Inspection by a team constituted by PHQ J&K and in accordance with suitability/requirement/fulfillment of other terms and condition as contained in the Proforma.

The DGP J&K reserves the rights to reject any offer without assigning any reason thereof.

Amit Bhasin (J) KPS  
AIG of Police (Buildings), for Director General of Police,  
PHQ J&K, Jammu.  
DIPK-16366/23 DATED: 13-02-2024  
No. BDH-01/2024/495-604

**Srinagar MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
**LEFT RIVER WORKS DIVISION**  
Ph. No. 0194-2458118 Email: lrwdsmc@gmail.com  
FRESH SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE INVITING E- TENDERS

**NIET NO: 49 e-Tendering/2023-24 Dated: 12-Feb-2024**  
For and on behalf of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders are invited on Percentage Basis from approved and eligible Contractors for the following work:-

Sl. No.	Name of work	Est. Cost (In Laacs)	Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	Earnest Money (CDR)	Time of Completion in days/ Weeks	Class of Contractor (Civil)	Technical Sanction/ Dated	Head of Account
1.	Development of Park at Rampora Opposite Medical Shop	Rs. 01.38/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 2760/-	14 Days Strictly	DEE	258 Dated: 22-01-24	City Grant UT CAPEX 2022-23
2.	Construction of lane and drain from H/o Mehraj - ud-Din Kashmiri upto Nisar Ah Bhat near Chattabal.	Rs. 03.71/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 7420/-	14 Days Strictly	DEE	267 Dated: 22-01-24	URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPEX BUDGET 2023-24
3.	Construction of Retaining Walls at Kawa Mohalla	Rs. 03.17/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 6340/-	14 Days Strictly	DEE	266 Dated: 22-01-24	URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPEX BUDGET 2023-24
4.	Repairing of surface drain from the H/o Javaid Ahmad Pindoo to Mohammad Ataf Bhat at Batebagh Nawabazar	Rs. 02.48/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 4960/-	14 Days Strictly	DEE	273 Dated: 22-01-24	URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPEX BUDGET 2023-24
5.	Construction of wall fencing of Graveyard at Mansoor Colony and Shah Colony fruit Mundi	Rs. 02.84/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 5680/-	14 Days Strictly	DEE	276 Dated: 27-01-24	URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPEX BUDGET 2023-24
6.	Reconstruction of surface drain from H/o Mohammad Ashraf Inayati to H/o Dr Tariq Ahmad Bhat at Owais abad Housing Colony Bemina	Rs. 01.80/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 3600/-	14 Days Strictly	DEE	277 Dated: 27-01-24	URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPEX BUDGET 2023-24
7.	Construction of surface drain from the H/o Ghulam Nabi Karaipak to the H/o Syed Altaf at Owais Abad Housing Colony Bemina	Rs. 01.38/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 2760/-	14 Days Strictly	DEE	280 Dated: 27-01-24	URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPEX BUDGET 2023-24
8.	Construction of drain & lane by way of tilling from House of to Shop of Nisar Ahmad Dar to Habibullah Rather, at Rather Mohalla Rambagh	Rs. 04.84/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 9680/-	18 Days Strictly	DEE	282 Dated: 27-01-24	URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPEX BUDGET 2023-24
9.	Construction of drainage work at Kumar lane from the house of Abdul Majeed Kumar to Ab Rashed Sheikh Rawwalpora	Rs. 03.10/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 6200/-	18 Days Strictly	DEE	229 Dated: 22-12-23	URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPEX BUDGET 2023-24
10.	Construction of lane from the house of Shakeel Ahmad up to the house of Mohammad Ayoub Dar at lane No 13, Al Noor Colony Chanapora	Rs. 03.61/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 7220/-	18 Days Strictly	DEE	232 Dated: 22-12-23	URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPEX BUDGET 2023-24
11.	Upgradation of lane No 09 Sector DI from H/o Zahoor Ahmad Dar upto to H/o Tariq Ahmad at Firdous abad Batamloo	Rs. 02.23/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 4460/-	14 Days Strictly	DEE	234 Dated: 21-12-23	URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPEX BUDGET 2023-24
12.	Construction of lane by way of Metaling at Green lane Azad Basti Natipora and path of Masjid Ibrahim Natipora	Rs. 02.58/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 5160/-	14 Days Strictly	DEE	239 Dated: 22-12-23	URBAN DEVELOPMENT CAPEX BUDGET 2023-24

**Accord of Administrative Approval:**  
 > Order No. 49 of 2024, Dated: 04-01-2024.  
 > Order No. 1528 of 2023, Dated: 17-11-2023.  
 > Order No. 1569 of 2023, Dated: 21-11-2023.

Other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

### CRITICAL DATE SHEET

Sl. No.	Publish date	12-02-2024
1	Publish date	12-02-2024
2	Document download date	13-02-2024 10:00 AM To 21-02-2024 04:00 PM
3	Bid submission/uploading date	13-02-2024 04:00 PM To 21-02-2024 04:00 PM
4	Bid Opening date	22-02-2024 12:00 AM
5	Submission of hard copy for successful bidder	23-02-2024 10:00 AM To 04:00 PM

### TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- The Earnest Money (EMD) in respect of the advertised Cost of the work should be 2% in shape CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer LRWD SMC.EMD2% of the successful bidder will be discharged when the bidder has signed the Agreement & furnished the required Performance Security.
- The contractor shall have to furnish the performance security @5% in shape CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer LRWD SMC of the value of allotted Cost valid till DLP before issuance of LOA/LOI. In case of L-1 failing to provide performance security @5% for the works within 7 days after being notified, his bid shall be cancelled and work shall be executed through other sources U/R at the risk, cost and responsibility of L1.
- In case of Holidays/office happens to be closed on the date of opening of bids. Bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The intending tenderer /bidder should attach sales tax clearance certificate with upto date Validation without which no tenders/bids will be entertained.
- The bid shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer LRWD, SMC at Old Funds office Building Karan Nagar near National School Municipal Park on 31-01-2024 02:00 PM.
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Bank Receipt/ e- Challan pledged in favour of Chief Accounts Officer SMC in the Municipal Account No: 021601020000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch. Scanned copy of the same with mention of NIET No. & Serial no. to be uploaded along with all other documents. The bidder shall be barred /black list as per law for tender fee in form of Bank Receipt, tender fee receipt and other relevant documents including Bid Security (CDR/FDR) duly filled up, if found with any ambiguity or untested, correction/ overwriting for any work, such tender / bid shall be considered as invalid bid and shall be out rightly rejected and action U/R shall be initiated. The Bid shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the Bid due date.

No.SMC/ELRW/2599-2609 DIPK-NB-5656/23 Dated: 13-Feb-2024. Executive Engineer, Left River Works Division, Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

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 PCR: 0194-2452092, 2455883  
 PDD: 0194-2450213  
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 2479488, 2452222, 2452155  
 CAPD: 18001807011  
 SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081  
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 SHIEKH UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311

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 PATTAN: 01954-293507  
 QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

**HIGHWAY STATUS**  
 Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)  
 Mughal Road - (Closed)  
 Srinagar-Leh - (Open)

**HIJRI CALENDAR**  
 03 Shaban 1445

**PRAYERS**  
 FAJR 5: 53  
 ZUHR 12:45  
 ASR 4: 34  
 Magrib 6:16  
 ISHA 7: 38

## This Day In History

- 1747- Astronomer James Bradley presents his discovery of the wobbling motion of the Earth on its axis to the Royal Society, London
- 1794- 1st US textile machinery patent granted, to James Davenport, Philadelphia
- 1797- Battle of Cape St. Vincent: British fleet under Admiral Sir John Jervis defeats larger Spanish fleet under Admiral Don José de Córdoba y Ramos near Cape St. Vincent, Portugal. Captain Horatio Nelson distinguishes himself.
- 1803- Apple parer patented by Moses Coats, Downingtown, Pennsylvania
- 1803- Chief Justice John Marshall declares that any act of U.S. Congress that conflicts with the Constitution is void
- 1804- Karadjordje leads the First Serbian Uprising against the Ottoman Empire
- 1831- Ras Marye of Yeju marches into Tigray and defeats and kills Dejazmach Sabagadis in the Battle of Debre Abbay
- 1849- In New York City, James Knox Polk becomes first serving US President to have his photograph taken (by Matthew Brady).
- 1876- Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray apply separately for telephone patents, the Supreme Court eventually rules Bell the rightful inventor
- 1879- Chilean troops occupy Antofagasta
- 1894- Venus is both a morning star & evening star
- 1896- Austro-Hungarian Zionist Theodor Herzl publishes "Der Judenstaat" (The Jewish State), encouraging Jews to purchase land in Palestine
- 1896- George Lohmann takes a hat-trick for England v South Africa, 8-7 for inning - their lowest ever
- 1900 - Russia responds to international pressure to free Finland by tightening imperial control over the country.
- 1914 - High Council of Labor forms in Hague Netherlands.
- 1918 - USSR adopts New Style (Gregorian) calendar (originally Feb 1).
- 1919 - The Polish-Soviet War begins.
- 1925 - State of emergency crisis in Bavaria ends, NSDAP re-allowed.
- 1941 - German Afrika Korps lands in Tripoli, Libya.
- 1942 - WWII: Battle of Pasir Panjang contributes to the fall of Singapore.
- 1943 - German offensive through de Faid-pass Tunisia
- 1943 - Soviets recapture Rostov
- 1943 - World War II: Rostov-on-Don, Russia is liberated.
- 1944 - Anti-Japanese revolt on Java.
- 1945 - Second day of the bombing of Dresden by Allies air forces.
- 1945 - Peru, Paraguay, Chile & Ecuador joins UN.
- 1945 - World War II: Prague is bombed probably due to a mistake in the orientation of the pilots bombing Dresden.
- 1945 - World War II: Mostar is liberated by Yugoslav partisans.
- 1950 - USSR & China sign peace treaty.
- 1956 - Indonesia withdraws from Neth Indonesian Union.
- 1958 - Arab Federation of Iraq & Jordan forms.
- 1960 - Marshal Ayub Khan elected president of Pakistan.
- 1963 - US launches communications satellite Syncom 1.
- 1966 - Australian currency is decimalised, and decimal currency postage stamps introduced.
- 1971 - Richard Nixon installs secret taping system in White House.
- 1971 - Tehran agreement signed; oil companies accept 55 percent tax rate, immediate increase in posted prices, and further successive increases.
- 1972 - Luna 20 (Russia) launched to orbit & soft landing on Moon.
- 1979 - In Kabul, Muslims kidnap the American ambassador to Afghanistan, Adolph Dubs who is later killed during a gunfight between his kidnappers and police.
- 1980 - US launches Solar Maximum Mission Observatory to study solar flares.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
 Notice  
 The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur Division invites applications for allotment of halt contract for sale of tickets for the following stations:-

1. Name of Work	Allotment of Halt contract at (1) Sulhani (2) Bolina Doaba (3) Ghalu (4) Jamsher Khas (5) Sham Chaurasi (6) Khatkar Kalan Jhanda Ji (7) Jajoin Doaba (8) Garhshankar (9) Malupota (10) Ghal Kalan and (11) Salla Khurd Railway Halt Stations over Firozpur Division
2. Tenure of contract	5 (five) years.
3. Last date & time of submission and opening of applications.	On 12.03.2024 Up to 15:00hrs (Applications will be opened on 12.03.2024 and in case the day on which the applications are to be opened is a holiday, the same will be opened at the same time on next working day).
4. Address of the office & date from which application forms will be available.	Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur. Date 13.02.2024 to 12.03.2024
5. Northern Railway's website.	Applications can also be downloaded from Northern Railway's official website www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

The notice for inviting application forms and other related information is also available on the official web site of Northern Railway www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

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## Al Jazeera Says 2 Journalists Critically Injured In Israeli Strike On Gaza



Agencies

Qatar-based broadcaster Al Jazeera said Tuesday two of its journalists were severely wounded in an Israeli strike in Gaza's southern city of Rafah. Reporter Ismail Abu Omar's life is at risk after he had his right leg amputated, while doctors are attempting to save the left one, Al Jazeera said quoting an emergency physician. Cameraman Ahmad Matar was described by Al Jazeera as being in a "serious condition" after being targeted by an Israeli drone in northern Rafah. The two journalists have been admitted to the European Hospital, on the southern edge of Khan Yunis city. The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said the two were hit in a strike from an Israeli warplane in the Moraj area. Hamas's government media office said it "condemns in the

strongest terms the Israeli occupation army's targeting of the Al Jazeera crew".

