

## BUDGET 2024

# Big Push For Jobs, New Tax Regime Benefits, Reward For Allies

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**New Delhi:** The first budget of Modi 3.0 has rewarded key NDA allies, relieved taxpayers under the new regime and focused on creating job opportunities for youngsters.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget 2024 speech had good news for taxpayers opting for the new regime. The standard deduction in the new tax regime has been increased from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000.

This Budget has also revised tax slabs under the new regime. Annual income up to Rs 3 lakh will now attract zero



tax, income in the Rs 3 lakh-7 lakh bracket will be taxed at 5 per cent. The rate will be 10 per cent for income between

Rs 7 lakh-10 lakh, 15 per cent for Rs 10 lakh - 12 lakh and 20 per cent for Rs 12 lakh - Rs 15 lakh. Annual income over Rs 15 lakh will be taxed at 30 per cent.

Sitharaman said salaried employees can save up to Rs 17,500 in income tax under the new tax slabs. The Budget has made no changes to the old tax regime, which a large section of professionals opts for.

Budget 2024 had a big announcement for professionals entering the workforce. Sitharaman announced that the Centre will give one-month's salary to those joining their first job. This amount will be provided as a Provident Fund contribution. The move, she said, will benefit 210 lakh youngsters.

The Finance Minister said this amount | [More On P10](#)

## What Is Cheaper, What Is Costlier?

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today announced a major reduction in customs duty on cancer medicines and mobile phones, which will significantly bring down their prices in the retail market. Imported gold, silver, leather goods and seafood will also get cheaper.

"The government will exempt 3 more cancer treatment drugs from Customs duty. I will also | [More On P10](#)

## Defence Ministry Gets Highest Allocation

Observer News Service

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday announced the allocation of Rs 6,21,940 crore to the Defence Ministry in the Union Budget 2024-25, a 4.79 percent increase from the previous financial year. The budget allocation to the Defence Ministry is the highest among all ministries.

The Budget will help in moving towards a prosperous and self-reliant 'Viksit Bharat'. | [More On P10](#)

## '1 Month Wage For First Time Employees'

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today announced that the government will give one-month's salary to all the new employees entering the workforce. The amount will be provided to the employees as Provident Fund contribution.

"The scheme is meant for all persons entering the workforce in all sectors. It will benefit 210 lakh youths," Sitharaman said while presenting | [More On P10](#)

## Over Rs 42,000 Crore Allocated To J&K

MAJOR OUTLAYS

- Rs. 9400 Cr for power purchase subsidy and budgetary support.
- Rs. 3983 Cr for construction under PMGSY, CRIF, and NABARD.
- Rs. 1875 Cr for Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, career counselling, and PM SHRI funding.
- Rs. 1808 Cr for local development works of PRIs, ULBs, BDCs, and DDCs.
- Rs. 1714 Cr for rural tap-water connectivity under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Rs. 1484 Cr for Smart City projects, JFRP, sewerage plants, and new townships.
- Rs. 1430 Cr for old age, widow, disabled assistance, and women empowerment.
- Rs. 1317 Cr for health sector services under National Health Mission.
- Rs. 1104 Cr for rural housing under PM Awas Yojana- Grameen.
- Rs. 1068 Cr for salaries, food, and accommodation for Kashmiri migrants.
- Rs. 1021 Cr for Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP).
- Rs. 923 Cr for industrial estates, GST incentives, and trade promotion.
- Rs. 776 Cr for hydroelectric projects at Ratle, Kwar, and Kiru.
- Rs. 586 Cr for universal health insur-

- ance in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Rs. 500 Cr for drugs, machinery, and equipment for health institutions.
- Rs. 475 Cr for colleges and universities infrastructure and National Education Policy rollout.
- Rs. 518 Cr for tourism promotion, new destinations, and events like Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.
- Rs. 445 Cr for rural sanitation, waste disposal, and achieving ODF+ status.
- Rs. 390 Cr for river Jhelum flood management projects.
- Rs. 405 Cr for self-employment schemes, startups, Mission Youth, and self-help groups.
- Rs. 179 Cr for security infrastructure, police housing, border bunkers, and CCTVs.
- Rs. 150 Cr for solar rooftops and pumps.
- Rs. 335 Cr for sports infrastructure, heritage preservation, and tribal welfare.
- Rs. 100 Cr for revitalizing Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks.
- Rs. 500 Cr for MGNREGA works at Gram Panchayat level.
- Rs. 401 Cr for Dal Lake development, afforestation, wildlife management, and protected areas.

Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** The Centre has allocated Rs 42,277.74 crore to Jammu and Kashmir in the Union Budget for 2024-25, a nominal hike of 1.2 per cent from the Rs 41,751.44 crore given to the Union Territory in the last fiscal.

In the budget presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, an amount of Rs 40,619.3 crore has been allocated as Central Assistance to Union Territories to meet the resource gap in Jammu and Kashmir.

It also includes a sum of Rs 7,900 crore, sanctioned as advance from the Contingency Fund of India that shall stand re-couped to the fund after the Demands for Grants for 2024-25 is passed by Parliament and the connected Appropriation Act assented to by the president, the budget document said.

The government has allocated Rs 279 crore to Jammu and Kashmir as grants towards contribution to the Union Territory Disaster Response Fund to meet the expenditure on account of mitigation of disasters caused due to natural calamities.

The budget has allocated Rs 130 crore to the Union Territory as grants towards the equity contribution for the 624-MW Kiru Hydro Electric Project (HEP), while an amount of Rs 476.44 crore has been granted towards equity for the 800-MW Ratle HEP. Besides, a grant of Rs 500 crore has been provided to meet the expenditure on account of the Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP).

The Centre has also allocated Rs 171.23 crore to Jammu and Kashmir as grants for equity contribution for the 540-MW KWR HEP, the document said. | [More On P10](#)

## FM Unveils Rs 1.18 Lakh Crore Budget for J&K

Announces Rs 17,000 Cr Special Assistance To Address Fiscal Issues



Observer News Service

**New Delhi:** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday unveiled Rs 1,18,390 crore budget for Jammu & Kashmir for the fiscal year 2024-25.

As per budget documents, total budget estimates for 2024-25 are Rs 1,18, 390 crore. "The total gross receipts are estimated at Rs

1,51,526 crore, including the provision for ways and means advances and over-draft of Rs 33,136 crore. Given these receipts, total gross expenditure is estimated to be Rs 1,51,526 crore," read the documents.

Of which the revenue expenditure is estimated to be Rs 81,486 crore and capital expenditure to be Rs 36,904 crore. | [More On P10](#)

## Centre Takes Over J&K Police Budget

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** In a significant move, the Central Government has decided to assume full financial responsibility for the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the second most populous department within the Jammu and Kashmir government. This decision, announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the budget speech today, is set to reshape the fiscal landscape of the Union Territory.

In her speech, Sitharaman highlighted the heavy financial burden posed by the policing budget, which consumes approximately 11 per cent of | [More On P10](#)

### J&K BUDGET

## Mixed Reactions, Positive Outlook

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**Jammu:** The business and industrial community in Jammu & Kashmir described the 2024-25 Budget as "mixed", praising the government for emphasizing agriculture, MSMEs, startups, and industrial development, which are crucial growth engines for the country.

However, they noted that Jammu & Kashmir did not get special attention compared to other states this time.

"We always have high expectations from the Budget. It is a balanced Budget with a long-term focus," said Manik Batra, Director, Batra Group of Companies.

He highlighted the significant focus on the agriculture and MSME



sectors, describing them as the backbone of India's economy.

Bupesh Gupta, Co-Chair of ASSOCHAM J&K, expressed similar sentiments, calling it as a "mixed Budget" with several positive aspects.

"We need to thoroughly analyse everything before giving a detailed assessment. However, the government has addressed sectors such as IT reforms and pension benefits comprehensively," he added.

Gupta emphasized that the Budget prioritises infrastructure development, skill enhancement, MSMEs, solar energy adoption, and industrial and agricultural sectors.

"Besides, there is a strong focus on promoting global tourism, establishing industrial parks, and empowering women, alongside encouraging FDI," he explained.

Describing the Budget as a positive step, senior Chartered Accountant Aditya Suri noted that it caters to all sections of society.

"The revisions in IT slabs and enhanced benefits for employees and pensioners demonstrate the government's commitment," he remarked. | [More On P10](#)

## Will Centre Further Lower Property Duties for Women?

Press Trust Of India

**New Delhi:** The government will look at further lowering duties for properties purchased by women and making it an essential component of urban development schemes, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday.

In her Union Budget speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also proposed to discontinue the quoting of Aadhaar Enrolment ID in place of Aadhaar number with respect to taxation purposes.

"We will encourage states which continue to charge high stamp duty to moderate the rates for all and also consider further lowering duties for properties purchased by women. This reform will be made an essential component of urban development schemes, encourages states | [More On P10](#)

## Budget To Benefit All Segments: PM

KO Web Desk

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the Union Budget 2024-25 would ensure inclusive growth, benefiting every segment of society and pave the way for a developed India.

"This is a Budget that will take the country's villages, poor and farmers on the path of prosperity. In the last 10 years, 25 crore people have come out of poverty," PM Modi said.

"This Budget is also a Budget for the continuation of the empowerment of the newly emerged Neo Middle Class," he said.

PM Modi said the Budget would be a catalyst for making India the third-largest economy in the world and for laying the strong foundation for the 'Viksit Bharat'.

PM Modi underlined that the budget with its new schemes is aimed at strengthening the lives of the middle class,



tribals, Dalits and Backward Classes.

He further emphasised that this year's Budget would ensure economic partnerships for women while also laying down a new path for small businesses and MSMEs.

Reiterating the government's commitment to employment and self-employment, the Prime Minister noted the success of the PLI scheme and highlighted the Employment Linked Incentive scheme announced in the budget which will create crores of jobs.

Emphasising the commitment to creating | [More On P10](#)

## Focus On Agriculture To Benefit J&K: LG

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday welcomed the Union Budget 2024-25, saying its focus on "productivity and resilience in agriculture will greatly benefit" the Union Territory.

Sinha also said the budget "seeks to translate the vision of empowering all sections of the population".

"Focus on productivity and resilience in | [More On P10](#)



## School Timings Changed In Kashmir



Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** Amid hot weather conditions, the School Education Department Tuesday ordered a change in school timing for all classes from 8AM to 1PM in both rural and urban areas of Kashmir region.

Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) in an order said that several representations were pouring in from | [More On P10](#)

## Soldier Killed During Poonch Operation



Press Trust Of India

**Jammu:** A soldier was killed as the Army thwarted an infiltration bid by terrorists along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district early Tuesday, officials said.

"Alert troops foiled an infiltration bid by effectively engaging infiltrating

terrorists ... in the Battal sector at 0300 hours," White Knight Corps said on X.

"During the exchange of heavy fire, one braveheart has been injured. Operations are continuing," the Corps said.

According to sources, troops picked up the movement of the group of terrorists in the | [More On P10](#)

## Anti-terror Operation In Kupwara

Press Trust Of India

**Srinagar:** Security forces launched an anti-terrorism operation on Tuesday in the Lolab area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, police said.

"Security forces have established contact with terrorists near Trimukha Top, Lolab, Kupwara. Operation in progress," the Kashmir Zone Police said in a post on X. | [More On P10](#)

## 4 J&K Employees SACKED For 'Anti-national' Activities

Observer News Service

**Srinagar:** The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday dismissed four employees, including two cops, for their "deep involvement" in anti-national activities.

The activities of these employees had come to the adverse notice of law enforcement and intelligence agencies, as they found them thickly involved in activities prejudicial to the interests of the State evidencing their involvement in terror related activities, an official spokesman here said.

"The Jammu and Kashmir government has dismissed four employees belonging to various departments -- two from the Police Department (constables), one from School Education Department (Junior Assistant) and one from Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (Village Level Worker) in terms of Article 311 of the Constitution of India for their deep involvement in anti-national activities," the spokesman said.

He said constable Imtiyaz Ahmad Lone, a resident of Tral in Pulwama district, was involved in supplying, trans-  
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## July 21 World's Hottest Day Ever

Agencies

**London:** July 21 was the hottest day ever recorded globally, according to preliminary data from the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service.

The global average surface air temperature on Sunday reached 17.09 degrees Celsius (62.76 degrees Fahrenheit) - slightly higher than the previous record set last July of 17.08 C (62.74 F).

Heatwaves have scorched large swathes of the United States, Europe and Russia over the past week. | [More On P10](#)



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## Office Of The General Manager District Industries Centre Srinagar

Email: srinagardic@gmail.com/ gmDIC-srinagar@ik.gov.in Tel. No: 0194-2427478

### Public Notice

M/s Kashmir Cloth Mills, I/E Zainakote stands formally registered with this office under No. 01/03/06812/PMT/Tiny dated 27.04.2005 as a partnership concern of Siraj-Ud-Din Baba S/o Late Saif-Ud-Baba R/O Parimpora Srinagar 2. Riyaz Ahmad pampori S/o Abdul Ahad Pampori R/O Qammerwari near Masjid Baitul-Salam, Srinagar 3. Parvaiz Ahmad Pampori S/o Abdul Ahad Pampori for the activity of manufacture of woollen /silk and cotton cloth". One of the partner namely Siraj-ud-din Baba intends to take retirement from the above partnership concern, thereby leaving the unit as a partnership concern of Riyaz Ahmad and Parvaiz Ahmad. Moreover, the remaining partners have decided to shift their existing partnership concern unit namely M/s A.J Wooden Industries registered formally with this office under No.07/09/00800/PMT/SSI dated.21.04.1979 for the activity of "Veener out of popular Wood with additional line of activity of plywood and ply board and lamination of fully finished commercial ply/ply woods within the premises of M/s Kashmir Cloth Mills, I/E Zainakote and followed by subsequent de-registration of M/s Kashmir cloth Mills".

Any person having any objection to the above proposed Changes in favour of the unit shall report to the office of General Manager, District Industries Centre, Srinagar within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which no objection shall be entertained.

DIPK-3401/24  
dated: 23-07-2024

Sd/-  
General Manager  
District Industries Centre

## Office Of The Executive Officer Municipal Council Shopian.

Subject: Auction Sale Of Dry Waste Including Non-Recyclable Plastic & Polythene, Waste Paper / Card Board, Iron, All Type Of Fabric / Cloths at Aglar MC Shopian.

AUCTION NOTICE.  
E-NIT No: MC/MC/2024/07  
Dated: 11/06/2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, tenderers (in single cover system) are invited for the interested persons /parties for Auction Sale Of Dry Waste Including Non- Recyclable Plastic Polythene, Waste Paper, Rubber, All Type Of Fabric /Cloths at Aglar MC. Shopian, for the year 2024-25 (Up to 07/2025), w.e.f. 01-08-2024 to 31.07.2025. The Minimum reserved bid is fixed as below of each item

S.no	Item	Minimum Reserved bid (Rate per Kg)
01	Plastic	Rs:10 per Kg
02	Polythene	Rs:5 per Kg
03	Waste Paper/Card Board	Rs:3 per Kg
04	Iron	Rs:15 per Kg
05	All Type Of Fabric /Cloths	Rs:5 per Kg
06	Other Mix Items	Rs:7 per Kg

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in, as per the schedule of dates given below:

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	20.07.2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 20.07.2024 to 26.07.2024
3	Bid submission Start Date	20.07.2024 from 02.00 PM
4	Bid submission End Date	26.07.2024 upto 2.00 PM
5	Date & Time of opening of Bids (Online)	26.07.2024 at 04.00 PM in the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian.
6	Submission of CDR.	The bidder shall be bound to accompany his bids Offers with Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) of Rs.1000 (One thousand Only) the amount drawn from any Nationalized bank, pledged to the Accounts Officer, Municipal Council Shopian, (without which Offers shall be liable for rejection)

1. The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in. The bids of the responsive bidders shall be opened online on the same website in the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian.

2. The bids for the tender shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

3. BID SECURITY.  
a) Bid Security Declaration: If the successful bidder fails to sign the contractor to Submit the performance security before the deadline defined in the request for The bid documents, the bidder will be suspended for the participation in the Tendering process for the works /tenders for a period of one year from the bid Due date of this Auction. The bid security declaration shall be submitted as per the Format appendix-2 (format for the bid security declaration).

b) Any bid not accompanied by the BID security declaration shall be summarily rejected by the Authority as non responsive.

4. That, the successful bidder has to execute MOU with the Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian.

5. In case of any dispute arising between the parties with respect to any of the conditions as laid down herein above or any ambiguity will be referred to arbitrator and the decision of the arbitrator, Director Urban Local Bodies shall be final and binding upon the parties.

6. Authority has the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason at any time of during the contract period.  
a) Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" options as well as from " Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.  
b) To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get, Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendor.

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

d) Bids will be opened online as per timeschedule.  
e) Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.  
Note:-Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

f) The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

DIPK-NB-977/24  
dated: 22-07-2024

Sd/-  
Chief Executive Officer  
Municipal Council  
Shopian

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, MOHAMMAD YOUSUF DAR , residing at HYDERIA COLONY KHOMENI CHOWK, hereby give notice of my intention to transfer my power connection, Account Number 7746905435 , Consumer Id 0203010020852 to SURAYA AKHTAR , who resides at HYDERIA COLONY KHOMENI CHOWK . All formalities and legal requirements will be fulfilled for the successful transfer of the connection. For any objections, please contact 6005023244 within 7 days of this notice.  
Signed,  
MOHAMMAD YOUSUF DAR  
24/7/2024 dbko

## Office Of The Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI(6), Bemina, Srinagar

TeleNo: 0194-2492429 Fax: 0194-2492429  
Email: tldistpdd@gmail.com

### EXTENSION-I

e-NIT No: TLMD-VI/03 of 2024-25  
Dated: 01/07/2024

Name of the work: Construction of JE/SBA Quarter at Grid Station Kulgam.

