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ANANTNAG ENCOUNTER Search Operation Enters 3rd Day

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The anti-terror operation in the forest area of Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir entered the third day on Monday as security forces widened the search area to flush out terrorists, officials said.

Three persons, including two soldiers, were killed in the exchange of fire with terrorists on Saturday following which a massive manhunt has been launched in the Ahlan Gagarmandu forest area of Anantnag district to eliminate the ultras.

The operation to hunt down the ultras continued for the third day despite the challenging topography.

The firefight started on Saturday evening | [More on P10](#)



Thousands of people joined the 'Tiranga rally' led by J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in Srinagar on Monday.

Terror Module Busted In Kathua, 9 Held

Agencies

Jammu: In a significant breakthrough in the ongoing anti-terror operation, security forces detained a Kathua based "king-pin" of Over Ground Workers (OGW) network along with his eight other associates for providing logistic support and guiding the terrorists to reach upper reaches of Doda-Udhampur-Kathua districts and usher terror activities.

A police official said that collaborating human intelligence, inputs provided by central intelligence agencies and successful operation in Gandoh Doda, where three foreign terrorists were gunned down, the security forces zeroed-in on a module, wherein freshly infiltrated terrorists | [More on P10](#)

FROM DEBT TO ECONOMIC GROWTH

LG Showcases J&K's Financial Turnaround

» "Repaid 28,000 Cr In Power Dues, J&K Getting Cheapest Power" » Says J&K Bank Turned From Rs 1,139 Cr Loss To Rs 1,700 Cr Profit



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THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO TAKE the financial burden of J&K police for which an allocation of Rs 12,000 crore has been made."

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Stating that Jammu & Kashmir has witnessed significant progress and development, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said that administration has

increased the Union Territory's revenues, reduced wasteful expenditure and improved fiscal transparency.

Addressing a news conference on J&K's 2024-25 budget, the LG said the reforms and initiatives coupled with judicious

welfare measures and infrastructure development have helped GDP of J&K to double from Rs 1.17 lakh crore in 2015-16 to Rs 2.45 lakh crore in 2023-24. "The GDP is expected to touch Rs 2.63 lakh crore in 2024-25," he said. | [More on P10](#)

SPEECH HIGHLIGHTS

Revenue Augmentation:

- Improved GST compliance and introduced e-Stamping.
- Tax revenues up 9% to Rs 13,900 crore in 2023-24.
- GST up 12%, excise up 39% in FY 2023-24.
- Smart meters cut T&D losses by 25%, boosted tariff collection by 10%.
- Non-tax revenues up 25% to Rs 6,500 crore.

Expenditure Reforms:

- CSS fund receipts increased to Rs 10,300 crore in 2023-24.
- Enhanced transparency with tech reforms, Aadhar seeding, and competitive procurement.
- Leakages reduced by Rs 400 crore annually.

Effective Fiscal Management:

- Improved budget transparency, repaid Rs 28,000 crore in power dues.
- Contributed to RBI contingency funds for the first time in 77 years.
- Reduced overdrafts and managed off-budget borrowings.

J&K's Economy:

- GDP doubled to Rs 2.45 lakh crore in 2023-24.
- J&K Bank turned from Rs 1,139 crore loss to ₹1,700 crore profit.

Special Assistance Package:

- Rs 17,000 crore special assistance package for J&K.
- Rs 12,000 crore allocated for J&K Police.
- Fiscal deficit to GDP ratio to reduce to 3.0%.

Urges Against Backing Peace Disruptors In J&K

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir not to support those who were detrimental to peace and development in the Union Territory.

Describing the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A as a historic change, he also claimed half the population would have continued to be denied their rights without this move.

"I want to tell the people not to empower or strengthen elements that are detrimental to peace and development," Sinha told PTI Videos in

an interview on Sunday.

Sinha was responding to a question about his message to the people in light of criticism from some political parties regarding jailed leader Engineer Rashid's election to Parliament and concerns that it could lead to increased separatism in democratic politics.

"It is true that such elements have reached Parliament. The country knows them and we know them too. I urge voters, who have total freedom in a democracy, to make decisions with national interest in mind," he said.

Rashid was sworn in as a member of the 18th Lok Sabha | [More on P10](#)

CRIMINAL CONTEMPT CASE

HC Grants DC Gbl 2 Days To Decide On 'Apology'

M Ahmad

Srinagar, Aug 12: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Monday granted two days time to Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir Singh (IAS) to decide if wants to tender an apology by appearing personally before the trial court in the central Kashmir district.

Shyambir is facing criminal contempt proceedings initiated against him following a reference by Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) of the Ganderbal district.

"Pursuant to the opportunity given by this Court vide order dated 05.08.2024, Mr. Shyambir, Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal, has appeared before this Court and has prepared his reply." A division bench of Justices Atul Sreedharan and Sanjeev Kumar said.

"The contemnor (Shyambir Singh) orally submitted before this Court that whatever he did

was not intentional to undermine the dignity of the learned court (Ganderbal court)," the court noted in the order, adding, "He asked for some time to think over whether he is willing to file an affidavit of apology and personally appear before the learned court below. The case has been ordered by the High Court to list again on August 14.

Last month, a court in Ganderbal issued show-notice to Deputy Commissioner Shyambir as to why a reference be not made to the High Court of J&K and Ladakh for initiating contempt proceedings against him in terms of Contempt of Courts Act.

The court, Sub-judge Ganderbal, passed the order against the Deputy Commissioner for allegedly not complying with its order in a civil suit and attempting to "personally attack" him "by manipulation and fabrication". Subsequently, | [More on P10](#)



LG Flags Off Tiranga Yatra In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday flagged off the Tiranga Yatra here as he joined thousands of people, including public representatives and officials, in the walkathon.

"Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in J&K has grown to

be a people's movement. May our beloved and victorious Tricolor fly high in the world," the LG said.

Sinha urged the citizens to take home the National Flag and hoist it with pride and honour and be a part of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

He said the campaign is an embodiment of the collective commitment to

nation-building and creates personal connection with the Tiranga.

The LG expressed gratitude to the citizens for playing a critical role in making the yatra a grand success.

In the last two years, people across the union territory belonging to different segments of society have embraced the | [More on P10](#)

KP Brothers Win Legal Battle Over 11 Kanals Of Land

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has directed District Magistrate Anantnag to restore to two Kashmir Pandit brothers over 11 kanals of land which had been claimed by one Shri Ramakrishana Mahasammelan Ashram (SRMA) Nagadandi in Achabal area of the south Kashmir district as 'Sankalped' (religiously donated).

A bench of Justice M. A. Chowdhary, passed the directions on a plea filed by siblings—Rituraj S. Kathju and

Kandarp S. Kathju, claiming that their grandfather and father were the owners and possessors of land measuring 11 kanals and 3 marlas in village Trahpoo of Tehsil Achabal. The duo stated that the land was purchased by their grandfather namely Kanwarlal Kathju son of Rattan Lal of Srinagar and the same was transferred to their father namely Siddharth Kathju, being the only child of the Kanwarlal Kathju. On the piece of land, they said, a cottage was built by their grandfather | [More on P10](#)

Srinagar To Get Press Club Soon: Body

Agencies

Srinagar: The executive body of Press Club of Kashmir Monday announced that the journalist fraternity will soon have a press club in Srinagar.

In a statement, a spokesperson said that the administration has agreed to provide every possible help in establishing the club as soon as possible.

The statement reads that

today prominent journalists nominated the executive body, including M Saleem Pandit of Times of India as interim president, Zulfikar Majid of Deccan Herald as general secretary and Farzana Muntaz of News Kashmir as treasurer.

It reads that the executive members later held a meeting with the administration, regarding their help and assistance in | [More on P10](#)

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
E-NIT No.47/R&B/RAJ of 2024-25 issued under Endorsement No:4706-16 Dated: 10.08.2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:- 32

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rupees in Lacs)	Cost of (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of completion	Major Head	Class of Contractor
1	Development of Existing Park into Joggar Park at Sanat Nagar Bypass Near Masjid Abu Bakar.	9.69	600/-	19380/-	25 Days	District Capex Budget 2024-25	"CEE/DEE"

Position of AAA: Accorded BY vide order No.97-DDCS of 2024 Dated: 06.08.2024.
 Position of TS: Accorded
 Position of Funds: Committed / Demanded

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10.08.2024.
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	11.08.2024 from 10:00AM
3	Bid submission Start Date	12.08.2024 from 10:00AM
4	Bid Submission End Date	17.08.2024 upto 04:00PM
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	19.08.2024 at 11:00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh Srinagar.

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

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

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

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

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

7. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double Agreement Form).

Sd/-
 Executive Engineer,
 R&B Division Srinagar.
 (NM)

No.4706-16
 DIPP-4620/24 Dated: 12.08.2024.

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Palhallan
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class
 Application of Owais Nohi u din Ahanger S/o and Rabiya Mohi u din , Nadiya Mohi u din wards of Ghulam Mohi u din Ahanger R/o Ussan Khoie Pattan for obtaining OBC Certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE
 General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the applicant file is currently under process in the office of undersigned regarding obtaining OBC certificate. According to the field staffs report the applicants are permanent resident of village Ussan Khoie tehsil Pattan District Baramulla and have been residing here from more than 15 years and has not migrated from the said village the annual family income of the applicant from all sources is Rs 124800 /-. Family details of the applicant are give below.

S. No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
1	Ghulam Mohi u din Ahanger	S/o Gh Mohammad Ahanger	55	Labour
2	Shakeela Begm	W/o Ghulam Mohi u din Ahanger	54	H/W
3	Owais Mohi u din	S/o --	23	student
4	Rabiya Mohi u din	D/o --	19	Student
05	Nadiya Mohi u din	D/o --	19	--

In this connection if any person(s) has any objection(s) he/ she can visit the undersigned's office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection will be considered.
 fko Naib Tehsildar

PUBLIC NOTICE
 I Mohammad Ayoub Dar intend to rectify my name my Daughter's name in her Bank Account held under the name Anza Ayoub A/c 064604080000376 from Mohd Ayoub Dar F/o Anza Ayoub Dar to Mohammad Ayoub Dar F/o Anza Jan as per Aadhaar. There appears to be a discrepancy that needs correction. In this, regard if any person or quarter should have any objection he/she may file the same to the concerned branch sangam within a week at the most. Failing which it will be deemed that there is no objection from any quarter.
 Media Line Ads

Office of Naib Tehsildar Sanat Nagar
Tehsil Chanapora/Natipora
 Issuance of Dependent Certificate in favour of dependents of the deceased Rifat W/o Manzoor Ahmad Rangrez R/o Rawalpura who expired on 15/06/2024

Notice
 The above titled application for issuance of dependent certificate is under process in our office. In this regard a report has been obtained from concerned field staff which reveals that Rifat W/o Manzoor Ahmad Rangrez R/o Rawalpura expired on 15/06/2024. The said deceased was survived by following dependents.

S. No.	Name	Relationship With deceased	Age (in years)	Occupation
1.	Lubaib Manzoor Aabis	Son	30	Student
2.	Mohammad Aabis	Son	25	Student

The applicant seeks issuance of dependent certificate in favour of dependents of the deceased. If anyone is having any objections in this regard, he/she may intimate the office of undersigned either personally on through an authorized agent within seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. After expiry of said period no claim shall be entertained. The notice is issued today under my seal & signature.
 Naib Tehsildar Sanat Nagar.
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Office of the Naib Tehsildar Palhallan
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class
 Application Of Aaqib Hassan S/o Gh Hassan Talie And Rakshana Hassan D/o Gh Hassan Talie R/o Shairbhugh Sultanpora Pattan for obtaining OBC Certificate

PUBLIC NOTICE
 General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the applicant file is currently under process in the office of undersigned regarding obtaining OBC certificate. According to the field staffs report the applicants are permanent resident of village Shairbhugh Sultanpora tehsil Pattan District Baramulla and have been residing here from more than 15 years and has not migrated from the said village the annual family income of the applicant from all sources is Rs 546000 /-. Family details of the applicant are give below.

S. No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
1	Gh Hassan Talie	S/o Ab Kabir Talie	52	Labour
2	Mehfooza Begum	W/o Gh Hassan Talie	50	H/W
3	Mohd Ibrahim Talie	S/o --	28	Outside Country Student
4	Muntazir Hassan	S/o --	24	Student
05	Aaqib Hassan Hassan	S/o ---	22	--
06	Rakshana Hassan	D/o --	19	--

In this connection if any person(s) has any objection(s) he/she can visit the undersigned's office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection will be considered.
 fko Naib Tehsildar

NOTICE
 I Fayaz Ahmad Baba intend to rectify the name/Mother's name of my son Fazil Fayaz Baba, studying in the grade 8th session 2024 under Roll no 17 section Red in Green Valley Educational Institute, Ellahibagh, Bucharpora, Srinagar, From Fazil Fayaz Instead Fazil Fayaz Baba & From Nayeema Instead Nayeema Akhtar which is inadvertently recorded in the school record. Should there be any objection, in this regard, from any person or quarter, the same may be reported to the principal of the institute within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there is no objection from any quarter.
 Media Line

PUBLIC NOTICE
 I have lost my passport bearing no: W9110160 . Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
 Mohammad Umer Dar S/o Gh Nabi Dar R/o Palhallan Pattan
 fko

PUBLIC NOTICE
 My name has been wrongly written in DOB certificate as Atif Naseer Naik S/o Naseer Ahmad Naik R/o Palhallan Pattan while my correct name is Mohammad Aatif Naik S/o Naseer Ahmad Naik R/o Palhallan Pattan which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Block Development Office Pattan within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
 Mohammad Aatif Naik S/o Naseer Ahmad Naik R/o Palhallan Pattan
 FKO

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Executive Officer
Municipal Council Shopian.

