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 Sh. Narendra Modi Prime Minister

PM Launches PM-SURAJ National Portal

## 1747 Beneficiaries From J&K Provided Assistance



Observer News Service

Jammu: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) national portal and sanctioned credit support to one lakh entrepreneurs of socially disadvantaged sections of the country. In J&K, 1747 beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled Caste, Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Safai Karmchari community were provided assistance to start a business venture and lead a life with dignity. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has expressed gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for sanctioning credit support to one lakh

entrepreneurs from the disadvantaged sections of the country. "Hon'ble Prime Minister has ensured that no one is left behind. From basic facilities to education and financial inclusion, he has undertaken many reforms to create a large pool of young entrepreneurs from marginalized sections of society," the Lt Governor said. Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State, PMO, also joined the launch ceremony from Jammu. On the occasion, Ayushman Health Cards and PPE kits were issued to beneficiaries of disadvantaged sections of the society- Safai Karmcharis, Sewer and Septic Tank Workers - under National Action for Mechanised

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## 500 Cr Scheme To Promote E-mobility

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The central government on Wednesday announced a new scheme to promote e-mobility in the country with an outlay of Rs 500 crore for four months beginning April 2024.

The new scheme is for 2-wheelers and 3-wheelers. The second phase of FAME-II or Faster Adoption and

Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India programme ends on March 31, 2024.

Announcing Electric-Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024 (EMPS 2024), Heavy Industries Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey said the Modi government is committed to promoting e-mobility in the country.

The scheme will be for four months till | **MORE ON P6**

'Holding LS & Assembly Polls Together In J&K'

## Decision After Reviewing Feedback: CEC



Press Trust Of India

Jammu: The Election Commission will decide on holding Lok Sabha and Assembly elections together or separately in Jammu and Kashmir after reviewing the security situation and feedback from stakeholders, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said here on Wednesday.

He also rejected criticism about the "delay" in holding assembly elections in the Union Territory, saying delimitation and necessary legislative processes were

completed by December 2023 only.

"The changes happened in December 2023 and we are in March... We know our responsibilities and we are also aware that there should be no political vacuum and the elections should be held sooner," he told reporters before wrapping up his three-day tour of Jammu and Kashmir to assess the preparedness for the upcoming parliamentary elections.

He said the Commission had taken feedback from stakeholders including political parties, security

- Strict vigil on online cash transfers
- Adequate security to be provided to all candidates
- Central forces to be deployed
- Social media cell to be established in all districts

agencies and administration on holding assembly elections with the upcoming general elections. "We reviewed whether the two elections will be held together or one after another. We will decide after reviewing the security situation and taking the feedback.

"We have taken feedback from everybody about how much security is required. Each candidate needs security cover (in J-K) so it (holding elections together) will have security implications," the CEC said. Kumar said | **MORE ON P6**

## GPS-enabled Tracking System In Poll Duty Vehicles'

In keeping with the directions of the Election Commission, Jammu and Kashmir's election department will procure GPS-enabled tracking systems for 12,500 poll duty vehicles for the forthcoming parliamentary elections in the Union Territory. J-K Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Pandurang K Pole has issued a request for proposal (RFP) for companies to procure GPS-enabled vehicle tracking systems for election duty vehicles. GPS control rooms will be established at the offices of district electoral officers (DEOs) and the CEO for real-time tracking and monitoring of the movement of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) through the trackers installed in the vehicles carrying them, officials said. This step is being taken for the end-to-end movement of all EVMs and VVPATs on the pre-poll and poll days to ensure careful monitoring | **MORE ON P6**

## MeT Forecasts More Rain, Snow

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: Weather department here has forecasted light to moderate rain and snow at widespread places in Jammu and Kashmir during next 24 hours.

A meteorological department official said that there is also a possibility of light rain and snow at a few places on Thursday. Generally dry weather is expected from March 15-20, he said.

Regarding temperature, he said, most places witnessed a drop with Srinagar recording a minimum of 5.4°C against 5.9°C on the previous night.

It was above normal by 1.7°C for the summer capital of JK for this time of the year, the MeT official said.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 3.4°C against 5.8°C on the previous night and it was 1.1°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 0.5°C against 1.7°C on the previous night and it was 0.7°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 4.2°C against 4.4°C on the previous night and it was 1.7°C above normal, the official said.

Kupwara town recorded a low of 4.5°C against 4.0°C on the previous night and it was 2.2°C above normal there, the official said. Gulmarg recorded | **MORE ON P6**

## 702 Sports Projects Completed After 2019 In J&K: LG

Observer News Service

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said that sports icons are the true inspiration for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir and added the government's efforts to take sports to villages have bridged the decades-old gap between talents and opportunities.

Sinha felicitated the medal winners of national and international competitions at an event here. He also inaugurated a state-of-the-art synthetic football turf costing Rs 4.83 crore at the parade ground in Jammu and laid the foundation stone of the synthetic hockey field at Bandhurakh worth Rs 4.85 crore.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, we have built modern sports infrastructure, providing world-class training and mentoring to the athletes and all other supports to



**WE ARE DETERMINED TO COMPLETE the recruitment process of sportspersons at the earliest"**

ensure J&K's sports persons are able to achieve excellence in national and international

sporting events," the LG said. "Adequate sports infrastructure, new sports policy, upgradation in the quality of coaches, youth engagement drives at the panchayat level, LG rolling trophy and various other initiatives will create a robust sports culture involving all sections and secure attractive career track for the athletes," he added.

The LG congratulated all the athletes and | **MORE ON P6**

## Maharashtra Bhavan In Kashmir Cabinet Approves Land Purchase In Srinagar

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The Maharashtra Cabinet on Wednesday approved the purchase of 2.5 acres of land in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, to construct a Maharashtra Bhavan.

The budget proposal for the same was made already in the state budget in the previous budget session of the Maharashtra Assembly.

Maharashtra Bhavan in Srinagar will be the inaugural guesthouse established by the state government in Kashmir. It aims to offer comfortable accommodations and facilities for tourists from Maharashtra visiting the region.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar earlier in February said that the state government will construct "Maharashtra Bhavan" in Jammu and Kashmir's capital city Srinagar and Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya.



Pawar, who also holds the Finance Ministry portfolio, was speaking after presenting the state budget. "It has been decided to construct 'Maharashtra Bhavan' at Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir and Sri Ram Janmabhoomi, Ayodhya to provide better and safer facilities to the tourists and devotees of the State at reasonable rates. In both these places, the respective State Governments have provided land at prime locations for which a provision of Rs. 77 crores is proposed," he said.

Dal Sewage, Illegal Constructions

## HC Seeks Govt Suggestions Within 2 Weeks

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has asked authorities to give their suggestions with "relevant documentation" regarding flow of sewage and liquid waste into the Dal Lake and removal of unauthorized construction in and around the water body, the flagship of Kashmir's tourism.

"As we have identified three issues to be given priority in consideration of the matters in this PIL, we would expect the respondent authorities to give their views, suggestions with the relevant documentation concerning these issues within a period of two weeks," said a division bench of Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal



while hearing a Public Interest Litigation filed in 2002 by then law student seeking directions to safe the water body.

By virtue of order on 24 September 2021, the Court had identified certain specific issues which it said require attention, namely: cleanliness of Dal

Lake; flow of sewage and liquid waste into it; solid waste management in and around the lake; the responsibility of the tourism department regarding the development of tourist and recreational sports, maintenance and creation of public facilities; management | **MORE ON P6**

Fake Domicile Certificate Case

## Court Rejects Bail Of Accused

M Ahmad

Srinagar: A court here on Wednesday rejected bail application of a person accused of issuing fake domicile certificates in Srinagar.

The case (FIR: 04/2024) under section 420 (cheating) and 468 (forgery) has been registered by police station Bemina after receiving a letter from the office of Tehsildar concerned that a person came to office with eight Domicile Certificates which appeared genuine but were found not in the concerned office records.

The Court of 2nd Additional Munsiff here, Ahtaz Ahmed,

rejected the bail plea filed by accused person Irfan Ahmad Lone of Bemina Srinagar, observing that the domicile certificates stated to be fake and might have been misused in different forums.

"Therefore, the nature of the offence is heinous and non-bailable," the court said.

Earlier prosecution objected to the grant of bail stating that police investigation has revealed involvement of the accused in the case registered on the complaint lodged by Tehsildar Central that a person has come to his office with eight apparently fake Domicile Certificates which have been prepared by accused Irfan Ahmad.

The property | **MORE ON P6**

## New Start-Up Policy: J&K Govt Identifies 10 Focus Sectors

Agencies

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir administration has identified 10 different sectors, which will be given special attention under the new start-up policy.

As per the Start-up Policy 2024-27, start-ups coming up in different sectors will get assistance and funding from the government to thrive.

The policy document reveals that these 10 sectors include food processing and allied activities, agriculture and allied sectors including horticulture and floriculture, handicrafts and handloom, education, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, textile, apparel and fashion technology, renewable energy, electronics system design and manufacturing, information

technology enabled services, tourism and adventure sports and environment protection and green technology.

As per the policy, the government will create a Technical Support Unit to orchestrate networking activities between various start-up ecosystem players.

"The Government of Jammu and Kashmir shall establish a Technical Support Unit in JKEDI to orchestrate networking activities between various start-up ecosystem players such as start-ups, accelerators, incubators, angel investors, corporates, venture capitalists and other necessary stakeholders. The TSU shall provide necessary support and assistance in appraising incentive cases, collaboration with VCF's | **MORE ON P6**





Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The District Sheep Husbandry Officer Shopian

Email: - dshoshopian@gmail.com

TECHNICAL SECTION

Subject: Invitation of applications under various schemes.

Advertisement Notice

Applications on prescribed formats are invited from interested and eligible persons/parties of District Shopian for the following schemes of Sheep Husbandry Department Shopian for the financial year 2024-25.

Details of the schemes are as:

- Establishment of commercial Farms (50 ewe unit) under HADP. Distribution of Tents/PP Sheets under HADP. Construction of Kotha/Doka with Paddock under HADP. Establishment of Multi-functional FPO under HADP. Establishment of 10 ewe/does unit on participatory mode under ISDS. Establishment of 20 ewe/does unit on 50% subsidy mode under ISDS. Establishment of Shearing units on 50% subsidy mode under ISDS. Establishment of Recycled Sheep/Goat units of 10 Ewes on Participatory Mode under RKVY/ISDS. Establishment of Mini Sheep Farms (10 ewes and 01 Ram) under the scheme Infrastructure for Welfare of Tribals.

IMPORTANT DATES:-

- Date of commencement of the issuance of application forms: 14-03-2024. Last date for submission of applications: 26-03-2024

HOW TO APPLY:-

- For the components of HADP, the applications shall be invited only through online mode on Kissan Sathi portal of Agriculture Production Department J&K (https://hadp.jk.gov.in). For other schemes, the application forms can be received and submitted back complete in all respects along with relevant documents on all working days during office hours at the Block office, Sheep Development Block Keller, Keegam, Heerpora, Meemendar, Kachdoora and Zainapora. Documents to be submitted: - Aadhar Card, Ration Card, Category certificate (wherever applicable), Physical fitness certificate & Proforma bill (In case of shearing)

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ALL SCHEMES:

- The age of applicant must be 18 years to 55 years as on 01-01-2024. Beneficiaries/ households who have already availed benefit under any income generation scheme of Sheep Husbandry Department during last five years are not eligible. Applicant can avail benefit under one scheme/component of the scheme only. More than one application shall not be entertained from same household. Selection of beneficiaries shall be made by designated Selection Committee. Allotment and establishment of units are subject to the availability of funds.

Sd/-

No: - DSHOS/Tech/2023-24/4295-4304 Dated: -12-03-2024

(Dr. Tariq Ahmad Malik) District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Shopian.

Annexure A

Table with 5 columns: S. NO., NAME OF THE SCHEME, COMPONENT, PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE, ELIGIBILITY. Contains details for various schemes like Holistic Agriculture Development Programme, Integrated Sheep Development Scheme, etc.

Sd/-

DIPK-17837/23 dated: 13-03-2024

District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Shopian

Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS NIT No.139 of 2023-24/R&B Sumbal Division

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

Table with 7 columns: S. No, Name of Work, Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs), Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees), Earnest Money (In Rupees), Time of Completion, M.H of Account, Class of Contractor. Item 1: Construction of 02 Units PC with Tuck Shop at different off destinations at Saderkote Bandipora (Balance Portion).

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

Table with 2 columns: S. No, Date of Issue of Tender Notice, 13-03-2024. 2. Period of downloading of bidding documents, 13-03-2023 from 3.00 P.M. 3. Bid submission Start Date, 13-03-2023 from 3.00 P.M. 4. Bid Submission End Date, 18.03.2024 upto 4.00 P.M. 5. Date & time of opening of Bids (Online), 19.03.2024 at 11.00 A.M in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in the shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal. (The Date of Treasury Challan and CD must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End Date. Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.