The Israeli military did not immediately comment on the strike when contacted by AFP, saying only it would check the details of the incident.

Two other journalists with the broadcaster have been killed during Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza, while bureau chief Wael al-Dahdouh was wounded.

His son and fellow journalist Hamza Wael al-Dahdouh was killed when Israeli forces targeted a car last month, along with another video journalist, Mustafa Thuria.

The network's cameraman Samer Abu Daqqa was killed in a separate strike in December.

The Committee to Protect Journalists has recorded the deaths of at least 85 journalists and media workers -- 78 of them Palestinian -- since the war erupted on October 7.

## PM's 'Ahlan Modi' Event In Abu Dhabi Scaled Down Due To Heavy Rain

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: The 'Ahlan Modi' community event to be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday in Abu Dhabi has been scaled down due to inclement weather conditions in the UAE, an official involved in preparations said on Monday. The event 'Ahlan Modi' (Hello Modi in Arabic) was scaled down after heavy rains and flashes of lightning were reported across the UAE overnight, causing traffic jams and waterlogging. Community leader Sajeev Purushothaman told PTI that preparations for one of the biggest expatriates' events of Prime Minister Modi ever at the Zayed Sports City Stadium in Abu Dhabi were going fine but the participation was reduced from 80,000 to 35,000 because of the weather. It was earlier reported that 60,000 people had already confirmed, via a website set up to register attendees, to attend the event to be attended by only Indian-origin persons. According to Mr Purushothaman, between 35,000 and 40,000 persons, including those presenting cultural pro-

grammes, will attend the event. He added that more than 500 buses will operate, with over 1000 volunteers at the venue.

A source in the Indian Embassy in Abu Dhabi said 45,000 people will attend the public event to be addressed by the prime minister.

Prime Minister Modi along with then US President Donald Trump addressed a massive community event called 'Howdy, Modi!' in Houston, Texas on September 22, 2019. The UAE is home to at least 3.5 million Indians who are part of the Indian workforce in the Gulf.

Safety alerts were issued and speed limits were cut on Monday morning across the Gulf nation as large parts of the UAE were lashed by heavy rain, hail, thunder, and lightning overnight.

Thunder rumbled and lightning streaked across the skies in the capital city and Abu Dhabi. People also shared videos of snowfall in the city of Al Ain.

However, there was no official confirmation of the snowfall.

Prime Minister Modi will pay a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) beginning Tuesday, where he will inaugurate a grand BAPS temple in Abu Dhabi on February 14.

## "Reflection Of Your Love For India": PM Thanks UAE President For BAPS Temple

Agencies

ABU DHABI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for the BAPS Hindu Temple that will be inaugurated tomorrow, and said that it reflects his love and respect for India.

The two leaders also held a bilateral meeting in Abu Dhabi, during which MoUs were exchanged.

He also thanked the UAE President for accepting his invitation to be the Chief Guest at the Vibrant Gujarat Summit in January.

"Brother, firstly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your warm welcome...Whenever I come to UAE, I have always felt as if I have come to my own home, to meet with the members of my own family," PM Modi said during the bilateral meeting.

Expressing gratitude for the BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi, PM Modi said that this couldn't have been possible without his love and support.

"I consider the construction of BAPS temple here as a reflection of your love for India and your vision for the bright future of UAE. This couldn't have been possible without your support. During our first meeting, I had just put up a simple request for you to look into it and you took a prompt decision, asking me to 'Put your finger on any piece of land, you will get it'. Perhaps, this level of love and trust showcases the unique relationship," PM Modi said.



He said that the depth of the India-UAE relationship can be understood by the fact that the two leaders have met five times in the last seven months, which is very 'rare'.

"I have also had the opportunity to come here seven times, this is our closeness and the way we have progressed in every field. There is a joint partnership between India and the UAE in every field. We are going to make many important decisions. We are introducing UPI and our Jeevan card, both of these are starting a new era of fintech, and this is also very big in itself," the Prime Minister said.

He added, "In the same way, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for accepting my invitation and coming to my home state. You gave a new height to the Vi-

brant Gujarat Summit. It has also increased the prestige and reputation of that event around the world. Your visit and your address were very inspiring and motivating for the people of India. I am grateful to you for this too."

He also praised the India-Middle East-Economic-Corridor as a visionary step that will have a long-term impact in terms of connectivity and economic progress.

"The two nations are progressing in a crucial direction. The way we have got your support for IMEC, I think it will not just help in connecting the two regions, but also open new doors of economic progress. The coming generations will remember the president who gave direction to the world and performed such a crucial job," he further added.

## Massive Traffic Snarls In Delhi As City Turned Into Fortress To Thwart Farmers' March

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Traffic crawled at a snail's pace at many places in the Delhi-National Capital Region on Tuesday as police placed multiple layers of barricades and stopped the movement of vehicles at the Singhu and Tikri borders to thwart the farmers' march to the city. Commuters faced a harrowing time on the roads, battling massive traffic snarls with Delhi being put under a heavy security cover with personnel in anti-riot gear deployed strategically and metal and concrete barricades regulating access to several key roads.

There was severe traffic congestion in the Ghazipur border area as well due to heavy security arrangements made by police. Only two vehicles were allowed to pass at a time with barricades being lined up on half of the key stretch con-



necting Noida and Delhi.

Feeling helpless and desperate at being stuck at the Ghazipur border for hours, Uttarakhand resident Arun Singh said he was on his way to visit his ailing father at the Lok Nayak hospital in Delhi.

"I am travelling from Uttarakhand to meet my 78-year-old father... My family and I have been struck here since 11 am. It is an extremely frustrating situation for us and we feel angry and helpless," he told PTI. Farmers demanding a law

on minimum support price are marching towards Delhi after a meeting with a team of Union ministers over their demands remained inconclusive. The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha said the farmers will head to Delhi to press the Centre to accept their demands.

In view of the 'Delhi Chalo' march, police have intensified security at the city's border points with multi-layer barricades, concrete blocks, iron nails and walls of containers.



## How Imran Khan's Party Plans To Form Government In Pak, Other Provinces

Press Trust of India

ISLAMABAD: Jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan's party on Tuesday announced that it will use the platform of two rightwing religious parties in its bid to form government in the Centre as well as in the provinces of Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. "Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party has decided to join Majlis Wahdat-e-Muslimeen (MWM) to form the government in the Centre and Punjab and Jamaati-e-Islami (JI) in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa," PTI Information Secretary Raouf Hassan said while addressing a press conference.

Mr Hassan said the PTI was redoubling its efforts to make government in the Centre and Punjab.

However, it is believed that by joining the two parties, the PTI will not be able to gather enough strength to form either the federal or provincial government in Punjab.

However, the PTI can form a government in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa even without the support of any other party.

Independent candidates, mostly backed by Mr Khan's PTI, won 101 seats in the 266-member National Assem-

bly in the February 8 general elections. Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's PML-N has won 75 seats and former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto's PPP has won 54 seats.

The PTI-backed candidates ran as independents due to the party losing the election symbol of 'bat' following controversy surrounding its intra-party elections.

By joining the two parties, the PTI will be able to claim a share of the 70 reserved seats in the national assembly and 156 reserved seats in the four provincial assemblies.

The reserved seats are allotted to the parties based on proportional representation.

The PTI-backed independent candidates were required to join a political party within three days of official notification of the election results by the Election Commission of Pakistan, which has not been issued so far.

However, the choice of the two parties by the PTI may invite scrutiny by its opponents as MWM is a Shiite party led by Allama Raja Nasir Abbas and it succeeded in getting only one seat in the national assembly but failed to get any seat in the four provinces.

## China-Made Drone, Drugs Seized By Border Forces In Punjab: Report

Agencies

AMRITSAR (PUNJAB): A China-manufactured drone and a huge quantity of drugs were intercepted by the Border Security Force (BSF) and Punjab Police near border villages along the international border, Khalsa Vox reported.

The first incident unfolded near Chann Kalan village in the Amritsar sector when BSF personnel intercepted the movement of a suspicious drone on February 10.

The BSF's Quick Response Team (QRT) tracked the drone's movement and subsequently discovered it in a partially damaged condition in an agricultural field near the village. The drone was identified as a Quadcopter model DJI Mavic 3 Classic, manufactured

in China, and was believed to have been used for clandestine operations.

The recovery underscores the ongoing challenges faced by security forces in curbing illicit activities across the border, Khalsa Vox reported.

In another development on the same day, the vigilance of a resident in Daoke village led to the seizure of a packet containing 520 grams of heroin. Acting on the tip-off, the local police conducted a search operation in the fields behind a house, uncovering the illicit substance.

A case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act was registered against unidentified individuals, reflecting the persistent efforts to combat drug trafficking in the region.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

## JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER FLOOD CONTROL DIVISION ANANTNAG

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### NOTICE

Subject:- Recovery of Temporary Advance/ Imprest - information thereof.  
Reference:- Chief Engineer Kmr. I&FC deptt. Sgr's Letter No. CE/ACctt/2023-24/5502-42 dated:- 20-11-2023.

The officers/ officials mentioned in Annexure A, during their posting in Flood Control Division Anantnag had drawn temporary advance/ imprest which has remained outstanding against them since the drawal. They were intimated through the medium of Deputy Director Relief & Rehabilitation Migrant Cell Sonwar Srinagar vide this office letter No. FCD/Ang/2020/1017-19 dated:- 20-01-2020 but the same yielded nothing till date.

It is as such requested that necessary action may kindly be taken in this regard in order to clear the same within shortest period of time.

**Outstanding Temporary Advance/ Imprest of Rs. 91332/- against following Defaulter (Ex) Employees**

Sr. No.	Name of Officers/ Officials	Designation	Temp. Advance outstanding	Imprest Advance outstanding	Total (RS.)
1	M A Shah	AEE	3000	-	3000
2	Land Acq Office	LAC	51000	-	51000
3	J.L. Safya	AEE	3000	-	3000
4	M.A. Laigaroo	AEE	10000	-	10000
5	M.L. Pandita	AE	2000	-	2000
6	Mohd Rajab Wagay	JE	1500	-	1500
7	Gh. Mohi-ud-Din Sofi	AEE	5360	-	5360
8	H.O. Tantray	AEE	6821	-	6821
9	Kamal Krishan	D/M	2000	-	2000
10	Surgeet Singh	Driver	-	531	531
11	S.N Koul	Sr. Asstt.	-	820	820
12	Tehsildar Ang	T. Ang	-	500	500
13	AB. Ahad Zargar	J.E.	-	1000	1000
14	G.M. Sheikh	Jr. Asstt.	-	1000	1000
15	P.N. Koul	do	-	500	500
16	D.N. Koul	do	-	1000	1000
17	T. N. Koul	do	-	1000	1000
18	Bushan Lal	do	-	300	300
Total=			84681	6651	91332

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Flood Control Division Anantnag

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### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT:-EDB/e-tender/ 87 of 2023-24 Dated: 12-02-2024

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-tenders are hereby invited from Registered Class-A Electrical Contractors for following works.