Subject: Auction of Entry Fee / Terminal Tax Collection contract for the year 2024-25 .

AUCTION NOTICE.
 E - NIT No: MC/SPN/23 of 2024
 Dated: 10/08/2024.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of J&K UT, term e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited from the interested persons/parties for Auction of Entry Fee / Terminal Tax of Municipal Council Shopian, for the year 2024-25 w.e.f.01.09.2024 to 31.08.2025. The Minimum reserved bid is fixed Rs.1,61,57000/- (Rupees One Crore sixty one lakh fifty seven thousands)only. The detail of entry posts is as under:-

S.No	Name of Post
01	Shirmal Chungi Post
02	Largam Chungi Post
03	Gagren Chungi Post
04	Batpora Chungi Post
05	Chowgam via Mughal Road
06	Pinjora Post
07	Sofanaman Post

The Tax Schedule of the vehicles is as under and the successful highest bidder is bound to recover Entry Fee as per the same schedule.

S.No	Name of Vehicle	Rates per day	S.No	Name of Vehicle	Rates per day
01	Govt. Vehicles / Security Forces Vehicles	Exempted	11	Tractor	Rs. 20/- per Trip
02	All Private Light vehicles	Exempted	12	Local Sumo / Scorpios / Tavera / Toyota etc	Rs. 20/- per day
03	Mini Tippers	Rs. 30/- per day	13	Load Carrier 3 wheeler / 4 Wheeler	Rs. 20/- per day
04	Trucks 6 Tyres (Empty)	Rs. 100/- per day	14	Tanker Oil Local/Non Local	Rs. 100/- per day
05	Trucks 6 Tyres (Loaded)	Rs. 100/- per day	15	Passenger Tempo (Rajouri)	Rs. 50/- per day
06	Tipper	Rs. 50/- per day	16	JCB/Crane/Roller	Rs. 20/- per day
07	Dumper (Loaded or Unloaded)	Rs. 50/- Per Day	17	Matadors / Tata Mini Buses	Rs. 30/- per day
08	Truck s/ Troller (10 Tyre)	Rs. 200/- per day	18	Sumo /Taveera/Bus/Mini Bus (nonlocal Commercial) plying through Mughal Road	Rs. 30/- per day
09	Truck/Trolley above 12 /14 Tyre	Rs. 250/- per day	19	Private School Buses	Rs. 20/- per day
10	Back Hoe Loader	Rs. 50/-per day	20	Tata 407/207 ferrying Grass/other items	Rs. 20/- per day

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	12/08/2024.
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 12.08.2024 to 19.08.2024
3	Bid submission Start Date	12.08.2024 from 10:00 AM
4	Bid submission End Date	19.08.2024 upto 12.00 Noon
5	Date & Time of opening of Bids (Online)	20.08.2024 at 02.00 PM in the office of the 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. 16,15,700/- (Rupees Sixteen lakh fifteen thousand & seven hundred) Only @ 10% of the Minimum Reserve Bid of each amount drawn from any Nationalized bank, pledged to the Accounts Officer, Municipal Council Shopian, (without which offers shall be liable for rejection)
7	Mode of Payment	10% to be deposited on spot as token money and 60% to be deposited before taking possession and 30% should be deposited after the completion of two months from the date of taking possession.

1. Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender document in shape of Bank Challan / Receipt (Credited to A/c No. 001804010000611 JRY maintained with Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd. Branch: Shopian Main Branch in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian amounting to Rs. 2000/- (Two Thousand Only) and Bid security declaration as per format Annexure - 1, below on stamp paper duly attested by Notary in favour of Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian, failing which tender will be rejected.

2. 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 Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian.

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

4. BID SECURITY:
 a) Bid Security Declaration: The bid security declaration shall be submitted as per the Format Annexure - 2 (format for the bid security declaration).
 b) Any bid not accompanied by the Call Deposit Receipt (CDR) and Bid security declaration shall be summarily rejected by the Authority as non-responsive.
 5. The contract of collection of Entry Fee / Terminal Tax shall be for the year 2024-25 w.e.f. 01.09.2024 to 31.08.2025, and no claim for extension on any pretext will be entertained beyond the allotted period.

6. That, the successful bidder has to execute an agreement duly registered in the Hon'ble court of law with the Executive Officer, Municipal Council Shopian before issuance of allotment and taking over the possession of the collection posts and no permission shall be granted for recovery fees until agreement / allotment is made in favour of successful contractor.

7. The successful Bidder shall be bound to effect recovery of Entry Fees as per approved schedule of MC Shopian, which is available with this office as mention above. In case of any violation to the approved schedule, legal action against the contractor / allottee will be initiated.

8. That, the successful bidder shall have to bear / provide/arrange Manpower, Stationary, furniture, Sanitation, Toll posts etc. without claiming any compensation thereof, from the office of the undersigned.

9. The Highest Bid offered shall be exclusive of all applicable taxes (Income Tax etc.) as such the successful bidder shall be bound to bear all kinds of taxes like Income Tax/Sales Tax, which shall be payable by the bidder in addition to bid amount;

10. After expiry of the contract i.e on 31.08.2025, the successful bidder shall hand over the possession of the Entry posts to the MC Shopian in its original position without any damage.

11. The successful contractor shall deposit all cheques under his own seal and signature and no third party cheques shall be accepted.

12. That, the successful contractor shall have to collect Entry Fee on the following toll Posts only:
 01. Shirmal Chungi Post, 02. Largam Chungi Post, 03. Gagren Chungi Post, 04. Batpora Chungi Post, 05. Chowgam via Mughal Road, 6. Pinjora Post, 7. Sofanaman Post as per the approved schedule of this institution and the realization of the entry fee / terminal tax shall be in a public friendly manner without causing any inconvenience to visitors, and also the display of schedule of rates shall be visible at each Post in the Town.

13. The contractor shall be responsible to maintain entry fee collection posts with special care to sanitation / hygiene of the environment and surroundings.

14. That, the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason therefor;

15. 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.

16. The interested persons shall upload affidavit for acceptance of all terms and conditions mentioned above in the bid declaration form without which no tender will be accepted.

17. No tender will be accepted of those bidders who are defaulters or acquaintance/partners of defaulters of this institution or any Municipal Council/ committee of the Kashmir Division.

18. The Electricity bill if required at any entry fee collection post during the contract period shall be borne by the successful contractor during the contract period.

19. The successful contractor is liable to pay all taxes viz income tax, GST etc. for entry fee.

20. If the successful bidder turns out to defaulter the criminal proceedings will be initiated against him as per law and recovery under rules in vogue shall be initiated.

21. The successful contractor is bound to abide the instruction issued by the Government/ Director Urban Local Bodies Kashmir from time to time with regard to collection of entry fee.


22. The tender should be accompanied with an undertaking wherein it should be mentioned that the tenderer/ bid participant is not defaulter of any Municipal Council/ Committee of Kashmir.

No: MC/SPN/2024/432-35
 DIPP-NB-1307/24 Dated: 12/08/2024

Sd/-
 Chief Executive Officer
 Municipal Council Shopian.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 This is to inform the public that the Registration Certificate (RC) of a Scooty bearing registration number JK01AC 6973 has been reported missing. The owner of the vehicle, Ajaz Ahmad Ahanger, son of Abdul Rashid Ahanger, and resident of Sector 2, Sir Syed Abad Bemina, Srinagar, has applied for a duplicate RC certificate. If anyone has any objections or information regarding the missing RC, please report it to the RTO office, Srinagar, or contact the following numbers: 99065 21941 | 91498 21431
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THE JAMMU & KASHMIR BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION NEW CAMPUS, BEMINA SRINAGAR


 The Candidate whose photograph is above reports that he/she have lost his/her qualification certificate's has the following description:-
 Roll no:- 4109266
 Class:- HSE-II (class -12th)
 Year & Session: Annual- Reg- 2016
 Registration No:- W1320440016
 Name:- SHAH ZARAFSHAN BASHIR
 Father's Name:- BASHIR AHMAD SHAH
 Mother's Name:- Aisha
 D.O.B:- 18/6/2000
 Residence:- ARAMPORA GANDBARBAL.
 Now the candidate has applied for Issuance of Duplicate Certificate. In this regard, the case will be processed under rules, if somebody have any kind of objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publishing of this notice after expiring date no objection shall be entertained.
 (Besides, the "QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATE", bearing Serial no. 16 AKTR-617338-16, can be treated as "CANCELLED".
 Sd/-
 Deputy Secretary,
 Certificate, KB.
 No: FC/KB-AB-0001/NB/22
 Dated:- 18/8/24

NOTICE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
 This is information for the general public that I have lost my passport bearing no T0879281. Now I want its duplicate if anybody having any objection may contact Regional Passport Office Srinagar with in a period of seven days. No objection shall be entertained after that.
 MOHD RAFIQ MIR
 S/O ABDUL GANI MIR
 R/o GARIEND KHURD BUDGAM
 mcb_r

PUBLIC NOTICE
 I Rameez Raja Bhat S/o Ghulam Nabi Bhat R/o Bugam Batapora, Tehsil Chadoora, District Budgam have lost number plate of my four wheeler (TATA Intra V10 AC BS-VI) bearing No. JK09C 4655, while travelling from Chadoora to Budgam. Now I have applied for fresh Number plate with the same number. If anybody is having any object in this regard he/she may file his/her object at ARTO Office Budgam within seven days from the publication of this notice, after that no objection will be entertained.
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Office of the Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal Budgam
 Tele Fax 01951-260-276 Pin Code 193401

Notice For General Public
 I tis hereby notified that the applicant namely Rooshina Akhtar D/o Ab Khaliq Bhat R/o Naarbal tehsil Narbal District Budgam had applied for the issuance of Birth Certificate in her favour . The applicant intends to register her DOB of as per school record/vaccination card School Record as 01-01-1997

In this connection, if anybody having any objection regarding the same he/she may contact office of the undersigned within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class
 Narbal
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 Dated: 12-08-2024

Office of the Naib Tehsildar Palhallan
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class
 Application Of Application of Owais Ahmad Najar , Aqib Hamid, Aasif Hamid Najar Sons of Ab Hamid Najar R/o Ussan Khoie Pattan for obtaining OBC Certificate


PUBLIC NOTICE
 General Public is hereby informed through this notice that the applicant file is currently under process in the office of undersigned regarding obtaining OBC certificate. According to the field staffs report the applicants are permanent resident of village Ussan Khoie tehsil Pattan District Baramulla and have been residing here from more than 15 years and has not migrated from the said village the annual family income of the applicant from all sources is Rs 268800 /-. Family details of the applicant are give below.

S. No	Name	Parentage	Age	Occupation
1	Mohammad Sutan Najar	S/o Mohd Akbar Najar	75	Old aged
2	Ab Hameed Najar Najar	S/o Mohd Sultan Najar	50	Carpanter
3	Muneera Begum	W/o Ab Hameed Najar	49	H/W
4	Owais Ahmad	S/o Ab Hameed Najar	24	Student
05	Asif Hamid Najar	S/o --	26	--
06	Aqib Hamid	S/o --	22	--
7	Imtiyaz Ahmad Najar	S/o Mohd Sultan Najar	36	Carpanter

In this connection if any person(s) has any objection(s) he/ she can visit the undersigned's office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection will be considered.
 fko_r Naib Tehsildar

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Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Pattan
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class
 Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice
 The registrar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/ Block Development Officer Pattan) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Adfar Jan Parentage Imtayaz Ahmad Khroo R/o Gopalan Palhallan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 17-07-2021 occurred at SDH Pattan

In this connection, if anybody having any objection to the issuance of said registration may contact this office within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.
 Executive Magistrate 1st Class
 Naib Tehsildar Pattan
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my daughter namely Dua Naseer who was born on 10-08-2023 at Associated Hospital GMC Baramulla . If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
 Naseer Ahmad Parra.
 F/o Dua Naseer
 R/o Hamray Pattan
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SWACHHTA PAKHWADA

SMC Launches Cleanliness Drive At Tourist Spots In Srinagar

Observer News Service landmarks. In a bid to amplify the message of cleanliness and environmental stewardship, SMC installed multilingual signage at these sites. These informative signs will serve as educational tools, con-



launch of special initiatives as part of the Swachhta Pakhwada campaign at prominent tourist places and heritage sites in the Srinagar city, Viz, Shankar Acharya, Pari Mahal, and Mughal gardens. Under this campaign, SMC organized dedicated cleanliness drives at these key locations, in keeping these sites pristine and free of litter. By fostering a sense of ownership and collective responsibility, SMC aims to elevate the overall visitor experience and preserve the beauty of these historical

veying the importance of maintaining cleanliness, proper waste disposal practices, and the significance of preserving our cultural heritage for future generations. Complementing these efforts, SMC distributed eco-friendly souvenirs to tourists visiting the sites. These sustainable gifts, such as reusable bags and eco-conscious products, are intended to inspire and encourage responsible tourism behaviors among visitors, promoting a culture of sustainability and conservation.

Traffic Police, MVD Kashmir Launch Crackdown Against Violators

checked and violators were penalized. The traffic police officials said the initiative aims to curb the growing trend of number plate tampering, which poses a challenge to traffic management and law enforcement. In addition to the enforcement drive, an awareness session was also organized by Traffic City Srinagar and MVD Kashmir. The session was attended by representatives from various transport unions and school associations. Officials said that the focus of the awareness is aimed on educating stakeholders about their roles and responsibilities in ensuring compliance with traffic regulations.