- 3. The successful Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit @3% of contract value in the shape of CDR/ FDR/BG within 02 days after opening of Bids, which shall be released after successful completion of work with DLP. This will replace EMD @ 2% of the Advertised cost uploaded by the Bidder. 4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (tender receiving authority). 5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids. 6. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process. 7. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in into account bid submission process. 8. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor. 9. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form. 10. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. 11. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid. Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option. 12. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. 13. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal (The date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), and other relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract. 14. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. 15. Price escalation and Taxes:- The %age quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery. 16. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required. 17. In case of CDR and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines / standard bidding document shall be followed. 18. Instructions to Bidder (ITB) 19. All bidders shall upload the following information and documents along with qualification criteria / qualification information with their bids:- a. All bidders shall upload Copies of original documents defining constitution/ legal status, place of registration and principal place of Business with Cell No. and Correspondence address. b. Scanned copy of Registration Card with latest renewal on JKPWDOMS portal. c. All bidders shall upload Treasury Challan. d. All bidders shall upload CDR/FDR/BG @ 2% of advertised Cost pledged to opening authority. e. All bidders shall upload Valid Registration card front and renewal Side (Latest), Valid GSTIN No. & PAN No. f. All bidders shall upload Scanned Copy of GSTIN Registration and latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B i.e. latest clearance certificate FORM GST-3B read circular issued by finance deptt. Vide his No:-FD-CODE/371/2021-02, Dated:-24-02-2023 14. The bidder at his own responsibility and risk should visit and examine the site of work and its surroundings before submission of bid. 20. All documents relating to the bid shall be in the English Language. 21. Bidder must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents including tender documents fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid. No document (s) which has/have not been uploaded shall be entertained in the form of hard copy. However, in case of any clarification the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises 22. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form) and detailed NIT issued. 23. Treasury Challan should indicate tender document cost deposit in-between commencement date and end date of NIT. For the authentication of Treasury Challan it is mandatory to record on it either/any one among the following: Name of the work with S.No of NIT/Advt. Cost/NIT No and also address to tender inviting authority. 24. For drawing of agreement of the contract and memorandum of an agreement relating to take of bill of exchange one rupee for Rs.10,000/- or part thereof shall have to be realized/deposited by the Contractor at his own to revenue Head of Accts.0030/Stamp of Deputy Commissioner Stamps J&K UT. No. R&B/Sbl/23/7076-82. DIPK-17861/23 Dated:-13-03-2024. Sd/ Camp Clerk Head Draftsman T.O Executive Engineer R&B Division Sumbal

Public Notice

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my daughter Aamina Khurshid who was born on 12-09-2020. 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.

Khurshid Ahmad Kuchey F/o Aamina Khurshid R/o Brenwar Chadoora Budgam nj

Public Notice

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my ward Maruam Siddeqah who was born on 01-06-2020. 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.

Irfan Nazir F/o Maruam Siddeqah R/o Umarabad Shah Naqashband Colony Zainakote Srinagar nj

Notice

I Tufail Zahgeer intend to rectify the name of my daughter, studying in the Grade 4th, Section Pink Session 2023-2024 in Green Valley Educational Institution, Ellahibagh Buphora, Srinagar from Mysha Zahgeer to Maishah Tufail as per aadhar which is inadvertently recorded in the school record. Should there be any objection in this regard, from any person or quarter, the same may be reported to the concerned institute within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there is no objection from any person or quarter.

NOTICE

I Mushtaq Ahmad Shora S/o Abdul Salam Shora R/o Shamswari Srinagar want to change my Electricity Connection bearing Consumer Id 0204030002092 that was on the name of Farooq Ahmad Koul S/o Abdul Ahad Koul R/o Shamswari Srinagar now I want to by my own name. In this regard, if anybody is having any objection may file his/her objection in the Subdivision office Khankahi Moula within a weeks time after that no objection will be entertained.

ازعدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر

با اجلاس: اروند مشرا J&K Bank B/U Naidyar بنام Mst. Khatija دعوی وصولیائی رقم مبلغ = Rs 1,15,569.00 اشتہار بمراد آگاہی بنام

Mst Khatija W/o Late Gulam Mohammad Wani M/o Gulzar Ahmad Wani (Deceased Borrower) Mohammad Yusuf Wani S/o Late Gulam Mohammad Wani 3. Gulam Ahmad Wani S/o Late Gulam Mohammad Wani Both Brothers Of Deceased borrower all residents of Wani Mohalla Chaudhery Bagh Rainawari Srinagar

مقدمہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں مدعا علیہ مدعا علیہ کی تیسری کیل کرنے کی بسیار کوشش کی گئی۔ الا توفیقہ جدید پر مدعا علیہ مدعا علیہ دستیاب ہونے اور نتیجہ پزیر یعنی تیسری کیل لائی گئی۔ بدین وجہ سے استدعا کی مدعا علیہ مدعا علیہ جو بذریعہ اشتہار ہذا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ کے خلاف مقدمہ بعنوان بالا اجراء بغرض وصولی رقم مبلغ = Rs 1,15,569.00 زریعہ عدالت ہذا ہے۔ لہذا آپ کو بذریعہ اشتہار ہذا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ بغرض بیروی اجراء ہذا بعنوان بالا مورخہ 14-03-2024 اصالتاً یا وکالتاً بروقت پھیری حاضر کر مقدمہ ہذا کی بیروی کریں۔ بصورت عدم حاضری حسب ضابطہ کاروائی عمل لائی جائے گی۔ تحریر ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر nj

Public Notice

My name was wrongly mentioned in Little Buds Public School Palpora Pattan School, as Zaria Nazir, now I want to correct it, if anybody having any objection regarding this he/she may contact concerned school within seven days of publication this notice, no objection shall be entertained after that.

Zaira Nazir D/o: Nazir Ahmad Rather FKO R/o: Margipora, Pattan, Baramulla School Name: Little Buds Public School Palpora Pattan

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Bi-Annual 2019-2020 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Danish Ahmad Ganaie S/o: Abdul Gaffar Ganaie Roll No: 2625544 Year & Session 2019-2020 - Bi-Annual



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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary Board Of School Education Sub Office Bandipora

The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education

SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 10th session Annual 2021 issued by the board of School Education under Below mentioned particulars

Name : Mehak Basharat S/o: Basharat Saleem Roll No: 112018236 Year & Session 2021 Annual Regular



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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary Board Of School Education Sub Office Bandipora

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SUB-OFFICE BANDIPORA

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Name : Tabasum Ahad S/o: Ab Ahad Najar Roll No: 2605212 Year & Session 2016 Annual Regular



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

Sd/ Assistant Secretary Board Of School Education Sub Office Bandipora

OFFICE OF THE NAIB TEHSILDAR SRIINAGAR TEHSIL CHANAPORA /NATIPORA

Peer Basit S/o Peer Noor Ul Amin R/o Budgam VERSES Registrar Births and Deaths SMC Srinagar In the matter of: Application for recording/registration the Date of Death

NOTICE The above titled application/case is under process in the office for issuance of directions to Registrar SMC for recording the Date of Birth of applicant's Grandmother. In the regard a detailed report has been sought from the field staff which reveals that Fatima W/o Mahda Bhat D/o Mohd Ramzan Parray R/o Parraypora Baghat has DOB as 12/09/1957 and applicant produced supported documents for the same. Now applicant intends to obtain the DOB Certificate. If anyone is having any objection in this regard, he/she may intimate the office of undersigned either personally or through an authorised agent within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, after expiry of said period no claim shall be entertained the notice is issued under my seal and signature.

Naib Tehsildar Srinagar

ازعدالت ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر

با اجلاس: اروند مشرا J&K Bank بنام Mahmooda دعوی وصولیائی رقم مبلغ = Rs 1,63,488 اشتہار بمراد آگاہی بنام

Mahmooda W/O Farooq Ahmad Bhat R/o Daulatabad Khanyar Srinagar مقدمہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدور میں مدعا علیہ مدعا علیہ کی تیسری کیل کرنے کی بسیار کوشش کی گئی۔ الا توفیقہ جدید پر مدعا علیہ مدعا علیہ دستیاب ہونے اور نتیجہ پزیر یعنی تیسری کیل لائی گئی۔ بدین وجہ سے استدعا کی مدعا علیہ مدعا علیہ جو بذریعہ اشتہار ہذا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ کے خلاف مقدمہ بعنوان بالا اجراء بغرض وصولی رقم مبلغ = Rs 1,63,488 زریعہ عدالت ہذا ہے۔ لہذا آپ کو بذریعہ اشتہار ہذا مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ آپ بغرض بیروی اجراء ہذا بعنوان بالا مورخہ 14-03-2024 اصالتاً یا وکالتاً بروقت پھیری حاضر کر مقدمہ ہذا کی بیروی کریں۔ بصورت عدم حاضری حسب ضابطہ کاروائی عمل لائی جائے گی۔ تحریر ایڈیشنل ڈسٹرکٹ جج (بنک مقدمات) سرینگر nj






# Uttar Pradesh Nurturing Joyful Farmers Sowing Seeds of Prosperity

## Rs. 68,139 Crore transferred under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi to 2.68 crore farmers

- Recognized as a food basket of India
- Ranked first in the country in milk, sugarcane, potato, mango, and amla production
- Formation of 585 milk committees under the Nand Baba Milk Mission
- Installation of 51,774 Solar Pumps to farmers under PM Kusum Yojana
- Uttar Pradesh Millets Revival Program conducted for the promotion of grain
- Aligned with International Millets Year-2023, distribution of more than 43,000 seed mini kits comprising various millet crops
- Establishment of 7,239 Cow Shelters to Protect Over 14.38 Lakh Cows
- 3,421 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) for Collective Growth
- Natural farming has been promoted in 85,710 hectares of land in 49 districts
- The food grains production witnessed a growth rate of 5.1 % and production of more than 625 lakh metric tonnes of food grains and 21.57 lakh metric tonnes of oilseeds
- Establishment of 125 mandis
- Facilitation of digital trade worth Rs. 3,468 Crore through the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)
- Establishment of Agritech Startups/Incubation Centers
- Launching the Mukhyamantri Khet Suraksha Yojana for Enhanced Agricultural Support



**Kisano Ki Madadgar**

**Double Engine Ki Sarkar**





## Will Disclose Details On Electoral Bonds In Time: CEC

Press Trust of India

**JAMMU:** Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Wednesday announced sharing details of electoral bonds "in time" and asserted that the commission believed in complete transparency.

Speaking to reporters at the end of his visit to Jammu and Kashmir, Kumar also said that the poll body was ready to hold assembly as well as Lok Sabha elections in the Union territory.

Kumar, who ended his nationwide visits ahead of the Lok Sabha election schedule announcement, was asked whether the ECI would be disclosing the details of the electoral bonds purchased since April 12, 2019 following a direction from the Supreme Court.

The State Bank of India (SBI) has issued electoral bonds worth Rs 16,518 crore in 30 tranches since the inception of the scheme in 2018. "The SBI was supposed to submit the data by March 12. They have given us the details in time. I will go back and look at the data (and) would definitely disclose it in time," Kumar said.

He said the commission believed only "in disclosure, disclosure and disclosure" to ensure high standards of transparency.

The Supreme Court had directed SBI to submit the details of the electoral bonds purchased since April 12, 2019 to the EC. The SBI is the authorised financial institution to issue the electoral bonds.

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mission will have to publish the details shared by the bank on its official website by 5 pm on March 15.

The Supreme Court had on February 15 scrapped the Centre's electoral bonds scheme that allowed anonymous political funding, calling it "unconstitutional" and ordered disclosure by the EC of donors, the amount donated by them and recipients.

The SBI had sought time till June 30 for disclosure of the details. Its plea, however, was rejected by the apex court, and it asked the bank to submit all details to the Election Commission by the close of working hours on Tuesday.

## PM Modi To Kickoff BJP Poll Campaign From Congress President's Home Turf

Press Trust of India

**BENGALURU:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will kickstart the BJP's Lok Sabha poll campaign in Karnataka by addressing a public meeting in Kalaburagi on March 16, the party's state general secretary V Sunil Kumar said on Wednesday.

Kalaburagi is the home district of AICC President M Mallikarjun Kharge, who was elected to the Lok Sabha from there in 2009 and 2014 but lost to BJP's Umesh Jadhav in the last general elections.

The Congress is likely to field the 81-year-old Kharge's son-in-law Radhakrishna Doddamani this time, according to party sources.

PM Modi will also address a public gathering in Shivamogga on March 18, Sunil Kumar told reporters at the BJP state headquarters here.

"The public meeting will be held at NV Playground on March 16 at Kalaburagi. The event in Shivamogga will take place at Allamprabhu Ground on March 18," he said.

Karnataka is the most important State for the BJP in south India as it's only here that it had held power in the past. The BJP swept the previous Lok Sabha elections bagging 25 seats out of the total



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28 in the State, while an independent backed by the party also won.

The Congress and the JD(S) headed by former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, who

were running a coalition government back then and fought the elections together, came a cropper winning a seat each.

But the political landscape has changed significantly since then. The Congress scored a landslide victory in the May Assembly polls, winning 135 seats in the 224-member Assembly. The BJP and JD(S) slumped to 66 and 19 seats, respectively.

The JD(S) joined the BJP-led NDA last September and the two parties are fighting the elections together.

Sunil Kumar said BJP president J P Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath along with other national leaders will visit different Lok Sabha constituencies and address public gatherings in the coming weeks.

## Grandparents Should Also Share Custody Of Children In Matrimonial Disputes: High Court

Press Trust of India

**NAINITAL:** The Uttarakhand High Court has said grandparents should also share the custody of children caught in matrimonial disputes and directed family courts to follow law commission recommendations in such cases.

In a recent order on a PIL filed by advocate Shruti Joshi, a division bench Justices Ritu Bahri and Rakesh Thapliyal said the child's custody in cases of matrimonial disputes should be shared by both the parents as well so that the child's emotional growth is not affected.

It has been observed that while dealing with the disputes of parents, a child's emotional needs and proper emotional growth are never examined and by the time the litigation reaches the high court, the children have already suffered much mental agony, the bench said.

Mr Joshi's PIL was on addressing the mental anguish suffered by such children during the legal proceedings of matrimonial disputes. The Law Commission has recommended the amendment of the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956, to make it more fair to

children of parents involved in matrimonial disputes.

Since the procedure of amendment in the Act is a lengthy one, the high court gave a direction that all the recommendations made by the commission should be mandatorily followed by family courts.

The high court also asked the



family courts to follow a letter dated 11.01.2024 issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice for the appointment of counselors, who should be child psychologists, in such cases so that their report is scientific and can be taken as an evidence for granting custody of the child.

The high court held that a child's needs are most important and thus the court should have the power to obtain an independent psychological evaluation of the child in order to determine various related issues in the case of mediation.

## UK To Offer Failed Asylum Seekers 3,000 Pounds To Move To Rwanda

Agencies

**LONDON:** The UK government said Wednesday it was considering a scheme to send rejected asylum seekers to Rwanda voluntarily and will reportedly pay them up to £3,000 (\$3,800) to make the move.