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost. (Rs Lacs)	Cost of e-Bid/ tender document (Rs)	EMD
1.	Augmentation of 100 KVA to 250 KVA at Army Camp RR Latroo Aishmuqam under PMKKY.	7.00	Rs 500	Rs 14000

4	Publishing Date & Time	12-02-2024 (1700 Hrs)
5	Document Download / Sale Start Date & Time	12-02-2024 (1700 Hrs)
6	Seek Clarification Start Date & Time	12-02-2024 (1700 Hrs)
7	Seek Clarification End Date & Time	19-02-2024 (1300 Hrs)
8	Bid Submission Start Date & Time	12-02-2024 (1700 Hrs)
9	Bid Submission End Date & Time	19-02-2024 (1300 Hrs)
10	Bid opening date & Time	20-02-2024 (1300 Hrs)
11	Venue of opening Bids	Electric Division Bijbehara

Position of Funds: Accorded  
Please Read Document Carefully

The tender document is available on website. Interested bidders 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 above. The Quoted rates shall be Firm, inclusive of all taxes and duties, WCT, freight, transportation up to working sites. The rates shall include costs, if any attracted towards mandatory inspections / testing by the designated agencies and the department will not be required to pay / reimburse anything over and above the price quoted. All the bids must be supported by the Instrument of EMD of the exact amount as mentioned in the above table and shall have been issued post tender publication date. Moreover, any deviation in the EMD amount is liable for rejection.

MSME: Only those MSME's shall be considered responsive who shall have the domain of Installation of Electrical Infrastructure (DTs, Poles, Conductor, LTAB Cable, HTAB Cable, Metering) at LT & HT Level in their certificate of incorporation/registration (UDYAM).

In case the bid of the bidder is unbalanced, the bidder has to upload additional performance security deposit in the shape of CDR/FDR/ BG as per the breakup given below failing which the tender shall be rejected.

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz Quoted percentage of NIT	Additional performance security
01	Upto and including 15% below	Nil
02	>15% upto and including 20% below	05% of Advertised Cost
03	>20% upto and including 25% below	10% of Advertised Cost
04	>25% upto and including 30% below	15% of Advertised Cost
05	>30% below	20% of Advertised Cost

No: -EDB/TS/ 5905-12  
Dated: 12-02-2024

DIPK-NB-5673-23  
DT: 13/02/2024

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
O&M Division Bijbehara

## Ladakh Admin Forms Panel For 3 New Criminal Laws

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The administration of Ladakh has constituted a high-level committee for implementation of three criminal laws passed by the Parliament. The Union Territory's administration has constituted a 10-member steering committee headed by administrative secretary, Home department for effective implementation of Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita, 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bill, 2023 passed by the Parliament in the winter session. As per news agency the committee also comprising additional director general (head) of police Ladakh, administrative secretary, Law & Justice De-

partment, administrative secretary, General Administration Department has been mandated to look into the effective implementation of three criminal laws.

It has been mandated to formulate a time-bound roadmap for successful implementation of these laws and periodically review the progress made towards the implementation of these laws in the UT.

These three criminal laws are essentially aimed at revamping the colonial-era criminal laws, with a focus on enhancing penalties for crimes such as terrorism, lynching, and offences jeopardising national security. These laws replaced Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act—(KNO)

## Jaundice Outbreak In Shopian: Screening Process Intensified

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Authorities in south Kashmir's Shopian district are intensifying screening efforts after the detection of approximately 15 jaundice cases in recent weeks. Block Medical Officer (BMO) Shopian, Mohammad Yousof, informed the news agency that Pahnoo and surrounding areas have reported around 10-15 cases of jaundice. Among these, six cases were identified in Pahnoo itself, with 1-2 cases reported in neighbouring villages. He said health teams are actively engaged in on-ground screening activities to assess the situation and provide necessary assistance. Yousof urged the public not to panic and advised them to consume boiled water and maintain proper hygiene. Officials said contaminated water was the primary cause of the jaundice outbreak. They

confirmed the presence of Coliform bacteria in water samples. "Although Coliform bacteria alone do not cause illness, their presence indicates potential contamination with disease-causing pathogens," they said. Local residents have expressed concerns, saying the jaundice outbreak happened due to contaminated water. They have appealed to authorities to address the issue urgently and ensure safe drinking water in the area. Jal Shakti officials said the water supplied to Pahnoo and its surroundings undergoes proper treatment, including chlorination. They added that a filtration plant for the area is nearing completion. Meanwhile, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Shopian has issued a circular directing BMOs to form health teams to educate the public on safe drinking practices and conduct screenings for waterborne diseases—(KNO)

## KVK Anantnag Initiates Skill Training Programmes To Empower Youth



Agencies

**ANANTNAG:** Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Anantnag, SKUAST-Kashmir has embarked on a significant initiative to enhance the skill set of rural youth through a series of training programmes under SKRY Training of Rural Youth (STRY) in collaboration with State Agricultural Management Extension Training Institute (SAMETI), DOE-SKUAST-Kashmir and MANAGE-Hyderabad. These skill training programmes are specifically aimed to empower rural youth including women and tribals. The first programme titled 'Empowering Tribal Women through Artisan Skills' commenced on 12 February, 2024 at Gujar Basti Zamalgam, Doru, marking the beginning of this impactful series. Today, another training programme titled 'Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Integrated Farming System (IFS)' was held at KVK-Anantnag campus. These initiatives are strategically designed under the guidance of Prof. Dil Mohammed Makdooji, Director Exten-

sion, SKUAST-Kashmir, focusing on skill enhancement for entrepreneurial development among rural youth. On the occasion, Raja Suhail, BPM, JKRLM (Umeed) Dooru in his address emphasized the importance of acquiring knowledge and skills for successful business ventures. In his introductory lecture, Dr. Ishiyaq A. Khan, Head, KVK-Anantnag emphasized the importance of such training initiatives in enhancing and strengthening the district's skilled manpower. He reiterated KVK Anantnag's commitment to uplifting the socio-economic conditions of resource-poor farmers by nurturing an entrepreneurial spirit through knowledge and skill empowerment. The programmes, spanning over seven days, feature a diverse range of activities including lectures by experts, practical handouts and exposure visits. This concerted effort by KVK-Anantnag signifies a pivotal step towards fostering sustainable development and prosperity in rural communities.

## Kashmir Only Has One PET-CT Scan Despite Rise in Cancer Cases

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Despite the increasing number of cancer cases in Kashmir Valley, there is a severe shortage of PET-CT scan machines for staging and assessing treatment responses. With only one such machine available at SKIMS Soura, patients at GMC Srinagar face several challenges in accessing timely and accurate cancer diagnostics.

GMC Srinagar, where around 7,000 new cancer cases were registered, is functioning without a PET Scan machine that is used for the detection of cancer and the evaluation of cancer treatment.

Oncologists informed the news agency that in the modern-day practice of oncology, PET-CT has emerged as a game-changer in the management of cancer but the valley has just a single such machine.

Dr Shabnam, an oncologist, said there is just one PET Scan machine available at SKIMS Soura and there is a need for more such machines in the valley.

Dr Aijaz, another oncologist, said PET Scan constitutes a major advancement in the initial diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, prognosis, surveillance, and relapse throughout the course of the disease.

PET-CT is an acronym for Positron Emission Tomography - Computed Tomography, which is nuclear medicine equipment that houses a PET scanner and a CT scanner, to acquire multiple sequential views to create 3D images of the body. This modality provides a hybrid image formed



by the fusion of the functional image of PET and the anatomical image of CT.

Doctors said there is an immediate need for such a facility at GMC Srinagar as cancer cases in Kashmir are on the rise and such patients have no options other than to visit SKIMS Soura.

They said patients had to wait for a long time to get their turn, which isn't easy for such patients while some are visiting outside Kashmir for diagnosis and treatment.

The medical experts said the majority of the patients cannot afford to visit private clinics or outside the valley, thereby delaying their diagnosis and treatment, which is very essential for the treatment of cancer.

"PET-CT is helping doctors to work out the best treatment and helps to detect primary sites, thereby influencing the choice of chemotherapy," they said, adding, "It would be in the interest of the community as well as for better healthcare facilities if the PET Scan facility will be made available at SMHS hospital."

As per the details available, around 45,000 new cancer cases have been registered at SKIMS Soura since 2013, while around 7 thousand cancer cases have been registered at GMC Srinagar since 2017.

According to the Union Health Ministry data, 51,577 cases of cancer were reported in J&K in the last four years (2019-2022) with 12,396 in 2019, 12,726 cases in 2020, 13,060 cases in 2021, and 13,395 cases in 2022.

A total of 35,623 people in J&K died with cancer between the years 2018 and 2022 that is 6824 cancer patients were reported to have died in 2018; in 2019, 7003 deaths were reported; in 2020, 7189 deaths were reported; in 2021, 7211 deaths were reported; and in 2022, 7396 cancer patient fatalities were reported.

A 2012 study by the Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) attributed the rising cancer incidence to "dietary practices and lifestyle choices" as well as the intake of foods with high salt content—(KNO)

### MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

## Farooq Informs ED He Won't Depose on Tuesday

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Summoned by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case, National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah has informed the agency he will not appear before it here on Tuesday as he is out of town, official sources said.

They said the Lok Sabha member from Srinagar has communicated it to the ED officials through "an email and a letter".

He was asked to depose at the ED office in Srinagar on Tuesday, but sources said he is currently in Jammu. The 86-year-old politician was last called by the central agency in this case on January 11 but he did not appear then as well.

The ED investigation pertains to alleged financial irregularities at the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association. The former chief minister was charge-sheeted by the Enforcement Directorate in this

case in 2022. The case relates to alleged siphoning off JKCA funds by transferring to various personal bank accounts of unrelated parties, including those of JKCA office-bearers, and by way of unexplained cash withdrawals from its bank accounts, the ED had said.

The agency's case is based on a 2018 charge-sheet filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against the same accused.

## DC Bandipora Stresses On Construction Of Water Harvesting Structures

KO NEWS SERVICE

**BANDIPORA:** In order to frame comprehensive strategy aimed to optimize water resources, enhance agricultural productivity, and ensure the resilience of farming communities in the face of climate variability, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel Ur Rehman today discussed District Irrigation Plan (DIP) in a meeting convened at Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

The meeting encompasses detailed assessments of water availability, distribution infrastructure, soil types, cropping patterns, and technological interventions tailored to meet the needs of the district.

The meeting discussed various features and objectives of



the District Irrigation Plan and various components of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojna (PMKSY).

Chief Agriculture Officer Bandipora, Javid Ahmad Samoon, who is member secretary District Level Committee DIP-PMKSY Bandipora, apprised the chair regarding various parameters of DIP through power point presentation.

The DC on the occasion highlighted strategy and approach needed to be adopted for creation of new water sources, repair and renovation

of defunct water sources besides stress on construction of water harvesting structures for efficient water and crop management.

The DC asked the concerned to take into account problems faced by people while framing District Irrigation Plan and to come up with alternative solutions in case of drought.

Shakeel ur Rehman also emphasized on the concerned departments to take up embankment works in low-lying areas where required to prevent river flooding.

## 102 Films, Web Series Shot In J&K Last Year



Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir continues to be the hotspot for Bollywood and south Indian film industry as 102 films and web series have been shot here during 2023.

With this in the last two years more than 300 films and web series have been shot in Jammu and Kashmir, which earned applause for featuring the beautiful locations of Kashmir.

As per the figures, a total of 102 Bollywood and Tollywood films and web series have been granted permission to shoot in Jammu and Kashmir in 2023.

To name a few, Shahrukh Khan Starrer Dunki, Yami Gautam's Vedaa are some of the prominent Bollywood movies that have been shot in Kashmir last year. Prior to it in 2022, as many as 200 films and web series were given permission by the government to shoot in Kashmir.

Officials said the valley has succeeded in attracting filmmakers as a lot of them have applied for permission to shoot in Kashmir.

"The film policy proved to be

a catalyst to attract filmmakers to choose Kashmir as the destination for shooting their films. A lot of filmmakers have got permission for shooting films and web series in Kashmir during the last two years," they said.

Officials also said the government has unveiled some of the new destinations in order to promote them as prime film destinations.

In 2021, the government launched its maiden film policy to attract filmmakers to Jammu and Kashmir. The government also created a Film Development Fund (FDF) in the Information Department for the fiscal year 2022-23 for the disbursement of subsidies envisaged in the J&K Film Policy 2021.