They added that during the session, the introduction of new technologies for better traffic management and enforcement was also highlighted. "Traffic City Srinagar And MVD Kashmir, Conducted Awareness Session With Representatives From Transport Unions, School Associations Regarding Their Role & Responsibilities. Introduction Of New Technologies For Traffic Management And Enforcement," city traffic police wrote on X. As per the city traffic police authorities, during the drive, several vehicles were



BJP Organizes Motor-Bike Tiranga Rally In Srinagar

Agencies Srinagar, Koul, as per news agency—KNC, today, BJP organized a motor-bike Tiranga rally to express love and respect towards the national flag. "This is the beginning and we are going to organize more such rallies ahead of August 15," Koul said, adding that "people of Kashmir will not just be part of this Tiranga rally but will take a selfie with Tiranga on August 15 and post the same on social media." The bike rally started from BJP office Jawahar Nagar and passed through Lal Chowk and other parts of the city. Koul said that on August 15, every house should have Tiranga flying atop. "We as a nation are committed to show great honor and respect to this flag and ensure that the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi about making India a self-reliant country by 2047 is fulfilled," he said.

Saras Aajeevika Kashmir Mela Concludes At Zabarwan Park



Observer News Service Mela served as a vital platform for women from Self Help Groups (SHGs) across rural India to showcase their skills and creativity. The event not only celebrated outstanding craftsmanship in handloom and handicrafts but also presented an array of mouthwatering regional cuisines. It exemplified the essence of livelihoods and empowerment, fostering cross-cultural exchange and economic independence among rural women, while bringing together the rich traditions of various Indian states. At the closing ceremony, Additional Mission Director of JKRLM Kashmir Division, Reyaz Beigh, emphasized the significance of the event. He remarked, "The Saras Aajeevika Mela is not just a fair; it's a crucial platform that empowers women artisans, promotes their craftsmanship, and offers them opportunities to thrive in a competitive marketplace. This Mela plays a vital role in boosting the confidence and economic independence of rural women, contributing to the holistic development of the region." Reyaz Beigh also expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Secretary Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chaudhary, and Mission Director JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib, for their steadfast support in making the Saras Aajeevika Kashmir a success. He extended his thanks to all the associated departments for their contribu-

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This Day In History

- 1516 - The Treaty of Noyon between France and Spain is signed. Francis recognises Charles's claim to Naples, and Charles recognises Francis's claim to Milan.
1521 - Spanish conquistadors under Hernán Cortés capture Aztec Emperor Cuauhtémoc in Tenochtitlan marking the end of the Aztec Empire
1642 - Dutch astronomer Christiaan Huygens discovers Martian south polar cap
1645 - Sweden & Denmark sign Peace of Brömsebro
1695 - Bombardment of Brussels begins by French army of Louis XIV, the Grand-Place and much of the city is destroyed during the Nine Years' War
1704 - Battle of Blenheim (Second Battle of Höchstädt): A combined British, German and Dutch army led by John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, decisively beats the French and Bavarians
1784 - British parliament accepts East India Company Act 1784, bringing the East India Company's rule in India under the control of the British Government.
1788 - Prussia joins Anglo-Dutch alliance to form Triple Alliance to prevent spread of Russo-Swedish War of 1788-90
1792 - Revolutionaries imprison French royals, including Marie Antoinette
1799 - British fleet under Lord Seymour overthrows Suriname
1814 - Anglo-Dutch Treaty: Cape of Good Hope formally ceded to the British and transporting of slaves prohibited
1864 - Battle of Deep Bottom, Virginia (Strawberry Plains) & Fussell's Mill, Virginia
1868 - Earthquakes kill 25,000 & causes \$300 million damages in Peru & Ecuador
1898 - US forces under Admiral George Dewey capture Manila during Spanish-American War
1902 - English cricket team beats Australia by one wicket in a famous victory at The Oval, in London
1906 - Black soldiers accused of raiding Brownsville in Texas; despite support from local commanding officers, President Theodore Roosevelt orders dishonorable discharge for 167 soldiers; all cleared of wrongdoing 1972, 165 posthumously
1908 - King Edward VII of Great Britain meets with Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria at Ischl; the King tries to persuade the Emperor to advise Germany against aggressive (anti-British) policies
1913 - Invention of stainless steel by Harry Brearley of Sheffield, England
1913 - Otto Witte, German acrobat and fantasist, is purportedly crowned King of Albania
1914 - German army occupies forts at Liege
1917 - A revolt in Catalonia, the province in northeast Spain that has long seen itself as independent
1923 - Turkish National Congress selects Mustafa Kemal Atatürk Pasja as President
1937 - Second Sino-Japanese War: Japanese forces begin the Battle of Shanghai, a conflict that will last 3 months and involve 1 million troops
1940 - Battle of Britain: Hermann Goering's "Adlertag" (Eagle Day) offensive happens, intending to destroy the Royal Air Force; 47-48 German aircraft shot down, the RAF loses 25 planes
1943 - Red army recaptures Spas-Demensk
1944 - British 8th Army occupies Florence
1944 - Allied generals Bernard Montgomery, Miles Dempsey and Omar Bradley discuss a future breakthrough in the European theatre during World War II
1951 - Great Britain & Iraq sign new oil contract
1953 - 4-5 million French go on strike against economic organizations
1959 - US Military satellite Discoverer 5 launched (into polar orbit)
1960 - USSR withdraws advisors from China
1961 - Construction of the Berlin Wall begins in East Germany
1977 - 1st test glide of space shuttle
1984 - Morocco & Libya sign "Arabic-African Union" treaty
1989 - US space shuttle STS-28 lands
1996 - Microsoft releases Internet Explorer 3.0
2014 - Israeli and Palestinian cease fire agreed to on August 8 is extended for another 120 hours to provide time for further negotiations
2014 - Iranian mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani is the first woman to win the Fields Medal in mathematics
2015 - 76 people are killed & 212 are wounded by an ISIL truck bomb in Baghdad, Iraq
2019 - Measles cases have tripled worldwide in 2019 according to WHO with 364,808 reported against vs 129,239 in 2018

Government Jammu Kashmir (UT) OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER Jal Shakti Department PHE Division, Shopian. Email: xenpheshopian@yahoo.in
CORRIGENDUM NO: 01
Subject:- E Nit 05/ JSDS of 2024-25 Dated:-25.07.2024. Due to no Response to item no's 10, 11 & 15 of above referred Nit, the bid submission end date and bid opening date is hereby extended as under:-
Bid submission end date= 16/08/2024 upto 1:00PM
Bid opening date=16/08/2024 upto 02:00 PM
All other terms and conditions will remain same
Sd/-
No:1411-13 DIPP-4684-24 Executive Engineer,
DATED: 11-08-2024 DT: 12/08/2024 PHE, Divn. Shopian.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY OFFICER BANDIPORA, bandipora@kanimalhusbandry.net No. CAHO/Tech/Bpr/2024-25/1763 Phone No: 01954-310544. Dated :-10/08/2024. MINI SECRETARIAT COMPLEX, BANDIPORA
EXTENSION FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS
This is in partial modification of the previous Notice through print / social media for inviting applications under TSP for establishment of single cow dairy units from ST families of Arin Dardpora and Ketson Aloosa area of Block Arin and Block Aloosa respectively of District Bandipora. The date for submission of application has been extended upto 17th August 2024. The terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.
DIPP-4681-24 Chief Animal Husbandry Officer
DT: 12/08/2024 Bandipora

انتقال پر ملال
یہ خبر انتہائی رنج و غم کے ساتھ شائع کی جاتی ہے کہ الحاج غلام نبی میر ولد مرحوم حاجی محمد رحیم میر ساکنہ حبکہ نسیم باغ حضرت بل 11 اگست 2024 بروز اتوار انتقال کر گئے۔ اللہ تعالیٰ مرحوم کو جوار رحمت میں جگہ دے اور لواحقین کو یہ صدمہ برداشت کرنے کی توفیق عطا کرے۔ مسرتومیہ اجسٹہ سائے فاطمہ ثوانی
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نوٹ: مستورات سے گزارش کی جاتی ہے کہ وہ اپنے ماتحتی بھی قسم کا بیورو وغیرہ ملائیں سوگوار: غلام احمد میر نظام محمد میر انفر احمد محمد خٹورا احمد مسیر
فون نمبر: 8493902700, 600562867

OBITUARY
We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Mr. M.Y. Naseem, a distinguished and revered figure who served the Jammu and Kashmir government with great dedication and integrity for over 30 years. Born in the 1930s, Mr. Naseem was one of the senior IAS officers of his time, and his remarkable career was marked by his unwavering commitment to public service in various capacities, including Secretary, Director, Deputy Commissioner, and more.
Mr. Naseem's life was a testament to the virtues of hard work, honesty, and compassion. His contributions to the governance and development of J&K were invaluable, leaving a lasting impact on all those who had the privilege to work with him or benefit from his service.
Mr. Naseem departed from this world at the age of 93 on the 12th of August, 2024, at 3:15 AM. His loss is deeply felt by his family, friends, and the countless lives he touched throughout his illustrious career.
He is survived by his two sons, Mr. Ilham Naseem and Mr. Itrat Naseem, and his daughter, Ms. Rifat Naseem. He was also the beloved father-in-law of Dr. K.M. Amin, former Director of Health.
The family will observe three days of mourning at their residence in Barzula, Srinagar.
May Allah bless his soul and grant him the highest place in Jannatul Firdaus.
BEREAVED
Ilham Naseem | Itrat Naseem
Rifat Naseem | Dr K M Amin mfs

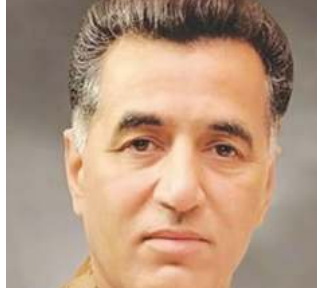
PUBLIC NOTICE
This is for the information to the general public that my Mother's name is wrongly mentioned as Fozia Sammad instead of FOZIA SAMMAD in my Date of birth certificate. Now I intend to get this corrected, in this regard if anybody have any objection he/she may file with Municipal Council Anantnag within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained afterwards.
Mir Shuraim Ibn Tajher
S/o Tajher Bashir
Mother's Name: Fozia Sammad
R/o Iqbalabad Pehroo Anantnag

Pak Ex ISI Chief Faiz Hameed Taken Into Army Custody Ahead Of Court Martial

Press Trust Of India

Islamabad: In an unprecedented move, the Pakistan Army on Monday announced that it has arrested former ISI chief Lt Gen (ret'd.) Faiz Hameed and initiated court martial proceedings against him in connection with a housing scheme scandal.

"Complying with the orders of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, a detailed court of inquiry was un-



dertaken by Pakistan Army, to ascertain correctness of complaints in Top City Case made against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd)," the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) - the media wing of the army - said in a statement.

"Consequently, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd.), under provisions of the Pakistan Army Act," it said.

"In addition, multiple instances of violation of the Pakistan Army Act post-retirement have also been established. The process of Field General Court Martial has been initiated and Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd) has been taken into military custody," it added.

Lt Gen (ret'd.) Hameed was considered extremely powerful

when he headed the spy agency from 2019 to 2021.

He was appointed to the coveted post when then ISI chief and current Army chief Lt Gen Asim Munir was prematurely removed from the post. It was reported then that then prime minister Imran Khan was not happy with Munir.

Later, the army decided to replace Mr Hameed, a move vehemently opposed by Imran Khan and it is believed that it was the beginning of souring of his ties with the powerful military.

The Top City case made headlines when on November 8, 2023, Moez Ahmed Khan, the owner of Top City, filed a petition in the Supreme Court in which he accused Mr Hameed of misusing his authority.

He stated in the petition that on May 12, 2017, at the behest of Gen Hameed, ISI officials raided the top city office and his house and seized valuables, including gold, diamonds and money.

He also stated that Sardar Najaf, the brother of Mr Hameed, also contacted him to resolve the issue later. The petition also claimed that Gen Hameed later personally met him to resolve the issue.

He alleged that the ISI officials extorted 4 crore cash from him.

A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court, which included Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Qazi Faiz Isa, Justice Attar Minullah and Justice Aminuddin, heard the case and decided to send it to the Ministry of Defence for probing the allegation.

The army announced in April this year that it constituted a high-level inquiry committee headed by a major general to look into the allegations.



Israel keeps up strikes in Gaza as fears of wider war grow

Agencies

CAIRO: Israeli forces pressed on with their operations near the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis on Monday amid an international push for a deal to halt the fighting in Gaza and block a slide into a wider regional conflict with Iran and its proxies.

Palestinian medics said Israeli military strikes on several areas of Khan Younis on Monday killed at least 16 people and wounded several. Meanwhile more families and displaced persons streamed out of areas threatened by new evacuation orders telling people to clear the area.

As fighting continued in several areas of the Gaza Strip, Hamas reacted skeptically to the latest round of Egyptian and Qatari-brokered talks due on Thursday, saying it has seen no sign of movement from the Israeli side.

The group said in a statement on Sunday mediators must force Israel to accept a ceasefire proposal based on ideas by US President Joe

Biden, which Hamas had accepted, "instead of pursuing further rounds of negotiations or new proposals that would provide cover for the occupation's aggression."

Two sources close to Hamas said the group was convinced the new call for talks was coordinated beforehand with Israel to deter responses from Iran and Hezbollah to the assassination of the group's chief Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and a top Hezbollah leader in Lebanon.

"It is a mild rejection you can say. Should Hamas receive a workable plan, an Israeli positive response to the proposal it had accepted, things may change, but so far Hamas believes Netanyahu isn't serious about reaching a deal," said one Palestinian official close to the mediation effort.