The plan, an extension of existing voluntary returns arrangements, comes as ministers struggle to kickstart separate controversial proposals to deport other migrants to the east African nation.

First unveiled in 2022 in a bid to deter tens of thousands of migrants arriving each year on small boats from mainland Europe, that scheme has stalled due to legal challenges.

The government is trying to satisfy a UK Supreme Court

try to receive people whose British asylum applications have failed, The Times reported.

It would see a financial assistance payment worth up to £3,000 -- handed out under existing voluntary returns schemes -- made to those willing to relocate to Rwanda, the paper said.

Rwanda integration programmes

The plan would be the first time migrants were paid to leave the UK without returning to their country of origin, according to The Times.

It aims to remove tens of thousands of migrants who are not authorised to remain in Britain but cannot be returned to their home country.

"We are exploring voluntary



ruling that deporting asylum seekers to Kigali is illegal under international law by enacting legislation compelling judges to treat it as a safe third country.

It has also struck a new treaty with Rwanda.

But earlier this year it also agreed a new deal for the coun-

relocations for those who have no right to be here to Rwanda," an interior ministry statement said.

It noted that 19,000 people were removed voluntarily from the UK in the past year, and such schemes were "an important part of our efforts to tackle illegal migration".

## NO SMOKING DAY: Government Urged To Remove Designated Rooms In Hotels, Airports

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** On the occasion of No Smoking Day, doctors, cancer victims and hotel associations urged the government to remove designated smoking rooms in hotels, restaurants and airports to protect people from second-hand smoke.

While appreciating the government for initiating the process to amend COTPA 2003 and setting a target of making India 100 per cent smoke free, they appealed for immediate removal of the current provision that permits smoking areas. "Smoking worsens lung function and reduces immunity. All designated smoking areas in hotels and restaurants and even airports should be abolished to ensure a 100 per cent smoke free environment."

"Most of these designated smoking areas are rarely compliant as per COTPA requirements and are actually putting our public at great health risk from exposure to secondhand smoke," said Dr Harit Chaturvedi, chairman of Max Institute of Cancer Care.

In India, smoking is banned in all public places, according to the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce Production, Supply and Distribution) Act (COTPA), 2003. Section 4 of this Act prohibits smoking in any place to which



the public has access.

However, COTPA 2003 presently allows smoking in designated smoking areas of certain public places like restaurants, hotels and airports.

"Exposure to passive smoking happens in eateries, specifically hotels, restaurants, bar and restaurant, pubs and clubs, risking lives of thousands of non-smokers by exposing them to the smoke of cigarettes."

"As cigarette smoke seeps from smoking areas to common areas, COTPA needs to be amended to not permit smoking in any premises. All places should be completely smoke free in the best interest of the public health," said Nalini Satyanarayan, a passive smoking victim and health activist.

Second-hand smoking is as harmful as smoking. Exposure to second-hand smoke causes many diseases including, lung cancer and heart disease in adults and the impairment of the lung function and respiratory infections in children, experts said.

## Several killed by Israeli shelling on UNRWA aid facility in Rafah

Agencies

**A**t least five Palestinians were killed on 13 March by Israeli army shelling on a humanitarian aid distribution center in the Gaza Strip's southernmost city of Rafah.

"We can confirm that an UNRWA warehouse/distribution center in Rafah has been hit," UNRWA spokeswoman Juliette Touma said, adding that there are "scores injured."

The Gaza Strip's Health Ministry reported that the bombing of a warehouse killed at least five people.

Videos on social media showed what looked like both dead and wounded being carried.

Medical sources in Gaza told Anadolu Agency (AA) that some of those injured are in critical condition.

The Israeli military has not commented on the matter.

At least two other Palestinians were killed as a result of Israeli attacks on Rafah. The southernmost city is desperately overcrowded with over a million Palestinians, many of whom have been displaced from other areas of the strip.

Israel claims the city is Hamas' final stronghold and is planning a devastating assault there, which the UN and



many countries worldwide have said poses the threat of an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe.

The attack on the UNRWA center comes one day after Israeli forces opened fire at dozens of Palestinians lined up for food aid.

"The occupation army once again targeted Palestinians waiting for aid to enter at the Kuwait Roundabout this morning, resulting in a number of martyrs and dozens of wounded," head of the media office Salama Maarouf said on Tuesday.

"This new crime raises the number of martyrs killed by the occupation while waiting for aid at the Kuwait Roundabout and Al-Rashid Street to more than 400 martyrs and 1300 wounded so far," Maarouf added.

Israeli troops committed a massacre against Palestinians seeking aid in northern Gaza's Al-Rashid Street on 29 February. The brutal attack, which killed over a hundred Palestinians, has come to be known as the Flour Massacre.

Israel has continued to attack starving Palestinians, as well as aid centers and shelters.

Over 400 internally displaced Palestinians have been killed by the bombing of UNRWA shelters. The UN agency has lost more than 160 employees due to Israeli bombardment.

Tel Aviv has announced plans to dismantle UNRWA over unfounded allegations that some of its employees participated in Operation Al-Aqsa Flood on 7 October. Israel has yet to provide any evidence for its claims.

## NEWS MAKERS

### Mukhtar Ansari Jailed For Life In Three-Decade-Old Fake Gun License Case

Press Trust of India

**A** special Varanasi court on Wednesday sentenced gangster-politician Mukhtar Ansari to life imprisonment in a three-decade-old fake gun licence case.

The MP-MLA court of judge Awanish Gautam also slapped a fine totalling ₹ 2 lakh on Ansari under various penal provisions, district government counsel Vinay Singh said.

He said the case against Ansari was registered under IPC sections 467 (forgery), 468 (forgery for the purpose of cheating) and 120B (criminal conspiracy), along with provisions of the Arms Act at Mohammadabad police station of Ghazipur district in December 1990.

According to the government counsel, Mukhtar Ansari joined the court proceedings via video conference from Banda Jail, where he is currently lodged.

According to police officials, around 60 cases are pending against the gangster-turned-politician in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, New Delhi and other states. He has so far been convicted in at least seven cases.

Mr Singh said that on June 10, 1987, Mukhtar Ansari had approached the district magistrate of Ghazipur for a gun licence. He later obtained the licence by forging the sig-



natures of the then-district magistrate and the superintendent of police.

After the fraud was exposed, CB-CID filed a case against Ansari, the then-deputy collector and five people on December 4, 1990.

A charge sheet was sent in 1997 against the then-ordnance clerk Gaurishankar Srivastava and Ansari. After Srivastava's death, the case against him was dropped in 1997.

Born in 1963, Mukhtar Ansari has been elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly from the Mau constituency five times, including twice as a Bahujan Samaj Party candidate. He last contested the assembly polls in 2017.

### Ex New Zealand MP Pleads Guilty Over Shoplifting Allegations

Agencies

**F**ormer New Zealand lawmaker Golriz Ghahraman pleaded guilty to shoplifting on Wednesday, a scandal that has derailed the centre-left politician's once-promising career.

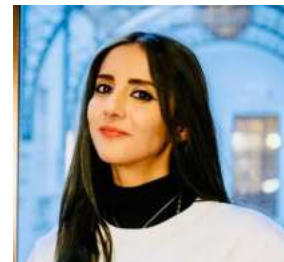
Ghahraman, the first refugee elected to New Zealand's parliament, stepped down from her political duties on January 16, citing the need to address her mental health.

Soon after, police charged the rising star of the Green Party with shoplifting from boutique clothing stores.

The 43-year-old, who previously served as her party's justice spokeswoman, pleaded guilty on Wednesday at Auckland District Court to four counts of shoplifting, an official told AFP. A former human rights lawyer, Ghahraman said at the time of her resignation that work-related stress had led her to "act in ways that are completely out of character. I am not trying to excuse my actions, but I do want to explain them. I have let down a lot of people," she said at the time.

Iran-born Ghahraman moved to New Zealand as a child with her family when they were granted political asylum.

After studying law, she became a United Nations human rights lawyer working on international criminal tribunals before entering parliament in 2017.



Prior to the allegations becoming public, Ghahraman had been criticised for her prominent involvement in a string of pro-Palestine protests.

### Naresh Goyal Seeks Court Permission For Family Visit At Hospital

Press Trust of India

**J**et Airways founder Naresh Goyal on Wednesday sought a special court's permission to allow his family members to visit him at the hospital where he is undergoing treatment for cancer.

In his application moved before special judge M G Deshpande, Naresh Goyal also sought the court's nod to avail the personal attendant service. The court has directed the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to file its response to Naresh Goyal's plea and adjourned the matter to March 15. Naresh Goyal, arrested in a money laundering case, is undergoing treatment at a private hospital here.

Last month, observing that his cancer was at a preliminary stage and "not life-threatening", the court refused to grant him interim bail on medical grounds.

It, however, permitted the 74-year-old businessman to undergo cancer treatment at a hospital of his choice for two months. "Currently, neither the private doctors nor the medical board has



asserted that this sickness is life-threatening. Moreover, the health condition of the accused (Goyal) has not exhibited any alarming symptoms," the order had said.

There is a likelihood of positive recovery and complete eradication of the tumour with prompt and proper treatment, it added.

Naresh Goyal was arrested in September 2023 by the ED, which claimed he had laundered money and siphoned off loans of ₹ 538.62 crore granted to Jet Airways by Canara Bank.

The money laundering case stems from a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) FIR against Jet Airways, Naresh Goyal, his wife Anita and some former executives of the now-grounded carrier in connection with the alleged bank fraud.



## Malpractice or Systemic Flaw? E-Bus Conductors Accused Of Refusing Tickets

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: Syed Shabi, a passenger not accustomed to public transport, occasionally boards smart city buses, drawn by their technological advancements and comfort. Tracking his rides via the Chalo app, Shabi said these buses have eased travel in Srinagar city.

However, Shabi is concerned about a troubling trend observed among certain bus conductors who neglect their duty to issue tickets. Voicing apprehension over the potential ramifications, he fears that if left unaddressed, such practices could lead smart city buses down the same path as SRTC buses, which suffered due to similar issues with ticket issuance.

"It is a worrying trend and if it does not

stop, the smart city buses will meet the same fate which was met before. Authorities should take note of the situation and initiate action against the erring bus conductors" Shabi said.

Pertinently, the transparency of the Smart City Buses in Srinagar has come under scrutiny amidst alleged reports of certain bus conductors refusing to issue tickets to commuters. Such actions could potentially lead to significant revenue losses for the city's transportation system.

Kashmir Observer back in January this year reported the issue, but there haven't been any updates suggesting it's been fixed. Reports suggest that the conductors also are not accepting Chalo App tickets. This suggests the ticketing system for Srinagar's Smart City Buses is facing multiple challenges.



People offer (Zuhar) afternoon prayers at the exquisitely adorned shrine of Hazrat Peer Dastgeer Sahab (R.A), a Sufi saint from the eleventh century, at Khanyar area in the old city on Wednesday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

## Gol Asks J&K Admin To Complete All SSCL Projects By Mid-2024

Observer News Service

Srinagar: After missing the deadline for the completion of several smart city projects in Srinagar, the government of India has directed the authorities in Jammu and Kashmir to ensure the completion of all the projects by June of this year.

Sources privy to the development informed that following the failure to meet the earlier deadline for project completion; the GoI has mandated the timely execution of all pending and ongoing projects by mid-2024.

"Out of the 158 projects earmarked, approximately 93 have reached completion. However, significant work remains, with many projects still in progress and others in the tendering phase. The directive stresses the completion of all pending and ongoing projects by June 2024," the sources disclosed.

According to the smart city officials in Srinagar, the five-year project plan started in 2018 for which funds of around Rs 1000 Cr were allocated for various smart city projects, of which over Rs 500 Cr have

been spent on many projects.

Although, according to the Srinagar Smart City officials several works may have been completed, it is pertinent to mention that there are several projects which are ongoing and are causing disruptions for the movement of transport in the city.

Notably, the earlier deadline for the completion of Smart City Projects in Srinagar was slated to be on Dec 2023, but failing to meet the deadline a revised and final date has been issued by GoI for the completion of all the projects in the city.

### Before The Hon'ble Special Tribunal Kashmir At Srinagar

Caveat Application No./2023

Caveat Petition under Rule 26 of J&K High Rules 1999 Subject matter pertains to District Srinagar IN THE CASE OF:

1. NISAR AHMAD BANDAY S/O MOHD YOUSUF BANDAY R/O PEERBAGH SRINAGAR

CAVEATOR

V/S  
PUBLIC AT LARGE

...NON-CAVEATOR

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2. That it is not practicable for the caveators to dispatch a copy of the caveat petition upon the non caveator/s, as such, the Caveators have issued a public notice in a local news papers, copy whereof has been placed on record alongwith the caveat application.
3. That in view of above mentioned circumstances the applicant seeks exemption from dispatching copy of the caveat application upon the non-caveator and in lieu thereof publication of notice in the newspaper may be treated as compliance of the statutory requirement.
4. That the application is supported by a duly sworn affidavit. In the premises it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to allow the instant application and exempt dispatching of copy of the caveat application upon the non caveator through Registered post.

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## Srinagar Municipal Corporation Office Of The Executive Engineer Right River Works Division

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**SHORT TERM  
NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER No. 58of 2023-2024  
Dated: 11.03.2024**

For and on behalf of the Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Commissioner, e-tenders are invited on a percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned works.