A single-window mechanism has been started by Jammu and Kashmir Film Development Council to facilitate hassle-free shooting. Filmmakers are applying online at jkfilm.jk.gov.in.

Since the unveiling of the film policy, a lot of directors are applying for shooting their films in Jammu and Kashmir. The administration has offered filmmakers a subsidy to shoot in the union territory—(KNO)

## CRPF Organized Free Medical Camp In Kulgam

KO NEWS SERVICE

**KULGAM:** The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) 18 Battalion organized a mega medical camp under its civic action program in the Yari Pora area of Kulgam district. Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Athar Aamir Khan Was Chief Guest on this occasion.

The camp was held at the Yari Pora in which disabled and Poor peoples from different areas of Yari Pora, Frisel, Khan Pora, Kanji Kulla, Bolsu and other adjacent areas take part.

The event was a resounding success as local doctors and

CRPF officers provided medical advice and distributed medicines to the participants.

The Commanding Officer of the 18 Battalion, BAK Chorosiya, along with other officers and local dignitaries, including locals were present on the occasion to oversee the proceedings.

The Commanding Officer of the CRPF 18 Battalion while speaking with the reporters on the sidelines of a function, expressed his satisfaction with the camp's success and pledged to organize similar events in other areas to improve the physical health of people living in backward areas.

ادفتر نائب تحصیلدار کریمی اکلترہ با اعلان نائب تحصیلدار کریمی اکلترہ درخواست بخائب غلام رسول ریشی ولد عبدل غفار ریشی ساکنہ کولہاٹل ساکنہ بمراہصول RBAR ترقی یافتہ بخائب خود

اشہدار بمراہاولا گائے ہر خاص و عام

معاہدہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں درخواست سائل دفتر ہذا میں زیر کاروائی ہے اس نسبت پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوبہ نقوالاات ریکارڈ طلب کئے گئے جس سے جہاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل ساکنہ کولہاٹل پورہ میں رہائش پذیر ہے۔ بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

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مہینہ بیگم	زویہ	37	گھر بلوکام
ریشی قدر اللہ	پسر	12	زیتیم
ریشی شجرا الحق	پسر	12	زیتیم
ریشی قدرینہ	دختر	10	زیتیم
ریشی قرینہ	دختر	10	زیتیم
ریشی شبنم بغدادی	دختر	07	زیتیم

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is informed to general public that I have applied for a Fresh pesticides license in Agriculture Department. If anybody is having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the Office of The Plant Protection Officer Lal Mandi Srinagar within the period of 7days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained.

SHAHEEN AHMAD LONE  
S/O GH MOHD LONE  
R/O HARNOW KAWCHACK TEHSIL TANGMARG DIST: BARAMULLA

**OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR PATTAN EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS**

Sub: Application of Sheikh Aafaq S/o Gh Mohi Ud Din R/o Edipora Sopore regarding issuance of Birth Certificate in favour of his son Sheikh Shahzaib born on 28-08-2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General public is hereby informed through this notice that the applicants file is currently under process in the office of the undersigned regarding issuance of Birth Certificate in favour of his son Sheikh Shahzaib bone on 28-08-2020 as per the reports of Block Medical Officer Pattan. If anybody has any objection may report to the office of undersigned within 07 days. After that no further objections will be considered.

Sd/- Naib Tehsildar Pattan  
FKO

## Firefighter Suffers Injuries In Attack From Public In Gurez

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** A firefighter suffered injured and fire-engine damaged after Fire and Emergency Services crew came under attack from public in Markoot Dawar in Bandipora over alleged delayed response to douse-off flames.



As learnt by GNS, a fire broke out from a single-storyed GCI sheeted roofed house. The F&ES department was called, which reached the site with men and machinery. However the situation took an ugly

turn, when the F&ES came under attack by the locals, allegedly over their delayed response, forcing the crew to abort the intended operation and subsequently retreat from the site.

Detailing about the occurrence, an F&ES official told GNS that they received

a call about a fire incident around 10:35 PM and subsequently a crew made a turn-out towards the site.

"Once the crew reached the site, a violent mob attacked them with stones and sticks, resulting in injuries to a firefighter besides substantial damage to the fire-engine",

the official said. "Upon sensing exigency, the crew had to abort the operation and retreat from the site." "A case has been filed against the accused persons under relevant sections of law for necessary action", the official said. He appealed that the public should not resort to any violent means to prevent the government employees from dispensing off their lawful duties. "The people should instead come forward and assist the employees", the official said further. (GNS)

## Army Soldier Passes Away After Falling Unconscious in Kupwara

Agencies

**KUPWARA:** An Army soldier died after falling unconscious in North Kashmir's Kupwara district sources said.

Reliable sources told News Agency Kashmir Scroll, an army soldier identified as Lnk. Ashwini Kumar, who was stationed in Kupwara, fell unconscious unexpectedly within the unit. He was swiftly transported to the military hospital in Drugmulla, where doctors declared him brought dead.

A police officer told News Agency Kashmir Scroll that a case in this regard has been registered and further investigation has been initiated. (KS)

KASHMIR OBSERVER<sup>TM</sup>

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## Pakistan's post-election puzzle

In the aftermath of Pakistan's parliamentary elections which gave the independents backed by the party of incarcerated Imran Khan the largest number of seats, the political landscape remains shrouded in uncertainty. As the country grapples with this political impasse, numerous questions loom over the formation of a new government, the potential alliances that may emerge, and the repercussions of a contested election.

Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), despite facing considerable challenges during the campaign, clinched 101 out of 265 National Assembly seats. However, this falls below the critical threshold required to independently shape the government. The PML-N, led by former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, and the PPP, headed by Bilawal-Bhutto Zardari, also failed to secure sufficient seats for an outright majority, winning 75 and 54 seats, respectively.

With Imran Khan ineligible for public office due to imprisonment and legal restrictions, the PTI asserts its ability to govern without forming an alliance. However, the party's lack of support from political peers poses a significant hurdle. Analysts highlight grievances and grudges held by rival parties from Khan's previous tenure, making coalition-building a challenging task.

As the PML-N and PPP engage in coalition talks, their claims of having agreements with smaller parties and defectors from the PTI seek to boost their combined seat count to the necessary 169. The dynamics within these coalitions, however, are complex. Nawaz Sharif's temperament may not be conducive to leading a coalition, potentially making his younger brother, Shehbaz Sharif, a more accommodating choice. Meanwhile, Bilawal-Bhutto Zardari, with the third-largest share of seats, is an important figure in any coalition. However, questions linger over his willingness to assume the prime ministerial role in a government born from a contested election.

The mood within the country reflects widespread discontent over the election process and vote counting. Allegations of vote-rigging and protests have emerged, particularly from Khan's supporters who see the results as electoral theft. Legal challenges are underway to contest certain outcomes, while international observers and rights groups have expressed concern about voting irregularities. The use of tear gas by the police to disperse crowds and the arrest of demonstrators underline the simmering tensions.

Looking ahead, Pakistan's president is tasked with convening the inaugural session of the new National Assembly by February 29. Lawmakers will be sworn in, and nominations for key roles, including the speaker and leader of the house, will be submitted. The crucial task of electing a new prime minister through a parliamentary vote follows, requiring a simple majority.

In this intricate political landscape, the path forward remains uncertain. The possibility of an outside candidate emerging as a compromise to satisfy all factions exists, but challenges persist in reconciling the interests of key political players. As Pakistan navigates this post-election quagmire, the resilience of its democratic institutions and the ability of political leaders to prioritize national stability over individual ambitions will shape the country's future.

### OTHER OPINION

## Breakthrough Moment

It is to New Delhi's credit that it has risen to the challenge and the seven former officers and one seaman are to be reunited with their families at home. That this was achieved with quiet, patient diplomacy, supervised by the Prime Minister, despite the national and international media spotlight on the prisoners, makes it all the more impressive. The fact is that deep engagement with the monarchies of West Asia requires a different approach. The small ruling class in these countries is nearly all-powerful and runs international engagements directly — personal rapport of the sort PM Modi has with them can tip the scales.

The case against the Navy veterans was sensitive, and, to a large degree, opaque. All eight were employees of a Doha-based private company, Dahra Global, that provided training and support to Qatari armed forces. They were arrested in August 2022. While the charges against the Indian citizens were not made public, reports, including in the Financial Times, claimed that they were accused of spying for Israel. After the initial award of the death penalty, an appellate court commuted their sentences to prison terms in December. Throughout, New Delhi was careful in its tone and words. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar told Parliament that the issue was "extremely sensitive" and his ministry did not jump the gun while assuring the families of the accused consular and legal support.

The episode — and, of course, its resolution — shows how deep and broad bilateral ties have become. There was a time when New Delhi viewed the Middle East only through the prism of Pakistan and to a lesser extent, Israel-Palestine. The strengthening of bilateral ties with willing partners in the Gulf has opened up the region for trade and provided more options for the country's energy basket: Earlier this month, a multi-billion dollar deal between the two countries has done much to secure the import of LNG from Qatar. In addition, with over 8 lakh Indian workers in the country, there is much that ties the two countries together. Given the fraught geopolitics of the region, especially in the light of the Israel-Hamas conflict growing wider, Delhi has done well to stay above the fray. However, the relationship with Qatar, like most others, has some points of contention. These include the anti-India propaganda from Qatar-based media outlets and support for religious radicals in India. Given the breakthrough moment in ties at the current moment, PM Modi could begin to address these issues when he meets Qatar Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani later this week.

The Indian Express



## Why Isn't J&K Tapping Into Its Wind Energy Potential?

While governments over the years have announced wind energy projects for electricity generation, nothing has been taken up over the years. On the ground, not even 1 Megawatt of electricity from wind is being produced.

During my recent visit to Gujarat, especially the Kutch region, I went to the remotest villages of Banni area near Rann of Kutch. I found that a hundred per cent of villages were electrified. The roads in these areas were not good as the area is submerged in waters during monsoon but during my two-days stay at Bhirandiyara village in Banni areas of Kutch Gujarat, the electricity was uninterrupted. When I explored the reasons, I came to know that Gujarat produces huge electricity and during the last 10 years, power generation has been huge especially from renewable energy sources like solar and wind. The state produces huge electricity from wind. Infact, the Gujarat Government is fully focussed on tapping renewable energy. This has increased the setting up of wind power plants and rise in the wind power capacity in the last few years.

As per official data, the wind power generation in Gujarat increased ten times in the last six years. The state has the highest share of 24% of the total wind power capacity of India. The state produces around 10,500 megawatts of electricity from wind energy. A massive and huge single largest wind turbine of 5.2 MW capacity at 120 meters hub height was installed in Mundra area of Gujarat in November 2022. The tallest wind turbine (3 MW) is also located in Gujarat located at Gondal with 160 meters height.

Tamil Nadu's total wind capacity was 9608 MW by the end of March 2021, while Gujarat's capacity was approximately 1,000 MW lower, at 8562 MW. However, by the end of January 2023, Gujarat's total wind power capacity had risen to 9,919 MW, while Tamil Nadu's installed wind energy capacity was at 9964 MW. Gujarat gained 710 MW in the current fiscal year, whereas Tamil Nadu added only 99 MW. By mid-2023, Gujarat had surpassed Tamil Nadu in installed capacity. Tamil Nadu produces around 10,150 Megawatts of electricity from wind.