Corrigendum title: Extension of bid submission dates for NIT in view of request of prospective bidders to participate in the said tender.

Bids not accompanied with CDR/DD shall not be entertained for techno-commercial evaluation.

#### CRITICAL DATES AFTER CORRIGENDUM:-

1.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission supporting documents in PDF formats).	30-07-2024(2:00pm)
2.	Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid opening date and time.	01-08-2024 (2:00pm)
3.	Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids.	Office of the Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, Bemina, Srinagar
4.	Cost of e-Bid document (to be submitted in the form of DD /Online Payment Pledged to Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, JKPTCL Bemina Srinagar.	Rs. 1100/-
5.	Cost of EMD (in the form of CDR/DD)	Rs. 86000/= pledged to Executive Engineer, TLMD-VI, Bemina, Srinagar.

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per attached SBD, BOQ and other documents uploaded on site.

No: TLMD-VI/1071-74

DIPK-NB-1020/24

Dated: 23-07-2024

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
TLMD-VI, Bemina Sgr.

Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir

## Office Of The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
(Short term)

e-NIT No. 15 of 2024-25

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore, invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Joint ventures/ Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for "Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of electro-mechanical equipment at various water supply schemes of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore". The bidding process shall be completed online on <https://jktenders.gov.in> in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid on item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No.	Description of work	Estimated cost (Rs in Lacs)	Tender document Fee (In Rs.)	Earnest money deposit	Time of completion (Days)
1.	Electro-mechanical works to be carried out at WSS Kanispora Stage 2nd under JJM	50.229	Rs 500.00	02% of the estimated cost of work	45 Days

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division North Sopore.

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

#### Critical Dates:

I	Publish Date	22-07-2024 (03:00 pm)
II	Bid submission start date	22-07-2024 (03:00 pm)
III	Bid submission end date	27-07-2024 (06:55 pm)
IV	Date and time of Bid Opening	29-07-2024 (02:00 pm)

1. Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in>
2. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal <https://jktenders.gov.in>. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
3. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore.
4. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document and shall be payable at Srinagar.
  - a. Earnest Money Deposit shall be uploaded separately against each work instead. However, to ensure due performance of the contract, Performance Security is to be obtained from the successful bidder.
  - b. The cost of tender documents should be in form of Treasury Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore.
5. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Receipts, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as LI after opening of financial cover.
6. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
7. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in>
8. Queries by email if any, should be made at [phe.mdns2@gmail.com](mailto:phe.mdns2@gmail.com)

No: PHE/MDNS/DB/JJM/2468-73

DIPK-3395/24

Dated: 23-07-2024

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North)  
Sopore

### NAME CHANGE

I have changed my name in my passport Bearing Passport No.T2392242 from old name Irfana Bano to New name Irfan-ul-Ahad. In future I will be known as New name Irfan-ul-Ahad. If any body is having any objection he/she may contact Passport Office, Srinagar with in 7 days. After 7 days no objection will be accepted.

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Farida Bano bmg  
D/o Ali Mohammad Dar  
R/o Peth Makhama Magam

Subject: Grant of Registration of the Proposed travel unit under the name and style M/S "Peakpulse travel" Situated at Nagbal Ganderbal.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, I Mr/Ms ISHRAT W/O Umar Hamid Khan R/O Nagbal Ganderbal, Kashmir intends to apply in the Department of Tourism for the Registration of my Proposed travel unit under the name and style M/S "Peakpulse travel" Situated at Nagbal Ganderbal, Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, I will submit Land Ownership certificate from concerned Tehsilدار with attested photograph of the Unit Commissioner Concerned. Rent/Lease through Dy. Commissioner Deed/partnership Deed/ issued by the concerned Sub Registrar, Judicial Magistrate (if applicable NOC from the owner to the effect that the property can be used as Home stay) Character Certificate of the applicant from the concerned police station, undertaking from the owner as self declaration, Public Notice inviting objections, if any in print media, list of family members Name, Age, and photograph self attested by owner photographs of the Unit as mentioned in the application (each of exterior and individual bed rooms and bath rooms) Inspection report by the committee (The recommendation of the inspection committee shall decide whether to issue a registration to the unit or not keeping in view, the type of accommodation and amenity, adhar card. Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before my case is processed for registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general Public/Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director: Tourism Registration (e-mail Id: ddtreg/123@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objections beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

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اشتہار ہر خاص وعام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں ساکن نے ایک درخواست پنشن OBC سرٹیفیکٹ بذمہ نجار پیش کی ہے جو کہ ریکارڈ ہوائی ہے اس بارے میں پنشنی حلقہ سے پورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیال ہے کہ ساکن واقعی نجار ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور ساکن گوشہ گمشدہ تحصیل پنشن میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ساکن کا کنبہ بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے

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### Subject : Furnishing of One and Only Person Certificate

اشتہار ہر خاص وعام  
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصد میں قراچی آمد اسکول بورڈ آف انجیکشن برسر بنیہ موصول ہوا جو زیبا کو روٹی ہے پورٹ پوری سے عیال ہے کہ ساکن شوکت احمد شیرگر جری ولد لغلام حسن ساکن پاپہان تحت بیوی نمبر ۵۴۹ کے تحت مکان شیرگری سے تعلق رکھتے ہیں ساکن

اسکول سرٹیفیکٹ میں شیرگری کے بجائے گوجری درج ہو ہے

بہذا ہر خاص وعام کو بذریعہ اخبار مطلع کیا جاتا ہے کہ اگر کہیں کوئی اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد از مشترکہ اجلاس اساتذہ کے اندر لائے جانے بعد از عرض وادعائے عدیل کو دفتر ایات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد از اسے میجا کوئی ضد یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

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## DEO Srinagar Reviews 2nd Special Summary Revision Of Electoral Rolls-2024

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to ensure smooth conduct of 2nd Special Summary Revision (SSR) of Electoral Rolls-2024, the District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, today chaired a meeting of AROs, EROs and other Officers at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

At the outset, the DEO took a thorough review of the Action Plan for the smooth conduct of the 2nd SSR to register all eligible electorates in all 08 Assembly segments of the Srinagar District.

The DEO said that the prime objective of the 2nd Special Summary Revision (SSR)-2024 is to keep the Electoral Roll updated and to provide an opportunity to get fresh enrolment of young eligible voters having attained the age of 18 or more as on qualifying date and to give opportunities

for correction in particulars of electors and also to invite objections against any wrong inclusion in the Electoral Roll.

The DEO said that the Election Commission of India has instructed the necessary completion of pre-revision activities and the Special Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls, with July 1, 2024, as the qualifying date, with effect from 25 July to 09 August.

The DEO asked the Officers to ensure the addition of left-out voters, rectification of the photographs and updation/deletion of duplicate entries before the due date as per ECI guidelines.

The DEO also instructed all the EROs/AEROs to create momentum regarding the exercise from the day first and supervise the process with focused attention to ensure 100% registration of all eligible electorates and ensure no elector is left unregistered.



Dal Lake offers a breathtaking view as visitors take a motorboat ride through a lotus bloom, KO photo, Abid Bhat

## Bollywood Short Film 'The Last Candidate' Being Shot In Srinagar

Agencies

Srinagar: Bollywood has once again turned its gaze towards the Kashmir Valley, with the shooting of a short film "The Last Candidate," currently underway in Srinagar.

The film, starring renowned actor Kiran Kumar, is already creating a buzz among local film enthusiasts.

Kiran Kumar, the revered Bollywood actor, according to the news agency—KNO) shared his admiration for Kashmir's unparalleled beauty. "Kashmir is an incredibly beautiful place; it feels like my own. If there is heaven anywhere, it is here, it is here, it is here," said Kumar.

"I am enchanted by the magic of this place. The Wazwan and the hospitality here are something that touches the heart deeply," he said.

Discussing the film, Kumar shared the captivating script that

“Apart from me and my son, all the actors are local and incredibly talented. They work with great passion. I pray that my colleagues in Mumbai also come to shoot their films here and realize the potential and need for local talent

drawn him to the project. "The Last Candidate has a very beautiful script, and as I read it, I envisioned Kashmir. It is a story devoid of AK-47s and militancy, focusing instead on a clean and poignant narrative. I play the character of Hayat

Khan, a very upright government official who believes in rightful entitlement," said Kumar, adding the entire movie is based on the simplicity of the Kashmiri people and runs for approximately 90 minutes, potentially falling into the short film category. "Watching The Last Candidate, you will feel like you are witnessing a true story," he added.

Speaking about local talent involved in the production, Kumar said, "Apart from me and my son, all the actors are local and incredibly talented. They work with great passion. I pray that my colleagues in Mumbai also come to shoot their films here and realize the potential and need for local talent," he added.

Kiran Kumar is an Indian screen and theatre actor. He has worked in numerous Hindi, Bhojpuri, and Gujarati television and film productions. Kumar comes from a Kashmiri Pandit family.

## DC Srinagar Approves 144 Cases Under Mission Youth Schemes

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A meeting of the District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) was Tuesday convened under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat to review the implementation of Mission Youth Schemes including Mumkin, Tejiswini and Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative (SEI) in the District.

The meeting was attended by the Committee members of the District Level Implementation Committee of the District.

During the meeting, a total of 144 cases were approved under various Mission Youth schemes including 54 applications under SEI scheme, 61 cases under Mumkin scheme and 29 cases

under Tejaswini scheme.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the importance of these self-employment initiatives in fostering youth empowerment within the District.

The DC instructed the Committee to give wide publicity to these schemes so that maximum unemployed youth avail benefits thereby earn livelihood for themselves and their family.

The meeting was also attended by General Manager DIC, Hamida Akhter; Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad; District Social Welfare Officer, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, ARTO, Syed Farhana Asgar, Deputy Director Employment Srinagar, Dr. Sheeba Inayat, Lead District Manager and representatives from JKEDI Srinagar and KVIB Srinagar.

## Darul Khair Grieved Over Hawal blaze

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Darul Khair Mirwaiz Manzil on behalf of the organization and its Chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, Tuesday expressed grief and sorrow over the complete damage of four residential houses and the burning of all properties in a terrible incident of fire at Mashali Mohalla Hawal, Srinagar.

Darul Khair on behalf of Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir, in a statement, expressed heartfelt sympathy and solidarity with the affected families and emphasized the need for all possible help and immediate rehabilitation of the affected families.

Meanwhile, a delegation from Darul Khair

Mirwaiz Manzil, under the leadership of Mufti Ghulam Rasool Samoon, went Mashali Mohalla Hawal Srinagar presented rice, flour, blankets and kitchen kits and other basic necessities to the seven affected families as aid and expressed solidarity with them.

Darul Khair Mirwaiz Manzil has again made it clear that the Millat-e-Kashmir is aware of the fact that Darul Khair Mirwaiz Manzil since its inception, has been providing financial and material support to the people in need during the calamities without discrimination of caste, creed and religion, and is engaged in rehabilitation of the victims as much as possible.

## Mission Director Poshan Inaugurates Training For 'Sanginis'

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Mission Director Poshan Jammu Kashmir, Rubina Kousar Tuesday inaugurated Training for Sanginis under 'Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi-education along with Nutrition' at Training Hall, Miskeen Bagh Srinagar.

The program was organized by the District Program Officer Srinagar.

Among others, District Program Officer Poshan Srinagar, Deputy Director Poshan Kashmir, CDPO Khan-

yar, CDPO Srinagar, CDPO Eidgah and CDPO Batwara were present on the occasion.

The Mission Director Poshan while addressing the gathering of Supervisors and Sanginis, informed that the Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched 'Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi', that is 'Education along with nutrition'. It is an Early Childhood Care and Education program under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.

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### This Day In History

- 1783 - Georgia becomes a protectorate of tsarist Russia
- 1863 - Battle at Battle Mountain, Virginia
- 1880 - 1st commercial hydroelectric power plant in the world begins generating electricity in Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 1883 - Arabi Pasha declares a holy war in Egypt
- 1886 - China takes British protectorate of Burma
- 1902 - In Turkey, the Sultan Abdul-Hamid, under pressure from within the Ottoman Empire, appoints a commission to consider reforms that might pacify Macedonian revolutionaries
- 1905 - Tsar Nicholas II (Russia) and Emperor Wilhelm II (Germany) sign the Björkö Treaty, whereby each country agrees to come to the other's defense if attacked by European powers
- 1908 - After days of discussion with his ministers, Sultan Abdul Hamid of Turkey announces he is restoring the liberal constitution of 1876 and will become more responsive to demands of dissidents
- 1911 - American explorer Hiram Bingham discovers Machu Picchu, the Lost City of the Incas
- 1915 - Excursion ship Eastland capsizes in Lake Michigan, 852 die
- 1917 - Trial of Dutch exotic dancer Mata Hari begins in Paris for allegedly spying for Germany and thus causing the deaths of 50,000 soldiers
- 1923 - Allied Powers and Turkey sign peace treaty, Lausanne
- 1929 - US President Herbert Hoover proclaims Kellogg-Briand Pact which renounces war
- 1935 - 1st greetings telegram sent in Britain
- 1935 - The world's first children's railway opens in Tbilisi, USSR
- 1941 - FDR demands Japanese troops out of Indo-China
- 1942 - German troops occupy Rostov-on-Don in Southern Russia for the 2nd time
- 1943 - Operation Gomorrah: RAF begins bombing Hamburg (till 3rd August), creating a firestorm and killing 42,600 people
- 1944 - 300 allied bombers drop fire bombs on Allied/German positions
- 1944 - Soviet forces liberate concentration camp Majdanek
- 1944 - US troops land on Tinian
- 1946 - US performs atmospheric nuclear Test at Bikini Island
- 1952 - US President Harry Truman settles 53-day steel strike
- 1955 - Ali Sastroamidjojo of government resigns in Indonesia
- 1959 - US Vice President Richard Nixon argues with Nikita Khrushchev, known as "Kitchen Debate"
- 1969 - Muhammad Ali is convicted for refusing induction in US Army on appeal
- 1974 - Supreme Court unanimously rules Nixon must turn over Watergate tapes
- 1981-Mohammed Ali Rajal elected president of Iran
- 1982- Heavy rain causes a mudslide that destroys a bridge at Nagasaki, Japan, killing 299.
- 1985-Rajiv Gandhi signs peace contract with Sikh leader Harchand Singh Longowai
- 1987-IBM-PC DOS Version 3.3 (updated) released
- 1987-USSR performs underground nuclear Test
- 1991- U of Manchester scientist announce finding a planet outside of solar system
- 1994-Bodo kills 37 Muslims in Bashbari NE India
- 2001- An Iranian warship in the Caspian Sea threatens a BP oil exploration ship off the coast of Azerbaijan
- 2014-116 people are killed after Air Algérie Flight 5017 crashed in Mali
- 2014- Fuad Masum is elected as the President of Iraq
- 2014-Over 10,000 Palestinians protest Israel's operation in Gaza; 2 Palestinians killed after Al-Aqsa Brigades members fire at Israeli forces
- 2018- Wildfires near Athens, Greece, kill 91 with 104 injured, over 600 rescued from the coast by boats

## 'No Rules, No Red Lines' Houthis Declare All-Out War Against Israel

Agencies

Sanna: The leader of Yemen's Ansarallah group, Abdul-Malik al-Houthi, stated on Sunday that Israel's attack on the port of Hodeidah the previous day was merely for show.

Meanwhile, Ansarallah-affiliated media outlets, including Al-Masirah satellite channel, reported that "an American-British aggression targeted the Ras Issa area in Al Salif district with four raids," as well as two additional raids on the Buhais area in the Midi district of Hajjah governorate, northwest Yemen, near the Saudi border.

These attacks followed an Israeli airstrike on the port of Hodeidah on Saturday, which targeted fuel tanks and a power station, resulting in six deaths, three missing persons, and 83 injuries, according to sources including the Ministry of Health affiliated with the Ansarallah movement.

Since November 2023, the Ansarallah have escalated their attacks in the Red Sea, the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Mediterranean Sea against Israeli or Israeli-linked ships, in "support of the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip," who are enduring ongoing Israeli aggression.

Al-Houthi asserted in a televised speech on Sunday that Israel's deterrent capabilities have failed, describing the targeting of Hodeidah as a "show-off" for its audience.

He warned that the aggression would lead to further escalation and challenge, revealing that new weapons



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He warned that continued aggression on Gaza would push the group to a new level of response, adding that "the enemy is no longer safe even in its capital, Tel Aviv," and highlighted that the bombing of Jaffa represents a new phase of their strategy.

'Unrestricted Confrontation' Mohammed Abdul Salam, the official spokesman for the Ansarallah group, told Al-Jazeera that their confrontation with Israel would be unrestricted and without limits, with no adherence to engagement rules.

He warned that the Israelis should expect a response from the group at any moment, targeting sensitive facilities at all levels.



## Palestinian Factions Sign Declaration To End Divisions After Talks In China

Agencies

BEIJING: Various Palestinian factions have agreed to end their divisions and strengthen Palestinian unity by signing the Beijing Declaration on Tuesday morning in China, according to Chinese state media.

The declaration was signed at the closing ceremony of a reconciliation dialogue among the factions held in Beijing from July 21-23, state broadcaster CCTV said.

A total of 14 Palestinian factions including the leaders of rival groups Fatah and Hamas also met with the media, with China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi present, CGTN said in a social media post.