S. No.	Name of the Work	Adv. cost in lacs	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Cost of tender documents	Time of Completion	Class of contractor
1	Construction of 04 No. of Ramps with proper Gradient for various polling stations at Gahd colony Baghwanpora, Municipal Sub Office Eidgah, Al Noor Marriage Hall Dana Mazar, Municipal Office Jan Mohalla Lal Bazar	1.38	2760	200	2 weeks	DEE
2	Construction of 05 No. of Ramps with proper Gradient for various polling stations at Community Hall at Gadood Bagh Habba Kadal, Community Hall at Doulatabad Khanyar, Slaughter House Zindshah Rainawari, SDA Community Hall Syed Sahib Khanyar and Octroi Post Chowdhary Bagh Mir. Behri Dal	1.58	3160	201	2 Weeks	DEE

Position of AAA: Accorded, Technical Sanction: Accorded  
The NIT consists of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions of contract other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the date schedule given below:-

S. No.	Particulars	Date from to
1.	Date of publication of e-portal	11.3.2024
2.	Date of Downloading of bid documents for said e-NIT	11.3.2024 from 04:30 PM
3.	Date of uploading of bid document / bid submission starts	11.3.2024 from 04:30 PM
4.	Date of uploading of bid document/ bid submission Ends	18.3.2024 at 06:00 PM
5.	Date of Bid opening	19.03.2024 at 11:00 AM
6.	Date of Submission of Uploaded documents (Hard Copies) by Successful Bidder including Bid Security (CDR/FDR). Tender document fee.	20.03.2024 up to 04:00 PM

Note: - (The Date of EMD/Challan must be from the date of start of bid upto Bid Submission End date,

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The intending tenders should attach a call deposit receipt equivalent to 2% of the advertised cost / total cost of the work shown against each work pledged to the Executive Engineer Right River Works Division, SMC, drawn from any scheduled Bank without which no tender will be entertained.
2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in the shape of Bank Receipt / challan as a tender fee paid in the Municipal Account No. 0216010200000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch Dood Ganga Balgarden, Srinagar payable at Srinagar (with NIT No and Serial No of work mentioned and Division name Viz RRWD) and Earnest Money/ bid security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Bank Receipt/ Challan and earned money/bid security should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date). The tender fees is non-refundable and can also be paid through online mode via NEFT/RTGS in favour of F/A/ Chief Accounts officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation with Bank Details as given below:-

Name of the Bank: - Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd.  
Branch: - Balgarden, Srinagar  
Bank Account No: - 0216010200000007  
IFSC code: - JAKA0GARDEN  
MICR CODE: 190051008

Any payment for Tenders fees through online mode shall necessarily mention the following information. (Sender Name, Account No of Sender/Beneficiary, Transaction ID, Reference ID, Transaction date and time. The Remarks should necessarily mention NIT NO, SNO and RRWD viz. NIT 03, SNO, 10, RRWD)

For one particular work, only one bank Receipt / challan (not more than one) of the exact amount of tender fees (neither lesser nor greater) as shown against that particular work must be paid and uploaded with the tenders. The same tender fees paid and uploaded for a particular work should not be again used/ uploaded for any other work in the NIT (i.e. one Bank Receipt / Bank Challan for one work only)

Tender Fee and other relevant documents including Bid security (CDR/FDR) duly filled up, if found uploaded, with any ambiguity or un-attested correction/over writing for any work such tender /bid shall be considered as invalid bid and shall be out rightly rejected and action under rules shall be initiated.

Further use of pencil in writing (NIT No and S. No) on tender fees and EMD must be avoided.

The participating agencies/ contractors are advised in their own interest not to resort to any cheating while submitting and uploading the tender document Fees or any other document.

The bidders are requested to upload following documents:

- o Tender fees.
  - o EMD in the shape of CDR and FDR.
  - o Registration card and its latest renewal.
  - o Verification of Registration Card from competent Authority
  - o Latest GST clearance.
  - o PAN Card.
  - o Correspondence Address of the Agency with active Mobile No.
  - o Bank Account details (16-digit Bank Account No, Branch office, IFSC code)
  - o Any other document required to be uploaded as per the NIT.
3. The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an E-mail message on their email address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the office of the Executive Engineer, Right River Works Division, SMC (Regal Lane, Lal Chowk, Srinagar) or in the office of the Informatics officer, SMC (Karan Nagar Srinagar). In case of holidays/ offices happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, or there is any Net problem the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
  4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids.
  5. The lowest successful bidder has to furnish 5% of the contract value/ allotted cost cost as performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR immediately after opening of tenders. The performance security required as per NIT conditions shall be released after DLP is successfully over. Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR shall be released after performance security is received. The earnest money in favour of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Bank Receipts/challans.
  6. The earnest money shall be forfeited, if:-
    - a) Any bidder/tender withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any Modifications to the terms and conditions of the bid.
    - b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
    - c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

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### This Day In History

- 1812 - Congress authorizes war bonds to finance War of 1812
- 1862 - Battle of New Bern NC: General Burnside conquers New Bern
- 1864 - Union troops occupy Fort de Russy, Louisiana
- 1869 - Defeat of Maori leader Titokowaru in New Zealand.
- 1901 1st performance of Anton Bruckner's 6th Symphony in A
- 1901 - Germany's Chancellor von Bulow declares that the agreement Germany signed with Great Britain in October 1900, to restrain foreign aggression and maintain open trade, does not apply to Manchuria
- 1903 - 1st national bird reservation established in Sebastian, FL
- 1913 - South African Supreme Court declares that marriages not celebrated according to Christian rites and/or not registered by the Registrar of Marriages, are invalid; all Muslim and Hindu marriages are therefore declared invalid.
- 1914 - Serbia & Turkey sign peace treaty
- 1915 - German cruiser Dresden scuttled off Más a Tierra, Chile, having been pursued by the Royal Navy after the Battle of the Falkland Islands, with her engines worn out and virtually no coal.
- 1916 - Battle of Verdun - German attack on Mort-Homme ridge, West of Verdun
- 1923 - Allies accepts Vilnius taking East-Galicia in Poland
- 1926 - A train in Costa Rica falls into the Río Virilla, killing 248 and injuring 93.
- 1937 - Battle of the Century: Fred Allen & Jack Benny meet on radio
- 1939 - Nazi Germany dissolves Republic of Czechoslovakia
- 1941 - Nazi occupiers of Holland forbid Jewish owned companies
- 1941 Xavier Cugat & orchestra record "Babalu"
- 1943 - World War II: Krakow Ghetto is "liquidated"
- 1955 - Prince Mahendra becomes king of Nepal.
- 1957 - Indonesian government of Sastroamidjojo resigns
- 1958 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site

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## Hefty Pay Hike For MLAs

Observer News Service

**J**AMMU - The Jammu and Kashmir government has decided to hike the emoluments of the legislators by Rs 10,000 each, fulfilling their long-pending demand for a better pay package.

This was announced by Minister for Finance and Planning Development Muzaffar Hussain Baig in the legislative assembly on Friday while replying to the debate on budget proposals 2005-06.

Justifying the hike in the emoluments of the legislators, the Minister said the government wants to encourage educated and honest people to come to the legislature and this can be done only through offering them better perks.

He said the expectations of the people with their representatives are growing everyday and it is very difficult for the legislators to reach out to the masses with limited resources at their disposal.

"Although it is a difficult decision which could evoke public criticism, the government has to take care of the lawmakers who are at present drawing a meagre salary of Rs 4000 in addition to paltry allowances," he said.

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## Revival of NDA

In the dynamic landscape of Indian politics, where alliances form and disintegrate like shifting sands, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is once again showing its political acumen. As the INDIA bloc faces challenges, the BJP has embarked on a journey of unexpected alliances, turning rivals into partners in a bid to secure a robust mandate in the upcoming elections.

PM Modi's ambitious target of 400-plus seats for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is no longer dismissed as mere rhetoric; instead, it appears to be a calculated strategy. The BJP, known for its surprise elements, has managed to forge crucial alliances, catching its rivals off guard.

One notable partnership involves the return of JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar, who had previously split from the BJP in 2015 over Modi's candidacy as the prime ministerial candidate. He subsequently again joined the NDA and later exited before rejoining it. Despite past criticisms, Nitish Kumar's U-turn towards the BJP is attributed to Modi's personal invitation, highlighting the larger cause of winning elections.

Similarly, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has rejoined the NDA, despite its leader Chandrababu Naidu once labeling Modi as a "hardcore terrorist." Modi's leadership has urged the BJP to overlook past grievances, emphasizing the larger interest of the party.

In Odisha, where the BJP has seen its rise, the Modi government has successfully maintained cordial relations with the Biju Janata Dal (BJD). Despite previous differences, a mutually agreeable tie-up seems imminent, underlining the BJP's ability to turn challenges into opportunities.

Tamil Nadu presents another battleground where the BJP, refusing to give up on its former ally AIADMK, is exploring alliances with breakaway factions and smaller parties. Modi's involvement in every aspect of election planning, from ticket distribution to shaping the narrative, has resulted in minimal dissent within the party, demonstrating a united front.

Comparatively, the opposition INDIA bloc is facing internal strife and struggles to present a united front. The Trinamool Congress has released names for all 42 Lok Sabha seats in Bengal, while in Maharashtra, the Congress-led alliance is grappling with internal conflicts, potentially weakening its challenge against the BJP.

In Kerala, the INDIA alliance appears incongruous, with the Congress and Left being the main rivals. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's consistent attacks on the Congress and calls for Rahul Gandhi to avoid contesting from Wayanad highlight the inherent challenges within the opposition. With the BJP strategically expanding its reach to opposition-ruled states and tying up loose ends with potential allies like the BJD and Akali Dal, the party is fortifying its bulwark. Some may express concerns about the diminished state of democracy with a weakened opposition, but the BJP continues to focus on its agenda. And this is the existing reality. And it won't change unless the opposition gets its act together and steps up to this formidable challenge.



# Is the Summer Session Suitable for Kashmir Schools?

Ikz Ikbal

“The educational journey in Kashmir is not just a matter of textbooks and exams; it's a delicate dance with nature's elements. The call for a reevaluation of the session change is not an indictment of tradition but an invitation to adaptability. It's a recognition that crafting an educational calendar tailored to the unique challenges of this region requires a pragmatic and thoughtful approach

Schools in Kashmir valley reopened after the winter break, precisely after 100 days. The first month is being dedicated not to traditional classroom but to the formidable realm of examinations. It's an unconventional beginning, where students embark on a journey of assessments before delving into the routine rhythms of classroom learning.

Mathematically speaking, taking into consideration the long winter break, summer vacations, Sundays and holidays, the calculation of expected working days takes on a significance that extends beyond mere numbers. In this equation of time, each day becomes a valuable unit, a brick in the foundation of knowledge that shapes the academic journey.

In Kashmir, the winter extends its icy embrace until March, and the so-called 'winter break' is a fluid concept, often extending beyond the initially allocated time. Harsh weather conditions, coupled with inadequate infrastructure, compel schools to remain closed even after the winter vacations have officially ended. Constructing a robust infrastructure isn't an overnight task—it demands time, concerted effort, and financial investment.

Amidst these challenges, the change of session in Kashmir encounters limitations that must be acknowledged. The scarcity of working days during the winter months poses a considerable hurdle. The hostile weather conditions not only disrupt the regular schedule but also hamper the effective coverage of the syllabus. The consequence is that, come March, a significant portion of the curriculum remains untouched, creating a gap in the educational journey of the students.

During the extended winter vacations, students find themselves detached from their books,

grappling with a break that goes beyond the intended pause. The disrupted continuity affects their academic engagement, making the transition to a summer session even more cumbersome. Holding exams in March of the following year burdens students with the challenge of revisiting material after a prolonged hiatus.

These challenges highlight the practical difficulties faced by the educational system in Kashmir, especially in the transition from winter to summer sessions. The existing constraints, both in terms of weather and infrastructure, un-

capped peaks. The limitations of the existing system, from a scarcity of working days to the burden on students during exams, beckon the authorities to address these practical impediments with honesty and foresight.

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derscore the need for an honest reevaluation of the session change. Authorities should carefully consider the implications of this transition, recognizing that the current structure imposes burdens on both students and educators.

As the schools reopen amidst the budding warmth of the summer, the call for a reconsideration of the session change becomes more pertinent than ever. It's not merely a matter of tradition; it's a call for adaptability and pragmatism in crafting an educational calendar that aligns with the unique challenges presented by the Kashmiri landscape. The authorities must weigh the cost of continuity against the benefits of a revised approach, fostering an educational environment that is both feasible and nurturing for the students in this breathtaking region.

There's a plea for reconsideration echoing through the snow-

of this region requires a pragmatic and thoughtful approach.

In the grand narrative of education in Kashmir, the session change is a chapter that warrants a second look—a chapter where the constraints of winter meet the promise of summer. As we traverse the landscapes adorned with the hues of changing seasons, there's an optimism that a careful consideration of these challenges will pave the way for an educational experience that is not just feasible but truly enriching for the students who call this breathtaking valley home.

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## Did you Know?

Irshad Mushtaq

The decision to build a house instead of renting has often been considered a sound investment. However, when we take into account the skyrocketing land rates and the high returns of other asset classes, it becomes evident that renting a house may actually be the cheaper option. Let's consider an example to illustrate this point.

In 2003, the value of land was Rs 5 lakh per kanal, and the cost of constructing a house was Rs 25 lakhs, making the total value cost at that time Rs 30 lakhs. Fast forward to today, the selling value of the house with 1 kanal of land is approximately Rs 3.5 crore, which translates to a 13% compounding annual return over the past 20 years. On the other hand, the value of the land shot up to a staggering 45 times, bringing the total value to Rs13.50 crore, equating to a 20.97% compounding annually over 20 years.

Comparing these figures, it becomes clear that the decision to build a house instead of renting has resulted in a significant loss. Over a span of 20 years, the loss incurred by building the house amounts to a staggering 10 crore rupees. This highlights the financial implications of the decision to build a house instead of opting for rental accommodation. Unfortunately, many individuals have made the same mistake, realizing too late the financial drawbacks of owning a house. This has led to a situation where a large number of Kashmiri people are forced to live in rental accommodations, creating a social trap.

In conclusion, the example provided clearly demonstrates the financial implications of the decision to build a house instead of renting. It is imperative that we learn from these mistakes and start to think strategically about our housing decisions. We must prioritize the future of our society and focus on skill development to ensure a better standard of living for the generations to come. It is time to break free from traditional social pressures and create better living decisions for our society.

