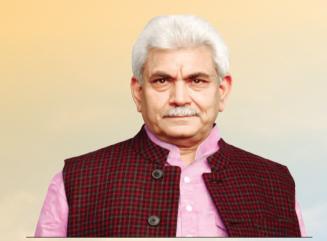
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Hon'ble Prime Minister

March 7, 2024 Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar

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Abridged Request for Proposal for Selection of Interface Agencies for Conducting ABDM related Activities under the Microsite Program in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, online Request for Proposal (RFP) are invited for Selection of Interface Agencies for Conducting ABDM related Activities under the Microsite Program in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir as per detailed specifications and terms & conditions mentioned in the detailed document:

S.	Particulars	Date/ Time
No.		
1	Date of Publishing RFP	07/03/2024 at 1000 Hrs
2	Start Date of Downloading RFP from Website	07/03/2024 from 1000 Hrs
3	Websites for Downloading RFP	httos://iktenders.gov.in
4	Last Date of Downloading RFP from Website	22/03/2024upto 1400 Hrs
5	Seek Clarification Start Date	07/03/2024 from 1000 Hrs
6	Seek Clarification End Date	15/03/2024at 1600 Hrs
7	Pre-Bid Meeting	16/03/2024 at 1500 Hrs
8	Venue of Pre-Bid Meeting	Online
9	Website for Submission of Bids (Technical as well as Financial)	
10	Start Date for Submission of Online Bids	07/03/2024from 1000 Hrs
11	Last Date for Submission of Online Bids	22/Q3/2024upto 1600 Hrs
12	Date of Opening of Technical Bids	22/03/2024at 1730 Hrs
13	Tender Processing Fee (Non-Refundable) (To be deposited	Rs. 10,000/-(Rupees Ten
	through online/RTGS transfer in Ayushman Bharat Digital	Thousand only)
	Mission, J&K's Bank A/c No.: 0022010570000018 "Ayush-	
	man Pharat Digital Mission" with the ISK Bank Ltd Dail Heal	

Sd/- State Mission Director (Tender Inviting Authority) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, J&K

No: JK/ABDM/79-81 DIPK-NB-5937/23 Dated: 05-03-2024

Complex, Jammu (IFS Code: JAKAOERAILH)

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Directorate Of Geology And Mining, J&K

4th Floor, UdyogBhawan, Jammu

Subject: Reservation of 0.91 hectares of the Rock Quarry Site located at Shalimar Road on Government land, in Tehsil and District Kishtwar, J&K in favour of CVPP(P)L for Pakal-Dul HE Project in terms of the Rule-91 of SRO-105

The Public in general through the medium of this Notice is hereby informed that in pursuance to the approval accorded by the Government in the J&K Mining Department vide No. GM-MNG/299/2023-02, dated 28-02-2024 and in exercise of powers vested in me as Director, Geology and Mining Department, J&K, in terms of the Rule-91 of Jammu and Kashmir, Mining Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016, notified vide SRO-105 of 2016, Dated 31st of March, 2016, I, Pawan Singh Rathore, hereby reserve the Rock Quarry Site of 0.91 hectares on J&K Govt, land, located at Shalimar Road, Tehsil and District Kishtwar, under Khasra No.4260 with Geo-Coordinates of the Corner Points as mentioned below in favour of Chenab Valley Power Projects (Private) Limited, in short CVPPPL, a Joint Venture of the National Hydro Power Projects Limited in short NHPC (A Govt, of India Enterprise) and J&K Power Development Corporation, in short JKPDC (A Govt, of J&K Enterprise) for mining to facilitate providing of the key construction material for use only in the Pakkal Dul HE Power Project, Kishtwar, initially for a period of three years further extendable by two years.

(A = 33° 18' 0.41" N 75° 47' 15.52"E, B = 33° 18' 03.91" N 75° 47' 16.25" E, C = 33° 18' 2.85" N 75° 47' 19.69"E, D = 33° 18' 0.18" N 75° 47' 19.30" E).

Further, the requisite Mineral Concession (Quarry License) in terms of Rule-42 read with Rule-45 of the above said Rules shall be issued in favour of the CVPPPL after fulfillment of the requisite formalities as envisaged in the relevant rules. Issued under my hand and seal.

Public notice

It is for the information of

the general public that my

name has been wrongly

shown in my passport

as Hamza Mir instead of

Hamza as such I want to

rectify the said error in the

my passport .in this regard

Objection may kindly con-

tact the passport authori-

Hamza S/O Tufeel Ahmad

Mir R/O Hilalabad Qamar-

Public Notice

Whereas i TANVEER AH-

MAD DAR S/O GHULAM

MOHAMMAD DAR R/O

KUNZER intend to apply

in department of tour-

ism for registration of my

proposed travel unit un-

der the name and style of

M/S TRAVEL ANYWHERE

KASHMIR. situated at AL-

FALAH COMPLEX MAGAM

NEAR INDIAN OIL PET-

ROL PUMP under tourist

trade act 1987/82/2011 12.

Where as I will submit all

necessary documents in check list prescribed by de-

partment of tourism prior

to registration of my unit

as an excursion agency.

Now as per registra-

tion of tourism Trade act

my case is processed for my

registration before some

ity ,the matter is hereby

notified for information of

general public /financial

institutions/bank /organ-

isation etc. for objection if

Any and the same should

reach to deputy director

tourism registration (email

id ddtreg123@gmail.com

with in the period of 7

days from the publication

of this notice in a leading

newspaper/newspaper

before

1978/82/2011/12.

competentive

DOBHIWAN

if anyperson has any

ties within 7Days

With regards

wari Sector 2

LALPORA

S. Rathore), JKAS, Director, Geology and Mining, J&K

Public Notice

I have applied for the issuance

of DOB. If anybody has any

objection in this regard he/

she may file his/her objection

in the office fo the Municipal

Committee Magam within

a period of seven days from

the date of publication of this

notice. After that no objection

Azra Ali (DOB 01-05-2015)

D/o Ali Mohammad Khan

Public Notice

The mother's name of my

son Mohammad Hasaan

Lanker in school records has

been wrongly written as

Ruby while her correct name

is Ruby Jan which needs to

be corrected. If anybody has

any objection in this regard

he/she may file his/he robjec-

tion in the office of the Princi-

pal Burn Hall School Sonwar

Srinagar within a period of

seven days from the date of

publication of this notice. Af-

ter that no objection shall be

Arshid Ahmad Lanker F/O

Mohammad Hasaan Lanker

R/O Usman Abad B, 90 Feet

Public Notice

The details of my son Mo-

hammad Ziyaad Lanker in

school records has been

wrongly written as Moham-

mad Zivaad Mother's Name

Ruby Arshid while the correct

name is Mohammad Zivaad

Lanker, Mother's Name Ruby

Jan which needs to be cor-

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Arshid Ahmad Lanker F/O

Mohammad Ziyaad Lanker

R/O Usman Abad B. 90 Feet

entertained.

Road, Near Ahli Hadees

Masjid Maroof Colony

Buchpora Srinagar

entertained.

shall be entertained.

R/o Khanpora Khag

DIPK-17498/23 DATED: 05-03-2024

Public Notice I have applied for the issu-

ance of DOB in favour of my ward Areeba Mehraj who was born on 28-06-2022at SDH Pattan . If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Mehraj Ud Din Lone F/o Areeba Mehraj R/o Palhallan Pattan

Public Notice

I have changed the location of my Fertilizer & Pesticides shop under and style Khan Fertilizer & Pesticides from Goom Ahmad Pora to Kshanpeth Singhpora . IF Anybody Has Any Objection In This Regard He/She May Fle His/ He Robjection In The Office Of The Plant Protectio Officer Lal Mandi Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Mohammd Rayees Khan S/o Mohammad Ibrahim Khan R/o Goom Ahmad Pora Pattan

Public Notice

My name has been wrongly written in DOB Certificate as Hamiya Khursheed while my correct name is Haniya Khursheed which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Haniya Khursheed D/o Khursheed Ahmad Bhat R/o Warihama Beerwah

Public Notice

The DOB of my son mOHSIN mOHI-UD-DIN mALIK has been wrongly written as 23-02-2017 While his correct DOB is 23-05-2016 which needs to be corrected. if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Headmaster PM Shri Govt Middle School Utikoo within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objec tion shall be entertained.

Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Malik F/o Mohsin Mohi-ud-din Malik R/o Utikoo Bangil

entertained.

President Industrial Estate Zakura Bereaved

FCIK/ Industrial fraternity conveys condolences

The Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has expressed regret over the passing away of Mohammad Sidiq Dar father of the President Industrial Association of Zakura industrial estate who breathed his last late night on Sunday. A large number of members from industrial fraternity including Shakeel Qalander, Syed Fazal Illahi, Shabir Mirani, Dr. Zain ul Abideen, G.M Reshi, Arshad Misgar, Khalid Zehgeer and others participated in the last rites of the deceased. While conveying their condolences to the bereaved family, Presi-

dents, office bearers and members of various industrial associations from across Kashmir valley termed the deceased as a thorough gentleman who always inspired the young entrepreneurs by his guidance and qualities. Industrialists from across the valley thronged the residence of Mohammad Rafiq Dar to console the grieving family on their loss which included Shahid Kamili, Mohammad Ashraf Mir, Yasir Shamas, Ghulam Mohiuddin Usmania, Ghulam Jeelani Ahangar Haamid Chashoo and others. Special condolence meetings were conducted at Industrial Estate Zakura and some other estates during which the participants prayed for forgiveness and eternal peace of the deceased.

Bilal Hassan Bhat F/o Mohammad Hazim Bhat R/O R/o Repora

Ganderbal

shall be entertained

Public Notice

Public Notice

I have applied for the issu-

ance of DOB in favour of my

daughter Mir Adeeba Binti

Jeelani who was born on

04-09-2020. If anybody

has any objection in this

regard he/she may file his/

her objection in the con-

cerned office within a pe-

riod of seven days from the

date of publication of this

notice. After that no objec-

R/O Dachigam Bandipora

Public Notice

I have applied for the issuance of DOB in favour of

my son Mohammad Hazim

Bhat who was born on 03-

05-2021. If anybody has

any objection in this regard

he/she may file his/her

objection in the concerned

office within a period of

seven days from the date

of publication of this no-

tice. After that no objection

tion shall be entertained.

Mir Jeelani F/o Mir Adeeba Binti

Jeelani

I have applied for the issuance of DOB in favour of my ward Nimrah Younis who was born on 09-03-2022. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/ she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Mohammad Younis Shah

F/o Nimrah Younis R/o Papchan Bandipora

Public Notice I have applied for the is-

suance of DOB in favour of my ward Mohammad Aasim who was born on 13-12-2019. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/ she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be

Mohammad Younis Shah F/o Mohammad Aasim R/o Papchan Bandipora

Road, Near Ahli Hadees of the valley No objec-**Masiid Maroof Colony** tion beyond 7 day's shall be entertained. **Buchpora Srinagar**

بااجلاس:اروندشرما J&K Bank B/U Soura Sgr

ازعدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹر کٹ جج (بنک مقد مات)سرینگر

بسم Ghulam Mohammad Dar

دعويٰ وصوليا بي رقم مبلغ =*ا* Rs 87,794.28 اشتهار بمراد آگاهی بنام

Ghulam Mohammad Dar S/o Abdul Khaliq Dar R/o Shalbaf Mohalla Anchar Sgr مقدمه مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں مدعاعلیہ/ مدعالیم کافتیل کرانے کی بسیار کوشش کی گئی ۔ اِلا نہ تو بیتہ جدید پر مدعاعلیہ/ مدعالیم دستیاب ہوئے اور نہ ہی بذریعی^{معن تع}یس لائی

گئے۔بدین وجہ حسب استدائی مدعاعلیہ/مدعالیم جو بذر بعیہ اشتہار ہذا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ کے خلاف مقدمہ بعنوان بالا اجراء بغرض وصولی رقم مبلغ =/ Rs 87.794.28 | Rs اربيهاعت عدالت بذا ہے۔ البذا آپ کو بذریعہ اشتہار ہذا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ بغرض پیروی ابراء بذا بعنوان بالامورخه 2024-03-06 اصالتاً يا وكالتاً برونت كچيري حاضراً كرمقدمه مذاكي پیروی کریں ۔بصورت عدم حاضری حسب ضابطہ کاروائی بعمل لائی جائے گی تحریر ایڈیشنل ڈسٹر کٹ جج بنک مقد مات سرینگر

ازعدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقد مات) سرینگر بااجلاس:اروندشر ما J&K Bank B/U Zakura Sgr

Purple

Mr. Tanveer Ahmad Khan

دعوي وصولياني رقم مبلغ =/ Rs 10,07,851.00 اشتهار بمراد آگاهی بنام

Mr. Tanveer Ahmad Khan S/o Ali Mohd Khan R/o Karfali Mohalla Habba Kadal Sgr 2. Nazir Ahmad Narwari S/o Mohd Ramzan Narwari R/o Watal Kadal Sgr

مقدمه مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں مدعا علیہ/ مدعالیم کی تعمیل کرانے کی بسیار کوشش کی گئی ۔ إلا نەتوپية جديدير مدعاعليه/ مدعاليم دستياب ہوٰئے اور نه ہى بذر يعي^{معن تق}يل لا ئى | گئی۔بدین وجہ حسب استدائی مرعاعلیہ/مدعالیم جو بذر اعبداشتہار بذامطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ کے خلاف مقدمہ بعنوان بالا اجراء بغرض وصولی رقم مبلغ

- | Rs 10,07,851.00 ازریهاعت عدالت بذاہے۔ لہٰذا آپ کو بذریعہاشتہار ہٰذامطلع کیا جا تاہے کہآپ بغرض پیروی ابراء ہذا بعنوان بالامورخا 2024-03-05 اصالنًا يا وكالنّا بروفت كچيري حاضرآ كرمقدمه مذاكي پیروی کریں _بصورت عدم حاضری حسب ضابطہ کا روائی بعمل لائی جائے گی تحریر ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج بنک مقدمات سرینگر

Geo-Coordinates of the Quarry Site

Udyog lBhawan, Jammu

No:1238/MCC/DGM/QL/Kisht/221230-36

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR.

Office Of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Qazigund

E-Mail: qazigundphedivision@gamil.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDE e-NITNo:- 40-PHEQ of 2023-24 Dated: 04-03-2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE)Division Qazigund, Kashmir invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier ofregistered classes in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government "Laying & fitting of pipes, Construction of Three Sluice Chamber, Construction of Chain link fencing around structures at two spots, Construction of approach road, Stabilization of old pipe network. Construction of 20000 Gallons RCC Sump, Construction of 30000 Gallons RCC Sump, Construction of Pump House cum operators Quarter, Construction of balance work for 0.5 lacs Gallon capacity RCC overhead tank (OHT) for water supply scheme Aug Larkipora (under JKIDFC). Of PHE Kashmir, under JKIDFC as per the Annexure A.

The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd consisting of Financial Bid on percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

	able.	.i General Details						
9	Sr No	Particulars of the Work	Estimated	Tender	Earnest	Class of	Bid Valid-	Time of
			Cost(Lacs)	fee(inRs)	money	Contractor	ity	Completion of
L					Deposit			work(days)
1	l	Laying and fitting of pipes, Construction of Three Sluice Chamber, Construction	Rs:2500 /=	Rs:402192/-	AAY	180days	120 days	
		of Chain link fencing around structures at two spots, Construction of approach						
		road, Stabilization of old pipe network, Construction of 20000 Gallons RCC						
		Sump, Construction of 30000 Gallons RCC Sump, Construction of Pump House						
		cum operators Quarter, Construction of balance work for 0.5 lacs Gallon capac-						
		ity RCC over head tank (OHT) for water supply scheme Aug Larkipora (under						
L		JKIDFC) Annexure "A" 134.064 Lacs						

Position of funds: Approved Under JKIDFC

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer PHE Division Qazigund

I	Publish Date	04-03-2024
ii	Document Download/sales tart Date	04-03-2024
iv	Bid submission start date	04-03-2024
vi	Bid submission end date	11-03-2024at04:00P.M
vii	Date and time of Bid opening	12-03-2024at10:00A.M

Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Executive Engineer JSD PHE Division Qazigund, through virtual/online mode. (If required). The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal www.jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading the monthe tender portal.
 The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer JSD PHE Division Qazigund.

Bid Security for an amount as specified in Column 5 of the Table 1.1 of the tentative advertised cost of the works, in the shape of FDR/CDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer JSD PHE Division Qazigund will have to be uploaded on the tender portal i.e.www.jktenders.gov.in.
6. The cost of tender documents should be in form of DD/TR/e challan in favour of Executive Engineer JSD PHE Division Qazigund will have to be uploaded on the tender-portal i.e. www.jktenders.gov.in The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money inshape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall

be obtained from the bidder who is declared as successful after opening of financial cover.

7. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in. Queries by email if any should be made at qazigundphedivision@gamil.com.

Unbalanced Tender: 10. In case bidder uploads his bid with respective below percentage than the advertised cost, additional performance security in the shape of CDR /FDR shall have to be uploaded along with the online bid by the bidder at the time of submission of his/her bid falling which, his/her bid shall be rejected. The Additional performance security deposit of the successful bidder shall be released after completion of work up to 50%. The additional performance security unbalanced bid shall be worked out as per following breakup.

Percentage of Unbalanced Tender viz advertised cost on account of low rates Additional performance security Upto and including 15% below Greater than 15% and upto 20% below Greater than 20% and upto 25% below Greater than 25% and upto 30% below Greater than 30%

No:PHEQ/CC/6125-45 DIPK-17436/23 Date: 04-03-2024

Executive Engineer JSD PHE Division Qazigund

درخواست منحانب شبيراحمدواني ولدنذ براحمدواني ساكنه درديور وتخصيل پيڻ بغرض حصول RBA سر تفیکیٹ بخق خود اشتهار بمرادآ گائهی ہرخاص وعام۔ عامله مندرجيعنوان الصدر مين سائل في ايك درخواست بغرض حصول RBA سرفكايك دفتر بذامیں پیش کیاہے جو کہ زیرکا روائی ہے۔اس بارے میں پیواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس ہے عیاں ہے کہ سائلہ موضع در دیورہ میں پچھلے پندرہ 15 سالوں نے زائد ع صے ہے اپنے والد کے ساتھ رہائش پذیر ہے۔ اور سائلہ اور سائلہ کے والد نے تا حال دھ ھذا ہے ترک سکونت اختیار نہیں کی ۔سائلہ کا کنبہ در جہذیل افراد پر شمتل ہے ہے ۔لہذا سرفکیٹ اجراءکرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوکوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنااعتراض ایک ہفتہ کےاندردوران دفتر ی اوقات میں اینااعتراض پیش کرے۔معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ نائت تحصيلدار.