### History of wind energy in India

To explore the possibilities of generating electricity from wind in India, we need to take a look at the history. It dates back to 1952 when a distinguished power engineer Maniklal S Thacker (1908-1998) initiated a wind power project at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). Mr Thacker was not only a distinguished power engineer but also served as the Director General of CSIR. He was later appointed as the Secretary to Govt of India's Ministry of Scientific Affairs and Culture from 1957 to 1962. From 1962 to 1967, Maniklal S Thacker was appointed as a member of the Planning Commission as well. Under his guidance, the CSIR established a Wind Power Sub-Committee under P. Nilakantan, which was assigned the task of investigating the available resources that could be practically utilised, along with researching the economic possibilities of wind energy in collaboration with the Indian Meteorological Department. The Sub Committee scientifically reviewed available data on surface winds in India, their velocity duration, and began detailed surveys at various potential sites. The committee successfully developed and tested large wood-and-bamboo windmills. This was the time when Solar Power was also explored in India as the same came up for discussion and deliberation in the third five year plan (1961-1966). However, solar power generation got a huge boost in



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India as compared to wind energy.

In 1960, the CSIR established a Wind Power Division as part of the new National Aeronautical Laboratory (NAL) in Bangalore, which was founded that year. From the 1960s into the 1980s, the NAL and other groups continued to carry out wind velocity surveys and develop improved estimates of India's wind energy capacity. Large-scale development of wind power began in 1985 with the first wind project in Veraval, Gujarat, in the form of a 40-kW Dutch machine (make Polenko) connected to the grid. The project, an initiative of Dr. K S Rao, the then Director of Gujarat Energy Development Agency-GEDA was a joint venture between GEDA and J K Synthetics Ltd. Though the performance of this machine was quite poor, it established the technical viability of operating wind turbines in the grid-connected mode in India.

Subsequently, the Government of India planned several demonstration wind farms in the coastal regions of the country and simultaneously launched a massive programme to identify sites suitable for wind projects. In 1986, demonstration wind farms were set up in the coastal areas of Ratnagiri Maharashtra, Okha in Gujarat and Trunilveli in Tamil Nadu with 55 kW Vestas wind turbines. These demonstration projects were supported by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

The demonstration projects set up in 1985-86 established beyond doubt, both the technical and economic viability of the wind energy projects, while the wind-mapping programme resulted in the identification of many sites suitable for wind power projects. Wind power accounts for nearly

10% of India's total installed utility power generation capacity and generated 71.814 TWH (Terawatts Hour) in the fiscal year 2022-23, which is nearly 4.43% of total electricity generation.

### Wind Energy Potential in J&K

As per the draft Wind Power Policy of J&K which was prepared by the Department of Science and Technology in 2023, wind is a favorable source of energy. According to the draft policy, J&K has an installable wind energy potential of 5311 MW at 50m height and 5685 MW at 80m height. The power generation depends on the height of the turbines. The higher the height the more is the wind.

In 2012, the then Government headed by Omar Abdullah had announced the project to set up a wind power plant in Bidda area of Reasi but the said project was never taken up.

The Chennai based National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) had started a survey in Jammu and Kashmir in 2012 to ascertain wind energy potential. Some Wind Masts were installed at various locations in Jammu & Kashmir by NIWE to get the details of wind energy potential. Wind masts are tower-like objects used to monitor wind speed and directions at a good height above the ground. One site around Resai at Bidda village was found feasible in the Jammu region. It was estimated that 8 to 10 megawatts of electricity would be generated from the wind power in Bidda Reasi. The J&K Energy Development Agency (JAKEDA) was to set up a 6 MW Wind Power Project on pilot basis under the Wind Demonstration Scheme of Govt of India. The land was also identified but till date even this pilot project didn't come up due to unknown reasons.

In fact, during the Assembly Session in 2017, on the floor of the house, the Government had stated that work on the Wind Energy Project at Bidda would begin during the 2017-18 financial year at a cost of Rs 46 crore. It was also mentioned that JAKEDA had made all the arrangements to exploit the available potential with the financial support from the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) but till date that work was never taken up.

### Conclusion

Wind Power is one of the oldest energy sources used by humans. Today, it is the most established and efficient renewable energy resource.

Recently I found huge wind parks set up in the Bijapur area of Karnataka. Infact, I had reported this in our weekly Inkishaf as well. You can find it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpPLopFoiqM>

J&K has vast meadows and mountains where there is sufficient wind all through the year and these areas can be explored to set up wind power parks. At a time when the Govt talks about investments in J & K, I would suggest that people who have invested in the Wind Energy sector in Gujarat or Tamil Nadu must be asked to come to J&K as well and collaborate with the local businessmen so that wind energy is utilised in Jammu & Kashmir as well.

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# Soaring Cost of Hajj Pilgrimage and Umrah as a Viable Alternative

Dr Haamid Bashir

While reading a report published on 8th of January, 2024 regarding soaring costs of Hajj, it was reported that only 7800 applications were received by the Hajj Committee of India from Jammu and Kashmir, instead of 11500 slots allotted to the region. In a world where religious devotion often intersects with financial constraints, the question of affordable pilgrimage options becomes increasingly pertinent.

Hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam. The Hajj pilgrimage is encouraged for Muslims who are physically and financially capable. The pilgrimage holds immense significance for millions of Muslims globally, yet the financial burden associated with this sacred journey can be daunting for many.

The pilgrimage to the holy cities of Makkah and Medinah is an integral pillar of Islam but the increasing cost of participating is raising concerns about its accessibility and inclusivity. The rising expenses linked to Hajj, including travel, accommodation, and related services, have made this spiritual journey financially challenging for a significant portion of Kashmiri Muslims as well.

One of the primary factors contributing to the soaring costs is the strain on infrastructure, and accommodation facilities in Makkah, Medina, Mina, Azyah. The demand for suitable lodging during the pilgrimage season has led to inflated prices. Additionally, the high cost of air travel, visa fees, and other associated expenses further compounds the financial challenges faced by potential pilgrims.

The decline in pilgrim numbers raises concerns not only about the economic accessibility of Hajj but also about the potential impact on the spiritual and communal aspects of the pilgrimage experience. The essence of Hajj lies not just in the individual journey but in



the collective participation of Muslims from diverse backgrounds, fostering a sense of unity and shared devotion. Efforts should be directed towards finding practical solutions to curb the escalating costs, such as negotiating with service providers (Airlines/Hajj Ministry KSA), charter airline fee, streamlining e-visa processes, and exploring sustainable infrastructure development.

In the aspect of escalating expenses associated with the pilgrimage, most of the pilgrims of Kashmir are grappling with financial challenges that threaten to impede this sacred journey. Yet, everyone is eager to join this annual pilgrimage. So, as a practical response to

the soaring costs, a growing number of individuals of Kashmir are considering Umrah as a viable alternative, offering a more economically accessible path to fulfilling their religious obligations. Umrah, often regarded as the "lesser pilgrimage," is gaining prominence as an alternative that allows pilgrims to embark on a spiritually significant journey without the formidable financial burden. Influx of thousands of Umrah pilgrims from Kashmir has led to the emergence of many Umrah travel agencies ushering in a new era of religious tourism business, and thereby helping the economy of Jammu and Kashmir.

Umrah serves as a practical and af-

fordable option for pilgrims who may find the traditional Haj pilgrimage financially challenging. This alternative pilgrimage, while sharing the fundamental spiritual aspects with Haj, enables individuals to fulfill their religious duties without compromising their financial stability. The costs (90 Thousand to 1 lac (Economy), 1.10-1.30 lac (Delux) packages per person approx.) associated with Umrah, including travel, e-visa, food, insurance, transportation and accommodation, make it an attractive option for those seeking a more budget-friendly approach to their pilgrimage aspirations. Furthermore, the flexibility of Umrah in winter season of Kashmir

(Nov-March) and package days (20-22) allows pilgrims to undertake the journey at any time of the year, providing a convenient alternative for those who may face constraints during the Hajj season (Summer season of Saudi Arabia/ 45 days package). This flexibility not only addresses the financial concerns but also ensures that individuals can fulfill their religious duties at a time that suits their personal circumstances. As Umrah gains popularity as a viable alternative, it is essential to emphasize its complementary nature rather than viewing it as a replacement for the Hajj pilgrimage. Both journeys hold unique spiritual significance, and the choice between them should be based on individual circumstances and considerations.

In conclusion, the exploration of Umrah pilgrimage as a viable alternative to the soaring costs of the Hajj pilgrimage reflects the adaptability and resilience of pilgrims. By embracing this alternative, individuals can navigate financial challenges while continuing to uphold the sanctity of their religious practices. Umrah has emerged as a beacon of hope for Kashmiris, offering a path to spiritual fulfillment that remains accessible to believers irrespective of their financial constraints. In order to help ordinary Middle economy Kashmiri Muslims to do annual Haj pilgrimage on allotted quota, JK Haj Committee and Haj Committee of India needs to reduce the cost of Hajj travel and make it easy and comfortable for them and Kashmiri pilgrims should be allowed to embark from New Delhi/Mumbai, to make the journey cost-friendly. This initiative of allowing alternative embarkation points will promote a more inclusive participation.

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# The Connection Between Added Sugar and Chronic Disease

Dr. Nicole Avena

In recent years, the rates of Americans with chronic diseases have significantly increased. What else has increased during this time period? The intake of added sugars.

Despite various government organizations warning Americans of the dangers that come with a diet high in added sugar, chronic diseases remain on the rise with no decline in sight. Epidemiological studies suggest that excessive consumption of added sugar in the diet is associated with chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and cancer. Let's look at the role of sugar in each of these chronic diseases.

## Type 2 Diabetes

Type 2 diabetes is a chronic disease that results from the improper metabolism of sugar, which leads to elevated blood sugar levels. If blood sugars cannot be managed through the body's normal physiological mechanisms, detrimental effects, including loss of eyesight, nerve damage, and kidney failure, can result.

How are type 2 diabetes and sugar linked? Whenever excessive consumption of foods rich in added sugars and calories is consumed in the diet, the risk of developing obesity increases. Research has shown a relationship between obesity and the development of type 2 diabetes. In other words, if added sugars are abundant in the diet, obesity is likely to develop, which can increase the risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

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## Cardiovascular Disease

Cardiovascular disease encompasses various diseases that impact the heart, including coronary artery disease, heart failure, hypertension, peripheral artery disease, and stroke. Excessive consumption of added sugar can play a role in the development of cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease is often

caused by a build-up of plaque, which can block blood vessels in the body—this can be partly due to excess sugar. Similar to type 2 diabetes, the excessive consumption of added sugars can result in obesity. Obesity is a well-identified risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

## Cancer

In the United States, roughly 40 percent of cancers are associated with obesity. Cancer cells grow more rapidly than other cells in the body, and they love to use sugar for fuel. The relationship between the sugar from the diet and cancer needs to be further researched; however, there is a strong body of evidence that associates added sugars with cancer.

Sugar is a silent killer. The detrimental effects of sugar are not always obvious initially; however, over time, the excessive intake of added sugars can reduce your life span and result in chronic disease and illness. The negative health outcomes of added sugar don't just stop with the chronic diseases discussed above. Excessive sugar intake may also result in an increased risk of developing Alzheimer's disease, mental health conditions (anxiety, depression), attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and premature death.

Although we cannot change the biology of our bodies, we can change our diet. Taking a look at the sources of added sugar in your diet is vital in the fight against both sugar dependence and chronic disease development. Making small, sustainable changes to reduce the intake of added sugars in your diet will yield positive benefits—such as decreasing your risk of developing chronic diseases.

The article was originally published by Psychology Today

# How The Weird And Wonderful Microbes In Wastewater Can Make Our Cities More Sustainable

The Conversation

**C**ovid-19 showed us how useful monitoring wastewater can be. But the genetic material in our wastewater, namely DNA and RNA, is a treasure trove of other useful information. It reveals the presence of thousands of different types of weird and wonderful wastewater microbes.

The diversity of these microbes can talk to us and tell us how to get more renewable energy out of our wastes. If only we could listen to them. Soon we can.

How will that work? It all starts with our poo. These types of microbes have been used since the 19th century to treat and reduce the ever-increasing volumes of sewage sludge arriving at our wastewater treatment plants, especially in urban areas. Two-thirds of the world's people are expected to live in urban areas by 2050, hence sewage treatment will be in high demand.

Yet most people today have little idea how vital microbes are for sustainable growth of cities. We need them to treat our waste.