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## Political Gimmick

The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) has been perceived as a 'political gimmick' strategically timed before the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Critics question the timing, suggesting that if the Union government was genuinely committed to the CAA, it could have been notified earlier. The sud-

den notification just before the elections raises suspicions regarding its true intent. Moreover, there is skepticism about the CAA being used as a tool to deceive the public, especially considering the complexities of granting citizenship. The assertion is clear: discrimination based on religion or caste is unacceptable, and the CAA's

potential for such discrimination is troubling. The issue extends further as questions arise about the inclusivity and effectiveness of the CAA. People wonder whether the CAA portal will genuinely accommodate individuals from all religions, or if it will perpetuate biases. Additionally, there is irony in the ruling party question-

ing the citizenship of individuals who supported them in elections. This contradiction highlights the political dynamics at play and underscores the need for transparent and equitable citizenship policies.

Vijay Kumar HK



FLASH FICTION

# Unheard Tales From The Backseat of a Sumo

Saqib Manzoor

In surging tumult and turmoil, I succeeded in occupying the back seat of a Sumo. The front and the middle had been already occupied by other passengers. Now, only three seats in the back were empty and waiting for passengers. People, sitting in the front and middle, were engrossed in hogwash of talks. Someone informed others about his stolen cow and others left a deep and remorseful sigh on it. Another seemed exasperated by the management of LD hospital. He displayed too much outrage against them. He had been disappointed. Upon being asked what disappointed him, he gave a reply that startled everyone.

'yemov be-abboo dyot ni mai vatis manz shongnai kuni doh, ba sa shongus parki manz' (These ill-mannered people didn't let me sleep in the corridor. I had to sleep in a park).

Another person, seemingly in his 70s, interrupted him and went on reminiscing old good times when people would be allowed to sit and shit in the corridors of LD and any other hospital. Soon, he recalled the stolen cow and went on venting about times when cows would roam around the fields of anyone, and no one, being pious and honest, would steal them or their calves. He scorned the contemporary times of fine carpets and lamented over the times of rags and tatters.

The man, who was already disappointed and angered by the management, found this unanticipated interruption despicable. He turned towards the old man, sitting in the middle seat, and frowned upon him.

'Tohi biddi chu bidith breath gasan. Tehzeebi chui na kahn. Kathi gos ni thor dyun,' hollered the man while looking directly into the weak eyes of the old man.

(You old people get spoiled when you reach your old age. You don't have any manners. You should not interrupt when anyone is talking).

This was the moment things turned ugly inside the scorching sumo which was still looking out for two passengers. These words of a young man riled up the old man. Soon, the tone of the voices increased and became too sharp to handle. It pierced through our sensitive ears. An exchange of words; obscene, judgmental, lewd, and full of prejudice took place. Talking about the prejudice, it came into existence when it turned out that the old man was from a remote village and the young man was from town. Words like 'koli gamkiii, koli kaeak,' were shared. I don't want

to translate these terms. So, yes many things and characteristics got exposed. Meanwhile, two passengers, apparently couples arrived and brought ephemeral cessation to this altercation. Driver, who seemed uncomfortable with what was happening inside his vehicle, hopped on the steering and accelerated. The sudden surge in acceleration made us all wobble and strike against the shoulders of each other and our seats. That showed how much annoyed he had become by this untimely and unexpected hap.

Now, fearing the continuation of the argument and emergence of a terrible fight, he turned on the vehicle audio and played the romantic songs from the times of Dilip Kumar, then Amitabh Bachan. Soon, he played a song from a movie by Salman Khan. While the young were enjoying it, the old man again seemed irritated by the lyrics and fast music.

'Ba sa dimai naar ath tayfes, kar sa ye band hey kar sa band' (I will set it on fire. Stop it! Stop it!) shouted the old man, looking at the driver but addressing the other young man, with whom he had an exchange of words before. Now, there was clamour and tumult about the songs. It was too much to handle for me. I took a deep sigh and turned my attention towards the other side having fewer people, accurately three; the husband and wife who were deeply involved in their talks and some beautiful smiles, and a teenager who had plugged in earphones the moment he sat there. I envied him because he didn't know about this chaos and seemed too comfortable listening to his favourite songs or Naats (maybe). Then, all of a sudden, I remembered that I too had carried a wired earphone from home. I fumbled through the torn pockets of the vest. Eventually found it in the inside pocket of my vest. My grandfather would wear this vest. Obviously, didn't carry earphone back then but a bewitching watch bought from Saudi Arabia. It still smells the scent he would use. Some other day I would love to tell you about this vest or smells or smiles or just about my generous grandfather.

Ok, I should stop fudging around. Soon I plugged in the earphones and played songs from the KGF movie. While listening to these energetic songs, I was looking at the unstoppable and unstable mouths of quarrelsome old man and young man. Other mouths had also joined now. Surprisingly and unfortunately, they easily ruined these songs for me. Their ugly actions, which I wholeheartedly detested, synced with the beats



**The husband picked it up and broke it into two parts, giving half of it to his wife. It seemed they were having the best date of their life in the back seat of chaotic Sumo. And here, despondent, dumb, and numb I was loving this scene. The most fascinating thing was how they showed affection through hand touches, winks, blinks, tickles, smiles, silence and sharing the orange**

of the songs. I abruptly stopped the Spotify and cupped my head with both hands. They were still fighting; whether Salman Khan was best or Amir Khan. All of a sudden a kid rose from his seat and declared Akshay Khanna was best. He received a hard slap(s). First from his father, then the old man, and eventually, from the enraged young man. Poor kid thumped back in his seat. I saw the perspiration

emerging and drying on his melow cheeks and broad forehead. I fear he peed in his pants. Again I started listening to the songs. This time from SRK's movies. Yes, romantic songs. I turned my eyes toward the couple sitting next to me. A beautiful couple, I should say. The adjective 'beautiful' was used only after observing them closely and keenly. As I had plugged earphones into my ears, I was unable to hear what they were saying to each other, but actions speak/spoke louder. They were laughing, giggling, and tickling each other's hands. Soon, the husband opened the chain of the tote and got out a packet of 'Nut crackers'. He didn't rapidly but slowly pick it up, got it out, and showed it to his wife who was desperately waiting to be surprised by what would come out of it. Her eyes glistened with utmost bliss. I doubt even if a treasure would have come out of it she wouldn't have been this much happy but a tiny packet of nuts made her happy(iest). Her husband ripped the top of the packet and poured more portion on the palm of his wife. They both, at the same time, savoured it. It brought a broad smile to their visages. What an intriguing exhibition of affection and love having scrumptious snacks together.

Then, the woman repeated the same thing. She put her hand inside the bag and picked out a packet of lays. They both laughed hard. While picking and eating the tomato flavour of lays, they were also sharing smiles and hand touches. Now, it was

time for roasted chickpeas. They poured all of them into one palm and started counting these. One by one, they started eating them until there was the last one left. The husband picked it up and broke it into two parts, giving half of it to his wife. It seemed they were having the best date of their life in the back seat of chaotic Sumo. And here, despondent, dumb, and numb I was loving this scene. The most fascinating thing was how they showed affection through hand touches, winks, blinks, tickles, smiles, silence and sharing the orange. They didn't talk much as I could tell you from their still lips. And they seemed unbothered about the chaos and noise going on. By this, they made the lyrics of the song Tere liye from Veer-Zaraa unforgettable for me. They added a memory to it. Soon they reached their destination, home. After the couples alighted the vehicle, the same seat was again occupied by two persons, mother-daughter duo. Mother occupied the seat and gestured at her daughter to sit in her lap. Yes, usually, or say all the time people do it— saving 10 or 20 rupees by carrying their child/children in their lap. So, this girl, approximately 7 years old, obeyed her. Again, there was a unique display of affection, care, and kindness. The mother moved her hand through the strands of hair of her little daughter. Mother seemed to love it and so did daughter. Soon, she made a braid of her hair and let it fall on the soft back of her daughter, eventually into her warm lap. We

often trivialize the significance of these little things that make our life beautiful and happy. The smiles, the laugh, the jokes, the generous gestures, etc. These are beautiful but alas, we, deadpans, are snubbing them without even thinking what could be the dire consequences if these got vanished all of a sudden. I didn't hear anything since I told you I was still listening to music, but I could see the display of pure emotions of both. What an eccentric concurrence! This time it was a song about mother.

Little daughter held the rough hands, apparently only soft and safe hands left for a daughter in current world, and started knuckling them. She would pull the fingers, grip the thumb, hold the wrist. These hands appeared too important for her. Hands that held tiny her after she was born. Hands that bathed her for the first time. Hands that slapped her and then wiped tears of her cheeks. Hands that lulled her to calm sleep. Hands that saved her from stumbling. Hands that helped her learn to walk and run. Hands that would wipe tears off her cheeks at the time of departure on her wedding night. This scene was so subtle yet so profound and hard hitting.

So much love, kindness and care was dripping from the walls, mirrors, screens, and corners. Everything.

Soon, we were nearing our destination, Newa. I stopped the song and to my surprise there was complete silence. It was so soothing yet seemed evil since people are meant to be noisy and chaotic. Exhausted driver stopped and asked us to pay the fare. I did. I was about to get down when I again heard familiar sharp noises coming from the front. I rushed towards the bonnet of the Sumo. I was left downright surprised by two men who were having a banter and were not letting other pay the fare. They were same people, THE GODDAMNED OLD MAN AND YOUNG GUY! Everyone burst into laughter when old man got irritated and said, 'dev cxei yaara dev cxei te tull mai thaff' (Give it my friend, give it and let me go.) shouted the old man while leaving and waving at the young man. Everyone left in silence amid the racking rattle of gigantic vehicles plying on road. I left, mulling over what I had seen.

I see love, kindness, care are not missing, but present here and there, and ignored openly. We just have to realize these are everywhere and make these palpable.

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# Tearing Down The Stigma Around Shedding Tears

Duygu Balan

“Those who do not weep, do not see.” —Victor Hugo, Les Misérables

Before we can express our needs through language, we resort to crying to survive our infancy. As we go through life, we find other ways of getting our needs met – although crying continues to serve a critical role in regulating our emotions.

Fight, flight, or freeze responses are natural mechanisms to survive the stressors in our lives. In the face of overwhelming emotions, we might shut down or resort to secondary feelings such as anger to conceal our grief, pain, or sadness. However, without tears, we may not find the relief we need and stay angry, disempowered, stuck, or shut down. Learning how to tolerate vulnerability is crucial for mental health and allows us the courage to live the life we want and deserve.

## WHY IS THERE STIGMA SURROUNDING CRYING?

As our egos develop and as we become more in tune with social norms, we learn that crying is viewed as a sign of weakness. In most cultures, especially men, have been discouraged from being sad and encouraged to be mad instead. Many men have been raised with the notion, boys don't cry and have been told to toughen up.

Even though vulnerability is a necessary component of human connection and intimacy, in many societies crying is viewed as an act that needs to be done in private, like using the toilet.

The same mirror neurons that make us yawn when someone else yawns make us feel like crying when someone else is crying. Thus, crying can activate empathy and affection from others, allowing us to feel connected and cared for, but it also can trigger uncomfortable feelings in others and lead to avoidance. The influence crying has on other people's emotions can make it seem like a threat.

Another contributing factor to the stigma around tears may be our inclination to label tears as excessive, insincere, or fake. Because tears have the power to neutralize negative emotions such as anger or frustration, there are social constructs that view crying as a method of manipulation.

## THE BENEFITS OF CRYING

From a biological perspective, crying stimulates the production of endorphins, which are our body's natural painkiller and 'feel-good' hormones. When we are in a highly charged emotional state, crying helps to restore equilibrium by activating the parasympathetic nervous system, helping our body to rest and digest.

Attachment theory suggests that by showing vulnerability crying serves to strengthen social bonds and compels others to provide us with the compassion, support and comfort we need. It's a nonverbal way our bodies ask for help and support.



## THE ENIGMA OF TEARS

Humans enter the world crying and continue to shed tears for multiple purposes throughout their life span. From keeping our eyes lubricated, to relieving and communicating complex emotions, the act of crying is an intricate interplay of biology, psychology, and sociology. "I wasn't crying about mothers," he said rather indignantly. "I was crying because I can't get my shadow to stick on. Besides, I wasn't

crying." —J.M. Barrie, Peter Pan

## SYMBOLISM OF TEARS

In many tales, tears represent a passageway, an awakening, a surrender, and allow for transformation and new beginnings. In many stories, tears are transformative

and lead to an awakening or breakthrough of some kind and symbolize a movement towards change and resolution. In Alice in Wonderland, as Alice begins to feel distraught and overwhelmed by her loss of control, she cries a 'pool of tears', that leads to an awakening, a self-discovery where she learns how to empathize with others. In Rumpelstiltskin, the miller's daughter is trapped and has no idea

how to fulfill her father's promise to the king of spinning straw into gold. Engulfed by fear, she begins to cry. And Rumpelstiltskin appears to help her.

In many romance stories, tears symbolize the feelings of rejection, abandonment and hopelessness of unattained love felt by the protagonist before they can embrace their vulnerability and find their happily-ever-after.

Many philosophers, including Aristotle, view tears as a mechanism to relieve emotional stress, and cleanse the mind of pollution. This concept is understood as catharsis, in psychology. Albert Camu, the existentialist author, and philosopher, whilst examining the meaninglessness and absurdity of life alluded that the beauty of life is to "live to the point of tears," suggesting that despite the meaninglessness, living our fullest lives, involves tears.

In more recent stories such as in the movie Frozen, tears are used as a symbolism of thawing out numbness and allowing to feel again. Elsa hadn't allowed herself to grieve her parent's death, which resulted in an eternal winter, where she became a prisoner of a self-created ice palace. But finally, when the emotions become too heightened, and the numb state is no longer conducive, she cries and embraces her sister, which leads her to connect to herself and find a way

through her pain.

## TIPS FOR CRYING WELL

Use mindfulness practices such as meditation and yoga to connect to your difficult emotions. Remember that these emotions can get intense before they calm down.