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Can't Login? Facebook, **Instagram Hit by Global Outages**



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New Delhi: Many users of Gmail, YouTube and social networks Facebook and Instagram faced problems in logging into their accounts in several parts of the world, including India.

Users turned to another social network X, WhatsApp and other online portals to report network outages faced while connecting to Google and Meta-owned platforms.

The network outage problem across Google and Meta apps was reported around 9 PM IST, according to social media net-work outage tracker platform Down Detector.

'I tried it several times. But I was unable to log in to my Instagram and Facebook accounts. I doubt if it's a global cyber attack," Roboz Dotin Tech CEO Milind Raj told PTI.

Users complained they have been logged out of Facebook, Instagram, Gmail,

YouTube accounts. "We're aware people are having trouble accessing our services. We are working on this now," Meta, Communications Director, Andy Stone said. A query sent to Google elicited no immediate reply. | More on P6

Preparations Kick Into High Gear Ahead of PM's Visit

Anticipation Mounts For Development Packages



KO WEB DESK

Srinagar: With Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Srinagar scheduled for tomorrow. March 7, 2024, the

anticipation among BJP workers is electric. Meanwhile, many Srinagar residents are eagerly poised, hopeful for potential development packages and initiatives from the PM. The visit holds promise for both political enthusiasm and the prospect of tangible progress for the region.

Preparations are underway and security | More on P11

Kashmiris Eagerly Waiting For PM's Arrival: BJP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has transformed Jammu and Vactorians transformed Jammu and Kashmir from terrorism capital to tourism capital of the country, senior BJP leader Tarun Chugh on Tuesday said. "Jammu and Kashmir was once infamous as the terrorism | More on P11

Drones, Sharpshooters To Guard Rally Venue

ammu and Kashmir Police along with other security agencies are taking every precaution to ensure heightened security measures for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's imminent visit to Srinagar. With heightened vigilance, authorities are deploying sophisticated | More on P11

PM Modi To Inaugurate Development Of Hazratbal Shrine

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to inaugurate integrated development of Hazratbal shrine project and Sonamarg ski drag lift during his visit to Kashmir on Thursday, officials said here on Tuesday.

The prime minister will inaugurate the integrated development of Hazratbal shrine project from Bakshi Stadium here on March 7, the officials said.

They said Hazratbal, one of the most revered Muslim shrines in Jammu and Kashmir, was developed under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD).

other The project that Modi will inaugurate is the ski drag lift at Sonamarg in Ganderbal district aimed at boosting Sonamarg ski drag lift in Ganderbal

- 42 new tourist destinations
- Nine tourism projects 'Chalo India' campaign
- for Indian diaspora Appointment letters to 1,000 job aspirants
- Holistic agriculture development program
- Exhibition of agrientrepreneurs
- Interaction with beneficiaries of various schemes

the tourist footfall there. The Prime Minister will inaugurate both the projects through virtual mode.

Modi will unveil 42 new tourist destinations and launch nine tourism projects besides 'Chalo India' campaign for Indian diaspora across the globe, | More on P11

"The massive development work taking place today could

have been undertaken earlier also... But in the years before

2014, the entire focus of the

Congress and its allies was only

on filling their coffers," he said.

BIP-led central government

has made huge investments

"Over the past 10 years, the

PM'S VISIT TO SRINAGAR

JKBOSE Postpones 10th Exams On March 7

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) Tuesday postponed the annual examination of 10th standard of Vocational Subjects slated on March-07. The board said that the vocational examination slated on March-07 in soft zones shall be held on April-04.

Director Academics of JKBOSE in a notification said, "In view of unavoidable circumstances the examination of Vocational Subjects including agriculture, apparels, makeup and home furnishing, automotive, beauty and wellness, health core, IT& ITES. Physical Education & Sports, Plumbing/ Retail, security, telecommunication, tourism and hospitality, electronics and hardware of Secondary School Examination (Class 10th) Session Annual (Regular)2024 of Soft Zone areas of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, which was scheduled to be held on 07-03-2024 has been postponed and shall be held on 04-04-2024." | More on P11

CBSE Urges Admin To Help Candidates Reach Centers

n view of the Prime Minister's visit to Srinagar on March-07, Central Board of School Education (CBSE) Monday urged district administration Srinagar to help 10th and 12th standard candidates in reaching their respective examination centers with all safety | More on P11

J&K Exhibitors Shine at Bharat TEX

Record Big Sales. **Potential Leads**

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Jammu and overwhelming response at the 4-day Bharat TEX event held in New Delhi. The exhibitors from Jammu and Kashmir witnessed a significant footfall of buyers customers, leading to substantial sales and the generation of over 250 plus potential business leads.

The J&K pavilion became a focal point, attracting attention from industry leaders, officials, and buyers eager to explore the diverse handloom, handicraft, and textile offerings presented by the exhibitors.

NC To Contest All 3 **Seats In Kashmir Valley**

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: National Conference (NC) Tuesday said while the party will be contesting all the three Lok Sabha seats in the Kashmir valley, it is in talks with the Congress to decide on three seats of Jammu and Ladakh regions.

Both the parties are members of the opposition INDIA bloc.

The NC's announcement came after a marathon meeting of its parliamentary board at the party headquarters here. "The National Conference

will contest these three seats from the valley on its own," NC provincial president, Kashmir, Nasir Aslam Wani, told reporters after the meeting. The Farooq Abdullah-led par-

ty, however, said discussions were on with the Congress for seat sharing on two seats in Jammu and one in Ladakh. "For the rest three seats, in-

cluding Ladakh, talks with the Congress are on," Wani said. However, Jammu and



Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President, Vikar Rasool when contacted, said that there is no decision with regard to the seat sharing vet. "NC might have made public its stand and claim on three seats in Kashmir division, but the fact is that any decision with regard to the alliance and seat sharing will be made public on March 7 only," he said.

PDP Spokesman, Najam-us-Saqib said that NC is adamant to contest on all the three seats. "We firmly believe that it is an existential fight and there is no need to look into the interests and fight for a larger cause. The decision is still pending and a final outcome will be out on March 07," he said

Our Govt Turning Dreams Into Reality For Poor: PM Modi Says BJP Led Govt Tries To Rapidly Complete Projects

Press Trust Of India

Odisha: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that a permanent house, tap water and gas connection at home, which were once a dream for the poor, "is now be-

Modi slammed Congress, alleging that the party and its allies only focused on filling their coffers before 2014, when they were in power at the Centre.

Addressing a rally here, Modi also said the central government wants Odisha to become the gateway for 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India).

PM Modi said the previous governments had never shown interest in the timely completion



of projects, adding that those projects that remained stuck in the previous governments' time

were completed during the tenure of the BJP-led Centre in the past 10 years

in Odisha. We want Odisha to become the gateway for Viksit Bharat," the PM asserted. He also said that a permanent house, tap water and gas connection at home, which were once a dream for the poor,

"is now becoming a reality". The Prime Minister said the

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)led Centre was trying to complete projects 'rapidly'. Modi naugurated | More on P11

> The pavilion also garnered a visit from Union Minister of Textiles, Consumer Affairs. Food and Public Distribution, and Commerce & Industry, Shri PiyushGoyal, along with other dignitaries. Their visit underscored the | More on P11

"From J&K To TN, Family-Run **Parties Bring Ruin Across States**"

rime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday attacked the Congress, saying it was 'scared' to promote young leaders and appeared to take a veiled dig at AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge when he said the party was appointing people over 75-80 years. Modi, who addressed a BJP rally here arrived at the venue in an open-top four-wheeler and was given a grand welcome by the people who strew flower petals on him. In his address, Modi also said the "dynastic parties" were targeting him as he was exposing their "scams worth several thousands of crores of rupees." Modi said he never made any | More on P11

Alleged Theft of Lyrics **Kashmiri Poet To Sue US NGO**

Agencies

Srinagar: Kashmir's eminent poet, playwright and songwriter Fayaz Dilbar had a mixed feeling of shock and excitement when he found his lyrics on Spotify and JioSaavn. "I was glad that my work has found its way into the digital marketplace but the excitement turned into shock when I discovered that my work has actually been stolen and sold without my permission and due credits," says Dilbar whose body of work includes filmmaking, fiction writing and theatre besides poetry.

The aggrieved poet is mulling legal action against a US-based NGO Funkar International, which according to him has picked up a famous song from his 2004 Ghazal collection Haarnis Taapas Andar that had the foreword written by Jnanpith awardee Rahman Rahi.

"Funkar International has produced an album of Kashmiri songs. Irfan and Bilal have composed and sung them. But the album includes | More on P11

HCTo 'Prioritise' Issues Of Sewage Inflow, Illegal Constructions In Dal

Asks Authorities To Provide 'Prospective' On Addressing Them

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of I&K and Ladakh has asked concerned authorities to provide their "perspectives" regarding various issues including flow of sewage into the Dal Lake and removal of unauthorized construction in and around the world famous water body, the flagship of Kashmir's tourism.

Hearing a Public Interest Litigation, a division bench of Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal noted that by virtue of order on September 24, 2021, Court identified certain specific issues that require attention, namely:

cleanliness of dal; flow of sewage and liquid waste in the dal; solid waste management in and around the lake; the responsibility of the tourism department qua the development of tourist and recreational sports maintenance and creation of public facilities; management of the problems concerning houseboats; stoppage and removal of unauthorized construction and all encroachments in and around the lake area and responsibilities of the Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) as also that of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC).

"While acknowledging the significance of all the identified issues, this Court deems it more appropriate to prioritize the following aspects: i. Flow | More on P11

Low Recovery Rates Force J&K PDD To Seek **Loans For Clearing Power Dues** goods available in the market. Power purchase cost

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department (PDD) on Tuesday said that J&K is facing challenges with low recovery rates.

In the financial year 2022-23, while the power purchase cost amounted to Rs. 9,886 crore, the collection from the sale of power to consumers was only Rs. 3,652 crore.

Consequently, to clear power dues owed to generating companies, J&K has been compelled to avail loans totaling Rs. 32,000 crore in the past two years alone under liquidity infusion schemes of the Government of India, such as Atmaanirbhar Bharat and the LPS Rules 2022.

"The debt is secured against a mortgage, encompassing all assets of the plant, including the dam, which are pledged to the financial institution providing the loan," a spokesperson of the



Stating that Jammu and

Kashmir is the only Union

Territory across the coun-

try where consumers are still

provided electricity with-

out meters, the spokesperson

of the Power Development

Department (PDD) asserted

that the areas 'saturated with

smart meters' are experiencing

significantly reduced losses and

improved power supply.

Loans taken in past two

years - 32,000 crore

Collection from

- 3,652 crore

(2022-23) - 9,886 crore

consumers (2022-23)

Loans availed under-Atmanirbhar Bharat, LPS Rules 2022

"Concerted efforts are underway to convert the entire consumer base of Jammu and Kashmir to the modern prepaid metering systems so as to ensure a better power supply", the spokesperson said while rebutting the misinformation being circulated across the social media platforms, featuring women protesting against electricity meters, stated that electricity is a commodity, similar to other

The spokesperson said it is important to recognize that electricity isn't a free service; rather, it incurs costs at every stage of its journey, from generation at the source to transmission and ultimately distribution. "Often, consumers are only

aware of the distribution agency, remaining unaware of the intermediate stages and entities involved in supplying electricity to them. At each juncture of the supply chain, accurate measurement of electricity is paramount to maintain a supplydemand balance, ensuring the financial viability of the sector. Despite meticulous measurement throughout these stages, it's worth noting that accurate measurement and accounting of electricity consumption at the consumers' end remains a challenge in J&K," he said.

"It is pertinent to mention that in J&K, | More on P11

Indian Nationals Advised To Relocate To Safe Areas In Israel A Day After Missile Attack Kills 1



Vazhathope; and Paul Melvin,

28, from Vagamon in Kerala as

well were injured and taken to

The attack is believed to have

been carried out by the Shi'ite

Hezbollah faction in Lebanon,

which has been launching

rockets, missiles, and drones

at northern Israel daily since

October 8 in support of Hamas

amid the ongoing war in the

Israel Defence Forces (IDF) on Monday said they responded

by shelling the launch site with

The IDF also said it struck a

Hezbollah compound where

members of the group were

gathered in the southern Leba-

non town of Chihine, and an-

other site belonging to Hezbol-

Hezbollah has been launch-

ing attacks on Israel's north-

ern communities and military

posts since October 8 saying it

is doing so to support the peo-

The skirmishes between Isra-

el and Hezbollah have resulted

in the death of seven civilians

and ten IDF soldiers on the Is-

ter the bill was passed.

ment's permission.

in the state. It will also be

According to the bill, offend-

ers can be jailed for three years

and fined ₹3 lakh if found guilty

of renaming villages and other places without the govern-

Mr Singh said a committee

will be set up to look into re-

quest for name change of places

any change in the names of hills,

lakes, rivers, historical struc-

tures, and medical institutions.

where Churachandpur has been

addressed as Lamka and Kang-

pokpi as Kangui... this cannot be

taken lightly," Mr Singh said in

He said the state government

had "already cancelled all new

names given to places and vil-

lages, and such acts will no lon-

the assembly on Monday.

ger be allowed".

"There have been instances

lah in Ayta ash-Shab.

ple in Gaza.

hospitals for treatment.

Gaza Strip.

Press Trust of India

IERUSALEM: The Indian Embassy in Israel issued an advisory on Tuesday, urging its nationals to move to safer areas in the country, a day after a missile fired from Lebanon killed one Indian and injured two others.

"In view of the prevailing security situation and local safety advisories, all Indian nationals in Israel, especially those working in or visiting border areas in the north and south, are advised to relocate to safe areas within Israel," the mission said in an advisory posted on various social media platforms.

"The embassy remains in touch with the Israeli authorities to ensure the safety of all our nationals," the advisory

At around 11 am on Monday, an anti-tank missile hit a plantation in Margaliot, a Moshav (collective agricultural community), in the Galilee region in the north of Israel.

Patnibin Maxwell, 30. from Kollam in Kerala, was killed in the attack.

Bush Joseph George, 31, from

Press Trust of India

IMPHAL: The Manipur assem-

bly has passed a bill that seeks

to make renaming places with-

out approval of the competent

authority a punishable offence.

had moved the 'The Manipur

Names of Places Bill, 2024 in

the assembly on Monday The

"The Manipur state govern-

ment is serious about pro-

tecting our history, cultural

heritage and the legacy passed

down by the ancestors and

forefathers," Mr Singh said in a

"We will not tolerate re-

naming and misusing names

of places without consent and

those guilty of the offence will

be awarded with strict legal

punishment," Mr Singh said af-

post on X.

house passed it unanimously.

Chief Minister N Biren Singh

3-Year Jail, ₹3 Lakh Fine For

Renaming Places In Manipur

Without Government Permission

Era When Few Powers Shaped The Global Order Now Behind Us: S Jaishankar

Press Trust of India

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA: The era when a few powers exercised "disproportionate influence" over the reshaping of the glob-al order is a thing of the past so India and South Korea have a growing responsibility to actively contribute to the process, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said today.

Speaking at the Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Mr Jaishankar who is here on a two-day visit, said India's partnership with the Republic of Korea is acquiring a greater salience in a more uncertain and volatile world.

"India and South Korea have a growing responsibility to actively contribute to the reshaping of the global order. The era when a few powers exercised disproportionate influence over that process is now behind us," he said.

"Willy-nilly, it has become a more collaborative and broadbased endeavour. That multilateralism has also stalled and being replaced in good measure by plurilateralism is a factor as well," he said.

Mr Jaishankar said issues like countering terrorism or Weapons of mass Destruction proliferation or indeed ensuring maritime safety and security matter fundamentally to both nations.

"In recent years, challenges like terrorism and WMD proliferation have impacted our na-

tional security. We have learnt to be sensitive to changing currents of the global order. While our solutions may be suited to our particular national circumstances, working together has always been to our common advantage," he said.

The concept of the Indo-Pacific emerged as a consequence of geo-political shifts in the last few decades, he said.

"India's stakes in terms of trade, investment, services, resources, logistics and technology in the Indo-Pacific are growing by the day. Ensuring the stability, safety and security of this region is therefore vital for us. We have an obligation to the global commons, just as we have a duty to do global good," he said.

To realise their potential, Mr Jaishankar said it is important that the two nations intensify their engagement in different spheres. He said the two nations need more political discussions and more strategic conversations.

"We need stronger business connects and technology interactions," he said.

"We will also have to be more collaborative, recognizing the strengths that we each bring to the table. Today, we are all contemplating the prospect of a re-globalisation that would be very much shaped by emerging technologies. That gives our two nations the opening to progress while contributing to a better world.

He said he was confident that by broadening their horizons, the India-South Korea partnership could emerge as a significant factor in the Indo-Pacific.

"Our expectation is that even within a few years, a very different larger ecosystem will take shape in India in this regard. I am sure that it will create more possibilities for collaboration between India and the Republic of Korea," he said.

PM Modi Congratulates Shehbaz Sharif On 2nd Term As Pak PM

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday congratulated Shehbaz Sharif on taking oath as the prime minister of Pakistan.

Sharif on Monday took the oath as prime minister of Pakistan, assuming the cashstrapped country's reins for a second time, nearly a month after an inconclusive election marred by allegations of vote rigging.
PM Modi said on X, "Con-

gratulations to @CMShehbaz on being sworn in as the Prime Minister of Pakistan." In the February 8 elections, Sharif's



Pakistan Muslim Nawaz (PML-N) party came second. Independent candidates backed by jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf won the most seats but failed to get a majority in Parliament.

India has Never Been a **Nation: DMK Leader's Speech Triggers Row**

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: DMK MP A Raja has said that India has never been one nation, but is a subcontinent which is home to diverse practices and cultures even as the BIP slammed him and alleged that it was a call for 'balkanisation' of the nation.