We also need sources of renewable energy. Thanks to naturally occurring microbes, our water utilities can produce renewable biogas from human waste. By re-

ducing our reliance on fossil fuels, their poo biogas can help to mitigate climate change.

So we need to learn more about these microbes to ensure they are doing the best possible job of processing our waste. One way of doing that is by monitoring DNA in human waste sludge.

### A living sludge mass

First of all, this promising waste-to-energy technology, which fully relies on microbes, is called anaerobic digestion.

Operating anaerobic digesters is expensive. It requires intense monitoring strategies and frequent interventions. That is because microbes can be unpredictable.

On the face of it, the process is really simple. Wastewater sludge is pumped into large vessels without oxygen, where microbes are left alone for a few days to practically eat the sludge and breathe out biogas. Sludge goes in, treated sludge plus gas goes out.

The process reduces overall sludge mass and the number of pathogens. This ultimately makes it a safer material, while also generating renewable energy. Brilliant, right?

But there is a catch. This process is only effective if these living, breathing



treatment vessels behave. Unfortunately, sometimes they get out of control without warning, making them difficult to manage.

These sludge microbes are similar to those in our gut. Once we know this, we might intuitively understand how sensitive they can be, given our experience of gastrointestinal disorders linked to our gut microbes.

So microbial happiness is not only important for our own health, it is crucial for the health of the large digester vessels

managed by wastewater treatment plants. To make it cheaper to run these facilities, we urgently need to learn more about life in our sludge.

### DNA, a window on an invisible world

At the ARC Biosolids Training Centre we want to make anaerobic digestion easier for water utilities by developing routine DNA-based monitoring tools. Essentially, we are looking for a way to predict the pro-

cess to manage it better.

DNA tells the story of thousands of different types of microbes that work together to treat our sludge. To optimise the wastewater treatment process we need to identify them, the troublemakers and the do-gooders.

But sludge life is complex. Before it can tell us its story, we require empirical studies. We have to be able to relate microbial DNA to the process.

To show how that works we produced a review of the role of microbes for monitoring anaerobic digestion. This includes some of the diversity metrics that ecologists use to assess the health of the whole system based on the composition of microbes.

### The weird and the wonderful

The microbes that are used to treat sludge consist of a diverse range of ancient, weird, at times alien-like bacteria and archaea (another form of single-celled organisms). They can metabolise materials that no other lifeform can.

Amazingly, some of them existed 3.5 billion years ago the Earth formed 4.5 billion years ago. There is even a chance some have existed on Mars.

## Office of the Deputy Commissioner/ District Election Officer Baramulla

"Greater (Participation For A Stronger Democracy)"

Subject: Draft proposal for delimitation of Wards of Municipal Council Baramulla.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the Housing and Urban development Department UT of Jammu & Kashmir has issued instructions for delimitations of Municipal Wards vide No:PS/PS/HUDD/2023/53 DT:16-12-2023.

Whereas a committee has been constituted vide this office order No: - 029-/DCB/2024 Dated 18-01-2024 for preparation of draft delimitation purpose of Municipal councils / Committees of District Baramulla.

Whereas a draft proposal for delimitation of wards has been prepared with reference to Municipal Council Baramulla. The committee submitted draft proposal vide NO:-MC/BLA/ELECT/2024/4162 Dated 12-02-2024.

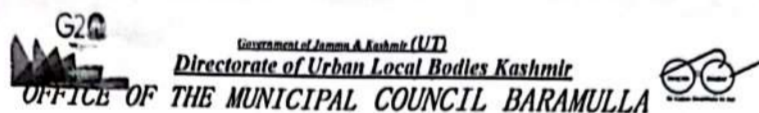
Whereas the said draft proposal of Municipal Council Baramulla is notified to public notice for inviting objection and suggestions.

The objections / suggestions shall reach to this office as well as office of the Chief Executive officer Municipal Council Baramulla within Seven (07) days from issuance of notification. The objections /suggestions can also be submitted through mail on [entbaramulla@nic.in](mailto:entbaramulla@nic.in) within seven working days from issuance of this notification.

No objections shall be accepted/ entertained after the cutoff date.

No: - DCB/2024/ 266-69.  
Date: - 12-02-2024

Deputy Commissioner Baramulla  
(Administrator MC Baramulla)



The Deputy Commissioner  
Baramulla

No. MC/BLA/ELECT/2024/4162

Dated: 14/02/2024

Subject: Report on ward wise population and Rationalization of Wards for delimitation of Municipal Council Baramulla.

Sir,

In Compliance with the order No:02/DCB/2024 Dated:18/01/2024,the field survey of all the 21 wards of Municipal Council Baramulla was got done and following proposal for delimitation of Municipal Council Baramulla is made out:-

1. The Ward wise population of MC Baramulla as per Census 2011 and projected population 2024:-

S.No	No. and Name of Ward	Population as per census 2011	Projected Population -2024
01	1.Tawheed Gunj	2082	2456
02	2.Jamia	1917	2262
03	3.Kaker Hamam	1170	1100
04	4.Khowaja Sahib	1238	1460
05	5.Faqir Wani	1277	2005
06	6.Mir Sahib	1832	2161
07	7.Baghi Islam	1638	2050
08	8 Arampora	1448	2010
09	9.Syed Karim	2963	3496
10	10.Azad Gunj	4965	5858
11	11.Khanpora A	2668	3142
12	12. Khanpora B	2011	2372

13	13. Jadeed	2162	2551
14	14 Noor Bagh	3901	4603
15	15 Sangri Colony	2752	3247
16	16 Kanli Bagh	3884	4583
17	17 Ushkura	5634	6648
18	18 Kant Bagh	2031	2396
19	19 Sheerwani Colony	1315	2010
20	20 Khawaja Bagh A	2801	3305
21	21 Khawaja Bagh B	3105	3663
	<b>Total</b>	<b>52794</b>	<b>63378</b>

### 2. Rationalization of Wards:

As per the Section 10(1)(2) of the Municipal Act 2000 there is no need of increasing the number of wards of Municipal Council Baramulla. After examining the population distribution of Wards. The proposal for the rationalization of wards for delimitation of Municipal Council Baramulla is as under:-

I) The population of ward No 3 (Kaker Hamam) is having the lowest population of 1100 souls as compared to other wards of MC Baramulla. It is proposed that the ward No 3 Kaker Hamam may be merged with the Ward No. 4 Khowaja Sahib having population of 1460 souls. This merger will result in the creation of the single ward which may be named with 3-Khowaja Sahib- Kaker Hamam . After merger the total population of ward becomes 2840 souls. Needless to mention here that the areas of both the wards Kaker Hamam and Khowaja Sahib are congruent with each other. The merger of these wards (ward No. 3 Kaker Hamam & 4 Khowaja Sahib) will result the proportionate distribution of population in the new ward.

II) The population of ward No 17-Ushkura is having the highest population 6648 souls as compared to other wards of the town Baramulla. It is proposed that the ward 17 Ushkura may be divided into two wards 16 Rangwar & 17 Ushkura.

III) The population of ward No. 10 Azad Gunj is 5858 souls . It is proposed that some area of Azad Gunj having population of about 1100 souls may be merged in Ward No 8 Arampora. This merger will result the proportionate distribution of population of both the wards Azad Gunj and Arampora.

IV) No change of other wards is required on ground as of now.

3. After the aforementioned proposal the number and name of wards will change as under.

S.No	Existing No. and Name of Ward	Proposed No. & Name of Ward	Projected Population	Population after bifurcation	Description of Wards
01	1.Tawheed Gunj	1- Tawheed Gunj	2456	-----	No change
02	2.Jamia	2- Jamia	2262	-----	No change
03	3.Kaker Hamam	3- Khowaja Sahib- Kaker Hamam	1100	1460	As per the project population of ward no. 3 it has been observed that ward no. 3 has minimum population as compared to other wards. Hence proposed to merged with ward No. 4
04	4.Khowaja Sahib				
05	5.Faqir Wani	4- Faqir Wani	2005	-----	No change
06	6.Mir Sahib	5- Mir Sahib	2161	-----	No change
07	7.Baghi Islam	6- Baghi Islam	2050	-----	No change
08	8 Arampora	7- Arampora	2010	3010	Some area of Ward No 10 Azad Gunj having population of 1100 proposed to merged with the ward No. 8 Arampora. Description of merged area is as under From Owais Kamee Mosque (Azad Gunj) to Foot Bridge Gulnar park. Foot Bridge (Gulnar Park) to H/o Bilal Ahmad Gojri. H/o Bilal Ahmad Gojri to Masjid Shreef Gousia Colony. Masjid Shreef

09	9.Syed Karim	8- Syed Karim	3496	-----	No change
10	10.Azad Gunj	9- Azad Gunj	5858	4758	Azad Gunj Ward No 10 having 1100 population from Owais Karni Mosque (Azad Gunj) to Foot Bridge (Gulnar park) Foot Bridge (Gulnar Park) to H/o Bilal Ahmad Gojri. H/o of Bilal Ahmad Gojri to Masjid Shreef Gousia Colony. Masjid Shreef Gousia Colony to H/o Ghulam Hassan Bhat. H/o Ghulam Hassan Bhat to Shalla Complex(opposite petrol Pump) Shalla Complex to Owais Karni Mosque (Azad Gunj) is proposed to merge with ward No. 8 Arampora
11	11.Khanpora A	10- Khanpora A	3142	-----	No change
12	12. Khanpora B	11- Khanpora B	2372	-----	No change
13	13. Jadeed	12- Jadeed	2551	-----	No change
14	14 Noor Bagh	13- Noor Bagh	4603	-----	No change
15	15 Sangri Colony	14 Sangri Colony	3247	-----	No change
16	16 Kanli Bagh	15 Kanli Bagh	4583	-----	No change
17	17 Ushkura	16 Rangwar 17 Ushkura	6648 3000	3648	Description of Area falling in 16 Rangwar. From Shops of Guru Nanak High School to Darululoom (Chaidery) Darululoom to Shop of Hafizullah . Shop of Hafizullah to H/o Iqbal Singh (Army Area) Description of Area falling in 17 Ushkura. From Army Area (Diager Division) to Shop of Abdul Ahad (Hair cutting Shop) Shop of Abdul Ahad to Govt boys high school Ushkura. GBHS Ushkura to Hilltop School. Hilltop School to H/o Moid Masbood Lone. H/o Moid Masbood Lone to Army area (via Link road GMC)
18	18 Kant Bagh	18- Kant Bagh	2396	-----	No change
19	19 Sheerwani Colony	19- Sheerwani Colony	2010	-----	No change
20	20 Khawaja Bagh A	20- Khawaja Bagh A	3305	-----	No change
21	21 Khawaja Bagh B	21- Khawaja Bagh B	3663	-----	No change

The committee also recommends the authorities to notify boundaries and maps of the Municipal Council Baramulla afresh indicating survey No.'s and longitude/ latitude of outer land marks as per high precision drone mapping.

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## MSP Law Cannot Be Brought In A Hurry: Agri Minister

Says Farmers Should Come Forward For Talks With Govt

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Union Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda on Tuesday said a law guaranteeing Minimum Support Price (MSP) on crops cannot



be brought in a hurry without consulting all stakeholders and urged the protesting farmer groups to have a structured discussion with the government on the issue.

In an interview with PTI, Munda also cautioned the protesting farmers to be "aware and alert" about some elements which could defame their protest for political benefits.

Munda is part of the ministerial delegation that held two rounds of discussion with the farmers' groups, including Samyukta Kisan Morcha (non-political), Kisan Mazdoor Morcha in Chandigarh, to resolve their concerns.

However, as the talks remained inconclusive, farmers' groups have started their 'Delhi Chalo' march on Tuesday.

"In the two rounds of discussions, we agreed to many of their demands. But there was no agreement on certain issues. The talks are still on," Munda said.

He said the Centre has agreed to meet many of their demands that can be done at the administrative level.

However, a policy guarantee-

ing an MSP requires a holistic approach taking into consideration the views of all stakeholders, including the state governments, the minister said.