Hamas' reaction to the talks came as preparations for a larger scale confrontation grew, with Washington ordering a guided missile submarine to the Middle East and the Abraham Lincoln strike group accelerating its deployment to the region.

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav

Gallant told US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin that Iran was making preparations for a large-scale military attack on Israel, Barak Ravid, a normally well-sourced reporter for Axios News reported on Twitter.

Israel has been braced for a major attack since last month when a missile strike killed 12 youngsters in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Israel responded by killing a senior Hezbollah commander in Beirut.

A day after that operation, Ismail Haniyeh, the political leader of Hamas, was assassinated in Tehran, drawing Iranian vows of retaliation against Israel.

The potential escalation underlined how far the Middle East has been thrown into turmoil by the war in Gaza, now into its 11th month.

The Hamas-led attack on Israeli communities around the Gaza Strip killed some 1,200 people, with more than 250 taken into captivity in Gaza, according to Israeli tallies, in one of the most devastating blows against Israel in its history.

Daesh Group Claims Deadly Kabul Bomb Blast

Agencies

Kabul: The Daesh group has claimed a bombing on a minibus that killed one person and wounded 11 in a Shiite-dominated neighborhood of the Afghan capital.

The jihadist group said on its Telegram channel late Sunday that "one Shiite was killed in a bombing by Caliphate soldiers in the Afghan capital."

Kabul police said on Sunday the blast occurred in a western Kabul neighborhood home to many Shiite Muslims, a historically persecuted minority in Afghanistan and a frequent target of the Daesh group that

However, a number of armed groups, including Daesh-Khorasan, remain a threat.

Daesh-Khorasan, or Daesh-K, is the group's Afghanistan branch, "Khorasan" referring to a historical region that included parts of Iran, Afghanistan and Central Asia.

The group also claimed an attack targeting tourists in Afghanistan in May that killed six people, including three foreigners.

It has also claimed responsibility for an attack on a Moscow concert hall in March that killed 145 people.

A UN counter-terrorism official warned this month that Daesh-K poses the great-



est external terrorist threat to Europe, having "improved its financial and logistical capabilities in the past six months."

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How Gen Z Women And Military Transformed Bangladesh

Agencies

Dhaka: Adored by her classmates and defiant even after police seized her, student Nusrat Tabassum is one of the many women who helped spearhead the movement that toppled autocratic ex-premier Sheikh Hasina.

Sizable protests against Hasina's 15-year rule were nothing new, but this was the first time that young women took to the streets against her in large numbers.

Soldiers refused to fire on them, a pivotal moment in Hasina's ouster.

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"The people had no way back," Tabassum, 23, told AFP. "Anger was increasing, and the demand for equality was increasing."

Tabassum is a campus hero for helping lead a movement that began as a protest against civil service job quotas and ended in revolution.

As she strolled the grounds of the elite Dhaka University, friends and other pupils rose from their seats to offer handshakes, hugs and high-fives.

Two weeks ago she was among six top student leaders snatched by plainclothes police and held in custody for several days, officially for their safety.

With Hasina's grip on power slipping, her security forces held the group at gunpoint and made them sign a statement calling off the protests.

"I thought of suicide several times," Tabassum said. "I could not bear the thought of the people of this country thinking that we had cheated, that we had sold out."

But Bangladeshis saw through the ruse. "When we saw people did not misunderstand us, and were still protesting on the street, then I regained my strength and power to continue," she said.

"Women were deprived" - Protests began last month over a court decision to reintroduce loathed quotas for government jobs, seen as a tool for Hasina's government to stack the bureaucracy with loyalists.

One aspect was a 10 percent reservation for women applicants, but Tabassum said the politicized nature of the scheme meant that "women were deprived more than they benefitted". Soon after protests began, Hasina said the quotas had to remain because women were otherwise unable to get those jobs on their own merits.

The irony of her statement,

from one of the world's longest-serving women heads of government, was not lost on its audience.

"Women are more concerned about their rights these days," said Nahida Bushra, a human sciences graduate student at Dhaka University.

"That's why women spontaneously joined the protests."

Muslim-majority Bangladesh has a history of extremist attacks, and one way Hasina sailed through earlier bouts of unrest was by blaming Islamist troublemakers.

She tried again this time, but the sight of young women leading protests undercut her argument.

- 'We moved forward' -

Bushra, 23, played a key role in mobilising her fellow women classmates to attend rallies.

She sidestepped government efforts to stop her and ignored a concerted online campaign to demonise students.

"There was a storm of rumours and disinformation on social media, but we kept our unity with courage and bravery," she told AFP.

Telecoms were ordered to block access to Facebook and other platforms used to organise demonstrations, so Bushra and others circumvented the bans through virtual private networks (VPNs).

The government then imposed a complete national shutdown of mobile and broadband internet, so they organised rallies through SMS messages and phone calls.

When police began firing on protesters, they rushed to the front of the crowd in the expectation that officers would be more reluctant to shoot women.

"We moved forward and took the protest forward," Bushra said.

- 'Absolute bloodbath' -

In a final desperate move to remain in power, Hasina's government ordered soldiers to suppress the protests.

They refused. "It would have been an absolute bloodbath and the army was unwilling to perpetrate a massacre," Thomas Kean of the International Crisis Group told AFP.

"To have sided with Hasina at this juncture would have tarnished their image massively."

Bangladesh's armed forces are outsized contributors to UN peacekeeping operations, a source of deep institutional pride.

Kean said their complicity in the crackdown would have opened up the military to Western sanctions and international repudiation, as well as a potential revolt from rank-and-file soldiers.

US Rushes Submarine, Fighter Jets To Protect Israel From Iran Attack

Agencies

WASHINGTON: US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has ordered a guided missile submarine to the Middle East and is telling the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier strike group to sail more quickly to the area, the Defense Department said Sunday.

Austin issued the order after speaking with Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, who told him Iran's military preparations suggest Iran is getting ready for a large-scale attack on Israel, Axios reporter Barak Ravid said on X, citing a source with knowledge of the call.

The moves come as the US and other allies push for Israel

and Hamas to achieve a cease-fire agreement that could help calm soaring tensions in the region following the assassination of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and a senior Hezbollah commander in Beirut.

While the USS Georgia, a nuclear-powered submarine, was already in the Mediterranean Sea in July, according to a US military post on social media, it was a rare move to publicly announce the deployment of a submarine.

In a statement after Austin spoke with his Israeli counterpart, the Pentagon said the defense chief had ordered the Abraham Lincoln strike group to accelerate its deployment to the region.



"Secretary Austin reiterated the United States' commitment to take every possible step to defend Israel and noted the strengthen-

ing of US military force posture and capabilities throughout the Middle East in light of escalating regional tensions," Maj. Gen. Pat

Ryder, Pentagon press secretary, said in a statement.

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The US military had already said it will deploy additional fighter jets and Navy warships to the Middle East as Washington seeks to bolster Israeli defenses.

Officials have been on the lookout for retaliatory strikes by both Iran and Hezbollah for the killings, and the US has been beefing up its presence in the region.

Dua Magfirat

Allah says in the Holy Quran That Every soul shall taste death

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

With profound grief and Sorrow, we inform the Sad Demise of Bashir Ahmad Khan R/o Makhdoom Sahib, presently residing at Alamdar Colony B,Lal-Bazar,Near Masjid-e-Mohammadia, who left for heavenly abode on 9th August 2024. The Congregational Fath-i-Khawani will be held on 12th August Monday (6 Safar) at 10:00 Am. at their ancestral graveyard Ziyarat Sharief Aakhoon Sahab Islamia College main road Hawal sringar. May Allah Give Him Highest Place In Jannah.

Everyone is requested to refrain from bringing any food items with them.

Bereaved Family Phone Number 6005434206,9906600620

از نیابت پھانل

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب بشارت معراج حجام ولد معراج الدین حجام ساکن پھانل بمبراد اجرائی OBC بزمہ حجام

اشتہار ہرخاص وعام

معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکنہ ایک درخواست بغرض OBC سرٹیفکیٹ بزمہ حجام پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ ساکنہ واقعی حجام ذات سے تعلق رکھتا ہے اور ساکن پھانل میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور کبھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے

سائل مذکورہ OBC سرٹیفکیٹ حاصل کرنے کا خواہ ہے اور کینیڈا کی مہوار آمدنی 7300 روپے تک ہے۔ سرٹیفکیٹ زیر بحث اجراء کرنے میں اگر کد اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی عزت یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ بعد مشورہ اخبار سات دن کے اندر اندر اپنے مندرجہ اعتراض وادالت حد اکو دفتری اوقات کے دوران پیش کریں۔ بعد گزرے میا کو کوئی مندرجہ اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔

تایمب تحصیلدار FKO

از نیابت پھانل

عنوان:- درخواست منجانب خیر النساء و نثرینہ مقبول و عاصف مقبول اولاد انجم مقبول بتلی ساکنہ وایگام بمبراد اجرائی OBC بزمہ تیلی

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CS Reviews Progress Of Urban Development Works Including SCM

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Monday held a meeting of Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) to take stock of the progress made on different development projects including Smart City Mission (SCM), e-Buses and waste management.

Those present include Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu; Commissioner, SMC/JMC; VC, LCMA; DG Budget; other concerned officers.

During this meeting the Chief Secretary impressed upon the concerned to make concerted efforts for making expected progress on the ongoing Smart City projects in both the cities. He asked them to enhance the monitoring on ground and push the contractors to complete these projects on time.

Regarding the e-Bus services at both Srinagar and Jammu, the Chief Secretary urged the concerned to ensure that these buses ferry at least 350 passengers a day covering a minimum

of 200 kms. He advised them to switch to digital mode of fare collection for it is more secure and free from any chances of pilferage.

Dulloo also enjoined upon the concern to make urban development a hallmark of our cities. He asked them to be coherent with the changing times thereby working towards developing assets especially that of sanitation and sewage treatment for cities that fulfil its requirements for the next several decades.

On this occasion, the Commissioner Secretary H&UDD, Mandeep Kaur, gave detailed presentation on the status of all the ongoing and completed projects under SCM in both the cities.

She also detailed out the model and performance of the 100 e-Buses put in service in each of the two cities of the UT. The intercity/intracity routes and the passengers ferried on each of them. It was added that these buses are ferrying more than 21000 passengers daily in Jammu and about 6,53,697 passengers here in Srinagar during the month of July this year.

KCC&I Concerned Over Sale Of Fake 'Kashmir Handicrafts' To Tourists

Agencies

SRINAGAR: President of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCC&I), Javid Ahmad Tenga on Monday expressed concern over the increasing reports of fake and machine-made products being sold to tourists under the guise of authentic Kashmir handicrafts.

Addressing the media persons in Srinagar, Tenga, said such unethical practices threaten to undermine the very foundation of the traditional handicraft industry, which has been the pride of Kashmir for centuries.

"This is a matter of grave concern as such malpractice is bound to cut into the very roots of our traditional handicraft business," said Tenga.

He assured that KCC&I is committed to taking necessary steps to protect, preserve, and promote the rich heritage of Kashmir's handicrafts, which are renowned worldwide for their quality and craftsmanship.

Tenga said the origins of these crafts date back to the 14th century, introduced by Hazrat Shahi Hamdan Mir Syed Mir Ali Hamadani (RA),

and flourished under the reign of Sultan Zainul Abidin in the 15th century.

"Over the years, these handicrafts, including pashmina shawls, sozni embroidery, mulberry silk products, carpets, wood carving, papier-mâché, and copperware, etc., have played a crucial role in the economy, providing employment to thousands of artisans and traders," said Tenga.

"The sale of fake products has severely started affecting the traders dealing in genuine handcrafted products," said Tenga, adding that it has also shattered the confidence of visitors who feel cheated after discovering they have purchased counterfeit items.

"We feel duty-bound to warn those traders who indulge in selling machine-made products in the name of genuine Kashmir handicrafts to desist from such unscrupulous business practices," Tenga said.

"The KCC&I is set to establish special squads to identify and expose such traders, ensuring that the traditional handicraft industry, a key pillar of Kashmir's cultural and economic identity, remains intact," he added—(KNO)

Anti-Infiltration Grid To Be Further Strengthened To Prevent Cross-Border Infiltration: LG

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU: The anti-infiltration grid along the Indo-Pakistan border is being further strengthened to prevent infiltration attempts by terrorists, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said.

Blaming Pakistan for being the "source" of terrorism, the LG said it will never succeed in its attempt to disturb peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The anti-infiltration grid has been strengthened compared to the past. It will be further reinforced to prevent any infiltration attempts," Sinha told PTI in an interview here on Sunday.

Security forces have foiled several infiltration bids in the Poonch, Kupwara, Rajouri, and Bandipora sectors of Jammu and Kashmir, killing several militants over the past two months.

Security agencies estimate that there are about 60 to 70 foreign infiltrated terrorists operating in the hills of the Jammu region.

Following a series of terror attacks on army personnel, pilgrims, and police in Udhampur, Kathua, Samba, Doda, Poonch and Rajouri districts of the Jammu region by highly trained terrorists, the administration has adopted a twin



strategy -- redeployment of forces in the hinterland and 1000 police personnel to be deployed along the border.

The security apparatus will be strengthened in the hinterland by redeploying troops and reinforcing the three-tier Anti-Infiltration Obstacle System (AIOS) with more forces, including Jammu and Kashmir cops.

"Considering previous incidents, forces, police, and administration have formulated a strategy. The redeployment of forces has begun in the hilly areas, where forces were previously deployed. The deployment of the army, CRPF and police has increased. During the peak of militancy in J&K, there were operational and minority pickets. Their strength is now higher," Sinha said.