Rival factions Hamas and Fatah met in China in April to discuss reconciliation efforts to end

around 17 years of disputes.

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi hailed the agreement by 14 Palestinian factions to set up an "interim national reconciliation government" to govern Gaza after the war.

Palestinian factions including Hamas and Fatah met in Beijing this week in a renewed bid for reconciliation.

As the meeting wrapped up on Tuesday, China's top diplomat said the groups had committed to "reconciliation."

"The most prominent highlight is the agreement to form an interim national reconciliation government around the governance of post-war Gaza," Wang said following the signing of the "Beijing declaration" by the factions in the Chinese capital.

"Reconciliation is an internal matter for the Palestinian factions, but at the same time, it cannot be achieved without the support of the international community," Wang said.

China, he added, was keen to "play a constructive role in safeguarding peace and stability in the Middle East."

Hamas and Fatah have been bitter rivals since Hamas fighters ejected Fatah from the Gaza Strip after deadly clashes that followed Hamas's resounding victory in a 2006 election.

The Islamist Hamas movement has ruled Gaza since seizing control of it in 2007.

The secularist Fatah movement controls the Palestinian Authority, which has partial administrative control in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

## SC Rules Out Cancellation, Re-test of NEET-UG, 2024

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the pleas seeking cancellation and re-test of the controversy-ridden NEET-UG 2024, holding that there was no data on record to indicate a systemic leak of question paper and other malpractices.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra heard submissions from a battery of lawyers, including Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA), and senior advocates Nar-

terial to conclude that result of NEET-UG 2024 exam is vitiated or there is systemic breach," the CJI said.

The bench, however, said the fact that the question paper leak took place in Hazaribagh and Patna was not in dispute.

The NTA and the Union education ministry have been at the centre of a massive political row and protests by students over alleged large-scale malpractices ranging from question paper leaks to impersonation in the test held on May 5.

The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG) is conducted by the NTA for



ender Hooda, Sanjay Hegde and Mathews Nedumapra for around four days.

The bench dictated the operative part of the judgement keeping in mind the future of over two million students and said a detailed judgement will follow.

"There is absence of mal-

admissions to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses in government and private institutions across the country.

The NEET-UG 2024 was taken by 23.33 lakh students at 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including in 14 overseas, on May 5.

## Probe Agency ED Arrests Delhi Man In Cyber Fraud Case With US Woman



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate has arrested a Delhi-based man under the anti-money laundering law in a case linked to an alleged cyber fraud with a woman from the US, official sources said Tuesday.

Lakshay Vij was taken into custody by the federal probe agency on Monday night under the provisions

of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

He is expected to be produced before a special court in the city where the ED will seek his remand for custodial interrogation.

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Sources said the accused was being investigated in a cyber fraud case linked to alleged duping of the US woman.

## Can Harris Win The US Presidency After Biden's Withdrawal?

Here's what the polls say

Press Trust Of India

Washington: The United States election will be held on November 5. On Sunday US time, President Joe Biden withdrew from the presidential election contest and endorsed his vice president, Kamala Harris.

It's not certain, but very likely Harris will now be the Democratic candidate to face former Republican president Donald Trump in November. During the Democratic presidential primaries held early this year, Biden won about 95% of all delegates to the August 19-22 Democratic convention. These delegates are likely to support Harris given Biden's endorsement.

Since the debate with Trump on June 27 that was widely thought to have been a disaster for Biden, he has faced pressure to withdraw. In an Ipsos poll for US ABC News that was released before Biden's withdrawal on Sunday, Democratic voters wanted Biden to withdraw by 60-39.

Following the assassina-



tion attempt against Trump on July 13 and the Republican convention from July 15-18, Trump's lead over Biden in the FiveThirtyEight aggregate of national polls had increased to 3.2 points from 1.9 points on July 13, the largest margin since the aggregate began in March. Vote shares were 43.5% Trump, 40.2% Biden and 8.7% for Robert F Kennedy Jr.

I've written previously that the presidency is not decided by the national popular vote. Instead each state has a certain amount of Electoral Votes (EVs), mostly based on population, with each state awarding their EVs winner takes all. It takes 270 EVs to win. The EV system is likely to skew to Trump, so Biden

was further behind than in the national polls.

Biden will continue as president until his term ends in January 2025. His net approval in the FiveThirtyEight aggregate is -17.7, with 56.2% disapproving and 38.5% approving. His net approval is worse than other previous presidents at this point in their term, except George Bush Sr and Jimmy Carter.

Trump's net favourability in the FiveThirtyEight aggregate is -12.0, with 53.7% unfavourable and 41.7% favourable. His ratings are relatively unchanged since April. Unfortunately, FiveThirtyEight has no favourability ratings for Harris.

Will Harris win? It's too soon to analyse Harris vs Trump polls. Harris had not been a presidential candidate before today and name recognition of Biden explains his often better numbers than Harris. A recent national YouGov poll for CBS News gave Trump a five-point lead over Biden and a three-point lead over Harris.

## Row over NEET-UG physics question IIT Delhi Experts Say There Is Only One Correct Answer

Press Trust Of India

A panel of three experts of IIT Delhi has told the Supreme Court that there was only one right answer and not two to a controversial physics question that was asked in the NEET-UG 2024 examination.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice JB Pardiwala on Monday had asked the Director, IIT-Delhi to set up a team of three experts for going into the particular question of physics and submit a report on the correct answer by Tuesday noon.

At the outset, the CJI referred to the contents of the report, and said, "We have received the IIT Delhi report. The IIT Director Rangan Banerjee...constituted a committee from the department of physics and they say a team of three experts examined the question. They say that the option four is the correct answer." The CJI further said the option four, which says the "Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect" is correct.

"The committee has opined clearly that there was only one option which is option four (4). So the National Testing Agency (NTA) was correct in its answer key which was option four (4)," the bench said.

The hearing is underway and presently, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and the NTA, is arguing.

The top court is hearing a clutch of pleas, including those that are seeking a re-test of the controversy-ridden NEET-UG on grounds of question paper leak and other malpractices.

On Monday, the bench faced a piquant situation over a physics question during the day-long arguments.

It was argued that the question had two correct answers and a set of examinees, who gave one particular answer out of the two correct ones, were awarded four marks.

### NEWS MAKERS

## US Secret Service Director Quits Days After Shooting At Trump's Rally

Washington: US Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle resigned on Tuesday, a day after acknowledging that the agency failed in its mission to prevent an assassination attempt against Donald Trump.

Cheatle was facing bipartisan calls to step down after a 20-year-old gunman wounded the former Republican president and current White House candidate at a July 13 campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania.

"It is overdue, she should have done this at least a week ago," Mike Johnson, the Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives, told reporters. "I'm happy to



see that she has heeded the call of both Republicans and Democrats."

Cheatle appeared before a congressional committee on Monday and said the attack on Trump, who was slightly wounded in his right ear,

represented a failure by the Secret Service.

She called it "the most significant operational failure of the Secret Service in decades."

Both Republicans and Democrats called on Cheatle to resign. She drew the ire of

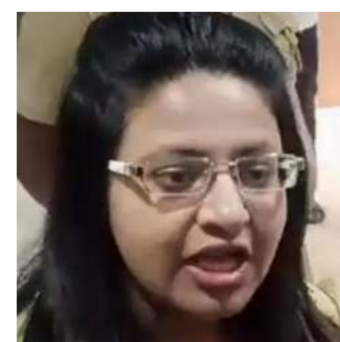
lawmakers from both parties by refusing to provide specific details about the attack, citing the existence of multiple active investigations.

The gunman opened fire on Trump with an AR-style assault rifle just minutes after he began speaking at the campaign event.

Perched on the roof of a nearby building, he was shot dead by a Secret Service sniper less than 30 seconds after firing the first of eight shots.

Investigators have concluded the young man, who lived in a town about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from Butler, acted alone, and have not been able to identify any strong ideological or political leanings.

## Pune Cops To Give Details Of Khedkar's Parents' Marital Status



Pune: The Centre has directed the Pune police to apprise it of the marital status of the parents of controversial IAS probationer Puja Khedkar amid allegations that she fraudulently availed of the OBC non-creamy layer benefit in the UPSC exam by claiming that they were separated, an official said.

Puja Khedkar is accused of misusing power and privileges by demanding perks and facilities she was not entitled for during her training in Pune district collectorate in Maharashtra recently. She was also accused of bullying everyone around and of placing a red-blue beacon (indicating high-ranking official) atop a private Audi (a luxury

sedan) car used by her that also had 'Maharashtra Government' written on it during her stint.

A criminal case has been registered against her in Delhi last week for "misrepresenting and falsifying facts". The Union Public Service Commis-

sion (UPSC) has also issued a show-cause notice regarding the cancellation of her candidature for the 2022 examination and is considering barring her from future exams.

Talking to news agency PTI, a senior official of the Pune police confirmed that the central government has asked them to apprise it of whether the parents of Puja Khedkar - mother Manorama and father Dilip - were divorced.

"We have been asked to find out and inform to the central government about whether Puja Khedkar's parents were divorced. In a nutshell, it has asked us to verify the actual status of their marriage/divorce," the official said.

STATE

LG Launches 'JK SAMADHAN' - Unified Grievance Redressal & Monitoring System

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday launched 'JK SAMADHAN', Unified Grievance Redressal & Monitoring System, of the Department of Public Grievances, at Srinagar today.

In his address, the LG congratulated the Department of Public Grievances, Information Technology Department, Central Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology and Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics for the initiative.

Dedicating 'JK SAMADHAN' to the people, the LG said the unified grievance redressal & monitoring system launched today underscores the UT Administration's commit-



ment to good governance.

"Every voice matters for the administration. We have built a system that works for everyone without discrimination. 'JK SAMADHAN' will establish a transparent, inclusive, accountable, accessible

and responsive governance for ease of living and empower the citizens," the LG said.

It will improve governance through advanced monitoring and analytical capability and free the system from anonymous com-

plaints and foster greater trust between citizens and the administration, he further added.

Observing that Ease and Speed are two most important factors - ease to lodge complaints and speed to resolve grievances, the LG said

the new system will provide a user-friendly interface to the citizens and is dedicated to resolve the complaints within the time frame, besides fixing the accountability of nodal officers.

Citizens can lodge grievances via call center, online mode and through 'JK SAMADHAN MOBILE APP'. 'JK SAMADHAN web portal ( https://samadhan.jk.gov.in ) and the mobile app launched today are multilingual and citizens can write their complaint in English, Hindi and Urdu, he observed.

The LG said the state-of-the-art grievance redressal system will ensure efficient and speedy redressal of citizen grievances. He said the monitoring of grievances on GIS using heatmap will address systemic issues in particular areas and automated flow of grievances to concerned nodal officer of the

department.

On the occasion, the LG also highlighted the key endeavours of UT Administration, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, towards establishing a transparent, accountable, people-centric and corruption-free governance.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; V Srinivas, Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, GoI; TP Singh, Director General, Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications & Geo-informatics; Mohammad Aijaz, Secretary, Public Grievances Department and senior officers were present.

Chairpersons of District Development Councils and people from different walks of life were also present on the occasion.

Soz To Head Manifesto Committee Of Congress Party In J&K

Agencies

Jammu: The Congress party has gone into the election mode with the announcement of formation of a manifesto committee, which will be headed by the former Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president and former Member Parliament (MP), Saifuddin Soz.

To further make this committee people oriented, sub committees have been formed which will be visiting every nook and corner of Jammu and Kashmir to get the pulse of the people on various issues which will be made part of the manifesto.

PCC president Vikar Rasool Wani, while addressing a press conference here today, said that the Congress party manifesto will be based on the feedback received from the people of Jammu and Kashmir which will cover all the burning issues like restoration of statehood, Darbar move unemployment, plight of casual labourers, traders' problems, property tax, electricity and other things.

"People have seen what the Congress party's manifesto was for the Parliamentary elections as well as Assembly elections of different states. We have talked about guarantees and here as well guarantees will be there in the manifesto," the PCC president said. KNO

Prolonged Dry Spell Wreaks Havoc On Agriculture In Kashmir

Agencies

Srinagar: The ongoing prolonged dry spell this summer is causing immense distress among valley farmers, raising concerns about its severe impact on crop growth and overall productivity.

Officials from the Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) Department said that due to the extended dry weather and decreasing water levels in the Jhelum River, approximately 10% of irrigation agriculture schemes are being affected.

"We are currently witnessing a significant reduction in the water level of the Jhelum River due to prolonged dry weather conditions. The decreased water level has adversely affected lift irrigation," an official said.

The official further said that the overall water capacity of the Jhelum has decreased by 30% from normal levels, resulting in a 10% impact on irrigation schemes.

Meanwhile, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Choudhary Mohammad Iqbal, said, "Currently, there is moisture in the ground, but if there is no rainfall by next week, both paddy and vegetable crops will be negatively affected."

"For the growth of paddy and vegetable crops, rainwater is crucial. Presently, there is some moisture in the ground, but without rainfall within the next week or so, adverse effects on both vegetable and paddy fields are anticipated," Director Iqbal said.

Professor Dr Raihana, Chief Scientist at the Faculty of Agriculture, Sheri Kashmir University of Agriculture Science and Technology (SKUAST) Kashmir, said the pro-

longed dry spell had stressed plants, resulting in stunted growth in both paddy and vegetable crops.

"The extended dry spell has caused the tips of paddy crops to burn, while leaves of vegetables have become dry," she explained. Dr Raihana added that the high temperatures coupled with the prolonged dry period have led to reduced crop yields, with stunted growth and leaf withering in vegetable plants.

A considerable portion of the Jhelum River in Srinagar is visibly drying up, with surface patches becoming evident at various points along its stretch.

Another official from the I&FC Department informed KNO that over 40% of the Jhelum River in Srinagar has begun to dry up at multiple locations due to the extended dry spell.

"The ongoing dry spell is impacting water bodies. In Srinagar, approximately 40% of the Jhelum River has dried up, with surface patches visible at numerous locations," the official said.

Farmers said the lack of precipitation and above-average temperatures have severely affected crop growth and development, dealing a significant blow to the region's agricultural economy.

Several videos circulating on social media purportedly show farmers displaying their dry paddy fields, with young paddy plants also withering due to the dry conditions.

Farmers are anxiously awaiting relief from the dry and hot weather conditions as the prolonged spell continues to challenge their livelihoods and the overall agricultural economy—(KNO)

'Can Such Order Be Issued For Amarnath Pilgrims?': Omar Abdullah On Kanwar Yatra Order

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: National Conference (NC) vice president Omar Abdullah on Tuesday welcomed the Supreme Court's interim stay on the Kanwar Yatra order on eateries in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, asking if the BJP can issue such an order for the Amarnath Yatra.

"If the (Kanwar Yatra) order was issued to keep Muslims away from that yatra, then for God's sake tell me, when the (Amarnath) yatra takes place here, it is not possible without the Muslims," Abdullah said.

The Kanwar Yatra order

should not have been there in the first place, the former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir told reporters here.

Referring to the annual Amarnath and Vaishno Devi yatras in Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah said they are not possible without the support of Muslims.

"The Amarnath yatra undertake the yatra on the shoulders of Muslims. The people who take Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrims on horses or 'pithus' (porters), which religion do they belong to? They (BJP) do not see religion there," he added.

On Monday, the top court or-

dered an interim stay on the directives issued by BJP-ruled UP and Uttarakhand asking eateries along the Kanwar Yatra routes to display the names of their owners, staff and other details, a move the opposition has claimed is intended to promote religious discrimination.

To a question on the Centre's decision to revoke the ban on government employees participating in RSS functions, the NC leader said "if they have to do this", then bans on employees participating in functions of political parties should also be removed as "RSS is a political organisation".

Tourism Industry Optimistic Amid Govt's Push For Spiritual Tourism

Agencies

Srinagar: With the union government's renewed emphasis on spiritual tourism, stakeholders in Kashmir's tourism industry are expressing optimism about the potential growth and opportunities in the region.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Tuesday continued her push to improve spiritual tourism infrastructure as she announced two new corridors connecting ancient Vishnu-

pad and Mahabodhi temples in Bihar, on the lines of UP's Kashi Vishwanath Temple corridor.

Tourism players in Kashmir believe that the region's numerous shrines, temples, and mosques, coupled with its serene environment, make it an ideal destination for spiritual tourism.

They said the focus on spiritual tourism is seen as a promising avenue to attract a different segment of travellers—those seeking spiritual solace and enlightenment. KNO

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## Sectarian Harmony

The call of Muttahida Majlis-e-Ulema (MMU) for communal harmony among Muslims is both timely and commendable following some recent statements from some quarters that threatened to sow discord. It has been received well in a place where the cultural and religious pluralism has always underpinned the co-existence.

The MMU meeting chaired by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and attended by religious leaders like Maulana Rahmatullah Mir al-Qasimi and Agha Syed Hassan al-Moosvi al-Safawi among several other senior scholars has sent a right message to the community. Their statement has urged avoiding the targeting the beliefs of other sects in lectures, sermons and social media. Certainly, over the past weeks, some statements were issued or were alleged to have been issued that threatened to vitiate the atmosphere. But give it to the wisdom of people in the Valley across sectarian divides that they saw through the game and maintained brotherhood. And, in the end, they also forced our religious leaders to proactively act and nip the sectarian issue in the bud. The MMU's role in this has been praiseworthy. We also need religious preachers in our mosques to work towards unity of society and ensure that their words and interpretations don't create divisions along sectarian and communal lines. More so, in an age of social media where a poisonous 20-word post or two minute video has the potential to split the society down the middle or trigger violence. This casts responsibility on all of us, more so on the religious preachers to exercise utmost caution about what they say.