"Humein MSP ke baare mein yeh dekhna hai kanoon kis tarah banana hai aur ismein kya labh aur kya nuksaan hai. (On MSP, we need to see what kind of law we have to come up with and what are the benefits and drawbacks of such a law)," Munda said.

He also asserted that the Modi government does "solid work" keeping in mind the welfare of all stakeholders and will not make any announcements in a "hurry" which could later turn out to be a failed exercise.

"They want us to announce certain things. The government is not there for making announcements but to do work. Announcement is made only after a mature discussion. For a mature discussion, we need to keep in mind the interest of every stakeholder," he said, and added that agriculture is a state subject.

"Suppose we do something at a national level, the same people will tell tomorrow that you did not take states into confidence. That will also be not proper," Munda said.

During the course of the discussion with protesting farmers, the minister said farmers were requested to either be part of the Sanjay Aggarwal-chaired committee that is already looking at strengthening the MSP system, or be part of a new committee.

"... we will form a committee and asked them to be a part of it. For that also, they were not ready," he said, adding that the whole issue should be not be seen in isolation.

The government is ready for a holistic time-bound discussion with clear terms of reference "but they were not ready for this also," the minister said.

## India Signs BIT With UAE To Further Promote Investments

Modi, Nahyan launch RuPay card at Abu Dhabi



Press Trust Of India

**ABU DHABI:** India and the UAE on Tuesday signed the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT), which will be a key enabler for further promoting investments in both countries.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE's President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan leaders witnessed the exchange of the BIT.

"This agreement will be a key enabler for further promoting investments in both countries," India's Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

India has signed both a Bilateral Investment Treaty and a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with the UAE, the statement added.

Earlier in the month, the Union Cabinet in New Delhi gave its approval for signing and ratification of BIT with the UAE. The BIT is aimed at improving the confidence of investors, especially big investors, resulting in a rise in foreign investments and overseas direct investment (ODI) opportunities. It is also likely to have a positive impact on employment generation.

Besides increasing invest-

ments in India, the BIT with the UAE is also likely to help in realising the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat by encouraging domestic manufacturing, reducing import dependence, and increasing exports, an official release had earlier said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UAE's President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan together launched the UPI RuPay card service. President Nahyan with his name to mark the start of the service in Abu Dhabi.

"We are embarking on a new FinTech era with the launch of my UPI RuPay card and your Jaywan card," Modi said as he met President Nahyan and termed it as a big achievement in itself.

The two leaders witnessed the exchange of multiple bilateral agreements, according to a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs.

It included an agreement on interlinking of the instant payment platforms - UPI (India) and AANI (UAE), which will facilitate seamless cross-border transactions between the two countries.

This follows the MoU on in-

terlinking payment and messaging systems signed in July last year during Modi's visit to Abu Dhabi.

Another agreement on interlinking domestic debit/credit cards was signed vis-a-vis RuPay (India) with JAYWAN (UAE), which would serve as an important step in building financial sector cooperation and enhancing the universal acceptance of RuPay across the UAE.

A day earlier, India had announced that its UPI payment would not be available in Mauritius and Sri Lanka. Earlier on February 2, India formally launched the UPI at the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris terming it as taking Prime Minister Modi's "vision of taking UPI global."

Unified Payments Interface is an Indian instant payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in 2016.

On a two-day, two-nation trip to the gulf region, Modi will inaugurate the Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) Mandir, the first Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi, on Wednesday. He will then proceed to Doha in Qatar.



## RIL Becomes First Indian Company To Touch Rs 20 Lakh Cr Market Capitalisation

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**NEW DELHI:** Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) on Tuesday became the first Indian company to achieve a market capitalisation of Rs 20 lakh crore.

Shares of the Mukesh Ambani-promoted conglomerate also touched their 52-week highs during the intra-day trade amid firm sentiments in the broader market.

The scrip of Reliance Industries jumped 1.88 per cent to its record high of Rs 2,957.80 apiece before closing at Rs 2,928.95 per scrip, up 0.90 per cent, on BSE.

The market valuation of the company surged to Rs 20,01,279.72 crore during the intra-day session and at close, the market capitalisation stood at Rs 19,81,635.72 crore.

On the NSE, shares of Reliance Industries rose nearly 1.89 per cent to reach a record high of Rs 2,958 apiece -- also its 52-week high level. Later, the blue-chip stock ended 0.74 per cent higher at Rs 2,926.20 apiece.

In the past two weeks, the market value of the oil-to-telecom conglomerate's stock has gone up by nearly Rs 1 lakh crore.

Reliance Industries continued to rule the chart in the ranking of top-10 most valued firms, followed by TCS, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Infosys, Life Insurance Corporation of India, State Bank of India, Bharti Airtel, Hindustan Unilever and ITC.

Last month, shares of Reliance Industries were in heavy demand, climbing over 7 per cent, taking its market valuation crossing the Rs 19.56 lakh crore mark.

In March 2022, the company's market valuation had gone past the Rs 18 lakh crore mark.

On Tuesday, the BSE Sensex surged 482.70 points to close at 71,555.19 points, while the broader NSE Nifty gained 127.20 points to end the day at 21,743.25 points.

Reliance Industries reported a 9 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 17,265 crore in the three months ended December 2023.

## NCLT Extends Deadline For Go First's Insolvency For Another 60 Days



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**NEW DELHI:** The National Company Law Tribunal on Tuesday extended the deadline for another 60 days to complete the resolution process of grounded airline Go First.

A two-member bench of the Delhi-based NCLT admitted the plea filed by the resolution professional (RP) of Go First seeking an extension of the timeline to complete the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP).

Diwakar Maheshwari, appearing for RP, argued that so far three parties have submitted their expression of interest for Go First and deposited the earnest money.

These firms are expected to submit resolution plans for Go First which has been undergoing CIRP since May 10, 2023.

This is the second such extension granted by the NCLT. The tribunal had on November 23 last year granted an exten-

sion of 90 days, which ended on February 4.

The three firms, including budget carrier Spicejet, Sharjah-based Sky One, and African continent-focused firm Safrik Investments, have shown interest in buying Go First.

The Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC) mandates completion of CIRP within 330 days, which includes the time taken during litigations.

As per Section 12(1) of the Code, CIRP should be completed within 180 days.

However, the maximum time within which CIRP must be mandatorily completed, including any extension or litigation period, is 330 days, failing which the corporate debtor is sent for liquidation.

On May 10, NCLT admitted the plea of Go First to initiate voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings.

Go First stopped flying on May 3.

## J&K Bank Commissions ATM In Kulgam



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Going ahead with its mission of making banking services convenient for people, J&K Bank today commissioned an ATM at General Bus-stand Laroo in Kulgam for public.

Deputy Commissioner (Kulgam) Athar Aamir Khan (IAS) inaugurated the automated teller machine at G B Laroo in presence of Bank's Zonal Head (Anantnag) Khursheed Muzaffar, Cluster Head (Kulgam) Shariq Mehraj amid a gathering of valuable customers, local residents and other officials of the Bank.

While commending its role in providing the convenient

banking facilities to the people, DC Kulgam thanked J&K Bank for the socio-economic upliftment of the society and expressed hope that the installed machine would address the basic banking requirements of people of the area.

Speaking on the occasion, Zonal Head said, "The machine installed here will go a long way in catering to the needs of people of this area thereby saving their valuable time and energy."

Those present on the occasion hailed the Bank's efforts and extended their support for the measures aimed at convenience and well-being of the people.

## Indian Tourists Can Now make UPI Payments In Sri Lanka

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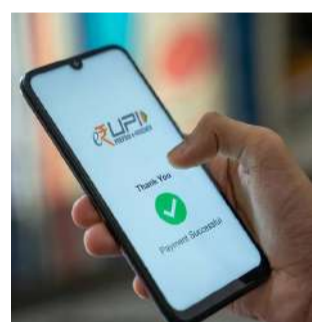
**COLOMBO:** Indian tourists in Sri Lanka will be able to make digital payments through UPI with the launch of the facility in the island nation on Monday.

Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services were rolled out in Sri Lanka and Mauritius, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi describing it as linking historic ties with modern digital technology.

India's RuPay card services were also launched in Mauritius at a virtual ceremony attended by Prime Minister Modi, his Mauritian counterpart Pravind Jugnauth and Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

India's NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPIL) and Central Bank of Sri Lanka-owned LankaPay joined hands to provide a seamless payment solution to tourists with the launch of UPI services.

"This interface facilitates inter-bank and person-to-



person transactions as well as person-to-merchant transactions, using mobile phones," Wasantha Alwis, Director (Payments and Settlements) of the Central Bank, told reporters.

"It provides the facility to transfer funds between bank accounts in India and also has a feature to use a QR code and make a payment to a merchant," Alwis added.

He said Indian tourists are the biggest inbound market to Sri Lanka with nearly 300,000 arrivals in 2023. "This is a very good seamless digital

payment mechanism. When they are here, they don't need to worry about conversion rates. It is a great convenience to Indian tourists," he added.

Alwis said businesses can easily obtain QR codes by contacting their respective financial institutions and reaching a trade agreement. He emphasised that all banks and financial institutions registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka are mandated to issue these codes.

Conrad Dias, another senior official, said Sri Lanka's small and medium-scale businesses should see this as a huge opportunity as they would be gaining new customers with this initiative.

The scheme aims to rapidly expand its reach, with an estimated 10,000 merchants expected to accommodate UPI payments for Indian nationals within weeks of its launch. By the end of March 2024, this number is projected to reach 65,000, officials said.

## Stock Markets Rebound On Buying In Banking, IT Stocks

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded on Tuesday on buying in banking, financial services and IT sector stocks.

The 30-share BSE Sensex surged 482.70 points or 0.68 per cent to settle at 71,555.19. The gauge moved between the day's high of 71,662.74 and a low of 70,924.30 during intra-day.

The broader NSE Nifty also soared 127.20 points or 0.59 per cent to close at 21,743.25.

As many as 25 stocks of the 30-share barometer settled in green while 11 constituents of Nifty50 closed the session with losses.

ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Wipro, Kotak Mahindra Bank and NTPC were among the major gainers in the Sensex pack.

The five stocks that defied the trend included UltraTech Cement, Mahindra & Mahindra, Titan, Tata Motors and Nestle.

BSE smallcap index inched up 0.18 per cent while midcap and largecap indices closed with a gain of 0.61 per cent each.

In Asia, Tokyo's Nikkei 225 and China's Shanghai Composite settled in the positive territory while Hong Kong's Hang Seng was in the red.

European markets were in the red with CAC 40 of France and DAX of Germany declining 0.32 per cent and 0.62 per cent, respectively.

The US market ended Monday's session on a mixed note.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude rose 0.78 per cent to USD 82.64 a barrel on Tuesday.

On Monday, Sensex settled 523 points or 0.73 per cent lower at 71,072.49 points while the Nifty closed 166.45 points or 0.76 per cent down at 21,616.05 points.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers as they bought equities worth Rs 126.60 crore, according to exchange data.

## KVK Anantnag Initiates Skill Training Programmes To Empower Rural Youth

Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Anantnag, SKUAST-Kashmir has embarked on a significant initiative to enhance the skill set of rural youth through a series of training programmes under Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) in collaboration with State Agricultural Management Extension Training Institute (SAMETI), DOE-SKUAST-Kashmir and MANAGE-Hyderabad.

These skill training programmes are specifically aimed to empower rural youth including women and tribals.

The first programme titled 'Empowering Tribal Women through Artisan Skills' commenced on 12 February, 2024 at Gujjar Basti Zamalgam, Doru, marking the beginning of this impactful series. Today, another training programme titled 'Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Integrated Farming System (IFS)' was held at KVK-Anantnag campus.

These initiatives are strategically designed under the guidance of Prof. Dil

Mohammed Makdooji, Director Extension, SKUAST-Kashmir, focusing on skill enhancement for entrepreneurial development among rural youth.