Police and security forces have completed their prepara-

tions on this front, Sinha said.

The three-tier security grid along the International Border (IB) and the Line of Control (LoC) is being strengthened with additional deployment of BSF troops and nearly 1,000 recently trained border police personnel, backed by Village Defence Groups (VDGs), officials said.

Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain, who is monitoring the deployment of border police personnel and the training of VDGs in border and hinterland regions, said the anti-infiltration and anti-terrorism security setup will have nearly 1,000 newly trained policemen.

The induction of these freshly trained policemen will improve the security in the border regions, the DGP said.

The Border Security Force (BSF) has also recently significantly bolstered its manpower and deployed CCTVs along the Punjab-Jammu interstate border to enhance security in response to a rise in terror incidents in Jammu along the India-Pakistan frontier, BSF officials said.

The Union Home Ministry recently ordered the withdrawal of two BSF battalions from Odisha for deployment in Jammu and along the Punjab-Jammu border.

Around 800 Patients Treated In OPD, Casualty Of LD Hospital Daily

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Lal Ded Hospital, the only tertiary care maternity hospital in the Kashmir Valley, continues to experience a huge influx of patients, with around 800 individuals being treated daily in its Outpatient Department (OPD) and casualty ward.

An official said that, on average, 25-30 Full Term Normal Deliveries (FTND) are reported daily. He said the hospital performs 35-40 Lower Segment Cesarean Sections (LSCS) and 15-20 other surgeries or procedures each day.

As a 710-bed facility, Lal Ded Hospital serves as the main maternity and neonatal care centre for the entire Kashmir Valley, including the districts of Banihal, Ramban and Kishtwar. The hospital provides specialised gynaecological and obstetric services to around 750-800 patients in both OPD and casualty daily.

The hospital is equipped with a fully automated laboratory and blood bank, operating 24/7,



where approximately 4,000-4,500 tests and investigations are conducted each day.

The official said nearly 280-300 ultrasound scans are performed daily. "The hospital also boasts a well-established IUI lab, a fetal medicine department, and a teleconsultation hub," he said.

Medical Superintendent Dr Muzaffar Jan said the hospital is committed to delivering quality and comprehensive maternal care. As the primary maternal healthcare institution in the valley, Lal Ded Hospital strives to meet high expectations and continuously improve its facilities, he said.

Dr Jan urged the public to prioritise institutional deliveries over home deliveries, saying that institutional deliveries enhance both fetal and maternal outcomes.

"The hospital offers skilled care, professional assistance, emergency care and comprehensive postpartum support. Newborns receive immediate care, immunisations and health checks, which are associated with lower rates of neonatal and infant mortality due to the availability of skilled care and emergency interventions when necessary," the Medical Superintendent said—(KNO)

J&K Power Supply Improved, But Electrification Insufficient: Centre

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory has seen a modest improvement in its power supply situation, with the energy deficit decreasing from 1.4% to 0.5% over the past year, the Centre has informed.

However, despite these gains, the region continues to grapple with insufficient electrification and remains one of the lowest-ranked in terms of daily power supply across India.

Minister of State in the Ministry of Power, Shripad Naik in a reply to a question in Rajya Sabha a few days back has said that no new households had been electrified under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme

(RDSS) as of July 2024, despite significant financial allocations for the initiative.

For Jammu & Kashmir, the RDSS has sanctioned the electrification of 1,936 additional households with a sanctioned outlay of Rs 14.96 crore and GBS of Rs 13.46 crore. As of July 18, 2024, none of these households have been electrified, the minister informed.

He said, "In the fiscal year 2023-24, Jammu and Kashmir's energy requirement stood at 20,040 million units (MU), but only 19,763 MU were supplied, resulting in an energy deficit of 1.4%. This shortfall was slightly reduced in the first quarter of 2024-25, covering the period from April

to June 2024, where the energy requirement was 4,815 MU, and 4,791 MU were supplied, leaving a deficit of 0.5%."

The minister informed that during 2023-24, the rural areas received an average of 19.0 hours of power daily, while urban areas had 21.7 hours.

This marks a slight increase from the previous year (2022-23); rural areas had 17.7 hours, and urban areas had 22.5 hours of supply, he said.

However, compared to many other states, Jammu and Kashmir still ranks lower in terms of power availability, underscoring the need for continued investment and focus on enhancing the region's energy infrastructure. (KNO)

J&K Govt Orders Release Of 5 Life Convicts

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir government has remitted the remaining term of imprisonment of five life convicts.

In a notification, J&K's Lieutenant Governor has ordered remission of the remaining period of imprisonment of five prisoners who were sentenced to life imprisonment by courts.

According to the notification, the government granted remission to Mohd. Yousaf Shah (Jammu), Des Raj (Jammu),

Suresh Kumar (Reasi), Tarseem Lal (Jammu) and Mohammad Bashir (Poonch)

The remission was granted in compliance to an order passed by the Supreme Court on July 18, 2024.

In the matter of Mohd. Yousaf Shah & Ors versus state of Jammu & Kashmir, the UT government's counsel submitted before the SC that the State has already recommended their premature release, taking into consideration the period of incarceration undergone by them.

Kashmiri Doctor Receives International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Membership

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Kashmiri medic cum noted health columnist Dr

Tasaduk Hussain Itoo received prestigious membership from International Diabetes Federation (IDF), leading diabetes education, research and advocacy organization in the world.

The membership was conferred upon Dr Itoo in view of promoting diabetes education and awareness in the community and is among the few Indians to receive individual membership of IDF.

Dr Itoo is a distinguished medical professional who has received recognition for his work, including a Certificate of Achievement from the Inter-

national Diabetes Federation (IDF) recently.

He is further affiliated with prestigious organizations, including American College of Physicians (ACP); Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI), and American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO).

Pertinently, the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) is an umbrella organisation of over 240 national diabetes associations in more than 161 countries and territories -- headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. It is associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations and is in official relations with the World Health Organization.



NIRF 2024 RANKING

KU Slips Down By 12 Slots In Top 100 University Category

Agencies

SRINAGAR: In National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024 the results of which were released on Monday, rank of University of Kashmir (KU) has gone down by 12 slots.

Earlier in 2023, KU had figured at 33rd rank in the top 100 Universities category.

In NIRF 2024, from the top 100 in overall category, KU has figured at 69th rank while the University of Jammu (JU) has figured at rank 87.

Similarly, from the top 100 universities, KU has figured at 45th rank and the JU has figured at 50th rank.

Likewise, in the top 50 State Public Universities category, KU has bagged Rank 14 and JU by 23rd rank respectively.

According to the NIRF ranking, no college from Jammu

and Kashmir has figured in the top 100 Colleges category.

The NIRF 2024 ranking further reveals that no institution from the research has figured in the top 50 Research Institutions category. From the top 100 in engineering category, Indian Institute of Technology Jammu have bagged 62nd rank while National Institute of Technology Srinagar have been awarded with 79th rank.

The NIRF 2024 also said that Indian Institute of Management Jammu (IIMJ) has been awarded with 42nd rank in top 100 in Management category.

It also said that no pharmaceutical institute from J&K has figured in the top 100 in Pharmacy. Similarly, from the top 40 in Architecture and Planning category, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Katra figured at rank 31.—(KNO)

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CORRIGENDUM 01
Extension of Critical Dates

Name of work:- Providing and fitting of spares/jobs to be carried out on DRR No 2002350, DRR No 2002363, DRR No 2008554 and DRR No 2006472 pertaining to Mechanical and Hospital Sub-Division 1st Handwara

Reference: 1) e-NIT No: - M&HDH/TS/2024-25/04 Dated:03/08/2024 issued vide No: -M&HDH/TS/1225-30 Dated: - 03/08/2024 (Tender ID: 2024_pwdjk_255214_1)

Due to poor response, the critical dates of the above referred NIT issued for the subject work are extended as under.

1. Bid Submission Start Date	From 12.08.2024 (14:00 HRS)
2. Bid Submission End Date	17/08/2024 (1400 HRS)
3. Date and time for opening of the Technical Bids online	17/08/2024 at 1600 Hrs in the office of Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara.

All other terms, conditions and specifications of the NIT shall remain unchanged.
No: MHD H/TS/1823-26
Date: - 12/08/2024
DIPK-4691-24
DT: 12/08/2024

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical & Hospitals Division
Handwara

(Government of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION KRALPORA.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
Fresh E NIT No.14/RnB/Kralpora of 2024-25 Dated:10-08-2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, e-tenders (single cover system) are invited from reputed Regd. Architectural/Structural Consultant firms for providing Architectural and structural Engineering Consultancy services of following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Class of Contract	M.H of Account
1	Design, Consultancy, Geotechnical Investigation and Preparation of DPR, Detailed Estimates, BOQ along with all Architectural, Structural drawings with design calculations for approval and providing all working drawings i.e. architectural, structural and service drawings alongwith digital layout of plan, etc. including vetting of Drawings from IIT/NIT/DIQC For construction of various buildings/bridges under the territorial jurisdiction of R&B Division Kralpora.	600/-	10000/-	Regd. Consultancy Firm	Contingencies

Position of Funds:-Available.
Table 1:

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice	10.08.2024
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents	10/08/2024 to 17/08/2024
3. Bid submission Start Date	10/08/2024
4. Bid Submission End Date	17/08/2024 upto 4:00PM
5. Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	17.08.2024:00 PM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Kralpora.

1. The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given above.
Note: The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading soft copies.
Any short fall found in the soft copies will lead to the rejection of BID.
As per Circular issued by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Secretariat Finance department vide No. OM No.A/24(2017)-651 dtd.07-06-2018 reproduced as under:-

a) Furnishing of Hard Copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with The same should be obtained only from the Bidder who's declared 1st Lowest (L-1) after opening of financial bids.

b) The Cost of tender document should be collected by introducing E-challan or simply uploading a copy of necessary Treasury Challan (Receipt).

1.1 Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Credited to M.H.0059 PWD)/DD in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Kralpora (Tender Inviting Authority) and Earnest Money/ Bid Security in the shape of CDR/ FDR in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Kralpora (Tender Receiving Authority) failing which the tender will be rejected outrightly.

Note: (The Date of Treasury Challan and earnest money must be between the bid submission start date and Bid Submission End date).

2.1(a) Bidders registered as Micro and Small Enterprise are exempted from depositing Earnest Money/Bid Security and Tender Document Fee. Proof of valid MSME registration certificate must be enclosed for availing these benefits. The bidders availing this benefit shall upload a copy of Bid Security Declaration Form as per Annexure A.

1.2 The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce Performance Security Deposit amounting to Rs 30000 in the shape of CDR/ FDR within 07 days after opening of Bids which shall be released after successful completion of work.

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

1.4 The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.

No:Div-KRPL/1341-50
DATE:10-08-2024

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Sustaining Development Momentum

Jammu and Kashmir is looking forward to holding Assembly polls following the greenlight by Election Commission of India during its visit to the union territory last week - albeit, there is still some skepticism about the exercise being held in the near future. Nevertheless, the expected restoration of democracy is a welcome prospect for people in the UT. An elected government by its very nature gives people a sense of stake in the governance. But it doesn't necessarily lead to an efficient administration. So, whenever an elected government takes charge, it will need to emulate some of the achievements on the development front by the current administration. The past five years have witnessed fast-tracking of development projects and their completion in record time. For example, Srinagar's infrastructure has witnessed a drastic makeover over the past five years. Smart city project has gone a long way in modernizing Srinagar, even while we acknowledge some flaws in the implementation of the project.

The healthcare in Jammu and Kashmir has experienced a major transformation over the past five years. New medical colleges have been established, expanding the medical seat capacity from 500 to an impressive 2,000. The introduction of two All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has positioned the union territory as a hub for medical education. And the establishment of colleges across various districts has brought advanced healthcare within closer reach of people. Simultaneously, the development of two Medicities is currently in progress, one in Jammu and the other in Kashmir.

Tourism has been one of the biggest stories of the UT in recent years. Millions of tourists have visited the region from far and wide. To sustain this growth, the administration has identified 300 new destinations for promotion, emphasizing green tourism, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and the active participation of local communities. Last year alone, over two crore tourists visited the union territory. Such initiatives have not only enhanced the experience of tourism but also contributed to the region's overall development. Similarly, the rise in the number of movies filmed in J&K builds upon the growth in tourism.

The LG's administration is also working on 84 development projects worth over Rs 1,500 crore focusing on improving road connectivity, water supply schemes, and higher education. The Competitiveness Improvement in Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP), valued at Rs 1,800 crore, has worked towards enhancing the agricultural sector's productivity and sustainability.

It goes without saying that in many aspects, Kashmir Valley bears little resemblance to what it was before August 2019, more prominently so on the development and security front. And the biggest challenge of the elected government will be to not just maintain the progress but to build on it.



Understanding Stock Market Risks

Did you know?

Understanding the perceived risk of the stock market requires a shift in mindset. Trading based on fleeting observations and emotions often leads to losses. Instead, adopt a professional approach with calculated risks and strategic planning for wealth creation.

Understanding why many perceive the stock market as risky often stems from the notion that it's a place where money is lost. Imagine a trader or speculator who bases decisions solely on fleeting screen observations. This approach, clouded by greed, fear, and overtrading, frequently leads to losses. Instead of recognizing these errors, many blame the market itself.