In a video where he is seen addressing a party-organised meeting, Raja purportedly said, "India is not a (one) nation.

Understand this well. India has never been one nation. One nation denotes one language, one tradition and one culture and only such characteristics make one nation."

Claiming that India is not a nation, but a subcontinent Raja said, "What's the reason? Here, Tamil is one nation and one country. Malayalam is one language, one nation and one country. Oriya is one nation, one language and one country. All such national races constitute India. So, India is not a country, it is a subcontinent that has various practices, traditions and cultures."

"In Tamil Nadu, there is a culture and in Kerala, there is another culture. Similarly, in Delhi, there is a culture. In Odisha, there is yet another culture. In Manipur, dog meat is eaten, which is a cultural aspect. In Kashmir there is one culture. Every culture has to be recognised," the DMK

"If a community eats beef, recognise it, what is your problem? Did they ask you to eat? So, (that is) unity in diversity. We have differences and it has to be acknowledged." he added. BJP in-charge of IT wing, Amit Malviya, in a post on X said "The hate speeches from DMK's

"After Udhayanidhi Stalin's call to annihilate Sanatan Dharma, it is now A Raja who calls for balkanisation of

India, derides Bhagwan Ram, makes disparaging comments on Manipuris and questions the idea of India, as a nation. Congress and other I.N.D.I Alliance partners are quiet. Rahul Gandhi, their putative Prime Ministerial candidate's silence is eloquent."

TN BJP spokesperson Narayanan Thirupathi told PTI Videos that Raja should be arrested.

It was the "duty" of Chief Minister M K Stalin, "who has taken oath under the Constitution of India that he will abide by the rules and laws of the country," to take action and arrest Mr Raja," for the comments he is alleged to have made, the BJP leader demanded.

Supriya Shrinate, a Congress spokesperson, when asked about Raja's remarks, said, "I 100 per cent disagree with his remarks. From this platform, I condemn such a statement. I believe Ram belongs to every one and is all encompassing.

"I believe that Ram, who was called Imam-e-Hind, is above communities, religions and castes. Ram is an ideal of living life. Ram is dignity, Ram is ethics, Ram is love. I completely condemn this statement, it could be his (Raja's) statement, I do not support it. I condemn it and I think people should be exercise restraint while talking," she said at a press conference in Delhi.

Fresh Raids Conducted Over Illegal Immigration **Rackets That Send Indians Abroad**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday said it has conducted fresh searches in Gujarat, Delhi and Maharashtra against agents, consultants and linked persons who run illegal immigration rackets to send Indians abroad, especially to the US and Canada.

The action under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) was launched on March 1 and 29 locations in these states were covered, the central probe agency said in a

It had raided similar entities as part of this probe in January and February this year.

The ED case stems from three FIRs filed by the Gujarat Police against some of the main accused like Bharatbhai alias Bobby Patel, Rajubhai Becharbhai Prajapati, Bhavesh Ashokbhai Patel and some others.

The police have chargesheeted the accused alleging they have been sending Indian citizens abroad illegally since 2015 based on "bogus or fabricated" documents for getting



visas of different countries. For this, the accused used

to collect ₹60 lakh to ₹75 lakh from one passenger, ₹1 crore to ₹1.25 crore from a couple and ₹1.25 crore to 1.75 crore if children accompanied the couple. the ED said in a statement.

The modus operandi in these cases shows people were lured by the accused to settle them through the issuance of fake or bogus visas and passports, including student visas, for which the accused charged a huge amount of money, the agency said.

The individuals, whose student visas were issued, never joined the institute and even such institutions are suspect-

ed to be involved, it said. Bharatbhai Patel was arrested by the Gujarat Police in 2022. He was also allegedly involved in the Dingucha case

that took place the same year, where an Indian family of four had frozen to death while attempting to illegally enter the USA from Canada. The accused persons, their associates, immigration consultants and auditors were covered during the latest searches and

"incriminating" documents, including property-related papers, digital devices, varistable continue unabated. ous original passports, identity cards of unknown individuals and two luxury vehicles were seized, it said.

BJP Workers Greet Rahul Gandhi's Yatra With 'Modi-Modi' Chant, He Does This

Press Trust of India

SHAJAPUR: Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra witnessed a surprise encounter at Shajapur city of Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday when BJP supporters shouted "Modi-Modi" as his convoy passed through the area.

The Congress leader halted the procession to engage with the chanting Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers, who also offered potatoes to him, while he blew a kiss in response. Later in the evening, Mr

Gandhi mentioned the incident during his address to a gathering, saying that it was easy to face such things by opening a "mohabbat ki dukan" (shop of love) in "nafrat ka bazaar" (market of hatred)

The yatra, which entered BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh on Saturday, encountered a group of BJP supporters led by corporator Mukesh Dubey, who were shouting chants in favour of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Mr Gandhi, upon spotting the group, paused the con-



voy to interact with them, exchanging greetings and handshakes as the BIP workers shouted "Jai Shri Ram".

Following the brief exchange, Mr Gandhi returned to his vehicle, waving and blowing a kiss before continuing the journey

Speaking to PTI later, BJP corporator Dubey mentioned Gandhi's gesture in response to their slogans, stating he welcomed the Congress leader and even presented potatoes to him. "I told Gandhi that you are welcome," he said.

The yatra proceeded to Ujjain later in the day.

Addressing a gathering from his vehicle in Ujjain, Gandhi said, "Open a shop of love in the market of hatred. This is quite easy. It is not that difficult.'

"Sometimes it happens during the yatra, like it happened today. Threefour people from BJP were standing with flags. They were shouting. I got down from the vehicle and shook hands and asked how are you brother? And they stopped shouting and started smiling and then when I was leaving, they were doing this (making a gesture of blowing kisses)."

Earlier, Gandhi offered prayers at Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain along with former Madhva Pradesh chief minister Kamal Nath and state Congress president Jitu Patwari.

The potatoes are a reference to an old video in which, according to some BJP leaders, Mr Gandhi had spoken about converting potatoes to gold. Many fact-checking websites had, however, said the clip was taken out of context and the full video showed that the Congress leader was taking a dig at the BJP using that line.

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NOTICE FOR e-AUCTION OF TIMBER e-NIA No. 21/JKFDCL/S&M/K of 2023-24 Dated: 04.03.2024

Name of Work: - Sale of timber Kail, Fir & Chir (Normal/Reduction sale) lotted in Forest Development Corporation Sale Depots at Kakapora/ Harnag through e-auction on "AS IT IS WHERE IT IS AND IN WHATSOEVER CONDITION IT IS" basis.

It is notified for information of bonafide consumers of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Public in general and Timber Traders in particular including Government Departments/ PSU's/ Autonomous bodies of Jammu & Kashmir UT that Sales and Marketing Circle of Jammu and Kashmir Forest Development Corporation, Kashmir is going to sell its timber stocks as detailed below. Interested persons/Firms can participate in online bidding at https://oya.auction which shall be start from 1100 hrs to 1500 hrs on 09.03.2024 **Brief Description**

Name of Depots where	Date of Inspection	Kind/Species of	Volume		Security	Remarks	
timber stocks are lotted	of timber stocks	timber (Round)	No	Cfts	Deposit	Remains	
Kakanara /		Kail	24	398	Rs. 25000/-	Refer Annexure	
Kakapora/ Harnag	Upto 08.03.2024	Fir	882	22963	per Bidder	I to e-NIA	
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		Total:-	1057	24497			

#	Activity	Date & Time/ particulars
1	CDR / FDR / Online security deposit end date	07.03.2024 by or before 1200 hrs
2	Auction Start Date	09.03.2024 at 1100 Hrs
3	Auction End Date	09.03.2024.2024 at 1500 Hrs
4	Declaration of Result	To be notified later
5	Deposit of 10 % down payment/security deposit by H1 bidder	By or before 11.03.2024
6	Type of e-Auction	Forward Auction
7	Lot Types	Multi Lot species-wise
8	e-Auction Place	https://oya.auction
9	e-Auction Fee	Nil
10	Security Deposit	Rs.25,000/ per bidder (Refundable)
11	Payment Instrument (security deposit)	CDR/FDR/Online Payment Mode NEFT/RTGS)
12	Security Deposit Exemption Allowed to:	Only Goyt, Deptt. / PSUs / Autonomous bodies.

Detailed auction documents (NIA) with terms and conditions will be available on https://oya.auction, J&K Forest Development Corporation portal www.jksfc.jk.gov.in and in the office of undersigned.

DIPK-NB-5927-23 DT: 05/03/2024

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SMC Initiates Spring Rejuvenation Drive To Enhance Water Access

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has embarked on a mission to rejuvenate 23 springs within the municipal limits.

This initiative, spearheaded by Commissioner Owais IAS, aims to enhance water access and contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while promoting community participation and resilience in mountain regions," revealed the details.

It further reads that with a dedicated allocation of Rs 200 lacs under the National Clean Air Program (NCAP), SMC aims to revitalize these natural water sources, recognizing their critical importance for both ecosystems and livelihoods.

Commissioner SMC emphasized the need for community involvement in the spring revival efforts, highlighting its potential to offer climateresilient solutions amidst environmental challenges.

Meanwhile, on its official Twitter "@SMC handle wrote, Srinagar has short listed 23 #Springs within Municipal Limits for rejuvenation this year & has earmarked Rs. 200 lacs under the #NationalCleanAirProgram (NCAP). Rejuvenation of springs could offer a climate resilient solution for livelihoods & ecosystems in mountain regions."

The officials further wrote, "this will enhance water access, and contribute to achieve one or more of the #Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs). Commissioner SMC @owais_ias pursues #CommunityParticipation in spring revival as it holds promise across the region and is creating policy traction on #SpringWater.'

Awareness Camp On ABDM Held At SMHS Hospital

Observer News Service

Srinagar, Mar 05 (KNO): In an effort to educate the public about the Ayushman Bharat Digital (ABDM), an Mission awareness camp was held at SMHS Hospital in Srinagar on the 4th and 5th of March. The initiative aimed to disseminate crucial information about the Digital Health Initiative ABDM among the masses.

Nasir Ahmad, Consultant IEC ABDM, highlighted the significance of these camps, stating that they were initiated under the guidance of the Mission Director ABDM, Nazim Zai Khan. These camps served as a platform to educate individuals about the various aspects of the ABDM.

During the event, at-

tendees were provided with informative materials to enhance their understanding of the ABDM. Moreover, on-spot services by Ayushman Bharat Health Assistants (ABHA) were made available to assist visitors. Additionally, the online OPD tickets were generated through the online OPDbased SCAN and SHARE facility, streamlining the process for patients.

The awareness camps, which commenced at Srinagar hospitals, are scheduled to continue until the 17th of March. This extended duration offers the public ample opportunities to learn about and engage with the Digital Health Initiative ABDM, ultimately aiming to improve healthcare accessibility and efficiency across the region.

Public Notice

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

Hareez Bin Sajid (DOB 12/07/2012) S/o Sajaid Ahmad Bhat

R/o H. No 239 Garden Lane Colony Chanapora Srinagar

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag Kmr.

FINAL NOTICE

Zahid Amin S/o: Mohd Amin Bhat No: 21545-51

DT: 01-03-2024 R/o: Bakshi Abad Anantnag

Subject: -Construction of drain from Farooq ahmad Zargar to Showkat ahmad Reshi at Green colony

Whereas the above mentioned work was put to tenders vide this office E-Tendering NIT Sl. No: 116/2023-24 DT: 25-09-2023 Whereas as per the rates quoted by you, You emerge as First Lowest bidder and you have to deposit performance security equal to 5% of contract value amounting to Rs. 11339/- (Rupees Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Nine only)

Whereas Letter of intent was issued in your favour vide this office No: 14461-62 Dated: 18-10-2023

Whereas as per the terms and conditions of contract, you were bound to deposit the performance security within 03 days, but despite lapse of 04 Months & 10 days you have not deposited the performance security.

Whereas your inaction on this part has put the undersigned to embarrassing situation before the intending department as well as higher authorities.

Now therefore, you are directed to deposit performance security within 03 days positively, for issuance of formal allotment of contract, failing which your contract shall be terminated, and the work shall be put to fresh tenders at your risk and cost without further NOTICE which may be noted and action warranted under rules shall be taken against you.

DIPK-17473/23

dated: 05-03-2024

Sd\-Executive Engineer, R&B Division Anantnag.



Musical Event At Polo-View Sets Stage For PM's Srinagar Visit

Srinagar: A musical event illuminated the evening at the famous Polo View market here ahead of the arrival of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday, March 07.

The event, attended by locals. also saw the presence of the Bhartiya Janata Party's State General Secretary Ashok Koul.

The event created an atmosphere of jubilation at the market square as it witnessed performances by local artists that captivated the audience, showcasing the cultural heritage of the region.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Koul said, "Our party members have organized the musical event today to welcome PM Modi. It is a reminder for people that our Prime Minister is coming on the 7th, and they should reach Srinagar's Bakshi stadium

in large numbers." Koul added, "BJP's Kashmir unit is working tirelessly and changed the region from terrorism to tourism. Normal life has started in the valley. We are working with a positive mindset.

Two-Day Workshop On Skill Development Concludes At NIT Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A two-day workshop on Skilling, Reskilling, and Upskilling under the aegis of SERB-INAE Collaborative Initiative in Engineering (Outreach Programs for NE, J&K, and Ladakh) concluded at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The workshop was organized

by the Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship Development Center (IIEDC) NIT Srinagar and Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) and the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE).

Prof. A. Ravinder Nath, Director NIT Srinagar, and Prof. Shivaji Chakravorti, vice president INAE, were Chief Patrons of the workshop. The workshop was presided over by Saurabh Bhagat (IAS) Commissioner/Secretary to Govt., Science & Technology Department who was Chief Guest in the session. Prof. Sivaji Chakravorti, Vice President INAE, and Prof. Atikur Rehman, Registrar, NIT Srinagar, industrial expert Er. Hafeezullah Khan graced the occasion.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Office Of The Child Development Project Officer **Poshan Project Sopore**

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (FINAL CALL)

Applications on prescribed proforma (Annexure-I) are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates of the Panch wards/Municipal Wards shown against the below mentioned Panchayat Halqas/Municipal Wards, for the engagement of Sahayikas (AWHs) "Preferably married" for the Anganwadi Centres of POSHAN Project Sopore on "Honorarium basis". The applications along with required documents shall be deposited in the Office of the undersigned i.e. Child Development Project Officer Sopore by or

S.NO	NAME OF THE DISTRICT	NAME OF THE PROJECT	NAME OF PANCHAYAT/	VACANCY OF SAHAYIKAS (ANGAI	NWADI HELPERS)			
			MUNICIPALITY WARD					
				NO. OF PANCH WARD/ MC WARD	NAME OF AWC			
1	BARAMULLA	Sopore	PH 08 Lalad	Panch ward No. 3	Ganaie Mohalla			
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Criteria for Selection of Sahayikas (Aanganwadi Helpers) shall remain as envisaged in the Govt. Order No: 103 JK (SWD) OF 2023 Dated 28.4.2023 i.e. Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years as on 01-01-2024 shall be considered for the post.

The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.

The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where Anganwadi Centre is located Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be Matriculation

In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate can also be considered.

In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.

Since, advertisement for the above AWCs have been called thrice I,e CDPO/Sop/Esstt/2023/441-52 Dated:-10-07-2023, No:-CDPO/Sop/Esstt/2023/777-88 and No:-CDPO/Sop/Esstt/2023/1168-79 Dated:- 04-12-2023 and no response was received, candidates who are 8th pass can also apply and may be considered if no Self-attested copies of documents to be attached with the application form: -

Panch Ward /MC Ward Certificate/Electoral Card/Present /continuous, Ward residence certificate issued by the concerned BDO/Municipal Council Office Sopore.

Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.

Academic Qualification Certificates with Marks card of 10th

Marital status certificate.

Academic Qualification

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14. 15.

UNDERTAKING

In case the applicant is unmarried certificate from the concerned Tehsildar certifying the same Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer.

Affidavit from first class magistrate stating following facts.

All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.

The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to

the deponent in case of selection as Sahayika (AWH) Incomplete form submitted any respect shall be cancelled without any further correspondence/notice. Prescribed Application Proforma can also be had from the undersigned office "Free of Cost".

DIPK-17470/23 dated: 05-08-2024 APPLICATION FORM FOR ENGAGEMENT OF SAHAYIKA (ANGANWADI HELPER) Name of the District: - Baramulla

> Name of the Anganwadi Centre for which engagement sought. Name of the Candidate (In Block Letters). Fathers Name (In Block Letters) .. Marital Status: - Married /Un Married Husbands Name (if married) .. Place of Permanent Residence. Panch Ward Constituency...

> > Examination passed Board/School

.... (As per latest Panchayat Ward Electoral)

Photograph of the pplicant duly attested by Gazetted Officer

Max. Marks

Address for Correspondence. Age as on 01-01-2023..

Do candidate belong to family of retired AWH (Yes/No). Documents attached. Panch Ward Certificate/ Present /continuous, Ward residence certificate issued by BDO duly countersigned by ACR/SDM. Domicile Certificate issued by Tehsildar concerned.

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Marital status certificate issued by the competent authority

do hereby certify that the contents of the application given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge. In case any of the above contents is found incorrect, the selection committee shall have the right to reject my application and similarly revoke my engagement order.