On the occasion, Raja Suhail, BPM, JKRLM (Umeed) Dooru in his address emphasized the importance of acquiring knowledge and skills for successful business ventures.

In his introductory lecture, Dr. Ishitiyaq A. Khan, Head, KVK-Anantnag emphasized the importance of such training initiatives in enhancing and strengthening the district's skilled manpower.

He reiterated KVK Anantnag's commitment to uplifting the socio-economic conditions of resource-poor farmers by nurturing an entrepreneurial spirit through knowledge and skill empowerment.

The programmes, spanning over seven days, feature a diverse range of activities including lectures by experts, practical handouts and exposure visits.

This concerted effort by KVK-Anantnag signifies a pivotal step towards fostering sustainable development and prosperity in rural communities.

## Horticulture P&M Conducts Awareness Programme On PM-FME

Observer News Service

**KUPWARA:** As part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing (HP&M) District Kupwara, on Tuesday, organized a one-day awareness programme regarding Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprise Scheme (PM-FME) at Fruit Mandi, Handwara.

At the outset, Nodal Officer PM-FME/Area Marketing Officer Kupwara, Mushtaq Ahmad Kumar highlighted the scope and objectives of the scheme to motivate people attending the workshop towards agri-based entrepreneurship. He also encouraged existing unit holders to expand their business by availing the benefits of the scheme.

Speaking on the occasion, District Resource Person of PM-FME, Riffat shared information about the scheme and importance of One District One Product (ODOP) to generate employment besides deliberating on the modalities and procedure for sponsorship of cases to avail benefits under the scheme.

The workshop was attended by officers of agriculture and allied departments, aspiring entrepreneurs and representatives from Byapar Mandal.



## BCCI Might Make Ranji Games Mandatory For IPL Participation

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Jharkhand keeper-batter Ishan Kishan's reluctance to play first-class cricket and focus only on the IPL could prompt the BCCI to make a minimum number of Ranji Trophy games mandatory for players in order to be eligible for the cash-rich league's lucrative auction pool.

It has been learnt that BCCI brass has already instructed Kishan to play Jharkhand's last group league game against Rajasthan in Jamshedpur, starting February 16.

The manner in which Kishan had skipped match after match after returning midway from South Africa tour citing "travel fatigue" hasn't exactly gone down well with men who matter in the Indian cricket establishment. More so after it was found that he is training in Baroda with his new MI skipper Hardik Pandya while his state team is languishing near bottom of group A table.

There is a general consensus that a strict policy need to be adhered to so that a group of young players don't make "playing IPL to IPL" a habit.



"The decision makers in BCCI are well aware that some players don't want to play any red ball cricket. If they are out of Indian team, they would at best play a few Mushtaq Ali T20 games and then not report for state team duty during red ball season," a senior BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

"To rein in such players, board in all likelihood will make it mandatory to play 3-4 Ranji Trophy games, failing which, they can't play IPL or even appear in IPL auction if released by their franchise. "The state units

feel unless the diktat comes from top of BCCI, some of the young stars will treat Ranji Trophy with disdain."

It is understood that even Indian team's think-tank are very unhappy off with a certain section of players, who are always reluctant to play Ranji Trophy even when they are fit.

"We can understand Hardik Pandya's case as his body can't take the rigours of red ball cricket. He can't withstand the workload of Test cricket and India needs him fit for ICC events.

"But some of the other youngsters, whenever you

call them, they will cite that they are currently doing physio work. There needs to be a stop somewhere," the official said.

It will be interesting to find out if Kishan finally leaves his "new training base" in Baroda and is back in Jamshedpur for Jharkhand's final game of the tournament.

Asked if Kishan would find himself out of BCCI retainership (he has a grade C annual contract of Rs 1 crore), the official said: "No discussions have taken place as of now regarding central contracts."

## England Spinner Rehan Ahmed Stopped At Rajkot Airport Over Visa Issue



Press Trust of India

**RAJKOT:** The lack of multiple entry India visa had delayed Rehan Ahmed's exit from the airport after England arrived here for the third Test, but the spinner's teammate Ollie Pope hoped that the issue will be resolved ahead of the match, beginning on Thursday.

England had flown to Abu Dhabi on an extended 10-day break after the second Test at Visakhapatnam but on the team's return on Monday, Ahmed was stopped from leaving the Hirasar airport here because he had only a single-entry visa.

The local immigration authorities managed to give the 19-year-old an interim two-day visa to facilitate his entry, and Pope was optimistic that the entire episode would come to an end sooner than later.

"Hopefully it (Ahmed's visa issue) will be sorted in a day or so," said Pope while addressing a press conference here on Tuesday.

Ahmed took two wickets in the first Test which England won by 28 runs, while in the second Test at Visakhapatnam he grabbed six wickets but India won by 106 runs to level the five-match series 1-1.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said in a statement

on Tuesday that the Indian authorities had found some discrepancies in Ahmed's paperwork and that they were working towards resolving it.

"We were advised, on returning to India, that there was paperwork discrepancy with Rehan Ahmed's visa," ESPNcricinfo had quoted the ECB.

"The local authorities at Rajkot Airport were supportive, enabling Rehan's entry on a temporary visa. The correct visa should be processed and issued in the coming days. He will continue to prepare with the rest of the squad ahead of the third Test," the statement added.

## Baramulla Youth To Compete In World Taekwondo C'ships In Iran

Agencies

**BARAMULLA:** While the youth from J&K outshine youngsters from other states, an athlete from north Kashmir's Baramulla district is all set to represent India in the World Taekwondo President's Cup Asian Region and Fajr Cup 2024.

The event commenced on Monday in Tehran, Iran and is scheduled to conclude on February 21, 2024.

After an impressive performance in the World Taekwondo Octagon Diamond G4 Olympic Ranking event in South Korea, where Danish finished among the top eight, he has been training rigorously for the upcoming events.

Danish 26, hailing from Gulshanabad, Baramulla has been involved in the sport since 2013.

These events hold great significance for Danish, who is sponsored by Fit and Fly premium fitness gym, as they serve as a platform to accumulate crucial points and enhance his chances of qualifying for the upcoming Olympic Games in Paris in July-August.



Fit and Fly premium fitness gym, founded by Actor/Fitness Enthusiast Argaaaz Ibrahim, has sponsored him for these Olympic ranking events. In 2022, Danish became the first Taekwondo player from Jammu and Kashmir to be appointed as an Ambassador for India's Fit India Movement.

Currently eyeing participation in the 2024 Olympics in Paris, Danish made his national debut at the 2nd India Open International Olympic Ranking Taekwondo Championship.

Recognized by the J&K Taekwondo Association, Danish attended the inaugural Olympic-level camp under the guidance of renowned coach Paul Green from Great Britain.

Danish has secured numerous national and international medals, including two silver medals at the 2016 Tokey Memorial and Mahaveer National Taekwondo Championships.

Notably, he represented the Indian Taekwondo Team in the Men's 58 weight division at the Israel Open G2 Olympic ranking Taekwondo event in Ramla, facing competitors from around 30 nations in this official International Olympic ranking G2 Championship organized by the Israel Taekwondo Federation.

While talking to KNO, Danish said Kashmir athletes should only work hard and should not give up at any cost to achieve their goals. (KNO)

## Khelo India Winter Games: DC Visits Gulmarg, Finalises Arrangements

Observer News Service

**BARAMULLA:** Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Minga Sherpa visited Tangmarg and Gulmarg on Tuesday and finalized the arrangements for the successful conduct of upcoming 4th Edition of Khelo India Winter Games 2024 at Gulmarg.

The DC accompanied by the visiting team from concerned departments conducted inspections of multiple slots across Tangmarg and Gulmarg to be leveraged as parking facilities to efficiently manage the influx of vehicles driven by the heightened tourist activity during the winter games.

During on-spot assessment of the road connecting to Gulmarg, the DC directed the R&B and Mechanical & Engineering department to remove any frozen ice and clear snow from the road sides.

The DC also conducted an inspection of the ski slopes to assess their condition, ensuring they are prepared and maintained for optimal use by skiers during the upcoming games.



Later, the DC convened a meeting at Golf Club Gulmarg which was attended by Director Health Services, SDM Gulmarg, CEO, Police Officers, officers from R&B, M&E, PHE, PDD, Health and other concerned departments.

During the meeting the DC directed the ARTO and Traffic police Baramulla to implement efficient measures to manage traffic flow during the Winter Games.

PDD and PHE were directed to ensure provision for uninterrupted supply of electricity and drinking water during the period of Khelo India National Winter Games.

The Director Health Services informed the meeting that they already have doctors, para-medical staff, ambulances stationed at Gulmarg to cater to any needs of emergency during the period.

Minga Sherpa also assessed the lodging and accommodation provisions for athletes and guests visiting Gulmarg.

The 4th Edition of the Khelo India Winter Games is scheduled to take place from February 21 to February 26 at Gulmarg, attracting participation of around 625 athletes, competing across various sporting disciplines.

## JKFA To Host AFC A Diploma Course In Srinagar

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The J&K Football Association on Tuesday announced that the AFC A Diploma Course (second and final module) will be conducted at the Synthetic Turf TRC Srinagar from February 15 to 26. This prestigious course will be conducted under the auspices of JKFA and the J&K Sports Council.

"We extend a warm welcome to all participants from across India to join us for this enriching experience. Led by experienced instructors and coaches, this course promises to provide valuable insights and knowledge to further enhance coaching expertise in football," the FA said in a statement.

"On behalf of the J&K Football Association, we extend our best wishes to all participants and look forward to a successful and productive course," it said. "We are excited to contribute to the development of football coaching standards and skills, and we look forward to the positive impact this course will have on the football community."



# Khelo India Winter Games Fervour Takes Over J&K

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** With the scheduled date of one of the most exciting sports events fast approaching, the J&K Sports Council has been organising road shows at prominent places in J&K to promote the upcoming 4th Khelo India Winter Games in Gulmarg.

In the past week, the Sports Council has held several road shows attracting crowds from all walks of life. The first show was organised at Ghanta Ghar in Lal Chowk to make the masses aware of the games set to be held from February 25 to 26.

During the road show the cut-out and dummy of the mascot, the snow leopard was displayed, attracting many people including a good number of kids taking selfies with the effigy.

Secretary YSS Sarmad Hafeez also led a road show in Civil Secretariat, Jammu. He was flanked by the Chief Sports Officer Muhammad Haneef besides other officials from

JKSC and YSS and a large number of trainees from JKSC.

While speaking on the occasion Sarmad Hafeez highlighted the importance attributed to the event and how it can be a harbinger of international Winter Games events in J&K, especially in picturesque Gulmarg. He also shed light on the past editions of the Khelo India Winter Games and how the administration is committed to promoting excellence in sports.

Sarmad Hafeez also stressed the exhaustive promotional campaign of the Winter Games to generate enthusiasm among sports lovers and tourists.

Similar shows were organized around Dal Lake and many other places in J&K. Many tourists and locals were also seen interacting with the trainees, coaches, managers and other officials of the J&K Sports Council during these shows.

Secretary JKSC Nuzhat Gull while briefing about the advent of the Khelo India Winter Games said

that it is a great opportunity for the sporting prowess of J&K to excel in the field and it will be a great collaboration between the J&K Sports Council, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GOI and Sports Authority of India to promote the winter sports culture in country and make J&K the hub of all major sports activities being played across the globe.

She also remarked that the day is not far away when J&K will figure in adventure sports destinations of the country as Sports Council is also working in that direction as well.

The J&K Sports Council is leaving no stone unturned in promoting the upcoming Khelo India Winter Games through road shows across all prominent places in J&K. With the potential for J&K to become a hub of winter sports culture and excel in the field through collaborations with various organizations, it's going to be an exciting time for sports enthusiasts, Nuzhat Gull added.





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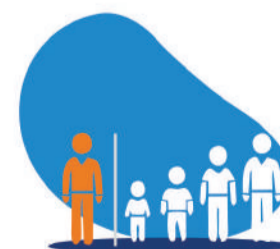
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