Consider air travel. Flying at high altitudes indeed carries risks, but avoiding it altogether isn't feasible. Proper maintenance, thorough checks, and well-designed infrastructure ensure passenger safety. Similarly, investing requires calculated risks, not emotional or hasty decisions. A thoughtfully crafted investment strategy, based on careful planning and sound judgment, is vital for wealth creation. It's crucial to understand that, in investing, your money should work for you.

Success in the stock market demands a mindset grounded in professionalism, learning, and knowledge. Accepting market fluctuations as normal and temporary is key. An effective investment strategy involves a thorough analysis of a company's valuation and management. Like a skilled pilot ensures a safe flight, a knowledgeable advisor can guide successful investments.

Will anyone stop flying in an airplane? Absolutely not, because despite the risks, it's necessary. Similarly, investments must be made with proper management skills and a knowledgeable pilot.

Ultimately, it's not the business itself that generates money, but the people behind it. More specifically, money resides not just in the person, but in their mind and strategy. We need to think logically, analyze thoroughly, and act wisely. People often misconstrue the stock market as a lottery; however, it requires skill and knowledge.

In the end, a professional mindset, continuous learning, and a logical, strategic approach can transform the perceived risks of the stock market into opportunities for substantial returns. Investing isn't gambling—it's an art that, with the right skills and guidance, can lead to remarkable financial journeys.

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What is Social Media Exposure Doing to Children in Kashmir?

Children are the building blocks of our society but their constant engagement with social media has made them incapable of building and defining themselves.

Ayiesha Gauher

“It is evident through increased instances of bullying and sexual violence among the school-going children in Kashmir. However, there is a lack of conclusive studies in Kashmir to understand the growing risks that children are exposed to. This adds to the inability to deal effectively with the harmful effects of social media and it may lead to drastic impacts on our society as a whole



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Social Media has become an inseparable part of our lives nowadays. From waking up in the morning to going to bed at night, our mobile phones stay by our side. This trend is visible in people from all age groups, including children, teenagers, and adults across the world. Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat and Facebook are widely popular among the people. The range of content consumed varies from reels, memes, news, shows, videos etc. Our screen time has also increased drastically with OTT platforms such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney Hotstar, etc. However, easy access to a wide range of content has greatly affected our health and society. Among the various social groups, children particularly are most vulnerable to the negative effects of social media and its constant exposure has severely impacted their cognitive and moral development.

Nowadays, we see children learn to use electronic gadgets faster than they could learn to walk or talk. They become familiar with the applications on the phone before they become aware of their surroundings. Instead of engaging in outdoor activities, YouTube videos are turning out to be their favourite time pass. Different studies have shown that this trend has seen a steep rise since the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to serious impairment in the development process of children which directly impacts their quality of life.

Childhood is one of the most crucial stages of development in our lives, involving both physical and emotional growth. The development of behaviour, cognition, communication etc., forms a pivotal part of childhood development. During the first five years of childhood, the brain forms faster connections than at any other stage of life and forms a solid foundation for growth and learning. Childhood development is a complex process and is

directly linked to children's interaction with the social world, their environment and their relationship with their parents. However, social media is turning out to be one of the major factors in shaping children's behaviour and requires immediate attention before any serious damage.

The constant use of social media among children and adolescents has created a concerning situation in Kashmir and we are beginning to feel its repercussions. Its unregulated use leads to various psychological problems such as anxiety, anger issues, attention problems, sleep problems and social exclusion, especially among adolescents. It also reduces children's physical and creative activity and alters their motor and verbal skills development. Additionally, the consumption of harmful and inappropriate content such as violent or mature-themed content influences the behaviour of children and their emotions.

We often see children trying to imitate the actions or words they come across while watching something on YouTube or television. According to a study exposure to horror-filled content may also induce phobia or depressive tendencies among the children. It could lead to a long-lasting fear among the children and make them prone to various mental health risks. This is cause of serious concern because social media is becoming a part of their socialisation process and leading to unhealthy tendencies among the children.

One of the major issues that we are coming across is the adverse impact on the social environment which is becoming susceptible to the high-risk content that children are consuming without any adult supervision. It is evident through increased instances of bullying and sexual violence among the school-going children in Kashmir. However, there is a lack of conclusive studies in Kashmir to understand

the growing risks that children are exposed to. This adds to the inability to deal effectively with the harmful effects of social media and it may lead to drastic impacts on our society as a whole.

There is an immediate need to research to see the pattern and content consumed to introduce appropriate guidelines and policy measures to prevent children from indulging in harmful activities leading to a possible moral decay of our society. The schools also need to teach the children the appropriate use of the internet and its pros and cons. At home, children learn from their parents and family members. Therefore, it is our primary responsibility to minimise our own screen time as much as possible for the betterment of our children. We need to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to ensure their moral, physical and emotional well-being which is only possible if we realise the social and moral degradation that unregulated use of social media has led to and take the necessary steps to prevent our children being a victim of violence, psychological disorders and trauma.

It is a reality that life without the internet and social media is hard to imagine and its use within a certain is beneficial to gain knowledge and engage with our world. However, we need to teach our children that we are not enslaved by the notifications on the phones or likes on Instagram but there is more to life that needs to be discovered. We must prevent them from being stuck in this virtual world and help them to navigate and discover the real world.

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The New Government Next Door

As the turbulent Bangladesh enters a new phase in governance after Sheikh Hasina's dramatic fall, the interim leadership of the Nobel Laureate and Grameen Bank founder Muhammad Yunus offers hope for a more equitable and democratic future. How far Mr. Yunus, who is known as "banker to the poorest of the poor" can succeed will hinge on his ability to unite the diverse factions within the country and implement reforms that address the root

cause of the current unrest. He needs to bring order to a nation riven by conflict and restore trust in institutions. Steering the transition to a new regime will be a formidable challenge for the Nobel laureate with no experience of leading a government. Unlike on previous occasions when political parties, in consultation with the military and bureaucracy, would decide who would head the government, this time the students' community have emerged as the center of power. While the interim government of

Bangladesh is expected to reflect the country's broad political spectrum and its civil society, it must represent the aspirations of the mass upsurge as articulated by the students, who have made it clear that this is not only about deposing an autocrat but also about creating a system that will prevent the rise of a future autocrat.

As for India, it will be better served if it revisits its Bangladesh policy and acknowledges the underlying causes that led to Hasina's downfall. A large segment of Bangla-

deshis seem to feel that Indian policy since 2009 had deprived them of their right to freely choose their leaders and that an unequal relationship was forged with Hasina. Hence, sooner the Indian policymakers acknowledge the necessity to recalibrate their country's policy, the sooner a better relationship with Bangladesh's interim government can emerge.

Ranganathan Sivakumar

Rupee Going Global?

Azher Ahmad Dar

In recent years, two things have gotten traction: one, dedollarization, and the potential rise of regional or alternative currencies for international trade and commerce. Among all the regional currencies, there has been much talk about the potential rise of the Indian rupee, encapsulated in the catchy words

'Internalization of the Indian rupee', as India seems to have changed its economic trajectory by way of being more assertive on the world stage. Among the cross-section of intellectuals, there has been a debate going on about the possibility of the same. With the 2nd World War, the whole world has seen a tidal rise of the US dollar, with international institutions such as the IMF and the World Bank playing an important role in asserting the dollar's hegemony across the whole world. This hegemony is said to have given centre stage to the US in terms of controlling the political economy of every country, thereby leading to an era of Americanization of world politics. In 1944, with the Bretton Woods agreement, it was decided that every currency had to be pegged to the US dollar for the international flow of goods and services. Two institutions were created to smoothen the institutional process of the whole project: the IMF and the World Bank. The allies paid gold to the US in return for US dollars, which made it the largest holder of gold reserves in the world. Most of the forex was kept in US dollars. However, very recently, we have seen that the demand for it as a reserve currency has overall declined. In 1999, 70% of world forex was kept in US dollars, which reduced to 55% in 2022, which has come to be known as dedollarization. The concept became famous after the Russia-Ukraine war broke out in February 2022, when all of a sudden the US removed seven Russian banks from the Swift mechanism and Russia was barred from using its forex, kept in US dollars, which revealed the insecurity of the international financial system. Following the trend, in July 2022, the Reserve Bank of India allowed other countries to open special Vostro rupee accounts for trade invoicing in local currencies so that they do not become susceptible to the risks of a unilateral financial system. These accounts enable banks to provide international services to their clients. In a written reply, the Union minister of state external affairs, Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, said that the rupee has received acceptance from such countries as Belarus, Botswana, Fiji, Germany, Guyana, Israel, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Zealand, Oman, Russia, and Singapore. Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, Bangladesh, the Maldives, the UK, the Seychelles, Kazakhstan,



etc. But what benefits does an international currency confer on a country? This has to be answered. Let's say trade is to happen between India and the UEA. In that case, the rupee has to be converted to US dollars and then to dirhams, which bears a conversion fee and hedges against currency fluctuations. Why is India pushing for the same? India's trade deficit has been huge due to its overt dependence on imports to meet its energy requirements. Rupee depreciation, net imports due to the pandemic recovery, and the flight of foreign portfolio investment in the wake of the gross fiscal deficit are the other reasons why the government is focusing on rupee internationalization. Exchange rate risk would eventually reduce. According to Sri Lankan banking experts, the two countries would save 50% in transaction costs while trading in the Indian rupee rather than clearing payments through a bank in the USA. India would wind up saving around \$30 billion in dollar outflows if all its Russian imports were paid in rupees (report).

In December 2021, the RBI constituted an interdepartmental group, which gave both short-term and long-term suggestions as to how to get closer to the target of making the rupee an international currency. Various short-term measures suggested included: enabling the rupee as an additional settlement currency in existing multilateral mechanisms; integrating India's payment system with other countries for cross-border transactions; and providing incentives to exporters for rupee trade settlement. On

the other hand, various long-term steps include a review of the tax on masala bonds, harmonizing the tax regime in the country, allowing banking services outside, etc. The group came to the conclusion that it has the potential to be an international currency. Various reality checks need to be given to see how plausible the argument is.

Challenges and a reality check

There are various challenges to the rupee becoming an international currency. The first challenge is the convertibility of the capital account. Free conversion allows for the free flow of goods, services, and other financial instruments. India allowed full convertibility on the current account in 1994, which allowed the flow of current account items such as goods, services, etc. But it has not gone for a full convertibility on the capital account; instead, it went for a partial convertibility on it, which meant that there would be no free flow of capital account instruments in and out of the country, such as bonds and loans. There would be regulations put in place by the government of the country to protect the country against any financial risk. Full convertibility depends upon the level of economic development and maturity of the financial system, which is somehow missing in India's case, which signals the fact that the rupee can't be trusted as a medium of exchange. Going for full capital account convertibility is risky, as it makes a country vulnerable to various kinds of risks. China allowed full

capital convertibility only in 2010, and the UK in the 1980s. The two Tarapore committee reports in 1997 and 2006 laid out a path to full convertibility. However, both set up several pre-conditions for the capital account to be fully convertible. For the currency to be an international one, it has to have the capacity to withstand every risk that comes from other countries. According to the former governor, Rangarajan, for the capital account to be fully convertible, the Indian economy must grow at 7% for the next 25 years, and by 2047, India would be able to allow full convertibility on the capital account. The second challenge is the small size of the Indian economy, which is 3% of the world economy. When you have such a small share in the global GDP and trade, you naturally have a trade deficit, and there is no advantage for a bilateral trade partner to trade in rupees. Foreign companies will not accept payment in INR when it is at its all-time low against the dollar. For a currency to be an international one, in Rangarajan's opinion, its fiscal deficit has to be around 3.5% of GDP, gross NPAs around 5%, and CRR 3%, along with a per capita income of \$13,000. As a matter of fact, its share of global exports was only 2.4% in 2022. The third challenge to it is the concern about the limited liquidity of the Indian rupee. It is not a widely traded currency, with limited liquidity in the market, making it difficult for investors to buy and sell rupee-denominated assets. The majority of the Indian trade is done in US dollars and euros. According to the recent triennial central bank

survey, the dollar accounts for 88% of global forex, which, if taken to India's case, is only 2%, which reveals the reality check for everyone who has been debating about the internationalization of the Indian rupee. The net investment position of India is negative. The Indian rupee is held by six out of 130 countries, and the big four-dollar euro, yen, and pound sterling are held by more than 100 out of 130 countries. The fourth challenge is the concern of the underdeveloped financial markets, which provide only limited services for international investors. The total local currency trade volume has been negligible since the project was started. Russia is unwilling to accept the rupee due to exchange rate volatility and asked it to pay in yuan or dirham. Its imports to India are much higher, making the gap too wide, which makes it unfavourable for Russia to do invoicing in INR. Since India is still a developing economy, there has been an overt role played by the state in the form of acting as a catalyst for the grooming of the private sector. One of the conditions for any currency to become international is that the embargo of regulations has to be set free in order for the private sector to move in and out of the country easily, which again is missing in India's case. Arvind Panagariya, professor of economics at Columbia University, says that for the rupee to become an international currency, India must further open its economy and substantially increase its trade. He draws a parallel with the Chinese yuan's inclusion in the SDR basket, suggesting that India could aspire to a similar status in the future. At the same time, when the country is going to make the rupee an international currency, there are other competing countries that pose a huge challenge for the rupee to go global. One such country is the Chinese Yuan. The yuan has the 5th biggest share as a global payment currency at 2.5%. In terms of the global turnover of forex, it has a 7% share versus the Indian rupee's share of 1.6%.

Drawing an inference from the above discussion, it is unlikely for the Indian rupee to go global soon. However, it is likely that it will go global, which will take time and calls for various steps to be taken by the government to strengthen the economy and work at large on the infrastructure of the country, such as social, political, economic, etc. It will happen through an amalgamation of various steps that have to be taken, such as giving people more and more political and economic opportunities.