Allow for your heart to break open and trust your body's way of emotional release. Remember that crying won't last forever and once it's past you will feel calmer and more relaxed.

Dissolve self-pity or harsh criticism by giving yourself compassion and empathy.

Listen to music that allows for nostalgia and self-reflection and serves as a bridge to your difficult emotional state.

Consider talking to someone trustworthy, like a close friend or a therapist, to be witness to your pain. If you prefer to cry alone, honor that desire and cry in the privacy of your room or in the shower.

Get curious about your feelings and use creative expressions such as journaling or painting to explore your inner landscape.

"Tears are a river that takes you somewhere...Tears lift your boat off the rocks, off dry ground, carrying it downriver to someplace better." —Clarissa Pinkola Estés

The article was originally published by Psychology Today



## Probe Agency Arrests "Kingpin" Of ₹ 5,000 Crore Cyber Crime Case

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday said it recently arrested a Delhi-based man in connection with a money laundering investigation linked to alleged duping of common people to the tune of about 5,000 crore through cyber crimes and online gaming.

Ashish Kakkar, a "cyber fraudster" and resident of Greater Kailash in Delhi, was taken into custody from Holiday Inn hotel in Gurugram on March 2, the central agency said in a statement.

A special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court sent him to ED custody till March 12, the ED said. It did not say if he was subsequently remanded to further custody of the ED or sent to judicial custody by the court.

The agency alleged Ashish Kakkar was an "important kingpin of a syndicate involved in generation, layering and siphoning of the proceeds of crime to the tune of ₹4,978 crore generated from various cyber crimes and online gaming ongoing all over India during the period 2020-2024." The money laundering case stems from police FIRs registered in Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and some others.

The agency said its investigation into cyber crime cases has found that fraudsters use different ways for cheating and generation of proceeds of crime such as investment fraud, part-time job fraud, online shopping fraud and loan fraud.

Among these, it said, the most prevalent modus operandi used for duping the general public of their hard-earned money is to lure them into investing in fraudulent schemes with the promise of handsome returns.

The depositors invest their life savings and when they demand their return, the fraudsters ask them to pay another sum in the guise of certain taxation or processing fees etc., it said.

This continues until the customer himself stops investing their fund and the fund invested or transferred to the bank accounts provided by the fraudsters is gone, the ED said.

A similar criminal act was done in this case, the ED alleged, and proceeds of crime were "layered and accumulated" in the bank accounts of the companies or firms controlled by Ashish Kakkar and his associates and subsequently sent out of India as foreign outward remittances.

Ashish Kakkar and his associates created more than 200 companies (Kakkar is the beneficial owner of these companies) in the name of his employees or based on the KYCs of persons hired for the sole purpose of creation of dummy firms and companies, the agency alleged.

Ashish Kakkar, who himself is neither a director nor any office holder in these companies, "controls" each transaction going on in the bank accounts of these companies through his loyal associates, the ED alleged.

The probe found that these dummy companies have substantial banking transactions but have not filed their financial statements with the Registrar of Companies, the agency said.

Ashish Kakkar, it alleged, imported a number of consignments declaring high value items like rose oil, solar panel machinery from Dubai, Hong Kong, China, etc. in various Special Economic Zones of Mundra, Kandla etc. and subsequently exported the same from the SEZs itself.

Ashish Kakkar and others have sent outward remittances to the tune of ₹4,978 crore against imports but no remittances have been realised against export of goods from SEZ, it said.

In other words, the ED said, the accused was involved in "circular-trading" by way of import-export for the purpose of hawala or fraudulent transactions.

## RBI Asks These 2 Banks To Stop Adding Customers To Co-Branded Credit Cards

Reuters

**MUMBAI:** India's central bank has asked South Indian Bank and Federal Bank to stop adding new customers to their co-branded credit cards, the lenders said in separate stock exchange filings on Wednesday.

South Indian Bank said it has been asked to stop onboarding any fresh customers in its co-branded credit cards until it complies with regulatory guidelines. It will continue servicing existing customers, it said.

Federal Bank said it has been asked to halt the issuance of new co-branded credit cards by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

"The Bank is in the process of rectifying the areas that are deficient and will seek regulatory clearance prior to



resumption of new issuance," Federal Bank said.

The lenders did not disclose the reasons cited by the central bank but said the directive follows a recent change in rules for credit and debit cards.

As part of those rules, the RBI reiterated that co-branding partners of credit

cards cannot access customer data or be involved in any of the processes after the initial issuance of the cards.

The banks, in their filings to the exchanges, did not specify whether the restrictions placed on them were due to a breach of this provision or another condition.

## Bears Take Over Dalal Street. What Caused The Market Bloodbath?

Press Trust of India

**E**quity benchmark index Sensex, on Wednesday, crashed over 900 points to sink below the 73,000 level due to widespread selling pressure amid a sharp fall in smallcap and midcap indices.

Besides, deep losses in utility, energy and metal stocks and recent selling by foreign investors added to the gloom, analysts said.

Benchmark indices started the session on a positive note, but the selling intensified during afternoon trade, with all sectoral indices ending in the red.

The 30-share index tanked 906.07 points or 1.23 per cent to settle at 72,761.89. During the day, it dropped 1,152.25



points or 1.56 per cent to 72,515.71.

The Nifty plummeted 338 points or 1.51 per cent to 21,997.70.

Power Grid was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, sliding over 7 per cent, followed by NTPC, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, JSW Steel, Bharti Airtel, Titan, Reliance Industries and Hindustan Unilever.

In contrast, ITC, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Nestle, Bajaj Finance and HDFC Bank were the gainers.

"In contrast to the global uptrend, the unfavourable risk-reward balance of mid and smallcap stocks, fuelled by prolonged premium valuations, has aggravated the downfall. Meanwhile, FMCG and contrarian plays like gold are offering some refuge. Other than the premium valuation no fundamental issue is noticed to drawback the long-term growth image of domestic midcaps," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge tanked by 5.11 per cent, while the midcap index declined by 4.20 per cent. In Asian markets, Seoul settled in the green, while Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong ended lower.

## India Performs Better Than China On Key Global Integration Parameters: DHL Report

Press Trust of India

**I**ndia has overtaken China on two-key parameters—export to GDP ratio and services export—with regard to integration into the global market, said a DHL Global Connectedness Report on Wednesday.

India's exports-to-GDP ratio has exceeded China's since 2021 and also the country's services trade intensity far for both exports and imports, said

the report makes it clear: the world can expect to see India's international engagement increase manifold in the years to come," said R.S. Subramanian, senior vice president for South Asia at DHL Express.

The report further said globalisation reached a record high in 2022 and stayed nearly as high in 2023 despite various global shocks such as the Covid-19 pandemic, wars in Ukraine and Gaza, and the US-



the 'New DHL Global Connectedness Report 2024' by DHL and New York University's Stern School of Business.

The report said in 2021 and 2022, India's exports and imports as a share of GDP increased sharply.

India exported goods and services was 23 per cent of the GDP (up from 19 per cent in 2020) and imported goods and services 26 per cent of GDP (also up from 19 per cent in 2020).

India's services trade intensity far exceeds China's for both exports and imports, the report said.

However, as regards the merchandise trade, India has larger imports relative to its GDP while China has larger exports.

"While India's global connectedness ranking reflects its current economic standing,

China trade conflict.

Like all large economies, India conducts most of its business activity domestically.

However, international trade comprises a growing share of India's economy, the report said.

"We foresee immense potential for deeper global integration for India, and in fact, our domestic economic boom is an opportunity for even greater international collaboration. India's trade ties are poised for significant expansion," Subramanian added.

After a slowdown in 2023, global trade growth is forecast to accelerate in 2024, the report said.

The report tracks flows of trade, capital, information, movement of people around the world and measures the globalisation of 181 countries and territories.




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## CS Urges Swift JTFRP Savings Utilization in J&K

Directs for completing all the infra projects before deadline

KO NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Wednesday while reviewing the pace and progress of World Bank funded Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) impressed upon the concerned to make a robust plan for around Rs 140 Cr savings amount out of the total outlay for 213 sub-projects funded under it.

Besides the CEO, ERA the meeting was also attended by Principal Secretary, Higher Education; Commissioner Secretary, I&C; Secretary, PWD; Secretary, Health; Secretary, School Education; MD, JKPC; Commissioner, SMC besides other officers.

Srinagar based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

During this meeting the Chief Secretary directed for considering some significant works for upgradation of infrastructure



in our education, health, disaster management and livelihood generation here so that these savings are spent on a positive developmental front in a time-bound manner.

He asked for identifying the works that are critical and of most emergent nature to be taken up shortly and completed before December this year. He enjoined upon the concerned authorities to assess the viability of such projects beforehand and take measures accordingly to ground them within the onset

of upcoming working season. Dulloo also stressed on holding consultations among different departments to ascertain their urgent needs regarding augmentation of their capacities and mitigating disaster management in future.

He even asked about the issues faced in completion of ongoing projects and the dates for their completion. He emphasised on ensuring that all the ongoing and newly taken up works are completed before December this year, which

is the deadline of this project as well.

In her presentation, the CEO, ERA, Dr Syed SehrishAsgar briefed the meeting about the accomplishments made so far under JTFRP. She gave out that 213 sub-projects under different components were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs1810 Cr. She further informed that out of these 186 projects had been completed in the UT at an expenditure of Rs 1363 Cr.

Dr Sehrish further revealed that the major components

includes reconstruction & strengthening of Critical infrastructure (40 projects), reconstruction of Roads and bridges (31 projects), Restoration of Urban Flood Management Infrastructure (13 projects), Restoration and Strengthening of Livelihoods (26 projects), Strengthening Disaster risk management capacity (22 projects) and Contingent Emergency Response (74 projects).

In addition it was revealed that the project was pivotal in introducing rigid pavement in roads, preparation of a digital risk database, building a semi arched trussed bridge, building schools with BALA (Building as a Learning Aid) feature, building first state of the art Emergency Operation Centre and introduction of Green Hospital Building here in the UT besides augmenting and upgrading critical infrastructure and damaged infrastructure across the districts of J&K.

## Mirwaiz Calls For Making Mosques Effective Centres Of Social Awareness

Agencies

**Srinagar:** Hurriyat Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq on Wednesday called for making mosques effective centres of social awareness and reform to tackle the constant social challenges faced by the society.

He urged the Islamic scholars and imams of the mosques to realise their responsibilities regarding the reformation of the society.

"They should lay emphasis on personal and societal reform in their sermons during the blessed fasting month of Ramadhan," he said after inaugurating the newly

constructed Muhaajir-e-Millat Masjid Shareef in Reshanhar in Nawa Kadal area of the city.

The Hurriyat Conference chairman said that mosques should be actively utilised as the best centres for value based upbringing of the children and youth in the light of Islamic teachings and for efforts towards societal reform.

"During the performance of the five daily prayers, the Muslims in the area become acquainted with each other's well-being, leading to the formation of a caring and united society," he said.



## Anurag Thakur Launches Revamped Website Of Akashvani News

Agencies

**New Delhi:** Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur on Wednesday launched PB-SHABD, a news sharing service from Prasar Bharati and websites of DD News and Akashvani News as well as updated News on Air mobile app at an event in National Media Centre, New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, Thakur said that today was a historic day for the information and broadcasting sector of the country. "Over the years, Prasar Bharti has cultivated an elaborate network of news gathering from as well as news delivery to every corner of the country in every regional language. Now we intend to share this accurate and meaningful content with the rest of the print and electronic media industry of India", he said.

The Minister further added that the news organizations will be provided with clean feed and will not carry the logo

of Doordarshan. This feed will curate content from all corners of the country in various languages. This will revolutionize the news industry and will massively support the smaller news organizations that do not have the benefit of an extensive network for content gathering.

PB-SHABD will be a single point source of news content for all such organizations, he said.

The Minister further informed that the SHABD service is being offered free of cost for the first year as an introductory offer and will provide news stories in all major Indian languages across fifty categories.

Speaking about the revamped websites of Doordarshan News and All India Radio and the NewsOnAIR app, Shri Thakur said that All India Radio has continued to remain immensely relevant in the age of extensive mobile connectivity and is still a source of accurate information about government schemes and policies.

## I&C Deptt Overshoots Financial Targets Set By DPIIT For 2023-24

KO NEWS SERVICE

**JAMMU:** Jammu & Kashmir's industrial sector is witnessing a remarkable transformation, catalysed by the success of New Central Sector Scheme (NCSS) and the Industrial Development Scheme (IDS). These initiatives, implemented by the Government of India and the UT Government, are providing impetus to investment, job creation and overall economic growth in the region.

Launched in February 2021 with a substantial outlay of Rs. 28,400 crore, NCSS offers a comprehensive package of incentives to attract businesses to Jammu & Kashmir. These incentives included capital investment subsidy, interest subvention and GST-linked benefits, making the UT a sought after destination for entrepreneurs.

The scheme has gained impressive momentum in just three years, with a total of 838 units registered under NCSS, a testament to its impact.

In FY 2023-24, a total of ten Secretary Level Committee (SLC) meetings were held, under the chairmanship of Vikramjeet Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce and facilitated by Dr. Arun Manhas, Director Industries & Commerce, Jammu, and Khalid Majeed, Director Industries & Commerce, Kashmir as its member secretaries. These meetings, till date, have approved the registration of 372 units, with 240 from Jammu division and 132 from Kashmir division.



These units represent a diverse range of sectors, including manufacturing and services, indicating the scheme's broad reach and impact.

Furthermore, the Department of Industries and Commerce has approved substantial incentives during the current financial year. In FY 2023-24, Rs. 85.15 crore stands approved under Capital Investment Incentive (CII), Rs. 27.45 crore under Working Capital Interest Subvention (WCIS), and Rs.7.48 crore through Capital Interest Subvention (CIS).

It is pertinent to mention here that Goods and Services Tax Linked incentive (GSTLI) is the most important incentive under the New Central Sector Scheme and in the current financial year the approval for Rs 40.80 crore under GSTLI stands given. The disbursements are directly empowering businesses, enabling them to expand their operations and create new employment opportunities.