In recent years, Kashmir has faced many challenges on all fronts. Although the situation in the Valley has largely returned to normal on the security front, it remains vulnerable. And we can do without any social discontent. Going forward we have to be watchful of any attempt at disturbing the social accord from any side. While we can trust the wisdom of the common people to maintain unity despite efforts to the contrary, as was the case recently, the authorities need to act against anyone trying to disturb the social peace through motivated statements or social media posts. Here it is important to mention that the local administration also played a role to ensure that the communal harmony was maintained. On Monday, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat held a meeting with representatives from both Shia and Sunni sects including members of Waqf Board and urged them to work towards promoting solidarity, mutual respect, and cooperation. However, more than the authorities, it is the religious leaders and civil society which has to be always on guard



## Creating a Second Source of Income

Did you know?

Irshad Mushtaq

Investing in mutual funds can help secure your financial future through compounding and diversification opportunities. Start small, seek professional advice, and watch your wealth grow steadily.

Creating a second source of income through investments is crucial for securing our financial future. Savings and investments properly managed through compounding can lead to substantial wealth accumulation over time. Mutual funds offer a low-cost investment option with diversification opportunities. Start small, seek professional advice, and watch your wealth grow steadily.

As we all know, we have daily expenses in our lives such as food for the family, clothing, and so on. At the same time, liabilities like children's education, home build, or car purchases create additional financial obligations or any other liability. For those running a business, or working on salary, having a backup income from investments is crucial for securing their future finances. This is why investing is of utmost importance.

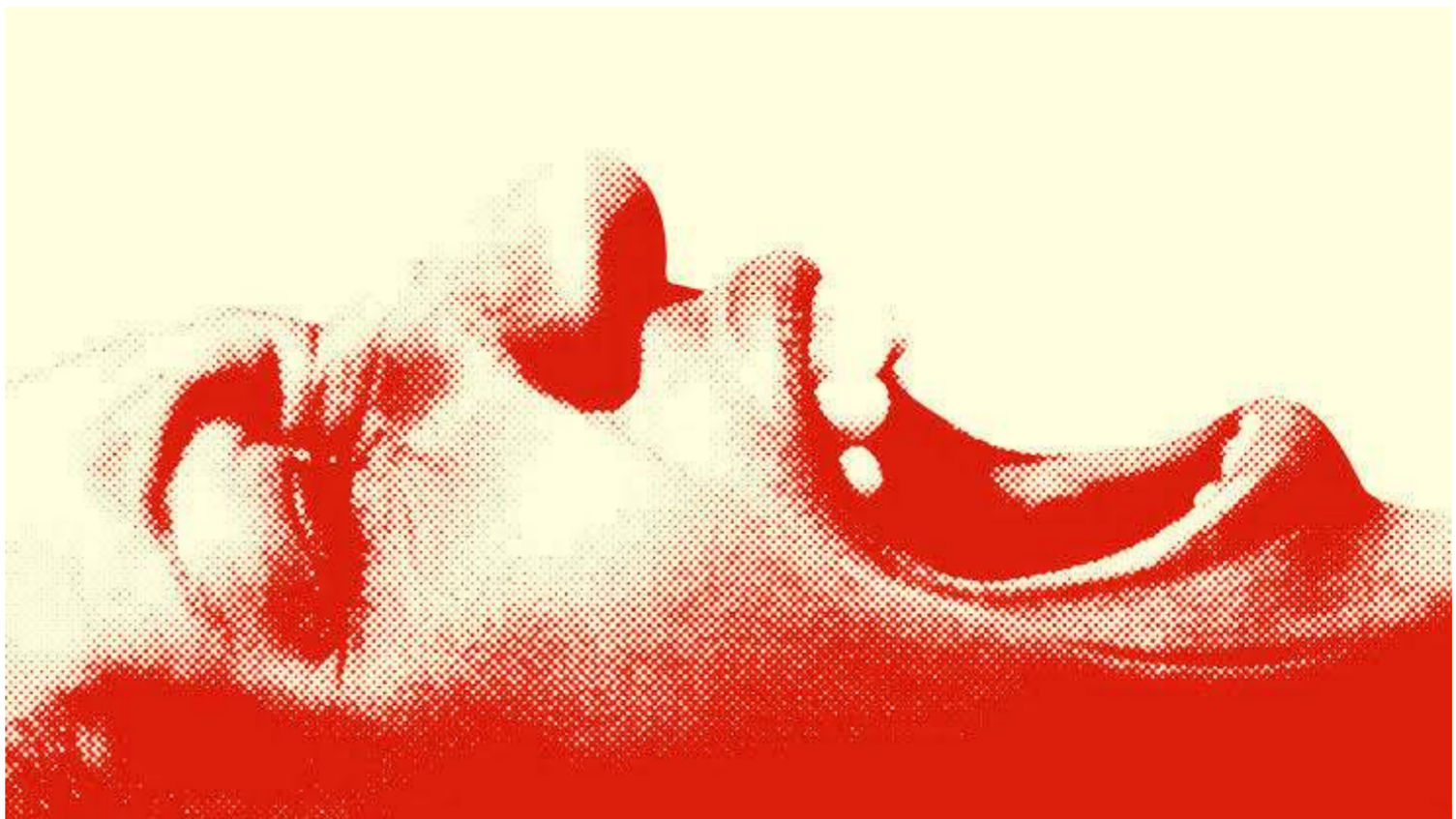
Investments play a significant role in our daily lives because they can help us save and fulfill future financial goals, such as children's education. It is essential to understand that savings and investments that are properly managed through compounding can lead to substantial wealth accumulation over time. While real estate may yield good returns, it is important to note that the true power lies in compounding, which typically averages at 18-20% annually over 20-40 years in Kashmir. When thinking about investments for the next 10-20 years, the stock market emerges as a suitable option for consistent returns.

However, navigating the stock market requires a significant level of knowledge. Starting with small savings and seeking professional advice can help individuals build wealth steadily over time. Mutual funds offer a low-cost investment option, with minimal advisory fees and no GST charges for customers. This provides clients with flexibility and diversification opportunities.

Therefore, investing in mutual funds as a secondary source of income in a professional way, properly diversified with quality funds, and choosing proper investments through SIP is very important. Remember that mutual funds may offer lower returns, but it is crucial to understand that a 15% to 20% compounding annual return is a strong return. Even the biggest business may not earn 20% annual compound interest, so achieving compounding returns in a short period like a month or six months may be challenging due to market volatility.

So, saving and investing through SIP in mutual funds at an early age is crucial for building wealth over time. Even with average returns of 15-22%, it can still outperform other asset classes like insurance, gold, fixed deposits, or real estate. Start small and watch your money grow! Consult a trusted financial advisor so that returns will match with your expectations.

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# Women, Rage and Society

AAYAT SYED

Female rage is a very misunderstood concept that needs to be understood profoundly. Female rage has to be looked is a visceral and a natural response to the societal expectations that have been imposed on women in our society. Rage can be understood as the most intense form of anger. While it may not be considered a positive emotion in most cases, it is a natural human response to injustice and oppression. Female rage cannot be understood simplistically or linearly. It is a complex and distinct experience for each woman. Mostly it is the fury against the bundled-up emotions that women have to carry shaped by the patriarchal structures and systematic inequality. It is the culmination of the silenced voices that have long been yearning to be heard. There is a lot to be angry about when it comes to women's issues.

For centuries, women have been relegated to the margins of society, and stripped of their agency. They have faced discriminatory power imbalances, harassment, unequal pay, violence, and sexual harassment. Women are often socialized to conform to the gender roles of being nurturing and submissive. Our society teaches us that these qualities are naturally formed but there is nothing natural about them as these qualities are taught, learned and enforced through various means. The patriarchal ideology becomes so deeply ingrained in women's minds that it becomes normalized within society. Those who do not conform and act differently are often disciplined, and compelled to behave in a "nice" or "ladylike" manner.

The words of Anya Taylor-Joy are quite powerful in the context of feminine rage. "I've developed a bit of a reputation for fighting for feminine rage, which is a strange thing because I'm not promoting violence but I am promoting women being seen as people. We have reactions that are not always dainty or unnessy."

The words reveal much about how female rage is perceived in our society. Emotions are not gendered; they are universal. Yet, in a patriarchal setup, emotions are viewed as a binary, dichotomized into feminine

and masculine categories. Often, if not always assertiveness, bravery, and aggression are deemed to be "manly" characteristics, and on the contrary sadness, empathy, and shyness are reserved for women. This distinction creates social pressures whereby individuals feel compelled to conform to such dichotomies. Men from a young age are made to believe that displaying emotions is a woman's task eventually this leads to a pernicious cycle in which men prefer to suppress their feelings ultimately hiding their emotions behind the mask of masculinity. From a young age, men are taught that displaying emotions is a feminine trait. This leads to a vicious cycle where men feel compelled to suppress their feelings to conform to societal notions of masculinity, except in traditionally male-dominated spaces. Worryingly, a recent study found that England's World Cup wins and losses are linked to a spike in domestic violence against women at the same time, we see women being patronized and demonized for expressing healthy emotions as feminine rage is often reduced to mere "tantrums" or "hysteria". Women's legitimate concerns are often ignored and are therefore labelled as 'overreacting'. The football match survey actually brings out the hidden misogyny and bias that is prevalent in the society that tends to demonise and irrationalise female rage while ignoring the male rage.

Like other patriarchal societies, Kashmir also struggles with similar issues where the agency of women is constrained and certain emotional expressions are forbidden. Certain expressions like "Rantas hoch chak" (You are like a witch) or "tezz chak" (You are too rebellious) are used to refer to women who choose to be loud and expressive. "Dum karr, pagah chui lukan hund ghar gasun" (Shut Up! You have to go to your in-laws' home in the future) are common phrases that all women have heard growing up.

A woman's femininity is questioned if she doesn't conform to the behaviour seen as acceptable in society. Women often recall how their emotions are ridiculed by their spouses, parents, and other members of the family. This constant ridicule and invalidation create a toxic environment which leads to



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a situation where a woman feels compelled to keep her emotions to herself. The most disturbing impact can be witnessed in the cases involving domestic violence. A 2020 survey conducted by the National Domestic Violence Hotline found that 57% of survivors of domestic violence did not report the abuse they go through. The controlling of women's voices has led to devastating consequences. According to the same report around 63 percent of domestic violence survivors did not seek legal action against their abuser. In Kashmir where the cycle of domestic abuse is on the rise witnesses a similar ordeal. The web of silence and deafening voices has led to severe consequences. According to the National Crime Record Bureau, the number of crimes against women in the area increased by 15.2% in 2021.

Furthermore, many Kashmiri

women have turned to various mediums to express themselves without constraints. Several women-centric social media platforms, such as Yakjut, have emerged as an outlet for women to vent their emotions. Through this platform, many women share their personal stories, finding a safe space to voice their experiences and connect with other women who share similar issues. Through these social media platforms, women are reclaiming their agency, challenging the patriarchal setup. Platforms like Yakjut have become one of the most promising ways through which women have found a place to anonymously share their stories.

Audre Lorde has extensively discussed female rage, asserting that anger is not inherently deadly, but rather a sign of growth. She further argues that anger can be hailed as a significant accomplishment as it spurs social advancement. As Audre Lorde has rightly pointed out, anger is not antithetical to female emotions. It is an essential expression that is necessary for catharsis and for challenging the oppressive patriarchal structures that have reduced female rage to a mere expression. The outbursts of women carry in them the weight of social subjugation. Through rage women are challenging the structures that kept them silenced, their issues sidelined in a male-dominated society.

The dismissal of women's emotions is an urgent matter, as it validates the oppressive structures that seek to perpetuate the tradition of silencing women. We need to create a society where women do not feel pressured to keep their emotions to themselves, and where their feelings are respected and understood. The feminist scholar Elizabeth Spelman translates Aristotle as saying "Who does not get angry when there is reason to be angry, is either brutish or dead." This statement justifies the necessity of emotions, especially anger in the face of injustice.

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## Enforcing Fines for Tourists Littering in Kashmir

I write to express deep concern about the pervasive issue of littering by tourists in Kashmir. While tourism is vital to the region's economy, the unbridled littering jeopardizes its pristine beauty and ecological balance. To tackle this problem, it is imperative to implement fines for tourists found littering. Kashmir's breathtaking landscapes and cultural heritage are

its crowning glory. However, the irresponsible behavior of some tourists who discard trash haphazardly not only despoils the environment but also disrespects local culture and harms the livelihoods of the community.

To address this issue effectively, local authorities should collaborate with environmental organizations and tourism boards to establish clear

guidelines and fines for littering. These penalties should be prominently displayed at tourist spots and enforced consistently.

Educational campaigns and local guides can play a pivotal role in raising awareness among tourists about responsible tourism. Encouraging them to respect the environment and local customs will help mitigate the problem.

In conclusion, immediate action is needed to combat tourist littering in Kashmir. Implementing fines and promoting responsible tourism will safeguard the region's natural beauty and cultural significance. Let us work together to ensure that Kashmir remains the paradise on Earth it has always been.

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Sania Meer

# Rise of Cancers in Kashmir

## Common types, causes and prevention



Arshid Hussain

Cancer is one of the leading causes of mortality and morbidity worldwide while the cases of the disease are also exponentially increasing in Jammu and Kashmir. Kashmir is the geographical region where esophageal, gastric and lung cancers have a high incidence rate both among men and women. Two important risk factors, contributing to this prevalence are increased consumption of salted tea and hookah/ tobacco smoking. Every year there is a marked increase in the number of cancer patients registered in the valley's premiere tertiary care institute, SKIMS, where increasing number of cancer patients, especially from poor backgrounds, continue to pour in for treatment.

Sounding alarm bells, leading oncologists caution that cancer has become the number one killer disease in Kashmir and that there's high need for increased

quality cancer awareness and treatment facilities to ease the sufferings of rising cancer patients in the valley. Going beyond the statistics, the ten leading types of cancers based on sites are esophagus and GE Junctional, lung, stomach, colorectal, skin, laryngopharyngeal, brain cancers, acute leukemias, lymphomas, specifically including prostate and brain cancers in males and breast, ovarian and gallbladder cancers in female. Esophagus and stomach cancers alone constituted over 27% of the total cancers. Gastrointestinal malignancies are the commonest malignancies in Kashmir valley followed by lung cancer in males and breast cancer in females.

Cancer has no single cause. It is complex, just like diabetes and heart disease. The rise in cancer cases can be attributed to several factors. Adoption of poor food habits, unhealthy lifestyle, longer working hours, smoking, use of alcohol, use of contracep-

tives, constipation, and lack of exercise are some of them, another significant reason for the rise in cancer incidence is the lack of proper cancer screening facilities, particularly in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. Regular screening and early diagnosis can play a major role in fighting the fatal disease.

Kashmir is witnessing a surge in the rate of thyroid cancer patients. However, if detected early, chances of survival of such patients are more compared to patients suffering with other types of cancers. In order to curb the cancer rate, we must change our way of life, that is, we must let go of a sedentary lifestyle. Other changes may include a complete ban on smoking, increased intake of fruits and vegetables rich in Vitamin A and vitamin C. Cooking and dietary systems must be revised, and we must cut down on salt tea.

Moreover, never drink hot tea. Besides that, ripening agents

must be banned and colouring agents must be avoided or used under limits. In addition to reducing the risk of developing cancer, the risk of developing heart disease, hypertension, obesity, diabetes, and other chronic diseases might also be prevented by eating more fruits and vegetables. Broccoli, cabbage, collard greens, kale, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts are all cruciferous vegetables. This vegetable family contains powerful phytochemicals, including carotenoids, indoles and glucosinolates and isothiocyanates, which have been studied and proved to slow the growth of many cancers. So, adopt a healthy lifestyle, eat more Fruits and vegetables in order to protect yourself from cancer.

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# Kashmiri Pandits: Community With Continuous Struggles

Anjali Om Raina

The uncertain situation in the J&K has its impacts reaching far beyond the borders of the region. One of the often-overlooked consequences of this conflict is the plight of Kashmiri pandits and pandit migrants. These migrants have been forced to leave their homes in search of safety

and stability, facing numerous challenges as they rebuild their lives in unfamiliar surroundings.

The roots of the Kashmiri migration crisis can be traced back to the turbulent period of the late 1980s and early 1990s, when the region was gripped by insurgency and widespread violence. In the midst of this turmoil, many Kashmiri Pandits, a Hindu minority in the predominantly Muslim region, were specifically targeted and faced threats to their lives. As a result, thousands of Kashmiri Pandits were forced to flee their homes and seek refuge in other parts of India.

The exodus of Kashmiri Pandits has had a profound and lasting impact on their community. Many families were separated, livelihoods were disrupted, and the cultural and religious identity of the community faced severe challenges. The resettlement of these migrants in different parts of India has been a complex and arduous process, as they have had to grapple with issues ranging from housing and employment to social integration and cultural preservation.

Housing has been a major concern for Kashmiri migrants, as they often struggle to find affordable and secure accommodation in their new surroundings. Many of them initially relied on government-provided relief camps, but over time, the conditions in these camps deteriorated, leaving the migrants in a state of uncertainty and vulnerability. The lack of permanent housing has not only affected their living standards but has also hindered their efforts to establish a sense of stability and belonging.

Employment opportunities have also been a significant challenge for Kashmiri migrants. The disruption of their established livelihoods in Kashmir, coupled with the difficulties of adjusting to a new environment, has made it challenging for many of them to secure sustainable jobs. Discrimination and lack of access to educational and professional resources have compounded these

challenges, limiting the economic prospects of many Kashmiri migrants.