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AI supercharges data center energy use – straining the grid and slowing sustainability efforts

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The artificial intelligence boom has had such a profound effect on big tech companies that their energy consumption, and with it their carbon emissions, have surged.

The spectacular success of large language models such as ChatGPT has helped fuel this growth in energy demand. At 2.9 watt-hours per ChatGPT request, AI queries require about 10 times the electricity of traditional Google queries, according to the Electric Power Research Institute, a nonprofit research firm. Emerging AI capabilities such as audio and video generation are likely to add to this energy demand.

The energy needs of AI are shifting the calculus of energy companies. They're now exploring previously untenable options, such as restarting a nuclear reactor at the Three Mile Island power plant, site of the infamous disaster in 1979, that has been dormant since 2019.

Data centers have had continuous growth for decades, but the magnitude of growth in the still-young era of large language models has been exceptional. AI requires a lot more computational and data storage resources than the pre-AI rate of data center growth could provide.

AI and the grid

Thanks to AI, the electrical grid – in many places already near its capacity or prone to stability challenges – is experiencing more pressure than before. There is also a substantial lag between computing growth and grid growth. Data centers take one to two years to build, while adding new power to the grid requires over four years.

As a recent report from the Electric Power



Research Institute lays out, just 15 states contain 80% of the data centers in the U.S. Some states – such as Virginia, home to Data Center Alley – astonishingly have over 25% of their electricity consumed by data centers. There are similar trends of clustered data center growth in other parts of the world. For example, Ireland has become a data center nation.

Along with the need to add more power generation to sustain this growth, nearly all countries have decarbonization goals. This means they are striving to integrate more renewable energy sources into the grid. Renewables such as wind and solar are intermittent: The wind doesn't always blow and the sun doesn't always shine. The dearth of cheap, green and scalable energy storage means the grid faces an even bigger problem matching supply with demand.

Additional challenges to data center growth

include increasing use of water cooling for efficiency, which strains limited fresh water sources. As a result, some communities are pushing back against new data center investments.

Better tech

There are several ways the industry is addressing this energy crisis. First, computing hardware has gotten substantially more energy efficient over the years in terms of the operations executed per watt consumed. Data centers' power use efficiency, a metric that shows the ratio of power consumed for computing versus for cooling and other infrastructure, has been reduced to 1.5 on average, and even to an impressive 1.2 in advanced facilities. New data centers have more efficient cooling by using water cooling and external

cool air when it's available.

Unfortunately, efficiency alone is not going to solve the sustainability problem. In fact, Jevons paradox points to how efficiency may result in an increase of energy consumption in the longer run. In addition, hardware efficiency gains have slowed down substantially, as the industry has hit the limits of chip technology scaling.

To continue improving efficiency, researchers are designing specialized hardware such as accelerators, new integration technologies such as 3D chips, and new chip cooling techniques.

Similarly, researchers are increasingly studying and developing data center cooling technologies. The Electric Power Research Institute report endorses new cooling methods, such as air-assisted liquid cooling and immersion cooling. While liquid cooling has already made its way into data centers, only a few new data centers have implemented the still-in-development immersion cooling.

Flexible future

A new way of building AI data centers is flexible computing, where the key idea is to compute more when electricity is cheaper, more available and greener, and less when it's more expensive, scarce and polluting.

Data center operators can convert their facilities to be a flexible load on the grid. Academia and industry have provided early examples of data center demand response, where data centers regulate their power depending on power grid needs. For example, they can schedule certain computing tasks for off-peak hours.

Implementing broader and larger scale flexibility in power consumption requires innovation in hardware, software and grid-data

center coordination. Especially for AI, there is much room to develop new strategies to tune data centers' computational loads and therefore energy consumption. For example, data centers can scale back accuracy to reduce workloads when training AI models.

Realizing this vision requires better modeling and forecasting. Data centers can try to better understand and predict their loads and conditions. It's also important to predict the grid load and growth.

The Electric Power Research Institute's load forecasting initiative involves activities to help with grid planning and operations. Comprehensive monitoring and intelligent analytics – possibly relying on AI – for both data centers and the grid are essential for accurate forecasting.

On the edge

The U.S. is at a critical juncture with the explosive growth of AI. It is immensely difficult to integrate hundreds of megawatts of electricity demand into already strained grids. It might be time to rethink how the industry builds data centers.

One possibility is to sustainably build more edge data centers – smaller, widely distributed facilities – to bring computing to local communities. Edge data centers can also reliably add computing power to dense, urban regions without further stressing the grid. While these smaller centers currently make up 10% of data centers in the U.S., analysts project the market for smaller-scale edge data centers to grow by over 20% in the next five years.

Along with converting data centers into flexible and controllable loads, innovating in the edge data center space may make AI's energy demands much more sustainable.

Microbes In Microwave Found To Be Highly Adapted With Potential Industrial Uses

Press Trust Of India

Microwave, an extreme environment that is common across households, has been found to harbour a specialised, highly adapted community of microbes, according to a study.

Microbes are organisms not visible to the naked eye and include bacteria, viruses and fungi.

Researchers, including those from the University of Valencia, Spain, said that seeing how these microbes are adapted to survive extreme environments, if the strains found inside microwaves could be used in industrial processes, it could inspire a range of biotechnological applications.

The authors of the study, published in the journal *Frontiers in Microbiology*, said the findings are also important from a hygiene perspective and recommended regular disinfection of microwaves.



To understand if microbes inside microwaves are affected by food interactions and user habits, the researchers analysed samples of microbes taken from 30 microwaves -- 10 each from household kitchens, shared domestic spaces and biological labs.

Their methods of analysis included genome sequencing.

"Our results reveal that domestic microwaves have a more 'anthropised' microbiome, similar to kitchen surfaces, while laboratory microwaves harbour

bacteria that are more resistant to radiation," said author Daniel Torrent, a researcher at the start-up Darwin Bioprospecting Excellence SL, Spain.

Anthropisation refers to how human action transforms open spaces, landscapes and natural environments, including changes in land cover.

The authors also found that the microbes community was the least diverse in household microwaves and the most diverse in lab ones.

The team also compared the microbial diversity that they observed with that in specialised habitats reported in previous studies. They found that the microbiome in microwaves resembled that found on typical kitchen surfaces.

Overall, the researchers found 25 types of bacteria, of which there were a total of 747 different strains. The most often seen type included the Proteobacteria, known to be involved in healthy gut function in humans.

"Some (strains) found in domestic microwaves, such as Klebsiella, Enterococcus and Aeromonas, may pose a risk to human health. However, it is important to note that the microbial population found in microwaves does not present a unique or increased risk compared to other common kitchen surfaces," Torrent said. Since the industrial revolution, microbes have made their presence across habitats, including the interior of the International Space Station.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
NIT No. EE/PMGSY/KUP/2024-25/10 **Dated:-10-08-2024**

Post Defect Liability Period Maintenance

Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Kupwara, on behalf of J.K. State Rural Road Development Authority invites online percentage rate tenders on e-procurement portal <http://pmsgsyndertenders.gov.in> from the Contractors registered in appropriate class/category with J.K. P.W.D. or Contractors of equivalent categories registered with other States' Central Government, Departments, Institutions, Undertakings and Authorities on standard schedule of rate given below for the packages shown in the column 2 of table, for repair / maintenance of the Rural Roads/CDs for five years, constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and other scheme.

- SSR Applicable :- SSR issued by J.K. State Rural Road Development Authority effective from July 2022
- Table-1:

S. No.	Package Number	Name of District	Name of P.W.	Total length of Roads (In Kms)	PAC (in Lacs)				Total PAC (In Lacs)	Completion Period of Job (in Days)	Cost of Tender Document (in Rs.)	Tender call	Class of Contractor
					Part-I	Part-II	Part-III	Part-IV					
1	JK0898	Kupwara	Kupwara	3.70	13.46	18.82	55.46	0	87.74	90	1600	1 st	AAV
2	JK0807-A	Kupwara	Kupwara	2.51	18.16	12.76	37.64	0	68.56	90	1600	1 st	AAV
3	JK08130	Kupwara	Kupwara	2.75	27.31	13.98	41.18	0	82.47	90	1600	1 st	AAV

CRITICAL DATES

S.No.	Stages	Date & Time
1	Publishing Date	10-08-2024
2	Document Download/Sale Start Date	10-08-2024 from 5:00 pm
3	Bid Submission Start Date	12-08-2024 from 10:00 am
4	Bid Submission Closing Date	19-08-2024 till 4:00 pm
5	Bid Opening Date (Technical)	20-08-2024 at 11:00 am

1) (a) The amount of Bid Security is 2% of PAC. The bidders are required to pay cost of Bid Document (Tender Fee), Bid Security online as appearing on e-procurement portal plus service charges through Debit/Credit Card, Internet Banking, or System generated Bank Challan for NEFT/RTGS before submission of Bid. Bid Security of disqualified/unsuccessful bidders will be refunded online in the Bank A/c notified by the bidders on the portal at the time of submission of Bids. To avoid last day rush/breakdown in system contractors are advised to ensure payment of Bid Security at least one day in advance before the end date of Bid Submission. Department will not be responsible if contractor fails to pay Bid Security due to Server/Power failure or any other reason.

(b) The bidders are required to submit affidavit strictly on prescribed form (Annexure 'A' of this NIT) affirming correctness of information furnished with the bid. This affidavit in the form of scanned copy is to be uploaded with the technical bid online. If online affidavit is not submitted or is not on prescribed form bidder will be disqualified at Technical evaluation stage.

(c) Bidders are also required to submit Tender Conditions Acceptance Letter in the form given as Annexure-C to this NIT.

2) (i) Bid documents consisting of qualification information and eligibility criterion of bidders, plans, specifications, drawings, the schedule of quantities of the various classes of work to be done and these terms & conditions of contract to be complied with by the Contractor can be seen online on the website <http://pmsgsyndertenders.gov.in>. (ii) Last date for submission of bid and other Critical Dates may be seen in the schedule of Critical Dates given above. Technical bid will be opened online at Executive Engineer's Office Kupwara in the presence of the bidders who may like to be present. Financial bid shall be opened online at Executive Engineer's Office Kupwara as per time schedule which will be notified online. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

3. The time allowed for completion of work for L.R. work (Part- I) of each package is including rainy season as shown in column no.11.

4. The site for the works is available and may be visited on any working day.

5. Names of the roads and their length is given in the BOQ-Annexure-II-A.

6. Payment will be regulated as per clause 38 of GCC and Section-4 Part-II (B) special conditions for performance based 5 year maintenance contract and other clauses of the contract.

8.1 To qualify or award of the Contract;

(A) For packages with total PAC more than Rs.2.50 (Two Crores and fifty lacs), each bidder should have in the last five years:

a.) Achieved in any one year during last 5 years a minimum financial turnover (in all cases of civil engineering construction works only) volume of construction work of at least 75% of estimated cost of works.

b.) Satisfactorily completed, as prime contractor, at least one similar work (roadwork) equal in value to one-third of the estimated cost of work for which the bid is invited, or such higher amount as may be specified in the Appendix to ITB.

c.) He should also fulfill qualifying criterion laid down in Para 4.4 to 4.7 of (ITB) of tender document.

Section-2 (ITB) Clause 4.4.A, may be treated to have been amended accordingly

Note :- In support of their financial turn over contractor should submit scanned copy of audited accounts for the period from 2019-20 to 2023-24.

(B) For Packages with PAC upto Rs.2.50 (Two Crore fifty lacs); Contractor registered in JK PWD under Centralized registration system may participate in the tender packages having total PAC upto Rs.2.50 Crore on the basis of their registration in appropriate class of contractor subject to fulfilling other conditions of tender document. They will however have to submit original affidavit on the prescribed date.

Section-2I (ITB) Clause 4.4 A, 4.6 may be treated to have been amended accordingly

8.2 Contractor should have registration with EPF organization.

9. The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of ninety days from the date of opening 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, his earnest money shall stand forfeited.

10. A bidder shall not be permitted to bid for works in the PIU/Chief Engineers jurisdiction (as the case may be) responsible for award and execution of contract in which his or his spouse's near relative is posted as Accountant/Accounts Officer or as an officer in any capacity between the grades of Chief Engineer and Sub Engineer (both inclusive). He shall also intimate the name of persons who are working with him in any capacity and who are near relatives to any officer of JKSRDDA. Any breach of this condition by the contractor would render him liable to be disqualified/debarred from participation in JKSRDDA tenders.

11. No Engineer of Gazetted rank or other Gazetted officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the State Government is allowed to work as a Contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from Government service, without Government permission. If the contractor or any of his employees is found at any time to be such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as aforesaid, before submission of the tender or engaged in the Contractor's service. His contract is liable to be cancelled and earnest money will be forfeited.

12. Contractors who are black listed / debarred by JKSRDDA or in any other department, for participation in tender are not allowed to participate in the tenders.

13. Contractor shall be responsible for maintenance of entire road length /c CDs /Bridges on the maintenance Roads included in the package. If any CD/Bridge or road portion is under defect liability period of the other contractor and DLP period of such work expires during the contract period of the Package, contractor shall be responsible for Routine Maintenance of such Bridges/CDs and Road portion also, during contract period.

14. The contractors who have not completed the Bridges Work awarded on or before 31st March 2019 and road work package awarded on or before 31st March 2019 are not allowed to participate in this NIT.

15. After award of work rates of routine maintenance before renewal will be applicable. Rates after renewal will be applicable from the month in which renewal is carried out.