J&K has surpassed the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) target of Rs. 150 crore in

incentive approval. This achievement is a significant milestone in the UT's industrial journey.

While NCSS marks a new chapter in J&K's industrial development, the Industrial Development Scheme (IDS) 2017 continues to play a crucial role. Launched as a precursor to NCSS, IDS offers its own set of incentives, including central capital investment support, interest subsidy, and GST reimbursement.

In FY 2023-24, IDS SLCs approved incentives worth Rs. 22.44 crore for Jammu division and Rs. 3.92 crore for Kashmir division. These additional incentives complement the support provided by NCSS, further strengthening the industrial ecosystem in the UT.

The combined efforts of NCSS and IDS are paving the way for a vibrant and robust industrial landscape in Jammu & Kashmir. With a focus on attracting investment, fostering innovation, and creating a conducive business environment, the UT is poised for sustained industrial growth in the years to come.

## Will Take People Into Confidence Before Approving Railway Line: DM Shopian

Agencies

**SHOPIAN:** District Magistrate of Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb on Wednesday assured that the people's voices will be heard and considered before any final decision is made regarding the proposed railway line in the district.

Speaking with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the DM, who is also the Deputy Commissioner Shopian, said railway authorities had taken the marking process of the railway line in the Zainapora area of the district where some locals have objected to it. He said people have various apprehensions and misconceptions in this regard which are being looked into.

"Before granting approval for the railway line, the administration will engage with local residents to ensure their concerns are taken into account," Haseeb said, adding that the revenue authorities have been instructed to prepare a detailed report in this regard.

The government's recent green signal for the final survey of five rail lines in Kashmir, including the Awantipora-Shopian route via Kulgam, has sparked protests among residents of Reshpora and Pahnoo areas in south Kashmir's Shopian district. The locals fear that the construction of the railway line will lead to the displacement of hundreds of families, depriving them of their land and livelihoods.

The residents said many families rely on their orchards for livelihood, and the proposed railway project threatens their way of life. They urged authorities to either relocate the railway line or reconsider its construction, fearing the project will leave hundreds of families landless.

The locals appealed to higher authorities to address their grievances and ensure a fair resolution to the ongoing dispute over the proposed railway line—(KNO)

## FSD Anantnag Tests Watermelons for Artificial Colors

KO NEWS SERVICE

**ANANTNAG:** Food Safety team Anantnag on Wednesday tested more than 30 samples of watermelon on spot for artificial colours through Mobile Food Testing Van (MFTV) during intensive market inspection in view of the apprehensions surrounding on social media regarding availability of artificially ripened watermelon in markets during the holy month of Ramadan.

However, during on spot analysis none of the samples showed a positive test for artificial colours.

During the drive all the Food Business Operators dealing with Fresh Fruits and Vegetables at Fruit and Vegetable Mandi Ashajipora and Baten-goo Anantnag were inspected and were warned regarding any kind of malpractice in the trade.

Moreover, the team procured 25 samples of fresh fruits and vegetables for detailed analysis in the Public

Health Laboratory, J&K. In addition mass awareness was provided among consumers for detection of artificial colours through rapid testing at home.

The Food Safety authorities of the district have cautioned that regular inspections will continue in the district to maintain the highest standards of food safety and quality, and FBOs were sternly warned to comply with the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006/Rules and Regulations there under.

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, KASHMIR**  
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**Subject: - Application for change of title to Excursion Agency "Make My Day Travels" situated at Firdous Colony Lane No. 3, Chandpora Harwan, Srinagar.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas, Mr. Monis Iqbal Ganie S/o Mr. Wali Mohammad Ganie R/o Murinder Bagh Harwan, Srinagar has applied in this office for change of title of Excursion Agency "Make My Day Travel" to "M/s Subtravo";

Whereas, said unit has been registered with this Department on 02.12.2023 vide Registration No. JKEA00002940 dated 02.12.2023 in the name of Mr. Monis Iqbal Ganie S/o Mr. Wali Mohammad Ganie R/o Murinder Bagh Harwan, Srinagar and is renewed upto 31.12.2024;

Whereas, the applicant has submitted photocopy of registration certificate, NOC from J&K State Cooperative Bank Branch Sekidafar issued vide their No. JKSCB/SKDF/137-38 dated 27.02.2024 alongwith application.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 39 of J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/2012, before changes are made in the registration records of this Department in respect of title change of the excursion agency from "Make My Day Travel" to "M/s Subtravo" situated at Firdous Colony Lane No. 3, Chandpora Harwan, Srinagar, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/ Financial Institutions/ Banks/ Development Authorities/ PHE Department/ Electric Department that in case of any objection/s, the same should reach the office of undersigned within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections beyond a period of 07 days will be entertained and the request of the applicant will be considered under rules, after submission of requisite documents.

No:Reg/T-933/DTK  
Dated: 13.03.2024

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DIPK-17870-23  
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e-Tender Notice No.: 01 of 2024 dated: 13/03/2024

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, e-Tenders in double cover system are hereby invited by Deputy Director Estates, Kashmir from registered/approved contractors/dealers/firms and SSI unit holders for each of the following works for the year 2024-25. The tender documents along with list of items with specification can also be downloaded from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in> from 14-03-2024 to 19-04-2024 upto 4:00 pm for which the cost of tender documents in the shape of DD/Treasury challan/e-challan (under M.H 0216-Housing) of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two Thousand Only) for each work/job in favour of Deputy Director Estates, Kashmir is to be uploaded with tender documents. The earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Deputy Director Estates, Kashmir as per the details shown against each items of work is to be uploaded with tender documents. The tenderers should submit the tender form in two parts i.e., Technical bid and Financial bid separately. The financial bid shall be opened only after the bid documents of intending tenderers are found technically qualified. The intending tenderers should quote rates including GST and other taxes if any.

S. No.	Name of work/items	Amount of earnest money	Annexure
1	Chemical washing of Furnishing/Dry-cleaning of Linen	Rs. 25,000/-	A
2	Spirit Polish including scratching of Furniture articles.	Rs. 10,000/-	B
3	Cleaning of Septic Tanks.	Rs. 20,000/-	C
4	Cleaning of Manholes at Bemina.	Rs. 5000/-	D
5	Upholstery of old furniture items	Rs. 1,20,000/-	E
6	Repair of furniture items.	Rs. 10,000/-	F
7	Repairs of Electrical/Electronic & heating gadgets.	Rs. 10,000/-	G

Tender documents should be deposited in electronic format on the website: <http://jktenders.gov.in> alongwith documents as per S. No. 10 shown under caption (Important instructions for e-Tendering process). The tender (technical/financial bid) shall be opened on 20-04-2024 online or on any other subsequent date which may be convenient to the Regional Level Purchase/Contract Committee in presence of tenderers willing to be present in the office chamber of the Undersigned. The tender documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, set of terms and conditions of the contract and job to be executed can be seen/downloaded from the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in> as per schedule of dates given below:

Date of issue of Tender notice:	13-03-2024
Period of downloading of tender documents	14-03-2024 (11:00 a.m.) to 19-04-2024 (3:00 p.m.)
Bid Submission start date:	15-03-2024 (11:00 a.m.)
Bid Submission end date:	19-04-2024 (4:00 p.m.)
Date and time of opening of bids (online).	20-04-2024 (11:00 a.m.) in the office of Dy. Director Estates, Kashmir.

**FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE HAD FROM THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR ESTATES, KASHMIR AT PRATAP PARK, SRINAGAR**  
**DURING OFFICE HOURS AND ON CONTACT Nos. viz: 7051796307, 7006687758, 7006583794.**

The Regional Level Purchase Committee shall reserve the right to reject the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

No: DDES/NIT/2023-24/472-78  
Date: 13/03/2024.  
DIPK-17856-23  
DT: 13/03/2024

Deputy Director Estates, Kashmir  
(Convener)  
Regional Level Purchase/Contract Committee,  
Kashmir.



## Ashwin Claims No. 1 Spot In Test Rankings; Rohit Rises To 6th

Press Trust of India

**DUBAI:** A nine-wicket haul in his 100th Test match helped Indian off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin re-claim the top spot in the bowlers' list, while his captain Rohit Sharma was back in the top-10 at sixth in the batting charts of the latest ICC rankings on Wednesday.

Ashwin was at his best throughout the Dharamsala contest against England as the experienced right-arm spinner picked up four wickets in the first innings and then a 36th five-wicket haul in the second as India cruised to a dominant triumph in the fifth and final Test of the series.

The big haul helped Ashwin move past teammate Jasprit Bumrah into the premier position that he previously held earlier this year, the ICC said in a statement.



Rohit, who smashed a hundred in Dharamsala, rose five places to sixth and within 108 rating points of No 1 ranked Test batter Kane Williamson. Yashasvi Jaiswal (up two places to eighth) and Shubman

Gill (up 11 spots to equal 20th) reached new career-best ratings following excellent individual series against Ben Stokes' side.

Bumrah fell into a share of the second position with Australia seamer Josh Hazlewood following his six scalps in the second Test against New Zealand in Christchurch.

Ashwin's teammate Kuldeep Yadav earned a new career-high rating and jumped 15 places to 16th overall on the latest rankings following his seven wickets and Player of the Match heroics against England.

New Zealand's Matt Henry (up six spots to 12th) also moved up to a career-best mark.

India spinner Ravindra Jadeja remained well out in front of second-placed Ashwin in the updated list for Test all-rounders, with Australia skipper Pat Cummins (up two places to eighth) and Henry (up six spots to 11th) among the big movers.

### Short TAKES

#### Ranji Final: Vidarbha Need 290 More To Win Against Mumbai

**K**arun Nair and skipper Akshay Wadkar's resilient knocks kept Vidarbha alive and took the game to Day 5 in the Ranji Trophy final against Mumbai at the Wankhede Stadium on Wednesday. Vidarbha ended the day with a score of 248/5 with Akshay and Harsh Dubey unbeaten with scores of 56(91) and 11(10) respectively.

Brief Score: Mumbai: 224 and 418 (Musheer Khan 136, Shreyas Iyer 95, Harsh Dubey 5/144) vs Vidarbha: 105 and 248/5 (Karun Nair 74, Akshay Wadkar 56\*; Musheer Khan 2-38).

#### Rishabh Pant Said He Was A 'Miracle Man', Says His Doctor

**A**fter Rishabh Pant suffered horrific injuries in a car crash, renowned orthopedic surgeon Dinshaw Pardiwala, was not so optimistic. But Pant put all his worries to bed by simply describing himself as a "miracle man".

"When you get back to competitive cricket, it will be a miracle... after a high-velocity knee dislocation, in this kind of a situation... But that's when he said, 'I am a miracle man. I have managed two, I will certainly manage a third'," Pardiwala recalled.

#### New Zealand To Play 5 T20Is In Pakistan In April

**A**head of the T20 World Cup, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Wednesday announced that New Zealand will travel to the country for a five-match 20-over series. The series will take place between April 18 to 27, with the Kiwis arriving in Pakistan on April 14 for sufficient training and practice sessions ahead of the T20 World Cup which will start in June.

In the last 17 months, this will be the Black Caps' third visit to Pakistan.

#### Rachin Bags Sir Richard Hadlee Medal At NZC Awards



**R**achin Ravindra and Amelia Kerr have been recognised as New Zealand's outstanding male and female cricketers, respectively, at the New Zealand Cricket Awards ceremony in Christchurch on Wednesday.

Ravindra shone at the ICC Cricket World Cup in India last year, finishing as the tournament's fourth leading run-scorer with 578 runs at 64, scoring three centuries and two half-centuries, including an unbeaten 123 in the tournament opener against England in Ahmedabad.

#### Alcaraz, Sinner Reach Indian Wells Quarterfinals

**C**arlos Alcaraz beat Fabian Marozsan to avenge his loss to the Hungarian at the Italian Open last year, while Jannik Sinner won his 18th straight match as both players cruised into the Indian Wells quarter-finals with straight-sets victories on Tuesday.

Alcaraz never looked in any trouble against Marozsan, pounding forehands and confidently holding serve to take another step towards defending his title in the California desert with a 6-3 6-3 win.

Sinner wore down Australian Alex de Minaur to claim a 5-7 6-2 6-3 victory.



**LG MANOJ SINHA** interacts with Sports Council Football Academy players after inaugurating a state-of-the-art synthetic football turf, costing Rs 4.83 crore, at Parade Ground in Jammu on Wednesday.

## 97th-Minute Equaliser Breaks Real Kashmir Hearts In Shillong



Press Trust of India

**SRINAGAR:** Shillong Lajong FC caused a massive dent to Real Kashmir FC's I-League title chase as they found a last-gasp equaliser to hold their opponents 1-1 at the SSA Stadium here on Wednesday.

For Real Kashmir, Adnan Ayub scored the opening goal of the match in the 11th minute, before Renan Paulino netted the leveler in the added minutes of the match.

The draw hurt Real Kashmir as they remained in the third spot in the standings. They have 37 points from 19 matches with 10 wins, five draws and four defeats.

The Ishaq Ahmed-coached side are now nine points adrift of table-toppers Mohammedan Sporting and now have a slim chance of having a real go at the title.

Lajong, on the other hand, have 30 points from 19 games. They occupy the sixth spot with eight wins, six draws and five defeats and are all but out of the title contention.

Real Kashmir tried to impose themselves on the match right from the outset. They used the flanks to create their first attack when Jeremy Laldinpuia sent in a looping cross into the box from the right.

Muhammad Hammad connected the ball with his head but his attempt went straight into the gloves of Shillong Lajong goalkeeper Rajat Paul Lyngdoh.

However, Lyngdoh was at fault when he conceded the first goal of the match in the 11th minute. Laldinpuia was once again involved in the build-up of the attack as he played a good pass for Wayne Vaz from the left flank.

Vaz made a dashing run before pulling one back for an unmarked Ayub inside the box and the midfielder pulled the trigger immediately.