Social integration has presented its own set of obstacles for these migrants. The cultural and linguistic differences between Kashmir and their new places of residence have sometimes led to feelings of alienation and isolation. The sense of displacement and the trauma of leaving behind their homes and loved ones have created emotional barriers to their integration in their new communities.

Despite these challenges, Kashmiri migrants have demonstrated remarkable resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity. Many individuals and organizations have worked tirelessly to support the migrants in their resettlement efforts. NGOs and community groups have provided assistance in areas such as education, healthcare, and vocational training, helping the migrants to rebuild their lives and regain a sense of dignity and hope.

The Indian government has also taken steps to address the needs of Kashmiri migrants, including providing financial assistance, housing schemes, and employment programs. Efforts have been made to improve the living conditions in the relief camps and to enable the migrants to access basic amenities and services.

In recent years, there have been calls for greater attention to the specific needs of Kashmiri migrants, as well as for a comprehensive and sustainable solution to their long-standing challenges. This includes addressing the underlying causes of their displacement, promoting their social and economic inclusion, preserving their cultural identity and providing them jobs especially under the PM package, a special program aimed at providing government jobs to displaced KPs.

As the plight of Kashmiri migrants continues to unfold, it is essential to recognize their experiences, honor their resilience, and work towards creating a future where they can live with security, opportunity, and a sense of belonging. Only through sustained attention, empathy, and concerted action can the lives of Kashmiri migrants be truly settled in their newfound homes.

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# How to Challenge Your Inner Critic—and Win

Keven Duffy

Sarah, a very successful start-up co-founder, was burned out. When she came to my office, she explained that she had been overpromising work and accepting unrealistically early deadlines. For Sarah, declining any kind of client request was the same as saying, "I am a disappointment."

Jessica, a hardworking grad student, always felt she could do better and told herself she was lazy, fat, stupid, and frequently just "bad." Despite being her high school valedictorian, a magna cum laude undergraduate, and enrolled in a prestigious Ph.D. program, Jessica's inner monologue was the source of anxiety, depression, and disordered eating.

To help clients like Sarah and Jessica end punishing cycles of self-hatred, I listen closely to word choices and encourage people to get curious about who their inner voices sound like. Like many people I work with, these women had inner critics that created a very unhealthy sense of self. Psychoanalytic theory calls these voices "introjects." I call them "fake news!"

Introjection, a Freudian defense mechanism, occurs when a person, often as a child, internalizes projected feelings, beliefs, and attitudes of critical or rejecting parents—so much so that they begin to identify with the negative introjects on an unconscious level as part of their self-image.

Having a strong inner critic can lead to depression and other mental health issues because the "fake news" voice feels true. Listening closely to the language the inner critic uses can help establish the origin of the debilitating thoughts. Labeling these voices as "fake news" is a simple



tool to remind oneself that our inner critic sounds and feels factual, but is not.

Internal negative chatter can feel like a productive part of our psyche, a coach or taskmaster who keeps us hard-working or physically fit, for example. It could seem like our lives will unravel if we quiet these voices, but if we have compassion for the ways the introjects maladaptively try to help us, we can more easily redirect our thoughts.

Research suggests that there are several ways to manage these introjects. Here's one method I use to help clients manage their "fake news."

The Automatic Thought Record

Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) provides this deceptively simple tool. The client looks for evidence for and against the automatic critical voice, almost like a lawyer looking for the truth. Here's how it works:

### 1. Identify.

The first step is to train yourself, through repetition and practice, to catch the debilitating "fake news" thoughts as they happen. For example, "I'm a disappointment" can be challenged by just recognizing the thought as recurrent or pervasive. Then you can reflect on the origins of that feeling state—for example, the feedback from parents or

other authority figures you received as a child.

I asked Sarah to tell me about her childhood relationship with disappointment. At first, she reported only that her brother had mentioned his fear of disappointing her father while growing up.

But as we dug deeper, she explained that although her parents never directly said she and her brother were disappointments, they projected unspoken disappointment, which both children felt. With a bit of encouragement, Sarah then recalled that her mother seemed disappointed when she elected to spend time with her friend

group instead of with her mother during her teen years.

Jessica and I challenged her "I'm lazy and fat" fake news by working to identify when the thoughts originated. Jessica recalled her mother telling anyone who would listen that if she had worked harder, she would have had a perfect SAT score. Her father always pinched her belly in elementary school, implying that she needed to lose weight.

### 2. Fact-check.

After you catch the automatic thought, you need to examine the evidence. Is it really true that your decision to skip the 500-mile journey to your cousin's

baby shower is an act of selfishness? Or is the impulse to decline the invitation—what your automatic thoughts are calling "selfish"—really the voice of your wiser, caregiving self?

Nearly all the time, the evidence against the negative thought vastly outweighs the evidence for it. Think like a lawyer: "Is there any evidence that I'm lazy given how hard I work?"

### 3. Rewrite.

In my practice, I give people a piece of paper with columns on it. When they have a negative thought, they write it down and look objectively at the evidence for and against the automatic negative thought.

Over time, our brains start to automatically call out the self-flagellating thoughts and replace them with more accurate self-assessments. For example: "I'm respectful of other people's time, but my time is also important." Or "Self-care is not selfish, so I am not a disappointment." Or "Just because I missed exercise this week, doesn't mean I'm unlovable or lazy."

By recognizing the unspoken judgment she grew up with, Sarah distanced herself from the message she internalized and subconsciously believed to be a fact. The constant thought of disappointing her clients became "fake news" to her, and she eased up on her overworking.

Jessica had vivid recollections of her parents' judgmental and harsh criticism of both her and her sister. She even wrote a YouTube "top ten" of her fake news bulletins and shared it with all her friends. By confessing to her internal fake news out loud, she was further able to change the channel.

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Subject: Select list for the posts of Medical Officers (Allopathic) in Health & Medical Education Department - Online Submission of Personnel Verification Rolls (PVRs) for verification of character and antecedents thereof.

### NOTICE

The Health and Medical Education Department has received a select list for the posts of Medical Officers (Allopathic) from the J&K Public Service Commission vide communication No.PSC/DR/Medical Officer (Allopathic)/H&ME/2024 dated 05.07.2024. Accordingly, all the concerned selectee Medical Officers as detailed in Annexure are, hereby, informed through the medium of this notice to submit their email address & mobile number in the Health and Medical Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar/Jammu for registration under "Employee Verification System (EVS)" for verification of character and antecedents within a period of 07 days positively from the date of publication of this notice in terms of Circular No. 18-JK (GAD) of 2022 dated 20.05.2022 issued by the General Administration Department.

(Dr. Javed Iqbal) JKAS

Deputy Secretary, to the Government

No.HD-Gaz0Gen/659/2023-02(E-7245197) DIPP-3413/24 dated: 23.07.2024

(Annexure)

S. NO	NAME OF THE CANDIDATE	PARANTAGE	ADDRESS	DOB	MCAT	TOTAL
1	ALIYA KHAN	MOHD ALYAS KHAN	00 VILL RAJDHANI MANJAKOTE RAJDHANI MANJAKOTE Rajouri 185131	20/05/1998	OM/ALC	91.25
2	SANJIV KUMAR PARIHAR	GIRDHARI LAL PARIHAR	H.NO. A/6 LANE NO. 1 BASANT NAGAR JANIPUR JAMMU Jammu 180007	04/04/1984	OM	85.00
3	BHAGVI UBBOTT	VIKAS UBBOTT	HOUSE NO 81 WARD NO18 STADIUM ROAD Kathua 184101	10/11/1998	OM	75.25
4	AABROO MOHI UD DIN	GH MOHI UD DIN DAR	ULBUL NOWGAM ANANTNAG Anantnag 192201	05/10/1997	OM	72.75
5	TAJQUEER UN NABI	GH NABI SHAH	MC 37A TRAIL I BALA TRAL Pulwama 192123	19/03/1998	OM	72.75
6	AMIR MAJED MIR	ABDUL MAJED MIR	B-61 USSAN KHOIE PATTAN Baramulla 193121	07/03/1996	OM	72.00
7	HARIS FIRDOUS	FIRDOUS AHMAD	27 CHARSOO AWANTIPORA AWANTIPORA Pulwama 192122	14/06/1996	OM	72.00
8	MURTAZA AHMAD SHAH	MUKHTAR AHMAD SHAH	320 BABA WAYIL WAYILDO GANDERBAL Ganderbal 191201	18/06/1998	OM/RBA	71.50
9	HANNAN MADNI	ABDUL RASHID DAR	H NO 10 GANDHI Doda 182203	01/09/1991	OM/RBA	70.50
10	MIRZA MUDHAWAR BEIGH	JAVID IQBAL BEIGH	BEIGH MANZIL ROSHANABAD CHANGDOO DOORU Anantnag 192212	13/09/1995	OM	70.50
11	RUKSANA FAROOQ	MOHAMMAD FAROOQ DAR	93 WADWAN WADWAN NARBAL Baramulla 191111	10/07/1993	OM	70.00
12	AASIM MUSHTAQ BHAT	MUSHTAQ AHMAD BHAT	KULBAGH KURIGAM QAZIGUND Anantnag 192221	11/03/1997	OM	69.75
13	MUDASIR AHMAD KUMAR	GULAM NABI KUMAR	PAKHER PORA PAKHER PORA CHARARI SHARIF Budgam 191112	05/02/1994	OM/RBA	69.25
14	RABIA RASHID	ABDUL RASHID	59 GUND SADERKOTE BALA HAJIN Bantipora 193504	08/09/1997	OM	69.25
15	MOHD DANISH BIN LAATEF KHAN	MOHD LAATEF KHAN	SHEKHAR HOUSE NO 232 ORCHARD ROAD RAMPORE MATTAN Anantnag 192125	27/11/1989	OM	68.75
16	YASIR AHMAD LONE	MUSHTAQ AHMAD LONE	142 KANELWAN BLUBEHARA Anantnag 192124	24/08/1996	OM	68.75
17	BASEERAT GULL	GULAM MOHAMMAD NAJAR	63 BAGENDER MOHALLA BARSOO AWANTIPORA Pulwama 192122	05/03/1999	OM	68.75
18	SHELPI KHAJURIA	SUBASH CHANDER KHAJURIA	SAMWAN SAMWAN PALLANWALA Jammu 181204	17/03/1998	OM	68.50
19	USMA RASHID	ABDUL RASHID	GALZYIAL KRALPORA KUPWARA KRALPORA Kupwara 193224	25/9/1998	OM	68.25
20	UMUL BANEEN KHAN	SHAKEEL AHMED KHAN	3 BAGHWANPORA LAL BAZAR Srinagar 190023	7/6/1997	OM	68.00
21	NAKIB ATAHAR UL ISLAM	MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL NAIK SHIVDEV SINGH	PULWAMA PULWAMA 192123	25/10/1998	OM	68.00
22	NEHA RAJPUT	NEAR GOVT. PRIMARY SCHOOL VILLAGE THANCON P.O.BARWAL KATHUA Kathua 184143	27/03/1993	OM	67.50	
23	FAHAD MASOODI	ALTAF HUSSAIN	114 SIDDIQ COLONY SOPORE Baramulla 193120	17/10/1994	OM	67.50
24	MUSAIB UL GULZAR	GULAM MOHAMMAD RESHI	21 RESHI MOHALLA GANDERBAL Ganderbal 191201	04/04/1997	OM	67.50
25	FAHEEM GULZAR	GULZAR AHMAD BHAT	148 TAGIGAM DEVSAR KULGAM Kulgam 192231	01/01/1998	OM	67.50
26	AWISAF JEELANI	GULAM JEELANI	82 GOVT HOUSING COLONY BACHI-MEHTAB Srinagar 190019	01/11/1995	OM	67.00
27	BISMA GULZAR	GULZAR AHMAD WANDROO	NEW COLONY SOPORE SOPORE Baramulla 193201	01/10/1996	OM	67.00
28	NAJAM US SABAH	FARHAT ABBAS PANDEIT	232 KARIMABAD PULWAMA Pulwama 192101	20/02/1998	OM	67.00
29	ARSHEED AHMAD BHAT	HABIBULLAH BHAT	29 PADMAS SOTIBUGH Budgam 191111	10/08/1998	OM/RBA	67.00
30	INSHA ZAFFAR	MOHAMMAD ZAFFAR DAR	ROHAMA RAFIABAD BARAMULLA JAMMU AND ROHAMA RAFIABAD BARAMULLA ROHAMA Baramulla	01/06/1998	OM	66.25
31	HARSHDEEP KOUR	AMRIK SINGH	H.NO 26 SEC 1 SHANKAR VIHAR COLONY EXTN TRIKUTA NAGAR Jammu 180010	15/03/1999	OM	66.25
32	MUSHAHID HUSSAIN BHAT	GH MOHAMMAD BHAT	23 RAKHI SHILVATH GUZAR MOHALLA SUMBAL SUMBAL Bantipora 193501	15/12/1996	OM/RBA	66.00
33	ADMAN AFZAL	MOHAMMAD AFZAL DAR	147 ASTANPORA SHUUL BATENGOO ANANTNAG Anantnag 192124	31/03/1998	OM	65.75
34	SADAF SHARIF LONE	SHARIF UD DIN LONE	14357 KANLI BAGH BARAMULLA BARAMULLA Baramulla 193101	03/10/1995	OM	65.50
35	VIMAL KUMAR SHARMA	RATTAN LAL SHARMA	R/O VILL. KANWAR THARA VILL. KANWAR THARA SAROOR KISHITWAR Kishitwar 182204	15/12/1993	OM/RBA	65.25
36	AAQIB FAROOQ	FAROOQ AHMAD TANTARY	121 SHIRPORA FRISAL Kulgam 192232	31/01/1997	OM	65.25
37	ZAHOR AHMAD DAR	MOHAMMAD RAJAB DAR	129 ASTANPORA QAIMOH Kulgam 192120	10/02/1991	OM	65.00
38	WASEEM RAJA	MOHAMMAD RAMZAN MIR	FIFTY SEVEN SHADAB KAREWA SHUPIAN Shopian 192303	22/04/1995	OM/RBA	65.00
39	FAYIKA QAYOUM KHAN	ABDUL QAYOUM KHAN	5 HILAL LANE BUDSHANAGAR NATIPORA Srinagar 190015	26/12/1994	OM	64.75
40	TARIQ AHMAD KHAN	ANAYITULLAH KHAN	73 GULGAM KUPWARA Kupwara 193222	10/02/1996	OM	64.75
41	GOURAV SINGH SAINI	SATISH KUMAR	SHANTI NAGAR OPP PARI MAHAL KUNJWAN KUNJWAN JAMMU Jammu 180010	31/12/1997	OM	64.50
42	SHAHZAD REHMAN	ABDUL REHMAN BHAT	NARAKARA BUDGAM Budgam 191111	12/03/1998	OM	64.50
43	SHAHOOD AJAZ KARROO	AJAZ AHMAD KARROO	H NO 27 SANGRI COLONY BARAMULLA BARAMULLA 193101	23/10/1989	OM	64.25
44	NITISH SHARMA	DEVINDER KUMAR SHARMA	0 THEHSIL ROAD NEAR SDM OFFICE LOWER GAODGARH JAMMU SOUTH Jammu 181101	05/07/1990	OM	64.25
45	UMAR TARIQ	TARIQ AHMAD BHAT	NOORPORA AWANTIPORA NOORPORA AWANTIPORA Pulwama 192122	10/03/1991	OM	64.00
46	AAMIR BASHIR	BASHIR AHMAD KHAN	19 PATHAN MOHALLA POTUSHAJ LOHAB LALPORA Kupwara 193223	17/09/1996	OM/PSP	64.00
47	SYED MOHAMD ALI	SYED MUZZAFAR HUSSAIN	42 DAB WAKURA Ganderbal 191311	03/03/1997	OM/RBA	64.00
48	ATUL SHARMA	JOGINDER PAUL	DASGAL DASGAL AKHNOOR Jammu 181201	30/09/1997	OM	64.00
49	WAMIQ FAROOQ	MOHD FAROOQ WANI	HOUSE NO 4 JELAN LANE NASEEM BAGH Srinagar 190006	19/07/1991	OM	63.75
50	UBAID ALI KHAN	SHAKEEL AHMED KHAN	BAGHWANPORA LAL BAZAR SRINAGAR Srinagar 190023	01/01/1994	OM	63.75
51	ANUM ARA	ALI MOHD DAR	408 SOTIBUGH CHECK MOHALLA BUDGAM Budgam 191111	06/01/1995	OM	63.75
52	FAHIM	MUSHTAQ AHMAD DAR	50 LALPORA KUNZER Baramulla 193121	01/10/1995	OM	63.75
53	SHABNUM AKHTER	ABDUL HAMID LONE	696 RAMBHAMA D.H.PORA Kulgam 192231	08/04/1997	OM/RBA	63.75
54	HUMAIRA MAKHDOOM	MAKHDOOM IQBAL BANDAY	URI BARAMULLA URI Baramulla 193123	15/09/1997	OM/RBA	63.75
55	ZUBAIR NISAR	NISAR AHMAD KHANDAY	0000388 FATTIMAS HOUSE WUYAN PAMPORRE PAMPORRE Pulwama 191102	05/04/1994	OM	63.50
56	SUHAIB AHMAD BABA	FAYAZ AHMAD BABA	UPPER SOURA SALMANIA COLONY LANE NO 2 ETDGARH Srinagar 190011	03/07/1995	OM	63.50
57	SUMIR AHMAD BHAT	MOHAMMAD SUBHAN BHEHT	0 PAHARTHAN BEEHWAH Budgam 191111	24/10/1996	OM/EWS	63.50
58	RAJA SALMAN DAR	MOHAMMAD SHABAN DAR	208 DOGRIPORA AWANTIPORA Pulwama 192124	09/08/1998	OM/RBA	63.00
59	TAMEEM TALHID	TALHID AHMAD BHAT	11 ASHTONGU ALOOSA Bantipora 193502	04/04/1997	OM	62.75
60	KHALID REHMAN	ABDUL REHMAN	VILLAGE LABBAR SARAK MANGOTA LABBAR MAMAT Doda 182201	10/04/1998	OM/RBA	62.75
61	AIMAN NISAR	NISAR HUSSAIN SHAH	NEAR GRAVEYARD HARDU-SHICHANI DALGAM ANANTNAG Anantnag 192210	05/09/1998	OM	62.75
62	TARIQ AHMAD BHAT	GULAM MOHAMMAD BHAT	20 SUGOO HANOHAMA BARBUGH IMAMSABIB Shopian 192303	03/03/1992	OM	62.50
63	MUDABIR BIN BASHIR	BASHIR AHMED BHAT	40 NAVEEDABAD MCOONNABAD BATMALCOO SRINAGAR Srinagar 190001	15/07/1995	OM	62.50
64	JMIRA RASHEED SHAH	SYED ABDUL RASHID SHAH	34 LANE 2 NOORANI COLONY PEEBAGH Srinagar 190014	27/12/1996	OM	62.50
65	YASER HAYAT SOHIL	KHALIL AHMED SOHIL	R/O SUJMATNA RAMSOO Ramban 182145	01/01/1997	OM/RBA	62.50
66	ZYEEM UL HAQUE BHAT	GH MOHD BHAT	53/122 MAHDOORA TRAL Pulwama 192123	18/08/1997	OM	62.50
67	EURIE HANDOO	P K HANDOO	44/4 LUDHEWALA JAMMU Jammu 180018	24/12/1997	OM	62.50
68	SYED SHEIKH MOHD FAZZAN	SYED SHEIKH BASHIR FAZZAN	133 KONG POSH COLONY TULBAGH NAMBLA BAL PAMPORRE Pulwama 192121	10/10/1993	OM	62.25
69	FOZIA AKHTER	GH AHMAD	2 WATERHILL BUDGAM KHANSAHIB Budgam 191111	14/04/1996	OM/RBA	62.25
70	MADEEHA MANZOOR	MANZOOR AHMAD SHAH	623 KOIL PULWAMA PULWAMA Pulwama 192301	25/05/1997	OM	62.25
71	SAHIL RASHID	ABDUL RASHID WANI	06 WANABAL RAWALPORA CHANAPORA NATIPORA Srinagar 190005	11/09/1995	OM	62.00
72	INSHA MAQBOOL	MOHAMMAD MAQBOOL DAR	PAZNAN THEHSIL CHADOORA Budgam 191113	02/01/1998	OM/RBA	62.00
73	ARUSHI SHARMA	RAJ KUMAR	VILLAGE PANDEAR NEAR SHIV MANDIR JAGTI KATHUA Kathua 184143	10/02/2000	OM	62.00
74	SHOWKEENA AKHTER	NAZIR AHMAD DAR	42 GADDOOL KOKERNAG Anantnag 192202	01/03/1993	OM/RBA	61.75
75	YOUNUS RAMZAN KHAN	MOHAMMAD RAMZAN KHAN	94 SOTIBUGH BUDGAM BUDGAM Budgam 191111	07/02/1990	OM	61.50
76	RAIESA AMIN	MOHD AMIN LONE	143 KANELWAN BLUBEHARA Anantnag 192124	01/11/1991	OM	61.50
77	SABINA RASOOL MALIK	MOHD ASLAM MALIK	126 BINOON BUNWAH Kishitwar 182203	12/06/1994	OM	61.50
78	SAMAN MEHTAB	ABDUL MAJID DAR	H NO. 36 BADAMI BAGH SECTOR A SOPORE Baramulla 193101	09/12/1995	OM	61.50
79	MOHAMMAD IRFAN SHEIKH	GULAM MOHAMMAD SHEIKH	439 SODIPORA BEEHWAH BUDGAM BEEHWAH Budgam 193411	10/09/1997	OM	61.50
80	MINHA BASHIR	BASHIR AHMAD MANDA	SICOP ROAD BUBEHARA BLUBEHARA Anantnag 192124	01/08/1998	OM	61.50
81	HARDEEP KOUR	JAGMOHAN SINGH AROBIT	129 ROBIN COTTAGE PREET NAGAR DIGGAMA Jammu 180010	31/03/2000	OM/SLC	61.50
82	BILAL AHMAD PAUL	GH ABU PAUL	68 PALPORA SHAHOORA LITTER Pulwama 192305	10/03/1990	OM	61.25
83	YASIR JAVIAD	JAVIAD AHMAD RATHER	318 TRIGAM SUNBAL Bantipora 193501	28/08/1995	OM	61.25
84	SHABNAM HABIB	HABIB ULLAH LONE	CS/1 48 GALZYIAL KUPWARA KRALPORA Kupwara 193224	21/05/1996	OM/RBA	61.25
85	TRITZA RASHID	AB RASHID BANGROO	776 SALAFIYAH LANE IDGAH Srinagar 190002	10/06/1996	OM	61.25
86	SAHIL HASSAN SHEIKH	GULAM HASSAN SHEIKH	18 SECTOR 2A BEMINA HOUSING COLONY Srinagar 190018	22/05/1995	OM	61.00
87	HARIS SHAMAS	SHAMAS UD DIN RATHER	636 MANTIGAM LAR Ganderbal 191201	05/08/1995	OM	61.00
88	SHAYESTA ALI	ALI MOHD BHAT	RUPHU ANANTNAG ANANTNAG Anantnag 192101	04/11/1987	OM	60.75
89	MUDASIR AHMAD MIR	MOHAMMAD YOUSUF MIR	35 KRESHBAL BADIWUNDER EID GAH Srinagar 190017	04/09/1995	OM	60.75
90	SHAHNAWAZ AHMAD BHAT	NAZIR AHMAD BHAT	23 BRAW BANDANA LITTER PULWAMA Pulwama 192301	01/02/1996	OM	60.75
91	VASUNDHRA RAJE VERMA	MAHESH KUMAR HASSAN	VILLAGE MANGAR MANGAR HAVELI Poonch 185101	12/11/1998	OM	60.75
92	QAZI AMEEQUL HASSAN	QAZI GHULAM HASSAN	89 ZOONIPORA BOMAI SOPORE Baramulla 192301	05/11/1993	OM	60.50
93	SAHER ASHRAF BHAT	MOHD ASHRAF BHAT	Chil Ines, Tral I Bal, Tral P O Tral, District, Pulwama, Jk., 192123	30/12/1996	OM	60.50
94	BISMA FAROOQ	FAROOQ AHMAD KEELO	59 AZADPORA ANCHODDOORA ANANTNAG ANANTNAG Anantnag 192101	18/06/1997	OM	60.50
95	BILAL AHMAD	GH QADIR BHAT	361 KHALISA PARIGAM Pulwama 192301	16/08/1997	OM	60.50
96	MOHAMD AFLAK KHAN	MUSHTAQ AHMAD KHAN	76 IQBAL COLONY ANCHODORA Anantnag 192101	04/05/1994	OM	60.25
97	ZAHID NAZIR BHAT	NAZIR AHMAD BHAT	HOUSE NO 22 GUSHI KUPWARA Kupwara 193222	04/02/1995	OM	60.25
98	MEHVISI AHSAN	MOHAMMAD AHSAN MIR	30 ACHAGAZA BAMNOO RAIPORA Pulwama 192301	05/10/1996	OM	60.25
99	ZAHOR AHMED	GULAM AHMED BEIGH	97 BEIGHPURA UNDERWAL CHNATROO Kishitwar 182205	06/06/1997	OM/RBA	60.25
100	MANZOOR AHMAD PARREY	BASHIR AHMAD PARREY	69 MATIPORA MATTAN Anantnag 192125	10/06/1984	OM	60.00
101	ZAHOR AHMAD NAIKOO	ABDUL RASHID NAIKOO	R/O HANJAN KULGAM P/O BHEENAG KULGAM Kulgam 192231	16/09/1990	OM	60.00
102	SAIF ALI	MAQSOOD HUSSAIN	BALHARAN BALHARAN SINGHPORA BARAMULLA Baramulla 193103	22/06/1994	OM	60.00
103	KHALID QUYOOM	AB QUYOOM MIR	152 KHURSHEED ABAID DELINA BARAMULLA Baramulla 193103	10/07/1994	OM	60.00
104	SHAH BAIT UL ISLAM	MOHD YAQOUB SHAH	KEDAL BAL DEVSAR DEVSAR Kulgam 192231	17/07/1994	OM	60.00
105	BABAR MOHAMMAD	ABDUL GAFFAR	01 ARAMPORA GANDERBAL GANDERBAL Ganderbal 191201	08/10/1994	OM	60.00
106	ZAHID IQBAL LONE	GH MOHI DIN LONE	89 SOGAM SOGAM Kupwara 193223	12/10/1994	OM	60.00
107	SHEIKH ALIYA SHAFI	SHEIKH MOHAMMAD SHAFI	16 HANZA COLONY RAWALPORA WANBAL CHANAPORA NATIPORA Srinagar 190005	01/09/1995	OM	60.00
108	AARTI KUNDAL	RAM CHAND KUNDAL	H NO 90 SECTOR 3 EWS COLONY LOWER ROOP NAGAR JAMMU Jammu 180013	22/01/1998	OM/SC	60.00
109	MEHREEN JAN	ASHIQ HUSSAIN SHAH	ANANTNAG Anantnag 192401	22/02/1998	OM	60.00
110	ABDUL KALAM	SHER KHAN	128 KALALI MANJAKOTE Rajouri 185131	10/03/1998	OM	60.00
111	KANKESH					