Year of passing

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Signature of Candidate

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HIGHWAY STATUS



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



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This Day In History

- 1953 Malenkov becomes chairman of the USSR 1957 - Ghana (formerly Gold Coast) declares independence from UK
- 1957 Centenary of Dred Scott slavery court decision marked by rediscovery of Scott's grave 1959 - Farthest radio signal heard (Pioneer IV, 400,000 miles)
- 1960 President Sukarno disbands Indonesia's parliament
- 1964 Constantine succeeds Paul I as king of Greece
- 1975 Algiers Accord: Iran and Iraq announce a settlement of their border dispute. 1981 - France performs nuclear test at Mururoa
- 1981 Soyuz 39 returns to Earth
- 1984 Twelve-month-long strike in British coal industry begins.
- 1987 6.8 earthquake hits Ecuador, kills 100
- 1991 Following Iraq's capitulation in the Persian Gulf conflict, US President George H. W. Bush told Congress that "aggression is defeated. The war is over"
- 1994 United Arab Emirates beat Kenya by 2 wickets to win ICC Trophy
- 1994 Referendum in Moldova results in the electorate voting against possible reunification with Romania.
- 1998 First time the British Union Flag is flown over Buckingham Palace (following the controversy after Princess Dian's death; formerly the only flag flown was the Sovereign's standard indicating the monarch's presence.) 2012 - 9,000 residents are evacuated from
- Wagga Wagga, Australia, as the Murrimbidgee River threatens to overflow 2013 - Syrian rebels capture Ar-Raqqah, their
- first major city 2013 - Microsoft is fined €561 by the Euro
- Commission for not providing alternative web 2013 - 9 people die after a plane crashes after
- being ensnared in power lines in Peru

From KO Archives

Firing In Kokernag, Faroog Cancels Poll Rally

Observer News Service

RINAGAR- Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah cancelled his visit to Kokernag township of south Kashmir following firing by unidentified gunmen near the venue of his election rally. Farooq was scheduled to address public meeting there, in support of National Conference nominee for Anantnag constituency Yusuf Teng on the concluding day of hectic electioneering. However before Farooq Abdullah could reach the venue of the meeting, gunmen opened fire with people gathered their running or their safety.

Immediately after the incident, the security advisors of Farooq Abdullah advised him against visiting Kokernag which the chief minister agreed to.

This is the second such incident during electioneering by Farooq Abdullah. About fortnight ago, soldiers successfully detected and defused a powerful explosive device planted in Ganderbal, from where chief minister's motorcade was to pass.

After cancelling Kokernag meeting, Farooq addressed a thinly attended public meeting at Lal Chowk of Anantnag town. He was also scheduled to address a similar meeting in Bijbehara, but the same could not be held as the town observed complete strike, reports reaching here said.

(Kashmir Observer, 06 March, 1998)

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Opposition's Uphill Battle

n Sunday, the Union Council of Ministers in New Delhi, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, gathered for their final meeting before the announcement of the Lok Sabha election schedule. Confident in the ruling alliance's success for a third consecutive term, the ministers discussed a 100-day action plan for the new government post-election. The Secretaries presented a vision document for "Viksit Bharat 2047" and a detailed five-year action plan. The vision highlighted key goals such as eradicating poverty, providing skills to every youth, and achieving 100% saturation of welfare schemes.

The Prime Minister has urged government officials not to consider the election period as a vacation, emphasizing the importance of continuing work on government projects and schemes.

The belief in a successful electoral outcome is palpable, as the government prepares for the upcoming polls with an ambitious roadmap for the development of the country. As the Election Commission of India is expected to announce the Lok Sabha election schedule soon, political parties are gearing up for the campaign season. The BJP, exuding confidence, has already unveiled its first list of candidates for 195 seats across states and Union Territories. Prime Minister Modi, leading the charge, is set to embark on a whirlwind tour of Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, West Bengal, and Bihar, inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for various development projects.

In contrast, INDIA, the opposition alliance, appears to be grappling with organizational challenges, failing to present a united front. With the BJP's confident strides and a meticulously crafted developmental roadmap, the foregone conclusion seems to be the ruling alliance securing a third term in office. The opposition, on the other hand, is struggling to get its act together, potentially paving the way for the BJP's continued dominance in Indian politics.

The opposition has very less time in hand to mount some challenge. True, the INDIA Alliance's massive Saturday rally is reported to have attracted nearly a million citizens to the Gandhi Maidan. Saome sections of media billed it as one of the largest public and political gatherings in the country in recent years. Be that as it may, one big rally in one state of the country does not show a nationwide support that the opposition needs to tame the rampaging saffron party. As things stand, there is apparently no political wave in favour of any opposition party or a leader. On the contrary, the BJP remains largely untouched by anti-incumbency, more so, the PM Modi, making it favourite to win a third term, as is evinced by the party's existing confidence.

OTHER OPINON

A big fat problem

xperts have also underlined the links between these lifestyle-related diseases and obesity. Long thought to be an urban problem, obesity has become a health threat in rural parts of the country in the last decade. Now, a study published in the medical journal, The Lancet, has revealed that it also affects children. More than 12 million children (7.3 million boys and 5.2 million girls) in the country, aged between five and 19, were grossly overweight in 2022, up from 0.4 million in 1990. A gender skew also marks the rise in obesity levels: The Lancet study found 44 million women and 26 million men aged above 20 in India to be obese, up from 2.4 million women and 1.1 million men in 1990.

WHO defines obesity as an "abnormal or excessive accumulation of fat that poses health risks". Like in most parts of the world, in India too the problem stems from an increase in sedentary lifestyles, improvement in living standards and access to processed foods. The recently released results of the Household Consumption Survey show that Indians are spending less on cereals and pulses and more on beverages, refreshments and processed food. According to a joint study conducted by WHO and ICRIER last year, India's ultra-processed food industry grew at a compound annual growth rate of 13.37 per cent in terms of retail sales value between 2011 and 2021. Unfortunately, the country's nutrition-related policies, such as Poshan 2.0, do not give adequate attention to unhealthy eating habits. The National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Strokes does recommend screening and early interventions to check the obesity-related risk factors from becoming complicated. The guidelines recommend annual screening for excess weight in children as young as two to six years old. However, a lack of awareness about the seriousness of the issue, including in the medical community,

means that these prescriptions are rarely followed.

India is not the only country with an intractable obesity problem. WHO notes that no country is on track to meeting its target of bringing down obesity to 2010 levels by 2025. However, in several parts of the world, conversations have begun on trying to deal with the problem through measures such as higher taxes on unhealthy food and incentives for healthy food, front-of-pack nutrition labelling to guide consumers and awareness programmes. India has been an outlier to such discussions. The Lancet report should serve as a wake-up call for policymakers.

The Indian Express

Unveiling the Multifaceted Battle Against Addiction

Insights into Intervention, Prevention, and Collaborative Strategies

Rameez Rasool

ddiction, recognized as a disease impacting both brain function and behaviour, is a formidable challenge for individuals and society at large. Its grip is relentless, compelling individuals to continue substance use despite severe consequences. The importance of seeking treatment for drug addiction, also termed substance use disorder, cannot be overstated, as early intervention significantly increases the likelihood of mitigating its devastating effects.

Drug addiction is a pressing concern in today's developing world, posing a significant threat to the well-being of our youth. This global issue arises from the excessive and recurrent use of drugs, which undermines fundamental life values and robs existence of its meaning. Despite widespread awareness efforts, many, particularly the younger generation, succumb to the allure of harmful substances, resulting in dire consequences for themselves and society as a whole. Alarmingly, statistics show a staggering number of arrests related to drug offenses every 17 seconds, reflecting the pervasive nature of this problem. In regions like Jammu and Kashmir, specific drugs such as tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, and opiates are particularly prevalent, leading to devastating societal impacts. The situation in Kashmir, once known for its spiritual heritage, has deteriorated, with drug abuse increasingly becoming a norm. Tragically, incidents of violence within families, fuelled by drug addiction, are on the rise, highlighting the gravity of the situation.

Government data indicates that a vast majority of drug abusers fall within the age range of 17 to 35, emphasizing the urgent need for intervention. Recent studies reveal that Kashmir has surpassed other states in terms of drug abuse cases, ranking second in the country. Unemployment, strained familial relationships, and peer influence are identified as primary contributors to drug addiction, necessitating comprehensive efforts from both governmental and non-governmental entities. Initiatives like the NashaMukht Bharat Abhiyan aim to raise awareness and provide support to those affected by drug addiction. Collaborative efforts involving educational institutions, parents, and community organizations are essential in creating a drug-free society.

Substance abuse can lead to various health problems, including liver damage, cardiovascular issues, respiratory problems, neurological damage, and an increased risk of infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS and hepatitis.

It is also strongly linked to mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, psychosis, and personality disorders. It can exacerbate existing mental health conditions and increase the risk of developing

Additionally, Substance abuse can strain relationships with family, friends, and colleagues. It can lead to conflicts, breakdowns in communication, domestic violence,

and isolation from loved ones.

Moreover, many substances are illegal to possess, use, or distribute. Substance abuse can lead to legal problems such as arrests, fines, imprisonment, and a criminal record, which can have long-term consequences on employment and other aspects of life.

Maintaining a substance abuse habit can also be expensive, leading individuals to financial strain, debt, and poverty. It can result in job loss, decreased productivity, and difficulty meeting financial obligations.

It can also impair cognitive function, memory, and decision-making abilities, which can negatively impact academic performance and job productivity. It can lead to absenteeism, decreased job performance, and unemployment.

It also impairs judgment, coordination, and reaction time, increasing the risk of accidents and injuries. This includes motor vehicle accidents, falls, burns, and other unintentional injuries.

Additionally, substance abuse places a significant burden on healthcare systems due to the increased demand for medical services, emergency care, addiction treatment, and rehabilitation programs.

In cases such as pregnancy, substance abuse can harm both the mother and the developing foetus, leading to complications such as miscarriage, stillbirth, low birth weight, premature birth, birth defects, and developmental delays in children.

Substance abuse contributes to various social problems, including crime, homelessness, child neglect, and family disruption. It Government and NGOs Should Unite Against Substance Abuse

Governmental and non-governmental organizations work together to tackle substance abuse by:

Making Laws and Policies: Governments create rules to prevent substance abuse, while NGOs push for effective laws and their implementation.

Prevention Programs: Both types of organizations run programs to educate people about the dangers of substance abuse, especially targeting young people and families.

Spreading Awareness: They organize campaigns through various channels to inform people about addiction signs and available help.

Providing Treatment: Governments fund treatment services, including counselling and reha-

the importance of leading a virtuous life and avoiding behaviours that harm oneself and others.

Promotion of Islamic Values: Islamic teachings often emphasize moderation, self-discipline, and the importance of maintaining good health. Religious scholars can highlight these values and how substance abuse contradicts them, thereby discouraging such behaviour among their followers.

Counselling and Support:
Religious scholars can provide
counselling and support services
to individuals struggling with substance abuse issues. They can offer
spiritual guidance, encouragement,
and a non-judgmental environment
for those seeking help to overcome
their addiction.

Community Outreach: Religious scholars can organize community outreach programs aimed at raising awareness about substance abuse and its consequences. They can collaborate with local organizations, healthcare providers, and government agencies to develop initiatives that address the root causes of substance abuse and provide support to affected individuals and families.

Advocacy and Policy Influence: Religious leaders can advocate for policies and initiatives aimed at preventing substance abuse and providing support for rehabilitation and recovery. They can use their influence to mobilize support within the community and engage with policymakers to enact effective measures.

Setting an Example: Religious scholars can lead by example by abstaining from substance abuse themselves and promoting healthy lifestyles within their own lives. Their behaviour can serve as a model for others to emulate, reinforcing the message that substance abuse is incompatible with religious teachings and values.

Overall, religious scholars in Kashmir have the potential to play a crucial role in curbing substance abuse by leveraging their moral authority, educational efforts, counselling services, community engagement, advocacy, and personal example to promote a drug-free society.

Religious scholars can provide counselling and support services to individuals struggling with substance abuse issues. They can offer spiritual guidance, encouragement, and a non-judgmental environment for those seeking help to overcome their addiction

places a strain on social services, law enforcement, healthcare, and other public resources, leading to increased costs for taxpayers.

Overall, substance abuse has far-reaching negative consequences that affect not only the individual but also their families, communities, and society as a whole.

Empowering Parents and Strategies to Prevent Teen Drug Abuse

Watch for sign

Pay attention to changes in your child's behaviour. Look for signs such as poor grades, abrupt changes in friends, abnormal eating or sleeping habits, and deteriorating relationships with family and others.

Talk about Drugs:

Evidence shows that a parent's lessons and involvement reduce the risk of substance abuse habits, particularly when started at an early age. Monitor the company they keep:

Keep an eye on the people your child spends time with. Set rules concerning playtime with friends and time spent online. Maintain moderate but consistent discipline and acknowledge good behaviour. Be a friend to your child:

Teens who doubt themselves or feel disregarded by their parents are often the ones who seek drugs. Therefore, parents need to go beyond modelling good behaviour and create a positive environment for their children. Take time to get to know your child by spending time together, communicating, and creating shared experiences.

Parents can play a vital role in preventing drug abuse. They need to provide unconditional love, strengthen their child's self-esteem, and foster a positive attitude toward seeking professional help. bilitation. NGOs offer additional support like peer counselling and vocational training.

Research and Data: Governments conduct research on substance abuse trends, while NGOs may help collect data, especially in areas with fewer resources.

Partnerships: They collaborate

with healthcare providers, schools, police, and communities to develop effective strategies.

Advocacy for Treatment Ac-

cess: NGOs advocate for better access to affordable treatment services, pushing for healthcare reforms and increased funding.

Supporting Policy Implemen-

tation: NGOs assist in implementing substance abuse policies by training healthcare providers and community groups.

Together, they work to address substance abuse and improve the health and safety of individuals and communities

Religious Scholars Should Take Lead in Combating Substance Abuse in Kashmir

Guiding the Way: Religious Scholars in Kashmir Combat Substance Abuse Through Faith and Action

Religious scholars in Kashmir, like in many other regions, play a significant role in addressing social issues such as substance abuse. Their influence stems from their position of authority and respect within the community, often allowing them to effectively convey messages and guidance to the population. Here are several ways in which religious scholars in Kashmir can contribute to curbing substance abuse.

Preaching and Education: Religious scholars can use their platform to educate people about the harmful effects of substance abuse, both from a religious and a health perspective. They can emphasize

Conclusion

The battle against addiction is multifaceted, requiring a comprehensive approach that encompasses intervention, prevention, and collaborative strategies. From empowering parents to governmental and nongovernmental organizations uniting against substance abuse, and even religious scholars taking a lead in combatting addiction, various stakeholders are actively engaged in addressing this pressing issue.

The negative impacts of substance abuse are far-reaching, affecting individuals, families, communities, and society as a whole. From physical and mental health issues to social, legal, and financial consequences, the toll is significant and demands urgent attention.

However, amidst these challenges, there is hope. Through early intervention, education, community outreach, and policy advocacy, progress is being made in the fight against addiction. By empowering parents to play a key role in prevention, supporting collaborative efforts between governments and NGOs, and leveraging the influence of religious leaders, we can collectively work towards creating a healthier, drug-free society.

Ultimately, it is through collective action and unwavering commitment that we can unveil a path towards recovery, healing, and resilience in the face of addiction's relentless grip. By working together, we can strive towards a future where individuals are supported, communities are strengthened, and the devastating impacts of addiction are mitigated.

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India's Giant Leap Into **Manned Space Exploration**

Mohammad Hanief

India's extraordinary ascent continues with landmark achievements in space exploration. From the successful Gaganyaan test flight to sending a module into outer space and back to Earth, India's space agency, ISRO, has set the stage for ambitious endeavors. Following the historic landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar South Pole and the launch of the Aditya-L1 solar observation mission, India now prepares diligently for its manned space mission, Gaganyaan.

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi introducing the four Gaganyaan astronauts, India gears up for its maiden human spaceflight, aiming to develop a capsule capable of carrying a crew of three into orbit for three days before safely returning to Earth. The mission, a crucial step towards sustained human presence in space, requires meticulous planning and cutting-edge technologies, including a human-rated launch vehicle, life support systems, Earth-like habitats, and emergency escape mechanisms. With a specialized astronaut training facility in Bengaluru and a dedicated team of pilots, India is on course to join the elite club of nations with human spaceflight capabilities.

The space agency is in full swing to achieve another milestone in its space endeavours, with the launch of the Gaganyaan mission, slated for launch in 2024. The preparation for India's first manned mission has been going on for years, with the mission's preliminary studies starting back in 2006.

For the first crewed mission of the Gaganyaan programme, astronaut trainees are selected from a pool of test pilots, based on selection criteria jointly defined by ISRO and the Indian Air Force which comprises flying experience, fitness, psychological and aeromedical evaluation (including anthropometric parameters). The Gaganyaan programme envisages undertaking the demonstration of human spaceflight to Low Earth Orbit (LEO) in the short term and will lay the foundation for a sustained Indian human space exploration programme in the

The objective of the Gaganyaan programme is to demonstrate the indigenous capability to undertake human space flight missions to LEO. As part of this programme, two unmanned missions and one manned mission are approved by the Government of India, according to the Indian Space Research Organisation.

The Gaganyaan, literally meaning 'celestial vehicle' will carry four people to an orbit of 400 km on a 3-day mission and bring them back safely to Earth, by landing in Indian sea waters.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Thiruvananthapuram

On February 27, and announced the names of four Indian astronauts chosen for this unique mission. Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, Group Captain Ajit Krishnan, Group Captain Angad Pratap and Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla are selected for the manned Gaganyaan mission. PM Modi conferred the 'as-

tronaut wings' upon the designated astronauts. He also gave a standing ovation to the four astronauts and said, "We are witnessing another historic jour-ney at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre. India meets its four Gaganyaan astronauts. These are not just four names, but forces that will take the aspirations of 140 crore Indians to space."

All four Indian Air Force officers have had extensive experience as test pilots and are currently in training for the mission. Modi, who bestowed them with the prestigious astronaut wings, described them as "four forces" who represent the aspirations and optimism of 1.4 billion Indians.

The announcement was made at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre in Thumba, Kerala, days





Precursor missions such as Gaganyaan-1 will demonstrate the levels of technology preparedness before the manned mission. The unmanned mission will carry an unpressurised crew module — the capsule in which the astronauts will be seated during the human flight to space and back

after the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said it had successfully tested the human readiness of the cryogenic engine that will be used on the Gaganyaan mission vehicles.

To train astronauts for the manned mission, ISRO set up an Astronaut Training Facility in Bengaluru which includes classroom training, physical fitness training, simulator training and flight suit training. Training modules cover academic courses, Gaganyaan Flight Systems, Micro-gravity familiarization through Parabolic Flights, Aeromedical training, Recovery & Survival training, mastering of Flight Procedures and training on Crew Training Simulators. Aeromedical training, Periodical flying practice and Yoga are also included as part of the training.