However, the ball was headed straight towards Lyngdoh and the goalkeeper should have collected it easily. But he couldn't judge the speed and the ball went past the goalline after slipping away from the custodian.

## Senior, Sub Junior Carrom Nationals: Registration For J&K Players Now Open

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** J&K Carrom Association on Wednesday announced registration for selection trials for eligible players for 46th Sub-Junior (Under-14) National Carrom Championship 2023-24 and 51st Senior National Carrom Championship (Men & Women).

The championship will be held from March 28 to 31 in



Varanasi, UP. It is being organized by All India Carrom Federation and hosted by UP State and Varanasi District

Carrom Association.

The senior national will be held from April 6 to 10 at LNIPE, Gwalior, MP. It is being organized by All India Carrom Federation in association with MP State and Gwalior District Carrom Association.

Interested players, schools, institutions and clubs can register via email jkcarrom@gmail.com or contact the J&K Carrom Association on 9906767529, 9070000093.

## Former Palestinian National Team Player Killed In An Israeli Airstrike

Agencies

**RAFAH:** The Palestinian soccer federation says former national team member Mohammed Barakat was killed in an Israeli airstrike in the Gaza Strip.

The federation says the 39-year-old Barakat was killed in a strike Monday on a residential building in the southern city of Khan Younis.

Affectionately known as "the lion" by fellow players, Barakat had played for the national team and some clubs in Gaza, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. He began his professional career in 2015 with Shabab Khan-Younis, where he became the first player in Gaza to score 100 goals with a single team.

Gaza's Health Ministry says more than 31,000 Palestinians have been



killed since the start of the Israel-Hamas war. The Palestinian Football Association says 158 athletes, including 91 soccer players from various divisions, are among those killed. Israel began its campaign of unprecedented destruction after Hamas-led militants stormed into Israel on October 7, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking around 250 hostages.

## Al-Hilal Wins 28th Straight Game To Set Record, Reaches ACL SF

Agencies

**JEDDAH:** Saudi Arabian team Al-Hilal set a world record for a top-tier team by winning its 28th straight game with a 2-0 victory over Al-Ittihad to reach the Asian

Champions League semifinals. Al-Hilal had also won the quarterfinals first leg by the same score to advance 4-0 on aggregate over its domestic rival.

The 18-time Saudi champion broke the previous recognised re-

cord of 27 straight wins set by The New Saints in the 2016-17 season. The Welsh team took the mark from the great Ajax team inspired by Johan Cruyff in 1971-72.

"Everyone at Al Hilal is delighted to achieve world football his-

tory by winning 28 consecutive matches," Al-Hilal coach Jorge Jesus said on Tuesday. "This is truly an incredible achievement and I want to thank everyone at the club for their part in this momentous winning record."

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## 'India's Techade: Chips for Viksit Bharat' CUKashmir VC leads staff in watching live speech of Hon'ble PM

Ganderbal, Mar 13: Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir) Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A Ravinder Nath, Wednesday led the faculty, scholars and students and watched the live speech by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, addressing the 'India's Techade: Chips for Viksit Bharat' programme and laying the foundation stone for three semiconductor projects worth about Rs 1.25 lakh crores via video conferencing.

The Schools of Physical Sciences and Engineering jointly organised the seminar on "India's Techade- Chips for VIKSIT Bharat," at Tulmulla Campus in connection with the live speech by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi. The live speech was also streamed in all the four campuses of the university and was watched by the faculty, scholars and students.

The Honourable Prime Minister described the day as a historic occasion and a significant step towards a bright future for India as foundation stones were laid for three



major Semiconductor manufacturing projects in Dholera and Sadanand in Gujarat and Moregaon in Assam. "Today's projects will play a key role in making India a semiconductor hub", PM Modi said. He said more than 60,000 colleges, universities and educational institutes were connected with the event. "The youth is witnessing how India is working in a multi-pronged fashion for self-reliance and a strong presence in the global supply chain", Hon'ble PM added.

Later, in his address to the participants, Vice-Chancellor,

Prof. A. Ravinder Nath stressed on the importance and application of semiconductor technologies, its development in the country through Atmanirbhar Bharat. "The universities should focus on such research work that is socially relevant, locally need-based, nationally important and globally significant," he said. He added that the young generation must think of such works that contribute to Viksit Bharat by making use of the demographic dividend of the young population who can contribute best to the region, nation and world.

Invited speaker, Dr. Shabir Ahmad Parah, Associate Prof. Deptt of Electronics and Communication, University of Kashmir, emphasized the importance of innovation and technology and discussed topics including patent filing and technological growth. He urged the faculty to cultivate innovative thinking among students.

Prof. Mohammad Yousuf, Dean of the School of Physical and Chemical Sciences, stressed on the importance of semiconductor technology and encouraged collaboration among departments for joint research projects.

Asst Prof. Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Najar spoke about advances in semiconductor technology, focusing on quantum computing, neuromorphic computing, and emerging materials such as graphene and carbon nanotubes.

Earlier, Asst Prof. Dr. Raja Nisar, emphasized on the significance of the seminar in light of India's advancements in semiconductor technology.

Dr. Rubiya Samad was the rapporteur of the event.

## 3 Days Training Programme On OECD Principles In GLP Concludes At IIIM

Jammu: A three days Skill Development Program on OECD Principles in GLP organized by CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine Jammu which saw participation of more than 70 Scientists, faculty members, technocrats and researchers from Pharmacology background concluded here today. Dr Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIIM was the chief guest at the event while as Dr SG Ramachandra, Chief Research Scientist, IISc Bangalore and Dr PV Mohanan, Scientist G & Head, Toxicology SCTIMST Kerala were the distinguished key resource persons. Dr Zabeer in his address congratulated participants on successful completion of Training program and appreciated the participants for their dedication and diligent demonstration throughout the program. He also said that CSIR-IIIM remains dedicated to advancing scientific excellence and promoting best practices in laboratory operations. He said that the successful conclusion of the Skill Development Program on OECD Principles in Good Laboratory Practice underscores the institute's unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of quality, integrity, and professionalism



in scientific research and development. Dr Ahmed during his address said that GLP principles serve as a cornerstone for ensuring the quality, integrity, and reliability of data generated from laboratory studies, thereby contributing to global harmonization in regulatory compliance and facilitating international trade. He underscored the importance of continuous learning and adherence to internationally recognized standards in advancing scientific research and innovation.

During the three days program, participants underwent training sessions and practical exercises meticulously designed to enhance their understanding

and application of OECD principles in GLP. On Day one, participants were given an overview of OECD principles of GLP Terminology and also Test facility requirements were discussed in detail. The participants were also given insights on Test facility management and standard operating procedures in GLP. On day two, apart from technical sessions, participants were given lectures in GLP Data integrity and Management, characterization of Test and Reference items. The participants were also given practical sessions for study plan/study report. On day Three, Participants were given on hands training in various facets of GLP.

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#### 1747 Beneficiaries

Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE). Prime Minister also interacted with Neelam Kumari, a resident of Kathua who availed government loan facility to start her boutique. She is also a beneficiary of many welfare schemes like Ujjwala, PM Awas, Ayushman, and Swachh Bharat. The Prime Minister praised her for being a job giver and providing employment to other women.

The nationwide outreach event for credit support to disadvantaged sections witnessed the participation of about 3 lakh beneficiaries of various government schemes from disadvantaged groups who joined the program from over 500 districts across the country.

#### Decision After

The Commission is equally concerned about assembly and parliamentary elections.

"We had a meeting with representatives of national and regional political parties and questions were raised about the delay in holding of assembly polls. I want to clarify that there was no delay on the part of the Election Commission," Kumar said.

He said the J-K Reorganisation Act came in 2019 followed by a delimitation commission which completed its exercise in 2022, recommending an increase of assembly seats from 107 to 114 including 24 seats for residents of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

"Now we have 90 assembly seats including nine seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes. There was no chance of holding elections as there was a dissonance between the J-K reorganisation act and the delimitation.

"We have to bring them together and that happened in December 2023 in the form of the J-K Reorganization (Amendment) Act," he said.

Kumar said the amended act also included the recommendation to reserve

two seats for migrants including a woman and another provision of one nomination for displaced persons from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

#### MeT Forecasts

a low of minus 1.2°C against minus 1.6°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 2.1°C for the famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Jammu, he said, recorded a minimum of 14.1°C and it was above normal by 0.1°C for the winter capital of J&K.

Banihal recorded a low of 5.6°C, Batote 7.5°C and Bhaderwah 5.1°C, he said.

#### PS-enabled Tracking

at all times. Accordingly, all polling parties and sector officers' vehicles will be fitted with GPS tracking devices, they said.

"As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India (ECI) regarding the transportation, storage and security of EVMs and VVPATs, it is imperative to streamline their handling, including reserve EVMs and VVPATs carried by sector officers for need-based replacement on the poll day," Pole said in the RFP.

He said the GPS tracker devices along with all the necessary hardware are to be fitted and installed in the election duty vehicles. The tentative number of vehicles will be 12,500, he added.

To facilitate this, GPS control rooms will be set up at the DEO and CEO levels to monitor and track the movement of EVMs and VVPATs through the vehicle tracking system and other related infrastructure and applications.

"This is a tentative number, subject to change based on the actual requirements calculated after the declaration of elections. The installation of GPS tracker devices will be done inside the vehicles," he explained.

The vehicles will be stationed at various locations across Jammu and Kashmir, with the specific locations provided by the respective DEOs, he added. PTI

#### 702 Sports Projects

coaches on their outstanding performances.

Sinha extended his felicitations to the para teams and women athletes for their remarkable feat in major sporting events.

He said the recent success in the Asian Para Games, National Games, National School Games of athletes and players from Jammu and Kashmir have kindled a brighter hope of an upswing in performances in many more international events.

He also highlighted the Jammu and Kashmir administration's commitment towards the welfare of the sportspersons bringing laurels to the country and the Union Territory.

"We are determined to complete the recruitment process of sportspersons at the earliest," he said.

The LG said that a total of 702 sports projects have been completed in the last few years. Two athletic tracks, one each at Jammu University and Kashmir University, five synthetic hockey fields and two synthetic football fields have been constructed at Pulwama, Srinagar, Jammu, Poonch, Nagrota.

He said that more athletic tracks, synthetic hockey and synthetic football fields are coming up at Jammu, Poonch, Sopore, Srinagar, Shopian, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Jagti Nagrota and Rajouri.

The LG commended the endeavours of the Sports Department, Sports Council and associations for promoting sports activities in Jammu Kashmir.

Sinha interacted with the sportspersons and handed over sports kits and equipments to the budding players.

The officials said that 368

sportspersons from 17 disciplines received special cash awards amounting to Rs 1.35 crore directly in their bank accounts through the DBT mode. Rs 12 lakh was awarded to Aqsa Gulzar and Sohan Kamotra was awarded with Rs 8 lakh cash in Pencak Silat and Chess disciplines, respectively, they said.

#### New Start-Up Policy

and successful implementation of this policy," it said.

Under the policy, the government has also decided to create a feedback mechanism to get insights into challenges being faced by the start-ups.

"The Government of Jammu and Kashmir will create quarterly feedback mechanisms from start-ups, mentors, incubators and other related stakeholders on its portal. These surveys, focus groups or public consultations will gather input from start-ups and other stakeholders on the implementation of the start-up policy. The feedback will help provide valuable insights into challenges being faced by the start-ups and the support they intend to receive," it said.

Pertinently, the union territory administration has targeted to establish Jammu and Kashmir as one of the leading start-up ecosystems in India by 2027.

Under the policy, the administration has targeted to set up at least 2000 new start-ups in Jammu and Kashmir in next five years. Jammu and Kashmir under the policy has constituted a High-Level Empowered Committee (HLEC) to monitor the performance of Jammu and Kashmir start-up eco-system.

With Chief Secretary as the chairman of the 12-membered HLEC, the committee as per the document shall take necessary decisions for encouragement of innovations in Jammu and Kashmir and modify start-up policy, guidelines from time-to-time

The government has also constituted a start-up task force to monitor

the implementation of policy and decisions of HLEC on a regular basis.

The 10-membered task force will be headed by administrative secretary Industries and Commerce department-(KNO)

#### Court Rejects

used for preparation of fake domicile certificates including laptop, eye scanner, fingerprint scanner, USB port, printer etc have been seized and Laptop and mobile phone have been sent to FSL for expert opinion.

The prosecution said that the preparation of fake domicile certificates has "jeopardized" the whole issuance process and authorities have started verifying all the certificates now, as such releasing accused on bail at this stage will cause prejudice to investigation as he may try to destroy the certificates issued by him to gullible public.

The prosecution said that the accused was involved in grave and heinous offence.

#### HC Seeks Govt

of 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 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 had said on previous date of hearing, and

accordingly, asked the concerned authorities to provide their perspectives on how to address these issues, to facilitate the Court in passing appropriate orders.

#### 500 Cr Scheme

July 2024, the minister said. Under the scheme, a support of up to Rs 10,000 per 2-wheeler will be provided. The aim is to provide support for about 3.33 lakh 2-wheelers.

A support of up to Rs 25,000 will be given for purchase of small three-wheelers (e-rickshaw and e-carts). More than 41,000 such vehicles will be provided the incentive under the scheme.

The financial support will be up to Rs 50,000 on purchase of a large three-wheeler.

Subsidies under the second phase of the FAME scheme will be eligible for e-vehicles sold till March 31, 2024, or till the time funds are available.

Earlier in the day, Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work together to encourage innovation and advance the automotive and electric vehicle (EV) sector.

"This MoU represents a joint effort to launch advanced initiatives for creating a Centre of Excellence (CoE) and an Industry Accelerator at IIT Roorkee under the Scheme for Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Indian Capital Goods Sector Phase II of MHI," an official release said.

The collaboration seeks to utilise the combined knowledge and resources of both organizations to support groundbreaking projects that will influence the future of transportation.

With a total grant of Rs 19.87 crore provided by MHI and an additional Rs 4.78 crore contributed by industry partners, the total project cost is Rs 24.66 crore.

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