## Sitharaman Announces Cut In Customs Duty On Gold, Silver To 6%

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday proposed a reduction in basic customs duty on gold and silver to 6 per cent and platinum to 6.4 per cent.

Presenting the Budget for 2024-25, she also announced the removal of basic customs duty on ferronickel, and blister copper, while increasing the same to 15 per cent from 10 per cent on specified telecom equipment.

The reduction in basic customs duty of gold, silver and platinum has been a long pending demand of the gems and jewellery industry.

Sitharaman also proposed a reduction in basic customs duty on certain brood stocks, shrimps and fish feed to 5 per cent.



On the other hand, she said the government will raise customs duty on ammonium nitrate to 10 per cent and 25 per cent on non-biodegradable plastics.

She also said e-commerce export hubs will be set up in PPP (public-private partnership) mode to enable MSMEs to sell their products.

Traditional artisans will sell products in international markets, she said.

She also proposed expanding the list of exempted capital goods used in the manufacturing of solar cells and panels.

## Taxpayers Must Show Home Rent Income Under 'Income From House Property' In It Returns: Govt

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- All rental income of individual taxpayers from residential properties will be charged under the head 'income from house property' and not as income from business or profession, according to the Budget document.

The clarification has been introduced in the finance bill 2024 as several individuals were showing rental incomes under the 'profits and gains of business or profession' to reduce tax liabilities.

"It is proposed that income from letting out of a house or part of the house by the owner, shall not be charged under the head 'profits and gains of business or profession' and will be chargeable to tax under the head 'income from house property' only," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her budget speech.

Elaborating in the Budget document, the government mentioned that Section 28 of the Act specifies kinds of in-



come that shall be chargeable to income tax under the head 'Profits and gains of business or profession'.

"It has been observed that some taxpayers are reporting their rental income generated by letting out of the house property, under the head 'Profits and gains of business or profession' and rather would be chargeable under the head 'Income from house property'."

This amendment will take effect from April 1, 2025 and will, accordingly, apply in relation to assessment year 2025-26 and subsequent assessment years.

has proposed to amend the section 28 of the Act in order to clarify that any income from letting out of a residential house or a part of the house by the owner would not be chargeable under the head 'Profits and gains of business or profession' and rather would be chargeable under the head 'Income from house property'."

Therefore, the government

## Budget Proposes Interest Subsidy Scheme To Boost Urban Housing Loans

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- The government on Tuesday proposed central assistance of ₹2.2 lakh crore for urban housing over the next five years as well as an interest subsidy scheme to facilitate loans at affordable rates for urban housing works.

The announcements were made by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Union Budget 2024-25.

She also said the government will put in place measures for an efficient and transparent rental housing market with enhanced availability.

Among others, the minister



has proposed transit-oriented development plans for large cities having a population of over 30 lakh and a scheme to support the development of 100 weekly haats in five years.

Also, the government will develop digital public infra applications in seven areas, including those related to credit and MSME service delivery.

## Rajnath Singh Thanks Finance Minister For Highest Allocation To Defence Sector

Observer News Service

NEW DELHI- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday thanked Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for giving the highest allocation to the defence sector.

In a post on X, Rajnath Singh said, "As far as the allocation to the Ministry of Defence is concerned, I thank the Finance Minister for giving the highest allocation to the tune of ₹6,21,940.85 Crore, which is 12.9% of the total Budget of Govt for FY 2024-25. The capital outlay of ₹1,72,000 Crore will further strengthen the capabilities of Armed Forces," the Defence Minister said in a post on X.

"Earmarking of ₹1,05,518.43 Crore for domestic capital procurement will provide further impetus to Atmanirbharta. I am pleased that Border Roads has been given a 30% increase in allocation over the last budget under the capital head. This allocation of ₹6,500 Crore to BRO will further accelerate our Border Infrastructure. To boost the startup ecosystem in Defence Industries, ₹ 518 crore has been allocated to the iDEX scheme to fund technological solutions given by startups, MSMEs and innovators," the Minister added.

In another post, Rajnath Singh congratulated for presenting an outstanding full-year budget for FY 2024-25 which will help in moving towards making a prosperous and self-reliant 'Viksit Bharat'.

"Congratulations to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for presenting an excellent and outstanding full-year budget for FY 2024-25, which will help in moving towards making a prosperous and self-reliant 'Viksit Bharat'. Inspired by PM Narendra Modi's vision of inclusive and fast-paced develop-



ment, this budget will accelerate India's economic transformation," Singh wrote on X.

Praising the Union Budget, the Defence Minister said, "This Budget is unique in many ways and by clearly outlining the NDA Government's nine key priorities for all-round and inclusive development, it has successfully elevated India's growth trajectory. This budget will go a long way towards making India a five trillion dollar economy by 2027. This budget will boost demand, create new opportunities for youth, and propel India's economy onto the global stage. I thank PM and FM for giving India a monumental push to India's economic and social development."

## Dept Of Horticulture, J&K Bags Ist Position In Int'l Agri & Horti Expo-2024

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The Department of Horticulture J&K has bagged first prize at International Agriculture & Horti Expo-2024 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

The Department of Horticulture J&K had participated in the International Agriculture & Horti Expo-2024, the mega exhibition which was held at Pragati Maidan New Delhi, w.e.f. 20th to 22nd July 2024.

The 3-day exhibition aimed to focus on Agricultural and Horticultural Advancements and International Trade; Protected Cultivation (Greenhouse), Irrigation & Farming Technologies; Organic Farming and Fresh Fruits, Vegetables,

Cereals etc.; Hi-tech Seeds, Fertilizers & Pesticides; Processed Foods & Post Harvest Technologies; Agri Finance, Insurance & Research Institutes; Cold Storage & Technologies. Concurrent shows 'Farmers Workshops', World Organic Expo, Food & Technology Expo Govt. Achievements & Schemes.

The Departmental stall was installed in the said Expo, to showcase various fruit cultivars being cultivated in Jammu and Kashmir. A large number of people visited the stall during three days.

The exhibits of fresh and dry fruits displayed at the stall invited the attention of visitors as well as the management of the expo.

## Principal Secy APD Reviews Functioning Of F&V Terminal Markets

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (APD), Shailendra Kumar Tuesday held a detailed meeting with Presidents of terminal Fruit and Vegetable Market Associations of J&K to review their functioning and assess overall development scenario.

Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Secretary Technical Agriculture Production Department, Managing Director JKHPMC, Directors of Horticulture Kashmir/Jammu, FA /CAO Horticulture, Joint Director Planning, Horticulture, Deputy Director (P&M) Jammu/Kashmir, AMOS and Technical officer Horticulture participated in the meeting.

The meeting was also attended by Presidents/representatives from Fruit & Vegetable Markets of Parimpora, Narwal, Jablipora Anantnag, Aglar Shopian and Sopore.

During the meeting, the Principal Secretary emphasized on the need of cleanliness of the Mandis and directed that all Fruit & Vegetable Markets to focus on this aspect on priority. He also asked the F&V market officials to prepare the budget for development in each Mandi every year by September/October and its approval by January enabling works to start early.