Apart from this, the Indian Air Force has also been working closely with ISRO on the Gaganyaan mission. In the past, the IAF also teased a fitness training video of the four IAF pilots selected for the Gaganyaan mission

The projects comprise the PSLV Integration Facility (PIF) at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, the new 'Semi-cryogenics Integrated Engine and Stage Test Facility' at the ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, and the Trisonic Wind Tunnel' at VSSC in Thiruvananthapuram. These endeavors, collectively costing approximately Rs. 1800 crore, offer cutting-edge technical in-

The PSLV Integration Facility (PIF) at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, is expected to enhance the frequency of PSLV launches from 6 to 15 per year. Moreover, this advanced

facility is capable of support-ing launches for SSLV and other

small launch vehicles developed

frastructure for the space sector.

by private space enterprises. The ISRO's heavy lift launcher, the LVM rocket, has been identified as the launch vehicle to be used during the Gaganyaan missions. Comprising a solid, a liquid and a cryogenic

stage, these systems can be

configured to ferry humans

into space. The special flight engine, to be used for Gaganyaan missions too, has completed the acceptance tests. Powering the upper stages of the LVM3, the flight engine boasts of a thrust capacity of 19 to 22 tonne with

an impulse of 442.5 seconds. The development of a human-rate launch vehicle is a part of the several tests and technology development efforts required for the proposed human-space flight mission.

Other technological developments like development of life support systems to provide an earth like environment to crew in space, crew emergency escape provision, evolving crew management aspects for training, recovery and rehabilitation of crew are planned.

Besides, precursor missions are being planned which will demonstrate the technology preparedness levels before the actual manned Gaganyaan mission.

Work for the development of the HLVM, consisting of the Crew Escape System, is presently underway. This is part of the Crew Module, being designed to ensure that the crew remains safe all throughout the journey. Besides, the design is flexible to provide a quick crew escape, in case of any untoward development both during the launch or descent phases.

Indian Space Research Organisation has been carrying out a number of tests to prepare for

the flight. In October, a key test demonstrated that the crew could safely escape the rocket in case it malfunctioned. After its success, Isro said a test flight would take a robot into space in 2024, before astronauts are sent into space in 2025.

Gaganyaan has generated a lot of interest in India, although it's coming decades after Soviet Union and the US started making trips to the low Earth orbit. Both have been in space since 1961. China became the third country to reach space in October 2003 when a Chinese mission spent 21 hours and orbited Earth 14 times. And the US and China have fully operational space stations in low Earth orbit.

An Indian astronaut also went to space as early as in 1984 when Rakesh Sharma spent nearly eight days on a Russian spacecraft. Last year, India made major forays into space. The country made history by becoming the first to land near the Moon's South Pole in August 2023. Just weeks later, scientists launched Aditya-L1, India's first observation mission to the Sun which is now in orbit, keeping an eye on our solar system's most important and volatile star.

India has also announced ambitious new plans for space, saying it would aim to set up a space station by 2035 and send an astronaut to the Moon by 2040.

Precursor missions such as Gaganyaan-1 will demonstrate the levels of technology preparedness before the manned mission. The unmanned mission will carry an unpressurised crew module – the capsule in which the astronauts will be seated during the human flight - to space and back.

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Mentors, Nurture Rooms And Mindfulness

What Schools Can Do To Improve Pupils' Mental Health

Jonathan Glazzard

ecent data shows that around 20% of children and young people aged from eight to 25 years have a probable mental disorder.

This is an increase from the 10% recorded in 2017, when the UK government declared the prevalence of mental ill health in children and young people to be "one of the burning injustices of our time".

Lack of investment in mental health services, coupled with growing demand, has left many children and young people with limited or no support.

The effects are being felt in schools. Ofsted's 2023 annual report includes concern about the rising use of part-time timetables in schools – which can be for children struggling with their mental health. Parttime attendance may involve only attending school on specified days or daily attendance but with a reduction in the number of hours pupils spend in school.

Schools are operating with already stretched resources. But they are an obvious route to supporting children's mental health. Children and young people spend a significant proportion of their time in

With the proper resources to help, schools could offer swift support – especially when many children and young people experience delays in accessing external support, particularly from child and adolescent mental health

A key way that schools could support children's mental health is the introduction of a mental health curriculum. This would aim to develop pupils' mental health literacy by developing their knowledge of mental health issues and introducing them to strategies to manage their own mental health.

Dedication to mental health My own research with colleagues explored the impact of a mental health curriculum delivered by a sports community trust and school partnership, with 570 young people in schools across Cambridge.

The curriculum included sessions on stress, resilience, social media use and selfmanagement strategies. A mental health curriculum was designed and delivered by sports coaches who were employed by the community trust and trained in mental health to students in secondary schools. Footballers from the local football club con-



tributed by sharing their own lived experiences of mental ill-health.

Not only did students' knowledge of mental health improve, but they also gained knowledge of strategies to help themselves cope with adversity and how to help others with mental ill health.

Another strand of the whole school approach relates to working in partnership with children and young people to improve mental health. We conducted another study in which older students acted as mentors in secondary schools. They designed and delivered weekly physical activity sessions to younger students with social, emotional and mental health needs.

We found that this improved levels of physical activity, which supported children's mental health. The younger students gained coping skills and the programme also helped with their social skills, by leading to the development of supportive and trusting relationships between mentors and the students they were supporting.

Both studies illustrate that

schools can play a role in supporting children and young people's mental health - but that they require help and funding to do so.

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Nurture groups are used in some schools to support children with social, emotional and mental health needs. They can take place in nurture rooms, which tend to be more informal spaces than standard classrooms and provide positive environments for children to develop social and emotional literacy and regulation

Nurture groups focus on helping children with their confidence, self-esteem and communication and with establishing positive relationships with others. These skills are explicitly taught and children have opportunities to practise the skills they learn.

A research study involving 384 children aged five and sixdemonstrated improvements in social, emotional and behavioural outcomes, although there was no evidence that nurture groups led to improvements in academic outcomes.

Mindfulness is another practice that can take place in schools. The aim of mindfulness, as a practice, is to focus attention on the present rather than the past or the future, through guided participation. This could include focusing on breathing or a specific part of the body.

People can then use mindfulness by themselves to support their own mental health. Research with 216 secondary school students has demonstrated positive effects, including improvements in emotional regulation and emotional clarity as well as a reduction in perceived stress.

However, it is important to remember that teachers are

not mental health therapists. There are professional boundaries that apply to what they can and cannot do. In a 2023 documentary on young people and mental health, presenter Roman Kemp called for the government to commit funding so that all schools can benefit from the expertise of an education mental health practitioner.

These practitioners are employed by the NHS. They are deployed into schools to provide help for children and young people with mental health needs. Increasing investment in this service would ensure that schools are better resourced and able to address mental health needs.

In addition, increased government funding would also enable all schools to appoint a suitably qualified designated member of staff to lead and manage the mental health provision across the school. This should be a protected role, free from other responsi-

Proper investment in mental health services is urgently required so that young people can get the support that they need in a timely manner.

By arrangements with The Conversation

Union Min Assures Support To Create More Livelihood Avenues For Farmers In J&K

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar- Union Minister Parshottam Rupala has assured all possible support to upscale livestock production, establish a modern fish market and create more livelihood avenues for farmers and pastoralists in Jammu and Kashmir.

The minister for fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying along with Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha had on Monday inaugurated a two-day technology exhibition-cum-seed mela at the SKUAST-Kashmir.

During the event, various works and programmes, including SKUAST-Kashmir's commercial silage unit, the Krishi Radio and rural

internship "Student rural exploration programme of J-K government", were inaugurated, an official spokesman said.

Rupala commended the Union Territory's administration for transforming the agriculture and allied sector of Jammu and Kashmir and promoting innovation-based agri startups, he said.

The Union minister also announced an aqua park for Jammu and Kashmir.

He assured all possible support in upscaling livestock production, establishment of a modern fish market and creating more livelihood avenues for local farmers and pastoralists in the Union Territory, according to the spokesman.

State Of Art Commercial Silage Bailing Plant Established In PPP Mode

Observer News Service

Srinagar- In a first of its kind initiative a state of art commercial silage bailing production facility has come up at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ganderbal in public private partnership mode.

A joint initiative of Khyber Greens Private Limited and SKUAST-Kashmir is aimed at improving the availability of nutritious fodder alternative to livestock and thereby increase production and productivity.

The facility was inaugurated by Parshottam Rupala, Minister of Animal Husbandry, dairying and fisheries and Lieutenant Governor, Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha during 9th technology exhibition and seed sale mela at SKUAST-K in presence of galaxy of high profile dignitaries and officers from ministry, state administration and academics.

"The silage production facility at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ganderbal has come up at the cost of approximately Rs. 5.00 crores and is equipped with imported machinery based on Italian and French technology that would help livestock rearers conserve the fodders during summer for feeding their livestock in winter, when fodders are scarce," said Iqbal Mirza,

He further elaborated that the plant is first of its kind in north India and has a capacity to produce 50 Quintals/hour of quality silage. SKUAST-K and Khyber Greens have entered into a MoU to collaborate in fields of fodder seed multiplication, silage and total mixed ration production etc. as a part of endeavor of SKUAST-K to bring in industry into academics and infuse technology into agriculture and allied sectors.

CEO of Khyber Greens.

J&K Bank Rolls Out New Digital Offerings, **Enhances Services In Mpay Delight+**

Roll-out is a significant push towards accelerating our digital journey for enhanced customer convenience: Baldev Prakash

Observer News Service

Srinagar-Going ahead with its digital transformation for greater customer convenience, J&K Bank Tuesday rolled out the enhanced features of its mobile banking application along with Sound Box for QR Code, UPI Add-on Features, Doorstep Banking App for Business Correspondents and Online Car-loan Journey.

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash launched the new digital offerings in presence of Executive Director Sudhir Gupta, General Managers, DGMs and other senior officers here at the Bank's corporate headquarters. He also launched eOffice Mobile app – an internal application designed for digital movement of office notes.

Expressing satisfaction over the roll-out of much needed digital services for the Bank's customers, MD & CEO said, "This is the year of digital transformation for us. We see technology as a medium to give customers a real

Observer News Service

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tary, Agriculture Production

Department (APD), Shailendra

Kumar, Tuesday convened a

meeting of agriculture and hor-

ticulture departments here to

review progress on implementa-

tion of several Centrally Spon-

sored Schemes CSSs, CAPEX

and HADP besides assessing the

physical and financial achieve-

ments recorded, so far, under



feel of how digitally empowered they are. With these enhancements in our flagship mobile app Mpay Delight+, we can give customers a proper 'Bank in Pocket' feel.'

"Today's roll-out is a significant push towards accelerating our digital journey for enhanced customer convenience while making services swifter, safer and more inclusive. I feel particularly happy for rolling out Sound Box because it will further simplify payment acceptance for small vendors as well as big merchants across our core operational geog-

raphy", he added. Regarding Doorstep Banking App for Business Correspondents (BC), he

On CSSs, CAPEX, HADP

Shailendra Reviews Progress

these programmes.

During the meeting, different

centrally sponsored schemes be-

ing implemented by the depart-

ment of agriculture and horti-

culture including RKVY, MIDH,

ATMA, NFSM, PM KISAN,

Soil Health Card scheme, KCC

scheme and others were dis-

cussed in detail. The implemen-

tation of projects under the Ho-

listic Agriculture Development

program were also discussed

said that the introduction of robust digital intervention through this app will increase the number of facilities provided to the customers by the Bank's BCs, who have been playing a positive role in the mission of active financial inclusion in J&K

and Ladakh. "As banking continues to evolve with the advent of new technologies, we remain ready to adapt the new digital innovations to ensure convenient, secure and efficient services for our customers", MD & CEO said.

Earlier, speaking on the occasion, GM (Strategy) &IT Imtiyaz Ahmad Bhat said, "It is a big day for Bank as far as digital journey is concerned. Through a battery of products we will be making our digital ecosystem more robust for our customers.'

Box "Sound something our business community has been demanding for a long time. Our sound box is integrated with core banking solution instead of limiting it to UPI transactions only. This is where ours is unique in many ways. And with added features. UPI global can be used at international destinations having UPI services availability", he said. DGM (IT & Business

Re-engineer-Process ing) M. Muzzafar Wani highlighted the features of rolled out digital services. He said, "MPay Delight+ continues to evolve and customers can now register nomination as well as for SMS Service. To save their time along with hassles of processing, the app will now showcase pre-approved loans for the eligible custom-Moreover, GST and income tax portals can also be accessed through the app."

Addressing the meeting,

Shailendra Kumar highlighted the

importance of judicious expendi-

ture of funds being released un-

der different CSSs, projects under HADP and CAPEX. He asked the

officers that funds allocated under

different components of centrally

sponsored schemes must be ex-

pended completely to avoid any

lapses. He reiterated the impor-

tance of maintaining the highest

level of transparency and account-

ability during all expenditures.

Unemployment Rate Dips To 3.1% In 2023

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- Unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years or above declined to 3.1 per cent in 2023, the lowest in the last three years, as per a report of National Sample Survey Organisation under the statistics ministry.

According to Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for calender year 2023, the unemployment rate came down to 3.1 per cent in 2023 from 3.6 per cent in 2022 and 4.2 per cent in 2021.

Joblessness, or unemployment rate, is defined as the percentage of unemployed people in the labour force.

As per the data, employment situation is improving after the pandemic hit the country in March 2020, which forced authorities to impose lockdown to curb the spread of deadly coronavirus.

The data also showed the improvement in buoyancy in economic activities after lifting of lockdown by the Centre and states.

The survey showed that unemployment rate among females also declined to 3 per cent in 2023 from 3.3 per cent in 2022 and 3.4 per cent in 2021.

Similarly for males, it came down to 3.2 per cent in 2023 from 3.7 per cent in 2022 and 4.5 per cent in 2021.

The overall rate of unemployment also declined in urban areas to 5.2 per cent in 2023 from 5.7 per cent in 2022 and 6.5 per cent 2021.

Similarly, in areas it came down to 2.4 per cent in 2023 from 2.8 per cent in 2022 and 3.3 per cent in 2021. Labour force participation rate (LFPR) in Current Weekly Status (CWS) in urban areas for people aged 15 years and above increased to 56.2 per cent in 2023 from 52.8 per cent in 2022 and 51.8 per cent in 2021

Government Of Jammu And Kashmir

Office Of The Executive **Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Srinagar.**

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Sub: - Extension in bidding time for Short Term e-NIT No. 39 OF 2023-24. Dated: 28-02-2024 for below mentioned works: -

Mechanical repair works at Lift Irrigation Scheme Gogji gund unit 2nd of MISD Ganderbal.

Mechanical repair Works at lift Irrigation Scheme Beg Mohalla Watlar unit 2nd of MISD Ganderbal.

Electrical repair works to 100 KVA HT Transformer at LIS Repora Old of

Ref: - JK Government official e-Procurement portal Tender ID No's .: -2024_ IFC_245951_1, 2024_IFC_245951_2, 2024_IFC_245951_4

Extension Notice 1

Due to poor response to above mentioned sub-parts of this office above referred e-NIT for the subject works, the critical dates are extended as un-

/ sale end Date	11/03/2024 at 1400 firs					
Date and time of Bid opening	12/03/2024 at 1400 hrs					
Rest of the terms and conditions shall remain un-altered as laid down in						

Pid submission / Desument download 11/03/2024 at 1/00 hrs

the original e-NIT.

No. MIDS/Ts/5010-14 DIPK-17512/23 Dated: -05-03-2024

Executive Engineer.

Public Notice

My name has been wrongly written in my electicity bill bearing consumer id 0204020005116 Mohd yousuf oljree 5/0 Mond Snati R /0 Hassi Bnat Rainawari Wnile my correct name is Mond Yousut Gojree 5/0 Gnulam Hasan Gojree R/O Beeroni Kathi Darwaza Srinagar which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned PDD offie within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

S/O Ghulam Hasan Gojree

Mohd Yousuf Gojree R/o Beeroni kathi darwaza Srinagar inf



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E-AUCTION NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, mortgagor and guarantors in particular that the below mentioned immovable property mortgaged to The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Budgam, the physical possession whereof has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank under section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 will be sold through e auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and " No complaint" basis on 20.04.2024 for recovery of dues to the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd Branch Budgam. The description of property, reserve price and the earnest money deposit (EMD) is mentioned herein

Description of the mortgaged property (Put on sale)	Residential house constructed on a piece of land measuring 21 Marlas falling under Khasra No. 406 min Khata No. 135 and Khewat No. 74 situated at Budina Budgam standing in the name of Mr Nissar Hussain Dar S/o Mohammad Abdullah Dar R/o Reshipora Budgam, J&K.
Reserve Price	Rs. 1,36,00,000 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Six lac Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 13,60,000/

The bid document/format containing full details of the mortgaged property and all the terms & conditions can be had from and submitted on the website "https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net (Contact Persons: Mr. Ram Sharma (M) 9978591888, 9265562821 (O) 079 6813 6844,). The bids complete in all respects can be only submitted online by or before 19.04.2024 upto 4.00 PM. The e auction will be held on 20.04.2024 from 11.30 AM-4.00 PM. The contact details of the bank officials are: Mr. Javid Rashid (Authorized Officer) Mobile No. 8082808233 & Mr. Mohammad Yehya Rafigi (Branch Head Budgam) Mobile No. 9419013182.

> **Javid Rashid** Authorized Officer, J&K Bank Ltd.

Place: Budgam Dated: 04.03.2024

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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

(ADMISSIONS - 2024) CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR ANNOUNCES ADMISSION TO

UNDERGRADUATE (UG) PROGRAMMES Online applications are invited from the eligible candidates for admission to the following Undergraduate programmes

offered by the University as per Curriculum & Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programmes (CCFUP) envisaged by UGC under NEP-2020, through Common University Entrance Test CUET (UG)-2024 to be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA). The eligibility and other details for admission to UG programmes are available on our website: www.cukashmir.ac.in. Sr No Name of the Programme

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For the Academic Session 2024-25, CUET (UG)-2024 will be conducted in the Hybrid mode (Computer Based Test (CBT)/ Pen & Paper) as per the details below

Online Submission of Application Form	27th February to 26th March, 2024 (upto 11:50 P.M.)			
Last date of successful transaction of fee through	26th March, 2024 (upto 11.50 PM)			
Credit/Debit Card/Net Banking/UPI				
Correction in Particulars	28th March to 29th March 2024 (upto 11.50 PM)			
Announcement of the City of Examination	30th April 2024 onward*			
Downloading of Admit cards from NTA website	The second week of May 2024*			
Date of Examination	Between 15th May and 31st May 2024*			
Display of Recorded Responses and Answer Keys	To be announced later on the website			
	www.nta.ac.in, http://exams.nta.ac.in/CUET-UG/www.cukashmir.ac.in			
Declaration of Results on the NTA website	30th June 2024*			
* The date(s) may vary depending on the National Election S	chedule.			