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
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**GIST OF FRESH e-AUCTION NOTICE.**

**E-bidding auction Notice No. 07/PDA / GeM/ e-auction of 2024 Dated 22/07/2024.**

Pursuant to the decisions taken in the Provincial Level Out sourcing Committee held on 15-02-2024, under the Chairmanship of Director Tourism Kashmir, for and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, e-bidding notice through GeM (Government e- Market Place) Portal is hereby issued for out-sourcing of huts (Pucca structures) of Pahalgam Development Authority situated on Shri Amar Nath Ji Yatra route at Sheshnag and Panchnerni as Clock room facility on license basis for storage of serviceable tents and bedding only for a period of one session i.e After conclusion of Shri Amar Nath Ji yatra 2024 to start of Yatra 2025. The complete details of the assets to be out sourced, as per bidding event schedule mentioned in the Annexure A to this notice.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-**

- The bidding document consisting of eligibility criteria, specification, rates terms and conditions etc can be seen /downloaded from the GeM portal on gem.gov.in
- The interested participants are required to register themselves in GeM forward e-auction as per process and guidelines provided in the GeM. In case of any queries related to registration and participation in bidding process, bidders may send the same by e-mail to helpdesk-qem(5)gov.in
- Only registered and eligible bidders can participate in the e-bidding process and intending participants (bidders) shall finish the below mentioned documents through online mode on GEM Portal. However the uploaded documents shall be 300 dpi or above and clearly readable. The un readable, ambiguous documents shall not be entertained.. The bidders who fulfill the Pre-qualification/ eligibility criteria shall only be eligible to participate in the e-bidding process and e-auction shall be finalized by the Competent Authority. The eligibility criteria / Pre-qualification of the bidders shall be as under :-
  - The bidder shall furnish valid GST Clearance ending March 2024.
  - The bidder shall furnish Income Tax Return (ITR) ending March 2024.
  - The bidder shall furnish valid PAN card.
  - The bidder shall furnish valid Adhar Card.
  - The bidder shall upload bid-declaration certificate as per enclosed proforma B
- The bidders shall be allowed to participate in e-bidding process through GeM portal only after uploading the required documents mentioned in above pre-qualification criteria and EMD in the shape of CDR/ FDR drawn from any recognized / nationalized Bank, pledged to Accounts Officer Pahalgam Development Authority, as shown against each asset in the Annexure "A"
- The bidder who intentionally / unintentionally posts a financial bid which is absurdly/anomalously on a higher side and might hamper the bidding process , the same will be rejected and even the bidder can be debarred from further participation during bidding process without any bearing on the ongoing process to ensure smooth conduct of auction.
- The e-bidding process can be stopped by the Pahalgam dev Authority at any time / stage on arriving to the reasonable bid offer and information in this regard shall be given s to bidders through an advance "Marquee message" on GeM portal during bidding process.

Year	Total %age of offered bid amount	Time Line
2024-25	Full offered bid amount	Within seven days after declaration of successful H1 bidder.

- The allottee will be allowed to charge the rates as per following schedule which shall remain valid during the period of contract and allottee shall ensure display of approved rate list on the entry point of huts and shall also share the geo-tag photographs of the same with PDA. Any violation to the approved rates shall invite termination of contract and forfeiture of CDR besides taking action as per law.

S.No	Item	Rate
01	Rate for Storage of tents from Conclusion of Yatra 2024 to Start of Yatra 2025. Rate per tent.	Rs 250/= Per tent
02	Storage of bedding from Conclusion of Yatra 2024 to Start of Yatra 2025. Rate per bedding set (01 Quilt, 01 Mattress, 01 Pillow and 01 Blanket)	Rs 75/= Per Set

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Dated: 22/07/2024

Tariq Hussain (JKAS)  
Chief Executive Officer  
PDA Pahalgam

DIPK-NB-999-24  
DT: 23/07/2024

## Union Budget Creates Hope For MSME Ecosystem In J&K: FCIK

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- The Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has hailed the provisions in the union budget for fostering of MSME ecosystem in the country and has hoped that the J&K government will take cue from such initiatives in order to formulate a robust plan to revive and up-scale the otherwise dilapidated MSME sector in J&K.

Reacting over the budget unveiled by the Union Finance Minister on Tuesday, FCIK expressed satisfaction over the special attention afforded to MSMEs particularly to the labour-

intensive manufacturing sector. "Specific changes in financing, regulation, and technology support formulated in the union budget besides measures for sustainability and up-scaling of skill will surely help MSMEs in their revival, growth and competition" said FCIK President Shahid Kamill.

He said that introduction of a credit guarantee scheme for facilitating term loans to MSMEs for purchase of machinery and equipment without collateral or third-party guarantee was a welcome step likely to modernize existing units to take up challenges of growing competition.

## Bajaj Pulsar NS 400 Launched In Srinagar, Irfan Leads As First Owner

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- Paris Automobiles, the authorized dealer of Bajaj Pulsar, has officially launched the much-anticipated Pulsar NS 400Z in Srinagar.

Irfan, a resident of Srinagar, made history by becoming the first owner of the Bajaj Pulsar NS 400Z in Kashmir.

He expressed his excitement and pride in being the first owner of this highly anticipated model, stating, "I can't wait to hit the roads and experience its performance firsthand."

Commenting on the occasion, General Manager, syed

mushtaq said "This launch signifies our commitment to bringing the latest and best in automotive technology in Kashmir. The Pulsar NS 400Z offers a perfect blend of power, style, and advanced features."

The Pulsar NS 400Z is touted as a game-changer in the mid-range sports bike segment. It features a powerful 373.3cc engine, delivering an impressive 43 PS of power and 35 Nm of torque. The bike also boasts advanced features such as dual-channel ABS, a digital console, and a stylish, aerodynamic design that promises both performance and aesthetics.



**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL AND HOSPITALS DIVISION SRINAGAR**  
(Tele-fax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)

**Subject:** Repairs to different machines and allied works in laundry section at Govt. LD Hospital Srinagar  
**Ref:** This office NIT No: M&HDS/TS /2024-25/35/e-tendering Dated: 08.07.2024

**EXTENSION 02**

In view of poor response, the Critical dates of above subject work tendered vide above referred e-NIT are extended as follows:-

S. No	Description	Date and Time
1.	Last Date of Bid Submission	29.07.2024 (12:00 hrs)
2.	Date of Bid Opening	29.07.2024 (14:00 hrs)

All other Terms and Conditions of the NIT shall remain the same.  
No: M&HDS/TS/2394-97  
Dated: 23.07.2024  
DIPK-3452-24  
DT: 23/07/2024

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Mechanical & Hospitals Division,  
Srinagar

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PROCUREMENT, JAMMU**  
**POWER CORPORATION LIMITED, JAMMU, RAIL HEAD, NARVAL, JAMMU, J&K PIN - 180012**  
PHONE NO. 0191-2473402 | TELE FAX- 0191-2472350 | e-mail: epc1jmu@gmail.com

No: SE/PRJ/TS/ 346  
e- NIT NO. SE/PRJ/ 02 /2024-25  
For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Superintending Engineer, Procurement, JPDC, Jammu invites online e-bids from original Govt. registered manufacturers for supply of material as under for the requirement of JPDC:

NIT No.	SE/PRJ/ 02/2024-25 dated 23-07-2024
Description of Material & Quantity (In Nos.)	PURCHASE OF DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS OF EEL-II (New) OF RATING : 400 KVA (Cu Wound) - 35 Nos.

Detailed NIT maybe downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> upto 16 th of August 2024 till 14:00 Hrs. The tender shall be accepted through online mode only. In case, the tender process does not get completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in the newspapers. The details regarding corrigendum may be seen on the above mentioned website.

Sd/-  
Superintending Engineer,  
Procurement, JPDC  
Jammu

DIPK-NB-1027-24  
DT: 23/07/2024

**SHER-E-KASHMIR UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY OF KASHMIR**  
ESTATES WING, MAIN CAMPUS SHALIMAR - 190 025

**NOTICE INVITING eTENDER**

**E-NIT No. 29 of 2024-25 (FRESH)** Dated: 22.07.2024  
For and on behalf of SKUAST-Kashmir, e-tenders for Civil and Sanitary Stage Works for the year 2024-25 (in Single-cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Civil/Sanitary contractors whose cards are valid up to 31-03-2025 registered with State PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. departments for the following stations:-

S.No	Name of the work	Class of Contractor	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender document
21.	Stage-II: a) FVSc & AH Shuhama b) Mountain Research Station for Sheep & Goat at FVSc & AH Shuhama c) KVK Ganderbal	Class D	25000/-	1000/-
	Stage-III: a) Faculty of Fisheries Rangil, Ganderbal b) Faculty of Forestry Beniham, Ganderbal c) Mountain Livestock Research Institute, Manasbal			
	Stage-VI: a) Temperate Sericulture Research Institute, Mirgund b) KVK Srinagar at Narkara c) KVK Budgam at Haran d) KVK Bandipora			

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

1. Date of issue of Tender Notice	22.07.2024
2. Date of start of downloading	22.07.2024
3. Pre-bid meeting date	NA
4. Bid submission start Date	22.07.2024
5. Bid submission end date	30.07.2024 (06.00 PM)
6. Date of opening of Technical bid (online)	31.07.2024 (11.30 AM)
7. Date of opening of Financial Bids of qualifying bidders (online)	01.08.2024

Further information can be had from the office of the undersigned.  
No. Au./Estates/e-NIT(29)/282  
Dated: 23.07.2024

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
SKUAST-Kashmir

DIPK-NB-1006-24  
DT: 23/07/2024



**CHAIRMAN TEHREEK E DAWAT E TASAWUF International Khawaja Farooq Renzushah and its President Mirwaiz Adil Noorani in a meeting with Aga Syed Muhammed Hadi Moosavi lauded the role of scholars for ensuring Shia Sunni unity in Kashmir.**

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## Big Push For Jobs

would be provided through the Direct Benefit Transfer route. First-time employees registered with EPFO will get a month's salary -- up to Rs 15,000 -- in their PF accounts in three instalments. Sitharaman also announced reimbursement to employers up to Rs 3,000 per month for two years towards their EPFO contribution for each additional employee.

Budget 2024 also proposed to raise the limit of exemption of capital gains on some financial assets to Rs 1.25 lakh per year. The Finance Minister announced that angel tax will be abolished for all classes of investors.

The first Budget of Modi 3.0 earmarked key projects for two states -- Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. This comes after Nitish Kumar's JDU and N Chandrababu Naidu's TDP backed the BJP, which fell short of majority in this election, to cobble up the required numbers.

Sitharaman announced plans to develop expressways connecting Patna and Purnea, and Buxar and Bhagalpur and another connecting Bodhgaya, Rajgir, Vaishali and Darbanga. Additionally, Bihar will get a two-lane bridge over Ganga in Buxar district. The Finance Minister also announced a 2,400 MW power plant at Pirpainti in Bhagalpur.

Bihar is also part of the Purvodaya initiative announced by Modi 3.0 to step up development in the eastern part of the country. "We will formulate Purvodaya for all-round development of Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh," the Finance Minister said.

In Andhra Pradesh, where the NDA swept the recently held Assembly polls, infrastructure projects in Railways and roadways will be prioritised, the minister announced. "Recognising Andhra Pradesh's need for capital, to facilitate support through multilateral development agencies, Rs 15,000 crore to be arranged for Andhra Pradesh for development of capital," she said.

reduce basic customs duty on mobile phones, chargers and other mobile parts," Sitharaman said while presenting Budget 2024 in the parliament.

Sitharaman slashes import duties on gold and silver to 6%, a move that industry officials say could boost retail demand and help in curbing smuggling in the world's second-biggest bullion consumer.

Higher demand for gold from India could support global prices, which hit a record high earlier this year, although that could increase India's trade deficit and weigh on the ailing rupee.

On the other hand, the government will raise customs duty on ammonium nitrate by 10% and by 25% on non-biodegradable plastics.

This is the first budget of the Modi 3.0 government and is expected to have a significant impact on India's economic landscape, touching upon various sectors from infrastructure development to social welfare programs.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday had said that the Finance Minister will present a strong budget, adding that he will ensure that the government's guarantees reach the common man. Nirmala Sitharaman yesterday - on the first day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament - tabled the Economic Survey in Parliament.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Tuesday.

The budget aims to promote

'Aatmanirbharta' (self-reliance) in defence technology and manufacturing, equip the armed forces with modern weapons, and create job opportunities for the youth.

The capital outlay for the defence forces is set at Rs 1.72 lakh crore. The overall allocation to the defence sector is nearly 13 per cent of the total budget.

To boost the startup ecosystem in the defence sector, Rs 518 crore has been allocated to the Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI) scheme, which will support technology solutions from startups and MSMEs.

75 percent of the modernisation budget, amounting to Rs 1,05,518 crore, is earmarked for procurement through domestic industries this financial year.

To improve border infrastructure, the budgetary allocation to Border Roads Organisation (BRO) under capital for Budget Estimates (BE) 2024-25 is Rs 6,500 crore. This aims to enhance strategic infrastructure development and boost socio-economic growth in border areas.

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) receives Rs 7,651.80 crore for FY 2024-25, with Rs 3,500 crore dedicated to capital expenditure. This will enhance the ICG's capabilities to address emerging maritime challenges and provide humanitarian assistance to other nations.

**1 Month Wage**

Budget 2024 in the parliament. Discontent over job opportunities was seen as a key reason for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party, the BJP, failing to win a majority on its own in the general elections, and returning to power only with the support of allies.

While presenting the Union Budget for 2024-25, the Finance Minister announced three employment-linked schemes.

The first scheme, Sitharaman said will provide one month's wage to those entering the workforce in all sectors. There will be a direct-benefit transfer of one month's salary, in three instalments to a maximum of Rs15,000, to first-time employees registering with the Employees Provident Fund Organisation.

Scheme B will incentivise additional employment into the manufacturing sector linked to the employment of first-time employees.

"An incentive will be provided at specified scale directly to the employee and employer with respect to the EPFO contribution in the first four years of employment. This scheme is expected to benefit 30 lakh youth... and their employers," the minister said.

The Finance Minister said the scheme C will cover additional employment in all sectors.

"All additional employment within a salary of Rs 1 lakh per month will be counted," she said, adding that the government will reimburse to employers up to Rs 3,000 per month for two years towards the EPFO contribution to each additional employee.

The scheme is expected to incentivise additional employment of 50 lakh people.

She announced that working women hostels will be set up in the country to promote women's participation in the workforce.

She added that the government will provide funds to the private sector, domain experts and others for developing climate-resilient seeds.

**Internship To 1 Cr Youth Over 5 Yrs**

In a bid to provide jobs to the youth, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday proposed to launch an ambitious scheme for providing internship opportunities in 500 top companies to 1 crore youth

over a five-year period. Under the scheme, an internship allowance of Rs 5,000 per month, along with a one-time assistance of Rs 6,000 will be provided to youths.

"As the 5th scheme under the Prime Minister's package, our government will launch a comprehensive scheme for providing internship opportunities in 500 top companies to 1 crore youth in five years," Sitharaman said in her Budget speech.

These youths will gain exposure for 12 months to real-life business environments, varied professions and employment opportunities.

She said that companies will bear the training cost and 10 per cent of the internship cost from their CSR (corporate social responsibility) funds. As per the Companies Act 2013, certain classes of profitable organisations are required to shell out at least 2 per cent of the three-year annual net profit towards CSR activities in a particular financial year.

## Over Rs 42,000

It has allocated Rs 101.77 crore as support for the Union Territory's capital expenditure to meet the resource-gap funding for infrastructure projects.

In addition to the total budget of Rs 42,277.74 crore, the Centre has also allocated Rs 9,789.42 crore to the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

## FM Unveils

As per documents, the total expected revenue receipts are Rs 98,719 crore and capital receipts are Rs 19,671 crore.

This was the sixth consecutive budget to be presented in the Parliament for J&K after imposition of Governor's rule in June 2018 following withdrawal of BJP's support to Mehbooba Mufti-led government.

After imposition of Governor's Rule, the budget for 2019-20 was approved by then J&K Governor as head of the State Administrative Council. After downgrading of J&K into a UT in August 2019, all budgets of the UT were presented in the Parliament.

On February 5 this year, J&K's interim budget for 2024-25 was also presented in the Parliament.

## BUDGET SPEECH

In her budget speech, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that Rs 17,000 crore special assistance has been worked out to correct complex financial issues of J&K.

"This year the Government of India decided to correct this historical aberration by providing adequate financial support to Jammu and Kashmir coupled with reforms to come out of the perpetual fiscal stress. I am happy to mention here that to correct the complex fiscal issues of Jammu and Kashmir, a special central assistance of Rs 17,000 crore has been worked out," she said.

She said the unprecedented assistance would lead to complete improvement in fiscal position enabling the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to correct the legacy of financial challenges and work towards fulfilling the developmental needs and aspirations of the people, while maintaining stable fiscal health.

"As a result of this Rs 17,000 crore central assistance, the fiscal deficit to GDP ratio will be 3.0% in 2024-25 well within the target," she said.

She announced that apart from this, a lump sum special grant of Rs 5,000 crore as additional central assistance is being provided in the current financial year.

She added that due to historical challenges in financial management, J&K has a legacy of very high fiscal stress.

# Drone-Based Seed Dispersal Launched To Enhance Green Cover of Vaishno Devi Hills

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) has launched a drone-based initiative to enhance the green cover of the Trikuta hills in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.

This pioneering effort leverages cutting-edge technology for environmental conservation and sustainable development, preserving the natural grandeur of the revered shrine.

Anshul Garg, chief executive officer of the shrine board, inaugurated the initiative at the Natali village on Tuesday, a spokesman of the board said.

In association with Prime UAV Private Limited, a specialised agency renowned for its expertise in advanced drone technology and



environmental conservation, the initiative aims to deploy drones to disperse seeds of native plant species, promoting eco-friendly practices and supporting biodiversity conservation," he said.

The initiative involves dispersing

seeds of native species like panicum, trifolium, bamboo, khair, pharlai, arjun, sukhi-chain, and bottle brush, covering an area of 109 hectares, he said.