* The candidates are requested to undertake the correction(s) very carefully as no further chance of correction will be provided.

Information about the eligibility, scheme of examination, examination centers, timings, fee, procedure for applying etc. are contained in the Information Bulletin hosted on the website of NTA http://exams.nta.ac.in/CUET-UG/. Candidates who are desirous of applying for the examination may go through the Information Bulletin and apply online at http://exams.nta.ac.in/CUET-UG/ only during the period from 27.02.2024 to 26.03.2024 and also pay the applicable fee, online, through the payment gateway using Debit/Credit Cards, Net Banking, and UPI.

For any queries or/clarification, candidates can call at 01140759000/011-69227700 or write to NTA at cuet-ug@nta.ac.in. For assistance of aspirants, a department-wise HELP DESK is available at the Central University Website, candidate may contact the concerned Academic Coordinator. Sd/ Director I/c

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Directorate of Admissions

Tourist Boom Spurs Homestay Growth In J&K, Adds 13,000 Rooms

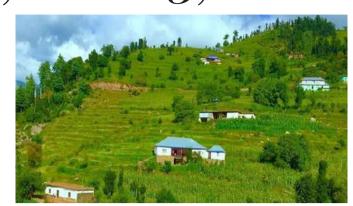
SRINAGAR: The growing number of tourist arrivals for the last few years has flourished the concept of homestays in Jammu and Kashmir.

Their increasing numbers has subsequently enhanced the room capacity in Jammu and Kashmir, which for the last few years has been receiving record-breaking tourists arrivals.

As per the figures available with the news agency, as many as 1,485 homestays have been registered across the Union Territory so far.

These 1485 homestays have led to the addition of 13,000 rooms for tourists especially those who look for affordable accommodations.

In February 2022, the Jammu



and Kashmir administration and a leading global chain of hotels and vacation homes, launched the rural homestay 'Crown of Incredible

The administration then announced ₹50,000 special financial assistance to youth willing

to set up a homestay unit. Since then homestays have mushroomed in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in border areas and villages, which offer heritage tourism.

"While the concept of home-

stays was already in Kashmir, we saw more and more homestays coming up in various parts of the valley post Covid-19. From city to towns and far-flung villages, homestays have been set up by youth which provide affordable accommodation to the visitors," said an official of the tourism

department.

The Unique Selling Proposition (USP) of these homestays lies in their ability to offer an authentic experience of the region. Unlike conventional hotels, which often provide a more standardized experience, homestays allow visitors to immerse themselves in the local culture and lifestyle.

"Staying in a homestay gives travelers a chance to connect with the essence of Kashmiri

hospitality. Guests get to experience our traditions, cuisine, and warmth firsthand," says Mohammad Shafi, who runs a homestay in the scenic town of Pahalgam.

For tourists, the appeal of homestays lies not only in their affordability but also in the personalized experience they offer. Many travelers seek to escape the hustle and bustle of city life and yearn for a more tranquil and intimate setting.

"Staying in a homestay allowed me to experience the true essence of Kashmir. The hosts treated me like family, and I got to explore the region through their eyes. It was an unforgettable experience," remarked Supriya, a tourist from Mumbai, who arrived in Kashmir last week-(KNO)

Ladakh Talks: Center Seeks 3-Month Delay For 6th Schedule Implementation **Political Meeting**

SRINAGAR: The latest session of the sub-committee convened to address Ladakh's pressing concerns concluded without a breakthrough.

Representatives from Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) revealed the impasse following discussions with Home Ministry officials and the advisor to the Ladakh Lieutenant Governor.

However, specifics regarding the discord remain undisclosed, leaving the nature of the rift shrouded in ambiguity.

According to the inputs received by the news agency, in the aftermath of the inconclusive meeting, LAB and KDA leaders sought further deliberations with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Despite their efforts, discussions failed to yield tangible results.

Top sources inform KNO that LAB and KDA representatives pledged to consult with local constituents before charting their next course of action.

It was informed further that central to the discussions were Ladakh's demands concerning the implementation of the sixth schedule, a topic that



sparked detailed exchanges during the meeting. Home Ministry officials, citing legal expertise, outlined a timeline of two to three months for the fulfillment of these demands.

However, LAB and KDA leaders remained steadfast in their insistence on immediate action. Sources close to the negotiations highlighted the procedural complexities associated with meeting Ladakhi demands.

While acknowledging the validity

of the grievances, it was underscored that any resolutions must withstand legal scrutiny and cannot be hastily enacted under external pressures.

The sub-committee's inaugural meeting on February 24 marked the onset of dialogue aimed at addressing Ladakh's multifaceted challenges. Prior to this, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai conducted two rounds of discussions with Ladakhi leaders and laid the groundwork for subsequent engagements—(KNO)

SKUASK Organizes Training Program on Medicinal Plants

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: In a significant step towards livelihood enhancement of Scheduled Tribe populations, Division of Forest Products and Utiliza- Nodal Officer AICRP-MAP, saw active tion. Faculty of Forestry SKUAST-K organized a one-day Training cum Distribution Program at Faqir Gujri

The focus of the event was on "Strengthening Livelihood of Schedule Tribe Farmers through Cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants" under the Tribal Sub Plan, as part of the All India Coordinated Research

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Project on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (AICRP-MAP).

The event was attended by chief guest, Prof. P.A. Sofi, Head of Division of Forest Products and Utilization and participation from local Scheduled Tribe farmers.

Prof. Sofi, serving as the chief guest, shed light on the immense potential of medicinal and aromatic plants in elevating the livelihoods of the local Scheduled Tribe population in Jammu and Kashmir

During his address, Prof. Sofi shared compelling success stories of farmers

Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT

engaged in medicinal and aromatic plant cultivation aiming to inspire participants to consider cultivating these plants as a means of sustainable

He emphasized the important role played by the Division of Forest Prod ucts and Utilization, Faculty of Forestry SKUAST-K and the AICRP-MAP project in contributing to the prosperity of the local populace through the cultivation of medicinal plants.

Dr. Amarieet Singh underscored the importance of specific medicinal plants that thrive in the unique conditions of Kashmir.

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Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal.

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6 Govt Employees Served Show Cause For Attending

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Rajouri district administration has taken disciplinary action against government officials accused of attending a political gathering in the recent past. Reports suggest that a meeting, reportedly with political undertones, was convened at the residence of a retired police officer, with former minister and NC leader Mian Altaf in attendance. Notably, among the participants were Naib Tehsildar and personnel from various other government departments.

Government sources divulged to the news agency that approximately 26 government employees, including a Naib Tehsildar and an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI), have been served show cause notices for their purported involvement in the aforementioned political gathering. The incident, which occurred several days ago in Khevra, Rajouri, saw a diverse array of attendees, comprising officials from different professional backgrounds such as engineering, healthcare, and education.

Addressing the matter, Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat emphasized the need for accountability, directing department heads to solicit explanations from the implicated employees.

However, proponents of the accused political party have contested the characterization of the gathering as politically motivated, refuting allegations of misconduct. According to their narrative, Mian Altaf, hailing from a religious lineage, was visited by individuals seeking his blessings, rather than participating in overtly

Furthermore, sources informed that the purported presence of government personnel at the gathering has drawn scrutiny, with reports indicating that videos and photographs capturing their attendance have been forwarded to higher authorities for further investigation—(KNO)

Govt Resolves Over 97% Grievances Through The Online Portal

KO NEWS SERVICE

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday said that over 3,62,426 grievances of the public stands have been resolved out of 3,73,390 complaints received through its online portal.

According to a statement, the Govt said that the Department of Public Grievances, J&K (DoPG, J&K) looks after the Grievances Redressal work of the LIT Government on the Jammu & Kashmir Integrated Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System (JKIGRAMS) Portal.

"The Grievances filed by the citizens electronically on the Portal or offline are scanned and processed on the IKIGRAMS Portal and sent to the concerned Departments for Redressal at their end," reads the statement.

It further says that they have in place an Integrated Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System JKI-GRAMS. "This e-governance initiative has been introduced in order to bridge the gap between citizens and the administration," it says.

The JKIGRAMS, which has been upgraded in August-2020 now as a Grievance Redressal Portal has quite a wide area of work/ connectivity. It connects 260+ Departments at the Secretariat &HoD levels, 20 Districts and 2000+

subordinate offices at the District level. Besides, the

JKIGRAMS is also integrated with the CPGRAMS which is a Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System, the state-

ment said. The JKIGRAMS also has two Call Centers one at Jammu and other at Kashmir. Any person interested in filing a grievance with the Government may call the said Centers or in the alternative visit the Call Centers to file a grievance.

It further says that JKIGRAMS has a feature of citizen feedback. The Web Portal has been designed to enable the citizens to provide the response / feedback on disposal of their grievances by concerned Government Departments. This Citizen Feedback feature has prompted the Department of Public Grievances to lay emphasis on the quality of disposal of public grievances.

Several studies on Quality of Disposal of Grievances and the level of Public Satisfaction with regard to redressal of Grievances have been conducted to improve the Quality of disposal of grievances and gauge public satisfaction. The outcome of the said studies has been/ are being shared with concerned Departments for corrective measures, wherever required.

Locals Carry Pregnant Woman Amid Road Closure in Karnah

KARNAH: The locals of Karnah's Jabri Bajaldar in north Kashmir's Kupwara district on Tuesday carried a pregnant woman to hospital on their shoulders as the roads have not been cleared yet following heavy snowfall last week.

A video that is now viral on social media shows the locals carrying the on their shoulders for several kilometers to reach the hospital. Locals told KNS that the woman, namely Bibi Shenaz, wife of Manazar Husssain Shah developed labor pain and needed hospitalisation. They said that since the road was closed following heavy snowfall in the area, they had to carry the woman on shoulder to reach the hospital. They said that it took them nearly 4 hours to reach the hospital.

The locals urged the authorities to clear the roads so that the people could heave a sigh of relief. (KNS)

From the office of Advocate Syed Mohsin Geelani

1. Dr Syed Ansar Ahmad Oadri S/o Syed Mohammad Faroog Oadr

A/P Kington Hospital NGS Foundation Trust Galsworthy Road SURREY KT27QB-UK

2. Syed Mohammad Farooq Qadri F/o Dr Syed Ansar Ahmad Qadri 3. Razia Chaisti W/o Syed Mohammad Farooq Qadri

Nor Syed Asrar Ahmad Qadri
 S/o: Syed Mohammad Farooq Qadr
 Afreen Rashid Bhat W/o Dr Syed Asrar Ahmad Qadri

All Residents of Qadri Manzil 155 Zabarwan Lane Wakeel Colony Srina

(Caveators)

PUBLIC AT LARGE

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition Appeal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/ order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

DATED 05/03/2024

Fresh eNIT NO 69 OF R&B/Pahalgam/2023-24 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on percentage basis in single cover system from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:

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	Project Authority:- DIRECTORATE OF Floriculture, Kashmir							
	Position of AA/TS:- Accorded							
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The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms- and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ ded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below

The time of completion of the works shall be dependent on the availability of funds. In case funds are made available in the current financial year the time of completion shall be defined accordingly as per the instructions of the Engineer In-charge.

S. No.	Particulars	Dated		
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice		05/03/2024	
2	Period of Downloading of bidder documents	From	06/03/2024	(10:00 AM)
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3	Bid submission Start Date	From	06/03/2024	(10:00 AM)
4	Bid Submission End Date	То	13/03/2024	(04:00 PM)
5	Data and time of anoning of hid (online)		14/03/2024	(12:00 Noon)
5	Date and time of opening of bid (online)	In the office of	of Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Pahalgar	D(R&B) Division Pahalgam.

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan (E-Challan (Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pahalgam[Tender Inviting Authority] (NIT No. and Name of Work/Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. 0.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Pahalgam(Tender receiving Authority)

All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/DD.Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid

Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive. The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/DD in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pahalgam (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period(DLP) of the work. Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor

The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/DD of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/DD and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. the rates quoted in the BOQ are inclusive of all applicable taxes with 18% \mbox{GST}

The date and time of opening of Bid shall be notified on Web Site www.iktenders.gov.in and conveved to the bidders automatically through e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Pahalgam. In case the amount arrived after addition/deduction of quoted percentage to BOQ amount and quoted amount of BOQ vary, the minimum of the two shall be taken as the amount for award of contract.

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of Opening of Technical bids. Bidders has to upload bid declaration form 9. 10.

The Earnest Money/Performance Security shall be forfeited if:

Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in the terms and conditions of the bid.

Failure of successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period before issue of letter of intent. Successful Bidder fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract. If at any stage of work, the Bidder back up from the contract, again the Performance security/EMD as well as work done claim will be forfeited.

d) 11. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov

intoacquaint bid submission process b) To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No Financial bid will be accepted in physical form

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid

Any corrigendum/addendum/errata in respect of the above tender shall be made available only at our official website www.jktenders.gov.in No further press

advertisement will be given. Hence, prospective bidders are advised to visit above website regularly for above purpose Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option. No, EE/R&B/PGm/ **Executive Engineer** DIPK-17519-23 PWD (R&B) Division Pahalgam DT: 05/03/2024

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER FLOOD SPILL CHANNEL DIVISION NARBAL PIN No.193401

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No: 43 of 2023-24 (e-Tendering) For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders (in Single Cover) on item rate basis are invited for below men-

tioned job/ work from registered Tour and Travel (with Union Territory of J&K Govt.) / Drivers cum Vehicle Owners/agencies for Financial year of 2024-25. Amount of e-NIT/ CDR (in Rs) | Tender fee Engagement / Hiring of Commercial vehicle (Mahindra Scorpio/Toyota Innova) of 2014 or above make/model with J&K Registration only for use of Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal having jurisdiction in District Budgam, Srinagar, Baramulla & Bandipora along 1.00 Night 1000.00 Rs. 200/= (24hours) with the driver (must available for 24x7) for the year 2024-25 (excluding fuel but includ-

ing the day-to-day maintenance charges of the vehicle) The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/

downloaded on e-procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

The e-NIT must be accompanied/uploaded with:

01	Publishing Date	05-03-2024	from 1800 Hrs
02	Download Date Start	05-03-2024	from 1800 Hrs
03	Bid submission Date Start	05-03-2024	from 1800 Hrs
04	Bid submission Date End	16-03-2024	from 1300 Hrs
05	BidopeningDate	18-03-2024 at 11.00 A.M	I in the Office of the Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal.

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in 2) The bids uploaded on the Web site up to due date and time will be opened on 18-03-2024 at (11.00 A.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. In case of Holidays or office happening to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The complete bidding process will

Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document (Non- Refundable / Non- transferrable) to be deposited under MH: 0701-Rev. Misc. in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt or e-Challan (mentioning therein e-NIT No and Serial No of Work) to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal and earnest money/ bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to the Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal, besides the dates on the instruments must not be prior to date of issuance of this Notice. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of Price bids.

Treasury Receipt (T.R) deposited to MH: 0701 as cost of tender document for an amount of Rs.200/- pledged in favour of the Executive 02 Scanned Copy Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal Printed letter head of the Regd. Agency / e-bidder etc. dulpauthenticated with seal and signature Scanned Copy 04 GST Clearance/Pan card along with Self Attested WhatsAppNumber and email ID of the agency/driver Scanned Copy Scanned Copy 05 HMV/LMV License of the driver All other terms and conditions as laid down in the PWD Form 25 Double shall also remain in force

Earnest Money in shape of CDR / FDR for an amount of Rs.1000/-pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel

No. FSCDN/CS/8431-53 Dated: 05/03/2024. Er. Zaffar Mustafa Khan DIPK-17509-23 **Executive Engineer**

J&K Police Wins Canoeing Gold

Hosts J&K Police secured a gold medal in Canoeing on Tuesday in the 23rd All India Police Water Sports

Championship 24 being held at Back Lawn, SKICC here. Mubashir Hussain of J&K Police clinched the first position in the C-1 event final, completing the 1000 meter race

in 04:42:120. J&K Police has now secured two gold medals

and one bronze in Canoeing, and tops the medals tally in

At AlP Water Sports C'ship

Amir Hussain Lone Visits

Gujarat Giants' WPL Squad

Women's Premier League team Gujarat Giants had a special guest Amir Hussain Lone during the game

against Delhi Capitals in Bengaluru. Para-cricketer Amir,

the captain of the Jammu and Kashmir team, is supported by the Adani Group. He was in Bengaluru to meet the

Gujarat Giants' squad. "This is the first time I am visiting the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, and I am very happy Gujarat

Giants invited me. The squad has good players," Amir said.

"Tarannum Pathan is my favourite. It was nice to talk

Short TAKES

Rarity In Cricket: Ashwin, Bairstow Set For Century Of Tests Together

Press Trust of India

DHARAMSALA: Test cricket will see two players featuring in their 100th game together for only the fourth time when India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and England batter Jonny Bairstow take the field here on Thursday.

The first such occasion was when former England captain Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart reached the landmark against the West Indies at Old Trafford back in 2000.

The second instance involved three players as South Africa's Jacques Kallis, Shaun Pollock and Stephen Fleming played their 100th Test in the South Africa-New Zealand game in Centurion in 2006.

The third was Alastair Cook and Michael Clarke in the England-Australia Ashes contest in Perth in 2013



Ashwin and Bairstow will be representing their respective teams in the fifth and final Test here from Thursday.

ond occasion when two players from the opposing teams will be playing their 100th Test in the same game.

Just a day after the India-England game begins, New Zealand captain Tim Southee and his predecessor Kane Williamson will play their 100th Test together during the second match against Australia.

Ashwin, who recently became only the second Indian after Anil Kumble to cross 500 wickets in the game's longest format, made his Test debut in 2011 and has enjoyed more highs than lows during a 13vear journey.

In this hill town, the 34-yearold Bairstow will become the 17th Englishman to get a 100th Test cap, having made his debut

India have already secured an unbeatable 3-1 lead in the ongoing series.

Dhoni Lands In Chennai Ahead Of IPL 2024

Chennai Super Kings skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni landed in Chennai on Tuesday to prepare for IPL 2024.

defending champions posted a picture of Dhoni, who led them to their fifth title last season, exiting a vehicle on social media, captioning it "#THA7A Dharisanam!"



Speculation is rife that this will be Dhoni's final IPL sea-

Last year, the 42-year-old mostly came out to bat towards the fag end of CSK innings.

Ranji Trophy: Vidarbha Scripts Stunning Comeback Vs MP

Vidarbha took command of their Ranji Trophy semi-final with the key wicket of Yash Dubey (94) late on day four as they inched closer to a thrilling victory over Madhya Pradesh in Nagpur on Tuesday.

Heading into the final day on Wednesday, hosts Vidarbha are just four wickets away from setting up a final against Mumbai, while Madhya Pradesh, who still need 93 runs to win, will hope their tailenders can produce an inspired fightback.

Barcelona's De Jong & Pedri Injured Week Before CL Match

Midfielders Frenkie De Jong and Pedri will miss upcoming matches because of injuries sustained this weekend, Barcelona said on Monday.

De Jong had a lateral ligament sprain in his right ankle, while Pedri has a right thigh muscle problem.

Both players had to be replaced in the first half of the 0-0 draw at Athletic Bilbao in the Spanish league on Sunday. The Catalan club hosts Mallorca in the league on Friday

before welcoming Napoli in the second leg of the round of 16 of the Champions League on March 12. The first leg in Italy ended 1-1. (AP)

Ahmed Taha Masoody Wins Gold At All India Pencak Silat C'ship

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In the realm of martial arts, young talents often emerge as beacons of in-spiration, defying age barriers and showcasing their skills on a grand stage. One such prodigy is Ahmed Taha Masoody, a 5th grader from Srinagar, who recently achieved remarkable success at the 1st All India Pencak Silat Championship held at Nanded, Maharashtra from 17th to 19th February 2024. Taha's exceptional prowess has earned him two gold medals in separate events, setting a new benchmark for young athletes in the

Participating in the Sub Junior age category, Taha faced stiff competition from more than 25 states and UTs. Approximately 800 players across India were participating in the tournament. He exhibited exceptional skill, determination and discipline, clinching two gold medals in two different events of the tournament. This outstanding performance not only reflects Caha's natural talent but also his dedication to the sport.

Taha's recent triumphs in Nanded have added to his already impressive collection of medals. With two more golds in his kitty, his total medal count now stands at an impressive 27, including 22 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals.



This young martial artist has Chief Coach of India, Irfan consistently proven his mettle, making his mark in various competitions and earning accolades for his exceptional achievements.

With his eyes set on even greater heights, Taha Masoody is gearing up to represent India at the uncoming World Pencak Silat Championship in Uzbekistan.

To prepare for the challenging competition, Taha is undergoing rigorous training under the guidance of experienced coaches. M. Iqbal, the CEO and DG of the Indian Pencak Silat Federation, and

Aziz, are overseeing Taha's training regimen.

Ahmed Taha Masoody's journey in the world of Pencak Silat martial arts is nothing short of inspirational. The 5th grader has showcased not only his skills but also his reexcellence. As he represents India in the upcoming World Championship, Taha carries the hopes and aspirations of his nation. We eagerly await the outcome of his endeavors, confident that this young talent will continue to shine on the global stage.

In Nippy Dharamsala, **England & Their Fans** Feel At Home

Press Trust of India

DHARAMSALA: The results may not have gone their way on the tour of India but England have had no shortage of fan support and it is set to reach its peak this week in the picturesque town of Dharamsala.

The fifth and final Test is still two days away but thousands of English fans have flocked to the hill station. The Barmy Army has provided constant support through the series but the prospect of watching Test cricket amid the stunning backdrop of the Himalayas has attracted even more fans from England.

Three early morning flights

the year, is also making the English fans feel right at home. "This is the kind of weather we see in England in April and

of the snowcapped mountains in the background. The weather,

unusually cold for this time of

May. It feels like start of the summer for us and we are loving it. The place is absolutely stunning. However, it would have been nicer if teams were locked at 2-2 going into the game," said a fan who has flown in from Liverpool. England's opening practice

session here had a very relaxed vibe to it. With 'Paradise City' from Guns N' Roses being played from the speakers kept outside the nets, the England bat-



from Delhi Airport to Dharamsala were packed with English fans and a handful of locals including Indian captain Rohit Sharma, giving the impression that the game was being played in the UK. Upon their arrival at the Gaggal Airport, the fans were left in awe

ters went through their paces. In their break time, they were seen marvelling at the majestic mountains.

Jonny Bairstow had to concede that there is nothing more picturesque than the HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala

Sunny Singh Gill First South Asian To Referee An EPL Game

LONDON: Sunny Singh Gill is set to become the first referee of Indian descent to take charge of an English Premier League game on Saturday.

The 39-year-old Singh Gill was on Monday appointed referee for Crystal Palace's game against Luton at Selhurst Park in London. "He will become the first

British South Asian to referee a

match in the competition," the

league said. Singh Gill is following the lead set by his father, Jarnail Singh Gill, who remains the only English league football referee to have worn a turban. Jarnail Singh Gill was born in India and moved to England with his mother and sister when he was 3. After taking charge of Bristol Rovers vs. Bury Town on Aug. 10, 2004, he went on to officiate nearly 200 matches

Sunny Singh Gill's brother, Bhupinder, is also a referee.

across divisions until 2010.

The Premier League said Bhupinder Singh Gill was "the first Sikh-Punjabi to serve as a Premier League assistant referee" when he officiated during a game between Southampton and Not-

tingham Forest in January 2023. "Football has always run in the family," Sunny Singh Gill told the



English Football League website last year. "Me and my brother grew up loving the game and, like most young kids, we just wanted to play but in our household it was a bit different because when we were going to primary school, we knew our dad was going out to referee on a weekend. There were times he was a fourth official in the Premier League and our friends would say they saw

him on 'Match of the Day." Sunny Singh Gill took charge of his first Sunday League match when he was 17. In 2021, both he

and Bhupinder became the first people of Indian descent to officiate in the same Championship match. The Championship is the tier below the Premier League.

Meanwhile, Paul Tierney has not been chosen to referee a game in the next round of Premier League matches, in the wake of his mistake in the Nottingham Forest-Liverpool game on Saturday. He will instead be a video assistant referee for Arsenal's home game against Brentford on Saturday.

Tierney stopped play after Liverpool defender Ibrahima Konate sustained a knock to the head at a Forest corner just before Liverpool's stoppage-time goal.

After Konate quickly recovered, Tierney dropped the ball to Liverpool goalkeeper Caoimhin Kelleher – even though Forest had possession on the edge of Liverpool's area at the moment play was halted.

Forest's players and coaching staff were furious after the final whistle, with club owner Evangelos Marinakis coming down to the touchline to express his unhappiness and later approach Tierney. (AP)

Ronaldo's Al-Nassr Loses First Leg Of ACL Quarterfinal

Agencies

AL AIN: Cristiano Ronaldo returned from suspension and could not prevent Al-Nassr losing to Al-Ain 1-0 in the first leg of their Asian

Champions League quarterfinal on Monday. A first half goal from Moroccan forward Soufiane Rahimi was enough for one-time champion Al-Ain to have the advantage in the return leg in Riyadh next Monday.

Ronaldo was fresh after missing a Saudi Pro League match on Thursday as punishment for making an alleged offensive gesture during the previous game against Al-Shabab. Video appeared to show Ronaldo cupping his ear and repeatedly thrusting his hand forward near his pelvis in a gesture that seemed to be aimed at Al-Shabab fans who were chanting the name of Lionel Messi, Ronaldo's longstanding soccer rival.

Al-Ain's fans did the same but were almost silenced in the sixth minute when Ronaldo went close with an overhead kick. In the final moments, he attempted a lob from the halfway line that was just wide of the post. Another shot from close range was saved by Al-Ain goalkeeper Khalid Eisa.

It could have been worse for Al-Nassr as Al-Ain, coached by former Argentine striker Hernan Crespo, had two goals disallowed for offside.



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HUDCO Bhawan, Rail Head Complex, Jammu (J&K)-180012
Toll Free No: 18001807036

Attention DoT/BSNL Pensioners Dated:- 01.03.2024

PENSION ADALAT NOTIFICATION

A Pension Adalat will be organized by O/o Controller of Communication Accounts, J&K Telecom Circle, Jammu-180012 on 21-03-2024 for prompt & quick redressal of pensioners' grievances of DoT/BSNL Jammu & Kashmir Circle within the framework of extant pension policy/guidelines as per the schedule given below.

Aggrieved pensioners of DoT/BSNL are requested to submit their grievances/complaints, if any, mentioning therein details of their grievances/complaints, PPO No., Contact No. on email ccajk@nic.in/cao.penjk@nic.in/ Toll Free No 18001807036.

Station	Last date of receipt of grievance/complaints	Venue	Date & Time of Pension Adalat	
Jammu	,	Conference Hall, O/o CCA, J&K HUDCO Bhawan Railhead Complex, Jammu-180012		
Sd/- Accounts Officer (Pensior O/o CCA, J&K Circle				

Preparations Kick

measures have been heightened in the entire Kashmir valley especially in Srinagar, with major buildings and residential areas surrounding the Bakhshi Stadium sanitized by security forces. Makeshift bunkers have been set up, with personnel instructed to maintain vigilance in their respective areas.

Stringent verification processes will be implemented for rally attendees, with each participant's details cross-checked through various channels. The administration, along with BJP leadership, is collaborating with the police to ensure proper verification and security measures.

The BJP Srinagar Party Headquarters at J53 Jawahar Nagar, leaders and workers are eagerly gearing up for the occasion.

The atmosphere at the headquarters is festive as BJP leaders and workers are enthusiastically working to ensure a seamless and successful visit by the Prime Minister.

Banners are being hung, decorations arranged, and logistical details meticulously planned to welcome the Prime Minister Modi.

The visit holds special significance as it underscores the growing influence and presence of the BJP in the region. Leaders and workers see the PM's visit as an opportunity to demonstrate their unwavering support and commitment to the party's ideals and vision.

Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to hold a political rally at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar, expected to draw a large crowd of supporters. This rally will serve as a platform for the PM to address key political and developmental issues and interact with the people of Srinagar.

As the date of the visit approaches, anticipation continues to build among party members and residents alike.

With expectations running high, the people of Kashmir eagerly await Prime Minister Modi's visit, hopeful for the announcement of development packages that could catalyze growth, infrastructure improvements, and economic opportunities in their region.

Kashmiris Eagerly

capital, but it is now known as the tourism capital due to the policies of Prime Minister Modi," Chugh told reporters here.

The BJP leader was here to take stock of the preparations for Prime Minister Modi's public rally at Bakshi Stadium here on Thursday.

Chugh said there is all round development in Jammu and Kashmir now.

"There is industrial growth and the youth are getting jobs, corruption has ended. The people want to see, meet and listen to the PM after he broke the shackles of Article 370. We have information that around 1.5 lakh to two lakh people will attend the rally at Bakshi Stadium," he added.

Chugh said the people of Jammu and Kashmir, like the rest of the countrymen, have "tremendous love for the PM and have unshakeable trust in him".

He said that Jammu and Kashmir has taken a huge leap towards development under Prime Minister Modi's leadership.

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"People of J&K are enthusiastic to participate in the mega rally which will be held on March 7. All arrangements have been done for the smooth conduct of the rally. As we received inputs from all districts of J&K, around 1.5 lac to 2 lac people are going to attend the rally," Chugh added.

Meanwhile, a three-tier security blanket has been thrown around the Bakshi Stadium for Prime Minister Modi's public rally as the deployment of security personnel has been increased on the ground while technology is being used to maintain a hawk eye vigil.

The security forces have intensified the checking of vehicles entering the city while setting up barricades to regulate the flow of vehicles passing through the venue for Modi's rally, the officials said.

The police and paramilitary forces are conducting random checking of vehicles at dozens of places in the city and elsewhere.

Special checking points have been set up at various places in the city including entry and exit points as a precautionary measure, they said

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Drones, Sharpshooters

techniques including an aerial surveillance grid, drones, and sharpshooters to safeguard the PM's rally venue.

"A comprehensive security grid has been established around Bakshi Stadium in preparation for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming public rally on Thursday. This includes the implementation of an anti-drone system to safeguard the venue. Additionally, sharpshooters have been strategically deployed at key vantage points to ensure maximum security," a senior police official, speaking on the condition of anonymity said.

The police officer elaborated, "We have established a multi-layered security perimeter around Bakshi Stadium, and a traffic advisory will be released tomorrow to streamline the movement of attendees heading to the venue for the PM's rally."

Sources said that various security forces are actively involved in overseeing the security arrangements for the event.

Expanding further on the arrangements, the officer added, "In conjunction with deploying anti-drone systems and sharpshooters, we've bolstered security at crucial junctures. Utilizing metal detectors and sniffer dogs, we've heightened awareness at key locations."

The security apparatus aims to maintain a secure environment throughout the duration of the visit, emphasizing the importance of ensuring the safety and well-being of all attendees and dignitaries.

Over the past 48 hours, multi-layered checkpoints have been established at sensitive and hypersensitive sites across Kashmir, with surprise inspections conducted to reinforce security protocols.

Senior police officials have confirmed the deployment of additional security forces in Srinagar to thwart any potential threats posed by anti-national elements and ensure the maintenance of peace and order during the Prime Minister's visit.

Reports suggest that upon reaching Srinagar, Prime Minister Modi is likely to visit the headquarters of the Army's 15 Corps located in the Badami Bagh cantonment area.

It is anticipated that he may pay homage at the martyr's memorial inside the headquarters before heading to Bakshi Stadium in a cavalcade for the main event; however, these details have not been officially confirmed by any authorities.

Furthermore, sources have indicated that after attending the rally, the Prime Minister is expected to depart for Delhi.

The administration, led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, has left no stone unturned in ensuring all necessary preparations are in place.

Top officials from both the central government and the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory have been closely monitoring all arrangements and are on the ground to oversee their implementation.

Additionally, senior BJP leaders from both the center and the UT have been stationed in Srinagar to ensure that the public rally addressed by the Prime Minister at Bakshi Stadium on March 7 is a grand and successful event.

Meanwhile, ahead of the Prime Minister's arrival, the thoroughfares from Gupkar road to Bakshi Stadium and various parts of the city have been adorned with welcome gates, buntings, hoardings, and flags, creating a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere.

The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) and Smart City Limited have been diligently working to ensure that roads, lanes, and streets are immaculately cleaned and maintained, presenting a pristine environment for PM Modi's visit.

With stringent security measures firmly in place and meticulous arrangements underway, all attention is focused on Srinagar as it prepares for the historic visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

PM Modi To

the officials said.

The Prime Minister will also hand over appointment letters to 1,000 job aspirants, besides interacting with beneficiaries of various schemes at district level through virtual mode, they added. He will inaugurate the holistic agriculture development programme and an exhibition of agri-entrepreneurs during his visit, the officials said.

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JKBOSE Postpones

The board however said that the examination of rest of the subjects scheduled with immediate effect from March-11-2024 shall be held accordingly as per the date sheet already issued in this behalf.

CBSE Urges Admin

protocols.

CBSE regional officer in a communiqué to Deputy Commissioner Srinagar said CBSE class X and XII 2024 annual examinations are being held across the country and during these ongoing examinations as informed a major rally of the Prime Minister is scheduled to be held in Srinagar on March-07-2024.

CBSE informed the district administration that there is a major exam of CBSE of Class X Social Science and there is also an exam of Class XII Legal Studies subject that is going to be conducted on this date.

The list of names of the centers of Srinagar where these examinations are going to be held includes Army School Badami Bagh Cantt Srinagar, J&K Delhi Public School Pantha Chowk Srinagar, J&K Minto Circle English Medium High School Srinagar, J&K J N V Ganderbal Hatbara Srinagar, KV NO. 2 AFS Srinag

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"Approximately, 824 candidates of Class X and 10 candidates from Class XII from across Srinagar will appear through these centers," it reads.

CBSE informed that the examination timings are from 10:30 am to 1:30pm with candidates approaching and arriving at centers between 9:00 am and 10:00 am which is the last time of entry at examination centers.

"It is requested to help candidates with valid CBSE admit cards to reach their respective examination centers with all safety protocols in place," the communique reads.

It also said that the arrival of candidates at examination centers during safety protocols of the PM visit will be a concern for all schools and candidates

Our Govt Turning

and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth 19,600 crore at Chandikhole in Odisha's Jajpur district.

The prime minister said, "Today's event is also a recognition of how rapidly the work culture has changed in our country over the years."

Addressing the gathering, PM Modi said the number of people in attendance resounded the BJP's resolution of crossing the 400-seat mark in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

"You people coming here in such large numbers shows the mood of the East. Odisha's resolution is very clear today. This resolution is 'Abki Baar 400 Paar'," PM Modi said.

According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the Indian Oil Corporation's Mono Ethylene Glycol project in Paradip Refinery was inaugurated to help reduce the country's import dependency.

The inauguration of the CONCOR container depot in Kalinga Nagar, which also happened today, is aimed at boosting domestic and international trade.

The prime minister also dedicated to the nation the four-laning of the Singhara-Binjabahal section of NH-49; Binjabahal-Tileibani section of NH-49; Balasore-Jharpokharia section of NH-18 and Tangi-Bhubaneswar section of NH-16.

Pull Quote- "A permanent house, tap water and gas connection at home, which were once a dream for the poor, "is now becoming a reality."

J&K Exhibitors

appreciation for the rich art and craft of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir show-cased by the participating exhibitors.

Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) actively participated in the 1st Edition of Bharat TEX, organized by a consortium of 11 Textile Export Promotion Councils and supported by the Ministry of Textiles in two of the nation's largest exhibition centers Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhoomi New Delhi from 26th February to 29thFebruary 2024.

"From J&K To TN

personal attack but raised his voice against dynasty politics.

The "Congress and its friends" were now abusing him and his 'family'--the people as he was keen to implement the 'guarantee' given to the public.