The drone-based seed-dispersal initiative will focus on 12 native species that promote soil conservation, prevent erosion, and support the local ecosystem. "Each drone flight distributes approximately 10 kg of seeds, and regular monitoring will be carried out to assess the germination and survivability of these species," the spokesman added.

The CEO emphasised that the drone-based afforestation initiative is expected to have far-reaching benefits. Over the next 10 years, the Forest Wing of the Board plans to cover a 100-hectare degraded patch annually.

"Mr. Speaker Sir, while analysing the fiscal situation of Jammu and Kashmir, we observed that due to historical challenges in financial management, it has a legacy of very high fiscal stress. This is aggravated by the committed nature of the major expenditures not supported by proportionate increase in its revenues. Its dependence on central grant is to the tune of around 70% of its total expenditure. The perpetual fiscal stress leads to frequent use of ways and means advances and overdraft," she said.

## Centre Takes Over

Jammu and Kashmir's annual budget.

"It is observed that around 11 per cent of the budget of Jammu and Kashmir is used for Police. Such expenses on policing being unavoidable, leave limited space for spending on development and welfare projects," she stated. The high expenditure on the police force has historically constrained the region's ability to invest in crucial development and welfare initiatives, according to the speech.

To address this issue, the Union Government has allocated Rs 12,000 crore in the annual budget to cover the salary, pension, and other operational costs of the Jammu and Kashmir Police. This shift in financial responsibility is aimed at freeing up significant resources for the Union Territory's development projects. Additionally, a special grant of Rs 5,000 crore will be provided as additional central assistance in the current financial year.

"With this unprecedented assistance of Rs 17,000 crore, the fiscal deficit to GDP ratio will be 3.0 per cent in the FY 2024-25, well within the target. This assistance will lead to a complete improvement in the fiscal position, enabling the Government of Jammu and Kashmir to correct the legacy of financial challenges and work towards fulfilling the developmental needs and aspirations of the people, while maintaining stable fiscal health," Sitharaman added.

Sections in the media had already reported that the Finance Ministry has approved the idea of the Jammu and Kashmir Police budget to be routed through MHA on the lines of Delhi Police. It was justified by the argument that the police force would be modernised.

## Mixed Reactions

"While there isn't much specifically announced for Jammu & Kashmir in this Budget, we remain hopeful that existing schemes will be extended," Suri added.

Shivang Mahajan from KC Group commented on the Budget, noting its limited focus on J&K but welcoming the support for MSMEs and startups.

"Overall, it presents a positive outlook with a varied focus," he remarked.

Arun Gupta, President of the Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industries (JCCI), said the Budget addresses multiple sectors including farming, women empowerment, youth development, skills enhancement, and industrial growth.

"However, while J&K is mentioned, more attention is needed for this region," he emphasized.

## Will Centre Further

with high stamp duty to moderate rates for all, lower duties further for properties purchased by women," she said in the Budget speech.

## Budget To Benefit

entrepreneurs in every city,

## Soldier Killed

Battal forward area of the Krishnagati belt and forced the terrorists to retreat.

Lance Naik Subash Kumar was injured in the intense gunfight and later succumbed, they said, adding terrorists too suffered "loss".

The post-mortem has been conducted and the soldier's body handed over to the Army, a police officer said.

A search operation has been launched in the area, the officials said.

There has been a spurt in terror activities in the Jammu in recent months, raising fears about the revival of militancy in the region.

## Anti-terror Operation

It was not yet clear if any casualties have taken place in the initial contact between the security forces and the terrorists.

## Focus On Agriculture

agriculture and measures highlighted in budget will greatly benefit J&K. Natural farming, mission for oilseeds, vegetable production, supply chains and national cooperation will ensure inclusive growth for farmers, villages and labourers," the LG said in a series of posts on X.

"J&K has seized the opportunities of 21st century & our youth are building proud & prosperous UT. #Budget2024 with focus on 'Employment & Skilling' & new schemes will give fresh impetus to youth empowerment & it'll pave the way for higher participation of women in the workforce," he said.

He said the budget provides unlimited opportunities to youth, women, farmers and entrepreneurs and lays down plans for a prosperous rural India and will speed up development of a robust agriculture infrastructure and urban development.

"This budget with focus on employment, skilling, MSMEs and the middle class, seeks to translate the vision of empowering all sections of the population. 9 priorities for generating ample opportunities for all as envisaged in the budget will ensure faster progress and social equity," Sinha said.

The LG also hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for a "visionary" budget, saying it will intensify "economic growth, facilitate far-reaching reforms for 'Viksit Bharat' and increase 'Ease of Doing Business' and 'Ease of Living'".

Sinha added that the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan for saturation coverage in tribal-majority villages and aspirational districts will be a "game-changer".

"Budget-2024 ensures that the system at grassroots is strong and caring and people enjoy the fruits of social justice," he said.

## School Timings

parents and other stakeholders regarding change in school timings for students due to the ongoing heatwave

According to the weather forecast, the same conditions are expected to continue in the coming days as well.

"Now therefore, in view of the above and considering the requests from parents and various stakeholders, as well as the weather forecast, classwork in all government and recognized private schools up to the Higher Secondary level in the Kashmir Division shall commence from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in both rural and urban areas," it reads.

DSEK further clarified that teaching and non-teaching staff shall attend their duties from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. "This arrangement will continue upto 10th August 2024."

## July 21

Copernicus confirmed to Reuters that the record daily temperature average set last year appeared to have been broken on Sunday.

Last year saw four days in a row break the record, from July 3 through July 6, as climate change, driven by the burning of fossil fuels, drove extreme heat across the Northern Hemisphere.

Every month since June 2023 - 13 months in a row - has now ranked as the planet's hottest since records began, compared with the corresponding month in previous years, Copernicus said.

Some scientists have suggested 2024 could outrank 2023 as the hottest year since records began, as climate change and the El Nino natural weather phenomenon - which ended in April - have pushed temperatures ever higher this year.

# India Men's Cricket Team Arrives In Sri Lanka For White-Ball Series

Press Trust of India

**PALLEKELE:** The Indian men's cricket team under new head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Suryakumar Yadav arrived here via Colombo to a warm welcome, with the recently-crowned T20 world champions playfully mingling with fans and giving them some precious moments.

The 15-member India team along with the support staff had left Mumbai on Monday after a pre-departure press conference addressed by Gambhir, who took over Rahul Dravid as the national coach, and BCCI's chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar.

They arrived the same day in Pallekele after a short layover in Colombo.

India will play a three-match T20I series against the home side.



The Suryakumar-led side will play the first of the three T20Is on July 27, followed by matches on July 28 and 30.

The team will then travel to Colombo to play three One-day Internationals scheduled for August 2, 4 and 7.

"Mumbai to Pallekele via Colombo. TeamIndia have reached Sri Lanka," wrote BCCI on 'X' with a short video

showing the players enjoying their air and road journey to the fullest.

The team, comprising of several youngsters with Shubman Gill as the vice-captain, is without stalwarts Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja, who announced retirement from T20Is following India's title triumph in the T20 World Cup in the Caribbean.

Suryakumar was last week appointed the new T20 captain ahead of all-rounder Hardik Pandya, who previous led the side, because of his fitness and the feedback the team management got from the dressing room.

The team has a fair sprinkling of experience as apart from Suryakumar and Gill, it also has Sanju Samson, Pandya and pacers Mohammed Siraj and Arshdeep Singh among others.

## Khelo India Once Again Gets Lion's Share In Union Budget For Sports

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Khelo India, which is the government's flagship project to promote sports at the grassroots level, was once again the biggest beneficiary in the union budget for the sports ministry as it was assigned Rs 900 crore from the overall allocation of Rs 3,442.32 crore on Tuesday.

Khelo India's share, announced in the budget presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman here, is Rs 20 crore more than the revised allocation of Rs 880 crore during the previous financial year.

With the Olympic cycle set to

add programmes ever since the inaugural Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) were held in 2018.

The ministry added Khelo India University Games in 2020, before also launching the Khelo India Winter Games the same year and the Khelo India Para Games in 2023.

Hundreds of Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE) have been set up across the country, which aim to provide facilities for athletes with potential. Several Khelo India athletes are currently in India's Olympic-bound contingent.

The government's assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) has also seen an increase of Rs 15



crore -- from Rs 325 crore in 2023-24 to Rs 340 crore in the latest budget. The budget for Sports Authority of India, which apart from maintaining its stadia across the country also manages the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) to prepare athletes for the global sporting extravaganza, has also been enhanced from Rs 795.77 crore to Rs 822.60 crore, which is a jump of Rs 26.83 crore.

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) and the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), which does all the testing, have received marginal increase in their budgets.

While NADA's budget has gone up from Rs 21.73 crore last year to Rs 22.30 crore, NDTL has got Rs 22 crore, up from Rs 19.50 last year.

to add programmes ever since the inaugural Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) were held in 2018.

The ministry added Khelo India University Games in 2020, before also launching the Khelo India Winter Games the same year and the Khelo India Para Games in 2023.

Hundreds of Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE) have been set up across the country, which aim to provide facilities for athletes with potential. Several Khelo India athletes are currently in India's Olympic-bound contingent.

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## PCB Leaves It Up To ICC To Convince India To Travel For Champions Trophy



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**KARACHI:** The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has left it up to the International Cricket Council (ICC) to convince the BCCI to send its team to Pakistan for the upcoming champions Trophy, scheduled to be held in the first quarter of next year.

According to a PCB source, while the budget for the Champions Trophy was approved at the recent ICC meetings in Colombo, the schedule and format didn't come up for discussion at all.

"The PCB now has done what was required of it as hosts of the Champions Trophy. It has submitted the draft schedule and format for the event and also submitted budget for the event," a PCB insider said.

"It is now up to the ICC how soon they circulate, discuss and finalise the schedule of the Champions Trophy. The PCB for its part in the draft schedule has suggested hosting all of India's games in Lahore, including a semi-final

(if India qualifies) and final," he said.

Another source said that the PCB has already submitted all details in its expression of interest document with the ICC as hosts of the Champions Trophy.

"The PCB for its part has given in writing to the ICC about the tax modalities, venue selections and clearance from its government for Indian team to be hosted in Pakistan for the mega event," he added.

The PCB had initially submitted its expression of interest in hosting the event back in 2021 during the tenure of Ehsan Mani as chairman of the board.

The ICC awarded hosting rights in 2022 and later on when Ramiz Raja was PCB Chairman, the board submitted its final documentation for the host agreement to sign with the ICC.

The source revealed that the PCB chief, Mohsin Naqvi, didn't have any formal meeting with the BCCI secretary, Jay Shah, or any other BCCI

officials on the sidelines of the ICC meetings but the exchanges between Naqvi and Shah were cordial during the meetings.

The PCB has now left it up to the ICC to finalise and announce the tournament schedule and also get confirmation from the BCCI whether the Indian team will travel to Pakistan.

The ICC has kept supplementary expenses in its tournament budget to meet any situation where the Indian team has to play its matches outside Pakistan.

The BCCI has always steadfastly maintained that playing cricket in Pakistan is completely a government call and even the 2023 ODI Asia Cup, which was hosted by PCB, witnessed India playing all its games in Sri Lanka based on 'Hybrid Model'.

According to the draft schedule, all of India's games including a possible semi-final and final has been scheduled in Lahore. The India vs Pakistan marquee match has been scheduled on March 1.

### Short TAKES

#### Snoop Dogg To Carry Torch Ahead Of Paris Opening Ceremony



American rapper Snoop Dogg will be among the torchbearers carrying the Olympic flame in the final stretch before the opening ceremony of the Paris Games on Friday.

Snoop Dogg, 52, will carry the torch through the streets of Saint-Denis, the underprivileged northern Paris suburb that is home to the Stade de France Olympic Stadium, the town's mayor Mathieu Hanotin said on social media platform X.

Other carriers of the torch in Saint-Denis on Friday include French actress Laetitia Casta and French rapper MC Solaar.

#### Asalanka Appointed Sri Lanka T20I Captain For India Series

Charith Asalanka has been appointed as the captain of the Sri Lankan T20I team for the upcoming three-match series against India, starting on July 27. He replaces Wanindu Hasaranga, who stepped down following Sri Lanka's exit from last month's T20 World Cup.

Asalanka, 27, brings substantial captaincy experience to the role. Earlier, he led Sri Lanka in two T20Is in Bangladesh in Hasaranga's absence. Additionally, Asalanka captained the Jaffna Kings to victory in the recent Lanka Premier League.

#### Afghanistan Pledges Participation In Champions Trophy In Pakistan

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has got a big boost in its bid to successfully host the ICC Champions Trophy early next year after Afghanistan has assured its participation in the tournament.

Afghanistan Cricket Board president Mirwais Ashraf and CEO Naseeb Khan, who were in Colombo to attend the ICC Annual Board Meeting met with PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi and gave him the assurance.

The Champions Trophy is the first major ICC event scheduled in Pakistan.

#### Murray To End Legendary Career After Paris Games

Britain's Andy Murray, the first male tennis player to claim two Olympic singles gold medals, said on Tuesday that he will play the final event of his glittering career at the Paris Games before heading into retirement.

Murray, widely regarded as one of Britain's all-time great sportsmen, won gold in London 2012 beating Roger Federer in the final and successfully defended his title in Rio four years later defeating Juan Martin del Potro.

#### Messi, Suárez To Miss MLS All-Star Game Due To Injuries

Inter Miami star Lionel Messi will miss the MLS All-Star Game due to an ankle injury. The 37-year-old Messi sustained a right ankle injury during the July 14 Copa America final win over Colombia.

Messi's teammate, Luis Suárez, will also miss the game on Wednesday in Columbus, Ohio, due to knee discomfort, according to the team. Both players were listed among the unavailable players by the league on Monday.

Messi, an eight-time Ballon D'Or winner, has missed wins over Toronto FC and the Chicago Fire.

## Olympics 2024: From 11-Year-Old To 60-Plus, Paris Games Is Playground For All

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**PARIS:** Age is just a number, goes the old adage. And it seems particularly true for the Olympics where none is too old or too young to compete.

So, an 11-year-old skateboarder will share the same global stage with a sexagenarian equestrian, who will be making her debut at the Paris Games starting July 26.

In the Indian contingent too, a 14-year-old swimmer will draw inspiration from a 44-year-old tennis stalwart.

PTI takes a look at the oldest and youngest competitors who will be seen in the French capital.

#### Zheng Haohao (China, skateboarding)

At 11 years and 11 months, skateboarder Zheng will be the youngest competitor at the Paris Games. She is a year older than the youngest ever Olympian, Greek gymnast Dimitrios Loundras, who competed at the inaugural edition of the modern Games in 1896 at the age of 10

years and 218 days.

Zheng, who will turn 12 on August 11, booked a ticket to Paris after the Qualification Series in Budapest and Shanghai.

She started skateboarding, a sport which was introduced in the Olympics in the 2020 Tokyo Games, as a seven-year-old for "fun".

"Somebody told me skateboarding was fun and I bought one. It is fun indeed," said Zheng, who just completed primary school in Huizhou this month.

"I was watching an older girl competing in a qualifier for the Tokyo Olympics. She looked really cool, and I was fascinated by skateboarding right away," she said.

The sport that involves athletes skating across a bowl-shaped course and performing gravity-defying tricks will take place at the famous Place de La Concorde in the heart of the French capital.

Zheng will not be the only teenaged athlete in the Paris Olympics. Canadian skateboarder Fay De Fazio Ebert is 14



years old. USA's Quincy Wilson and Hezly Rivera, Lola Tambling and Sky Brown from the Great Britain are all 16-year-olds.

**Jill Irving (Canada, equestrian)**  
On the other hand, Canadian

equestrian team member Jill Irving will be the oldest competitor when she makes her Olympics debut in Paris at 61 years, more than five times the age of Zheng.

Australian Mary Hanna, who

has competed at six Olympics since 1996 Atlanta edition, is even older at 69 years but she is a travelling reserve in the equestrian team (for dressage event) and may not compete at all in Paris.

She would be called only in case of injury or illness to another member of the Australian team.

The oldest ever Olympian was shooter Oscar Swahn of Sweden who was 72 when he competed at the 1920 Antwerp Olympics.

Irving learned to ride at a local club five decades ago, when she was a kid. But even decades after she first saddled up, she could not fulfill her dream of taking part in the Olympics, till Paris came calling.

Irving began taking the sport seriously only after her children left home in 2008. She made her FEI debut in 2013, and has had multiple top-10 finishes since then. She also helped Canada win the dressage gold medal at the 2019 Pan American Games.

She was supposed to take part at the Tokyo Olympics, but her horse grew too old to compete when the Games were postponed by one year.

Other Paris Games participants who have already celebrated their 50th birthday include Mario Deslauriers (equestrian, 59) of Canada, Carl

Hester (equestrian, 57) of Great Britain, Nino Salukvadze (shooting, 55) of Georgia and Andy Macdonald (skateboarding, 50) of Great Britain.

#### Dhinidhi Desinghu (swimming, youngest Indian)

At 14 years and two months, Dhinidhi Desinghu will be the youngest Indian athlete at the Paris Olympics when she competes in the women's 200m freestyle.

The ninth grade student from Bengaluru qualified for the Olympics through the universality quota system, which allows representation of countries even if their athletes have not achieved direct qualification standards.

Desinghu is the second youngest Indian Olympian. Swimmer Aarti Saha at 11 years old participated in women's 200m breaststroke during the 1952 Helsinki Olympics.

Bhajan Kaur (archery, 18 years) and Esha Singh (shooting, 19 years) are among other young Indian participants at the Paris Games.



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