"When I opposed dynasty (politics) as it is dangerous to democracy and prevents new opportunities for youth, they don't respond to that but say Modi has no family," he said.

Taking potshots at Congress, he said the party never promoted anyone below aged 50.

"Congress was not 'parivarvadi' (dynastic) earlier. It doesn't promote anyone below 50 years, since it became dynastic. If they have to appoint someone, they will appoint someone who is 75-80 year old, 85 years. They are afraid that if a 50 year old comes and overtakes, what will happen to the family," Modi said.

From Jammu and Kashmir to Tamil Nadu, wherever family-run parties are ruling, those states are 'ruined'.

Those families have become stronger, but not the states. Should these family-run politics be allowed to continue, he asked.

Such family-run parties are anti-democratic, anti-talent and anti-youth, he charged.

When he points out about dynastic politics, "the way Madi described and have family."

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"Have dynasts got licence to steal? Your family, then is it free to encroach on power? I have seen a chief minister whose 50 nearones were on top posts in that state. Is this democracy?," he said.

On top of it, the dynasts say theirs is an ideological fight with Modi, he said.

If it is an ideological fight, then the dynasts say "family first", while he says "nation first", Modi said.

Further, making a distinction between the dynasts and himself, he said family is everything for them, while every family in the country is everything for him.

The dynasts sacrificed the country's interest for their families' well-being, while he dedicated himself for national interest, the PM said.

The dynasts looted the country, while he spent the salary he received from the government on people whenever there was an

opportunity, he said.

When in government, the 'parivarvadis' (dynasts) receive gifts and make their black money into white through the gifts, while he deposits the 'gifts' received by him in 'toshakhana' (treasure house), he said.

The dynasts opened accounts in foreign banks, but Modi got "Jan Dhan' accounts for crores of common people, he said.

The dynasts built 'mahals' (palatial houses) for their families, but he has not even built a house for himself till today, Modi stated.

As he is working tirelessly in nation building, the dynasts who are upset talk about him not having a family but they forget that the 140 crore countrymen are his family members, he said.

Congress and the INDI alliance people cannot even 'guess' that crores of people consider him as a member of their family, Modi said.

He also said the work that happened in the last 10 years for the welfare of Dalits and the most backward sections did not happen in 70 years.

Hitting out at the ruling Congress and the BRS in Telangana,he said they are like two sides of the same coin.

Telangana people would say whether there is an understanding between BRS and Congress, but the world knows about the 'ghotala bandhan' (bond of scams) between BRS and Congress is very solid, he alleged.

Both BRS and Congress give 'cover fire' to each other in loot of Telangana as per 'ghotala bandhan', he charged.

Though BRS functionaries 'looted' crores of rupees from farmers by doing Kaleshwaram project 'scam', the ruling Congress is suppressing files instead of ordering a probe on the scandals of BRS, he alleged.

He further alleged that Congress has made Telangana its new ATM.

But, the game of giving cover fire to each other would not go on for long because "surgical strike and also air strike happens in Modi government", he said.

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Kashmiri Poet

my song Beyì Sôey Booniya, suiy shuhla gôch without any credits. Ironically the copyright of the album's entire contents have been reserved with the NGO. That's a violation of Intellectual Property Rights. I will move court and serve them the notice," Dilbar asserted.

A Kashmiri-American language activist Asmat Ashai founded Funkar International in 1999 with an aim to promote Kashmir's folk music, cuisine and other conventional art forms.

Fayaz Dilbar noted that the album, in order to hide the theft, doesn't feature the lyrics of his song while the lyrics of all other eleven songs are featured on the cover.

"What makes this theft more injurious is that they have dubbed my song as a Lok Geet (folksong). This has been done so that the violation goes unnoticed."

India is signatory to the WTO's Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. The Government of India adopted the IPR policy in May 2016. The policy protects the patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets.

Although, it's for the first time a Kashmiri writer will be fighting a legal battle for his intellectual property, experts believe that the global audio streaming companies are often trapped in such battles because the third-party purchases are done without verifying the ownership of a particular work.

Spotify is a Swedish audio streaming and media service provider that has digital operations around the world. JioSaavn is an Indian multilingual music streaming service that houses 80 million songs in almost all of India's spoken languages.

HC To 'Prioritise'

of sewage/liquid waste in the Dal, ii. Solid Waste Management in and around Dal Lake iii. Stoppage and removal of unauthorized construction and all encroachments in and around the lake area and responsibilities of the Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA) as also that of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC)," the court said, and accordingly asked the concerned authorities to provide their perspectives on how to address these issues "to facilitate the Court in passing appropriate orders."

Also considering the importance and significance of the issues involved in this PIL, the court said that it is of the view that the petition should be scheduled for hearing at least once

Low Recovery Rates

the electricity tariff being charged from consumers stands as one of the lowest across the country", the spokesperson added.

Installing a smart electricity meter can help bear the load of shooting high energy prices and address the fundamental issues plaguing the distribution sector. Smart meters enable precise billing based on actual usage, eliminating the surprise of unexpectedly high bills due to inaccuracies. These tools can quickly detect power outages allowing for a faster response time to restore power. Customers can monitor their electricity usage in nearly real-time and make changes to their consumption patterns leading to lower electricity bills.

He elaborated that the primary sufferers due to deficient metering system are the consumers themselves, experiencing irregular and poor-quality power supply. As such, J&K has undertaken the smart meter installation in three phases under PMDP/ RDSS schemes.

The first phase which started in the year 2022 stands completed with installation of 1.5 lakh smart meters in Jammu &Srinagar cities. The second phase covering 5.50 Lakh smart meters is under implementation while the third phase, which comprises remaining 14 Lakh smart meters, has also commenced, targeted for completion by 2026, thereby accomplishing 100% smart metering in J&K.

As regards the pricing/electricity tariff rates being charged from consumers, the said rates are determined and approved by independent Regulatory Commissions and not by the DISCOMs taking into account various factors such as cost of power purchase from generating companies, transmission expenses, staffing, and maintenance costs etc., to ensure that consumers are charged fairly. For example, in J&K, the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) is responsible for determining the electricity tariff.

This is evident from the fact that the metering percentage in J&K is distressingly low with only 51% consumers metered and as such, being charged on flat-rate basis. The flat rate bills, based on rough estimates, do not reflect the actual usage and are hence considered flimsy or unsubstantial even during the time when electro-mechanical meters were in use. As such, in the present era, where energy measurements are digitally done right from the generating end, it is paramount to ensure accurate measurement at consumers' end too.

Regarding power availability, there persists a misconception among consumers that J&K is a power surplus Union Territory due to its abundant water sources, however, the reality is that J&K relies solely on hydro power plants for electricity generation, which are subject to limitations due to seasonal dependence.

The hydro power plants generate at their maximum capacity only during 4-5 months of peak water flow in rivers, while their generation diminishes for the rest of the year. Quantitatively, out of the existing installed generation capacity of 3500 MW, 1140 MW is contributed by UT-owned plants, the main ones being 900 MW Baglihar, 110 MW Lower Jhelum, and 110 MW Upper Sindh, while the remaining 2300 MW comes from central sector plants such as Salal, Dul-Hasti, Uri, and Kishanganga. During winters, power houses in J&K, under both central and state sectors, can only generate a maximum of 600 MW against their rated capacity of 3500 MW due to reduced water levels in the rivers.

However, with peak demand reaching up to 3200 MW during winters; it's evident that J&K's power demand cannot be solely met by hydroelectric power plants. So the remaining power requirement during winters is met through thermal-based Central Generating Stations (CGS) situated outside J&K.

Moreover, it's crucial to acknowledge that the Government of J&K has indeed made significant investments in recent years to harness the maximum hydro potential, with four mega Hydel Projects worth Rs. 22,207 crore under development and agreements signed for four additional projects totaling Rs. 29,600 crore. It is evident that the development of hydro power plants entails huge investment. As such, the hydro power plants are developed on a debtequity pattern, where a substantial amount is raised in the form of debt from financial institutions, which must be repaid to them through the sale of power once the plants become operational.

The department added that the claim of the protestors with regard to 'our power, our water' is baseless, as consumers in this context are not producers but recipients of electricity supplied to them by various entities involved in the process. While water is abundant in J&K, generating electricity from it demands significant effort and investment. Additionally, as mentioned above, hydro power alone is insufficient to meet the region's demand.

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Prescription-Free Birth Control Pills To Be Available **In US Pharmacies Soon**



Prescription-free birth control pills will be available across the United States later this month, widening access to contraception at a time when abortion rights have been drastically curtailed.

American-Irish maker Perrigo Company announced Monday that its Opill has "shipped to major retailers and pharmacies and will be available on shelves nationwide." available in one-month and three-month packs for \$19.99 and \$49.99 respectively. It will also be available on Opill.com.

Over-the-counter (OTC) birth control has long been backed by major medical organizations as a way to reduce barriers to contraception access, with almost half of the more than 6.1 million pregnancies in the US each year unintended, according to official data.

"We champion the right of women and people to determine their own sexual health journey and the availability of Opill overthe-counter is truly a historic moment of which our entire organization can be proud," said Perrigo Executive Vice President Triona Schmelter.

Opill, which was cleared last year by the Food and Drug Administration for sale without prescription, is known as a "mini pill" because it contains progestin only, and works by thickening mucus in the cervix to stop sperm reaching an egg.

Preserving access to contraception has proven politically divisive following the conservative-led Supreme Court's decision to revoke the national right to abortion in 2022.

Twenty-one states banned or moved to restrict abortions to limits tighter than before Roe v Wade, the case law that previously upheld the constitutional

right to terminate a pregnancy. Republicans in Congress also

blocked Democrat-backed legislation that would have codified individuals' right to access contraception, an issue that has taken on more urgency as conservative-run states define per-

sonhood in new ways. Alabama's top court last month said that frozen embryos should be considered children, though the state's legislature quickly moved to pass a bill protecting clinics from legal liability if such embryos were inadvertently damaged or destroyed.

- Growing global movement -Over-the-counter birth control is backed by major medical organizations, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Activists have long cam-paigned for prescription-free access to remove barriers to groups that have difficulty accessing health care, including ethnic minorities, young people, immigrants, those living in rural communities and more.

Since they do not contain the hormone estrogen, progestinonly pills have been found to be safe for nearly everyone, including women who are over 35 and smoke, women who are breastfeeding, and those with health conditions such as heart disease.

If taken correctly -- every day within a three-hour-window -- they are 99 percent effective. But with inconsistent use, which is more typical, the figure falls to around 93 percent.

Much of Asia, Africa and Latin America allow OTC birth control. The UK joined the club in 2021, but prescriptions are still required in much of mainland Europe including France, Germany, Spain and Italy, according to the "Free the Pill" movement.

Only 1.6% Of Fortune India 500 Companies Have Women At The Helm: Study

New Delhi: A mere 1.6 per cent of companies listed on the Fortune India 500 have women at the helm, while the figures stand at 5 per cent for the Fortune India Next 500, according to a study.

The study -- 'Enhancing Women Leadership in India Inc' -- conducted jointly by Fortune India and SP Jain Institute of Management and Research sheds light on the persistent gender gap in leadership roles within Indian

Supported by the Women and Child Development Ministry and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the study engaged 130 industry leaders, with a representation of 54 per cent female and 46 per cent male CEOs, in 16 roundtable discussions across Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bengaluru.

Additionally, a survey questionnaire was distributed to Fortune 500 companies for their insights.

Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani unveiled the findings of the study on Monday.

A key finding of this study is the industry leaders' recognition of the government's decade-long efforts to promote women in the corporate sphere and admitting that the responsibility now lies with the industry to implement measures that foster women's leadership, she said.

'The study underscores the industry's acknowledgment of gender inequality within corporations, pinpointing organizational policies, career advancement opportunities, work-life balance, and cultural norms and stereotypes as significant obstacles to be addressed.

"I commend the industry's transparency in recognising the challenges that need to be tackled to advance the vision of Women-led Development, which is the cornerstone of PM @narendramodiji's government," Irani said in a post on X.

Despite advancements in various sectors, the study reveals a stark reality: only a minuscule percentage of companies are led by women MDs/CEOs across dif-



ferent tiers of corporate India.

According to the study, a mere 1.6 per cent of companies listed on the Fortune India 500 have women at the helm, while the figures stand at 5 per cent for The Next 500 and 3.2 per cent for the Fortune India 1000 companies.

Fortune India publishes an annual list of the top 500 corporations in India by revenue. This list is similar to the Fortune 500 but focuses specifically on Indian companies.

The Next 500 refers to the companies that follow the top 500 in terms of revenue or other criteria. These companies are often called 'The Next 500' or 'Fortune India Next 500'.

While Fortune India 1000 is an extended list that includes both the Fortune India 500 and The Next 500, encompassing the top 1000 corporations in India by various metrics.

The study identifies several root causes contributing to this gender disparity. One significant factor is the 'leaky pipeline' phenomenon, where a substantial portion of women employees exits the workforce upon entering middle management due to familial responsibilities.

"Over 30-40 per cent of women employees quit the workforce by the time they enter middle management. This is the time when they invariably get married or have a family. They take maternity leave and the return post childbirth gets challenging," it said.

Also, the study said maternity leaves and caregiving duties often disrupt their career progression, leading to a severe shortage of women groomed for leadership roles.

Moreover, inherent biases prevalent in corporate mindset further exacerbate the problem, the study pointed out.

from hiring a woman in midmanagement roles as they know there could be a six-month 'maternity leave' in the offing. It is paid leave and most organisations don't want - smaller ones can't afford - to make that investment," it said.

Stereotypes regarding women's commitment, willingness to relocate, or capability to handle P&L roles hinder their advancement opportunities, according to the study.

"The next round of losses occur when women leaders have to take a break when their children write board exams. There is also a break in their career, typically in their late forties when they have the responsibility of taking care of parents or in-laws," the study said.

Decision-makers often make assumptions about women's preferences without consulting them directly, perpetuating discriminatory practices, the study said.

The study rejected the idea of quotas but suggested actionable solutions to bridge the gender gap.

"Will a quota system make sense to get the much-needed number of women in the middle management? It was a vehement 'No' from the industry. Quotas would impact meritocracy, was the unanimous view," the study said.

However, a section of the industry did feel that a mandate to hire more women on the shop floor of manufacturing units could help to improve the representation at the grassroot level, it said.

The recommendations suggested in the study include tax rebates, enhanced corporate disclosures on diversity, increasing women's representation on boards, fostering a culture of sponsorship, and introducing gender-specific hir-

Girl Scouts in US told to stop bracelet-making fundraiser for kids in Gaza

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ers threatened legal ac-Lation against a troop that made bracelets to raise funds for starving children in Gaza, provoking outrage and ridicule from the girls' supporters and advocates for people trapped in the Palestinian territory by the latest humanitarian crisis.

Girl Scouts of the USA said its eastern Missouri chapter had only been following fundraising rules, but that it was "disappointed and disheartened by the tone" of the communication with the troop in St. Louis. "We felt like we were tar-

geted, unfairly belittled and unheard," said Nawal Abuhamdeh, a first generation Palestinian Muslim American and the leader of Troop 149 in St. Louis, which has since disbanded from the Girl Scouts.

Tasneem Manjra, a troop leader in California, said it looks like the Girl Scouts are backtracking because they were called out.

"I think that's a load of Thin Mints," said Manjra. "They were way too heavy-handed in their response to Nawal and her troop."

Abuhamdeh said the fundraising effort began because the girls in her troop were uncomfortable selling Girl Scout Cookies while people are starving in Gaza. During one meeting, the girls – who are of Pakistani, Indian, Somali, Syrian, Palestinian and Jordanian heritage cried and said they felt hopeless.

"What do you think a group of 10-year-old girls would want to do if they felt helpless?" Abuhamdeh asked during a Zoom meeting promoted by Ceasefire for Kids, which advocates for children in Gaza. "They would want to help. How do they want to help? They want to make bracelets. They're 10 years old. That's what they felt like they could do."

By mid-January, they were selling bracelets of black, red, white and green beads - the colors of the Palestinian flag - with "Palestine" spelled out in letter blocks.

They were raising money for the Palestine Children's Relief Fund, a U.S.-based charity that historically has helped children in need travel to the U.S. for medical treatment. Since the latest war in Gaza began, its focus has shifted to providing food, medication, clothing and humanitarian aid.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri sent an email to the troop last month threatening legal action if they continued to sell the bracelets, according to the Missouri chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. That's when the troop disbanded from the national organization

Abuhamdeh said she is concerned about Girl Scouts' commitment to "girls like ours."

"We aspire to be part of an organization that does not only advertise its desired values, but acts on them "she said

In response to demands from CAIR, Girl Scouts of the USA said the local chapter followed its rules but mishandled the situation. GSUSA policy stipulates that money raised by Girl Scouts be used for scouting except in "extraordinary circumstances." In the past, restrictions have been suspended to raise funds to help those suffering because of the Hawaii wildfires and the war in Ukraine.

Restrictions were lifted for three months through Jan. 10 to allow Girl Scouts to raise money for groups supporting people in Gaza, including the Palestine Children's Relief Fund, which was approved by a charity assessment organization.

"While the fundraiser in question fell outside of these dates, GSUSA did not consider taking and did not take legal action against this troop or the leader,"

the national group said. It said cookie sale proceeds can always be donated and are never subject to the same restrictions. GSUSA said in 2017 that the organization sells about

\$800 million in cookies annually. A petition signed by more than 100 troop leaders demands that Girl Scouts of the USA apologize to Troop 149, issue a statement on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, and promise that no other troop will get in trouble for fundraising, Manjra said. If the organization refuses, they will stop selling cookies, she said.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri said in a statement this weekend that it had been concerned about maintaining the organization's tax-exempt status. It said it had provided Abuhamdeh with options to continue fundraising, including to modify the language on the bracelet order form to remove the Girl Scout name, or to do the fundraiser on her own.

"We are sorry that Ms. Abuhamdeh chose to disband," the statement said. "We would welcome them back to the Girl Scout family."

Abuhamdeh and other scouts questioned the national organization's response, saying they knew nothing about restrictions on fundraising or the moratorium on those limits.

Neither the American Jewish Committee, a prominent advocacy organization, nor the National Jewish Girl Scout Committee have responded to emails from the Associated Press seek-