16. Taxes - The rates quoted by the Contractor are deemed to be inclusive of the sales and other levies, duties, royalties, cess, toll, taxes of Central and State Governments, local bodies and authorities except GST that the Contractor will have to pay for the performance of this Contract. GST as applicable at the time of payment to the contractor shall be paid separately. Contractors will have to get themselves registered under GST and Submit GSTIN registration in their bids. The Employer will perform such duties in regard to the deduction of such taxes as source as per applicable law.

Clause 4I(GCC) of the bidding document may be treated to have been amended as above.

17. Instructions/Guidelines for participation in the tender and list of documents to be submitted with technical Bid may be seen in Annexure-B of this NIT.

18. Conditions of this NIT will prevail over the conditions of the tender document in case of any inconsistency between the two.

19. If lowest rates offered by two or more bidders are equal, fresh limited online tenders will be invited from the bidders who have quoted same rates on e-tender portal for taking decision on the tender.

20. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents (Repair & Maintenance of Rural Roads) amended upto date.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
e-Nit AUC 05 OF 2024-25 Dated:12-08-2024
Outsourcing of Gate Entry Contract with respect to F & V Market Shopian

For and on behalf of Market Administrative Committee e-Tenders are invited from public at large / NGO's having valid GST registrations for execution of Gate Entry Contract at F&V Market Shopian for the year 2024-25 commencing from 24-08-2024 to 31-03-2025. The minimum reverse bid is fixed at Rs. 34,34,000/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lacs Thirty Four Thousand Only). The tender documents can be downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in. The successful tendered shall have to collect the gate entry fee from various kinds of vehicles every time entering the market as per the description given below :-

Name of work	Minimum Reserve Bid	Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR	Cost of Tender Document	Period of Contract
Collection of Gate Entry Fee of Fruit and Vegetable Market Shopian for the year 2024-25 (w.e.f. from 00.00 hrs. of 24.08.2024 and shall terminate at 24.00 hrs. of the intervening night of 31.3.2025 and 01.04.2025)	Rs. 34,34,000/- + GST & other taxes as applicable in the J&K Union Territory	Rs. 1,03,000/- (3% of Minimum bid amount) in favour of Member Secretary (MAC) Shopian	Rs. 2000/- (Non-Refundable) in favour of Member Secretary (MAC) Shopian	(w.e.f. 01.09.2024 To 31.03.2025)

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4	Bid Submission Closing Date	20-08-2024 (Up to 4:00 PM)
5	Bid Submission Opening Date	21-08-2024 (At 11:00 AM) at Deputy Director (K) office Rajbagh Srinagar

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3. Member-Secretary MAC /Area Marketing Officer Shopian	: Member
4. Assistant Grading and Marketing Officer Shopian	: Member
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3	Truck/BUS-06 Tyres	Rs. 130/-
4	Matador/ Tractor/ Trolley/Jonga/ Tata	Rs. 40/-
5	Mobile/Tata Sumo/Tavera/Qualis/Van	Rs. 30/-
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- The successful bidder has to charge the entry fee as per the approved rates of Directorate of Horticulture (P&M), any complaint with regard to the overcharging of rates will be viewed seriously which may lead to cancellation of the contract and in that case the amount deposited shall be forfeited along with the earnest money.
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Sd/-
(Naheed Mir)
Deputy Director (K), Horticulture (P&M), Srinagar

No. -142/ DDK/HPM/Esttb/2024/3396-99
DIPK-4646/24
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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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RAJBAGH SRINAGAR.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
e-Nit AUC 04 OF 2024-25 Dated:12-08-2024
Outsourcing of Gate Entry Contract with respect to F & V Market ZaznaGanderbal

For and on behalf of Market Administrative Committee e-Tenders are invited from public at large / NGO's having valid GST registrations for execution of Gate Entry Contract at F&V Market ZaznaGanderbal for the year 2024-25 commencing from 24-08-2024 to 31-03-2025. The minimum reverse bid is fixed at Rs. 70,000/- (Rupees Seventy Thousand Only). The tender documents can be downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in. The successful tendered shall have to collect the gate entry fee from various kinds of vehicles every time entering the market as per the description given below :-

Name of work	Minimum Reserve Bid	Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR	Cost of Tender Document	Period of Contract
Collection of Gate Entry Fee of Fruit and Vegetable Market Zazna Ganderbal for the year 2024-25 (w.e.f. from 00.00 hrs. of 24.08.2024 and shall terminate at 24.00 hrs. of the intervening night of 31.3.2025 and 01.04.2025)	Rs. 70,000/- + GST & other taxes as applicable in the J&K Union Territory	Rs. 2,100/- (3% of Minimum bid amount) in favour of Member Secretary (MAC) ZaznaGanderbal	Rs. 500/- (Non-Refundable) in favour of Member Secretary (MAC) ZaznaGanderbal	(w.e.f. 24.08.2024 To 31.03.2025)

Critical Dates Table.

S. No.	Stages	Date & Time
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Hindenburg Asks Sebi Chief To Come Clean On Consulting Firm She Held Stake In

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Continuing its broadside against Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch, US short-seller Hindenburg Research has asked her to come clean on the clients of a consulting firm in which she held stake even while being in office.

Hours after Madhabi and her husband, Dhaval issued a statement calling Hindenburg's latest tirade as an attack on the credibility of Sebi and attempted "character assassination", Hindenburg in a series of posts on X said their response includes several important admissions and raised numerous new critical questions.

"Buch's response now publicly confirms her investment in an obscure Bermuda/Mauritius fund structure, alongside money allegedly siphoned by Vinod Adani. She also confirmed the fund was run by a childhood friend of her husband, who at the time was an Adani director," it said.

Hindenburg had on Saturday alleged that the Buchs opened an account in 2015 with a wealth management firm in Singapore to invest undisclosed sum of money in a Mauritius-registered offshoot of a Bermuda-based fund. The Mauritius fund was run by an Adani director and its ultimate parent was the vehicle used by two Adani associates to round-trip funds and inflate stock prices.

Hindenburg also alleged that she held 100 per cent interest in a Singaporean consulting firm, Agora Partners from April 2017 to March 2022 while she was a whole-time member in Sebi. She passed on the shares to her husband two weeks after her appointment as the Sebi chairperson.

It is being asked if Agora had publicly traded Indian firms as clients.

In response, the Buchs on Sunday said the investments were made in 2015, well before her appointment as a whole-time member of Sebi in 2017 and the subsequent elevation as chairperson in March 2022, and in capacity as "private citizens living in Singapore". These funds became "dormant" on her appointment in Sebi.

"Sebi was tasked with investigating investment funds relating to the Adani matter, which would include funds Ms Buch WAS PERSONALLY INVESTED IN and funds by the same sponsor which were specifically highlighted in our original report. This is obviously a massive conflict of interest," Hindenburg said.



While the opposition parties led by Congress have used the Hindenburg allegations to demand a probe by a joint parliamentary committee, the BJP claimed that anti-Modi billionaire investor George Soros was invested in Hindenburg and its report was aimed at weakening the Indian economy and destroying investment in the country.

Some saw Hindenburg attack on Buch as an immediate fallout of the June 27 show-cause notice Sebi sent to the US firm, founder Nathan Anderson, as well as New York-based hedge fund manager Mark Kingdon and his Kingdon Capital Management, for allegedly violating Indian laws while profiting from the fall in Adani shares last year.

"Buch's statement also claims that the two consulting companies she set up, including the Indian entity and the opaque Singaporean entity "became immediately dormant on her appointment with Sebi" in 2017, with her husband taking over starting in 2019. Per its latest shareholding list as of March 31, 2024, Agora Advisory Limited (India), is still 99 per cent owned by Madhabi Buch, not her husband. This entity is currently active and generating consulting revenue," Hindenburg said.

Also, she remained a 100 per cent shareholder of Agora Partners Singapore until March 16, 2022, per Singaporean records, owning it during her entire time as a Sebi whole-time member. "She only transferred her shares into her husband's name two weeks after her appointment as SEBI chairperson," it alleged.

The Buchs have strongly denied the "baseless allegations and insinuations made in the report", saying the charges were "devoid of any truth".

Sebi too defended its chairperson. In a two-page statement, it said Buch had made relevant disclosures from time to time and she "had also recused herself in matters involving potential conflicts of interest."

Retail Inflation Slips To 5-Yr Low Of 3.54% In July

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Retail inflation declined to a five-year low of 3.54 per cent in July mainly on account of subdued prices of food items, and base effect, according to official data released on Monday.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation was 5.08 per cent in June 2024 and 7.44 per cent in July 2023.

Retail inflation slipped below the median target of 4 per cent of the Reserve Bank for the first time since September 2019 when it was at 3.99 per cent. The government has tasked the RBI to ensure inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side. Inflation has remained below 6 per cent since September 2023.

According to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the annual inflation in 'milk and milk products' was 2.99 per cent, 'oils and fats' (-) 1.17, fruits 3.84 per cent, and spices (-) 1.43 per cent.

The rate of price rise was 6.83 per cent in the vegetable basket and 8.14 per cent in 'cereals and products', NSO said.

The CPI inflation in the food basket was 5.42 per cent in



July, down from 9.36 per cent in June, and 11.51 a year ago. Inflation in the 'fuel and light' segment was in negative at 5.48 per cent.

The NSO data further showed that inflation was more than the national average in rural India at 4.1 per cent while in urban areas it was 2.98 per cent.

Among states, the highest inflation was in Bihar at 5.87 per cent and the lowest in Jharkhand at 1.72 per cent.

Commenting on the data, Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA said the CPI inflation expectedly witnessed a base-led softening to a 59-month low in July, printing slightly lower than ICRA's estimate for the month.

The food and beverages segment accounted for as much as 146 bps of the 154 bps dip

in the headline inflation print between these months, as anticipated, she said.

"The IMD's expectations of above normal rainfall during August-September 2024, amidst the likely development of La Nina conditions at end-August 2024, augurs well for the kharif crops, although ICRA remains watchful of the episodes of heavy rainfall and flooding across some states that could harm the standing crops and impact perishable prices during this period," Nayar added.

The Reserve Bank expects a degree of relief in food inflation from the pick-up in the south-west monsoon and healthy progress in sowing and buffer stocks of cereals continue to be above the norms.

IIP Growth Slows To 5-Month Low Of 4.2% In Jun: Govt Data

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India's industrial production slowed to a five-month low of 4.2 per cent in June 2024, mainly due to poor performance of the manufacturing sector, though power and mining sectors continue to perform well, as per official data released on Monday.

The factory output growth, measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), was 6.2 per cent in May, 5 per cent in April, 5.5 per cent in March, 5.6 per cent in February and 4.2 per cent in January 2024.

During the April-June period this fiscal, the IIP growth was 5.2 per cent against 4.7 per cent in the same period of the preceding financial year.

India's Index of Industrial Production grew by 4 per cent in June 2023, according to a statement by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.



As per the data, the mining output growth accelerated to 10.3 per cent in June against a 7.6 per cent expansion in the year-ago month.

The manufacturing sector's growth decelerated to 2.6 per cent in June compared to 3.5 per cent a year ago.

The power generation increased by 8.6 per cent in June against a growth of 4.2 per cent in the same month of the last year.

As per use-base classification, the capital goods segment growth fell to 2.4 per

cent in June 2024 from 2.9 per cent in the year-ago period.

In June this year, consumer durables output expanded 8.6 per cent compared to a 6.8 per cent contraction in June 2023.

Consumer non-durable goods production contracted 1.4 per cent during the reporting month against a growth of 0.5 per cent in May 2023.

According to the data, infrastructure/construction goods reported a growth of 4.4 per cent in June 2024, down from a 13.3 per cent expansion in the year-ago period.

Adani Stocks Shrug Off Initial Losses As Market Recovers; Two Stocks End In Green

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Adani group stocks on Monday shrugged off initial losses resulting from Hindenburg Research allegations against market regulator, as a rise in broader market helped two of the group companies end in green.

Hindenburg on Saturday evening alleged that a conflict of interest is preventing Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch from doing a thorough probe into allegations against Adani group. Buch as well as Adani group issued strong denials on Sunday.

Shares of Adani Enterprises Ltd, the group's flagship, slid as much as 5.5 per cent in early Mumbai trading and Adani Energy Solutions Ltd plunged 17 per cent as all of the conglomerate's 10 stocks traded lower. But the stocks pared bulk of the losses during the day.

At the close of trade, Adani Green Energy Ltd as well as Ambuja Cement Ltd ended in green. Taken together, the Adani stocks lost Rs 22,064 crore in market capitalisation.

Adani Enterprises ended with a loss of 1.09 per cent while Adani Energy Solutions



closed 3.7 per cent lower.

At close of trading in Mumbai, Adani Wilmar had slumped 4.14 per cent over Friday's closing price, Adani Total Gas dropped by 4.03 per cent, NDTV declined by 3.08 per cent, and Adani Ports dipped 2.02 per cent. ACC ended with a loss of 1.55 per cent and Adani Power 0.65 per cent on the BSE.

However, two of the group firms bounced back, with Ambuja Cements climbing 0.55 per cent and Adani Green Energy rising by 1.12 per cent.

During the early trade, shares of Adani Total Gas tanked 13.39 per cent, NDTV plunged 11 per cent and Adani Power dropped 10.94 per cent.

Stocks of Adani Green Energy had declined 6.96 per cent, Adani Wilmar slumped 6.49 per cent, Adani Ports dived 4.95 per cent, Ambuja Cements skidded 2.53 per cent and ACC dipped 2.42 per cent.

NBFC Depositors Can Prematurely Withdraw Entire Amount Within 3 Months: RBI

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: The Reserve Bank on Monday said non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) will pay 100 per cent of deposit amount within the first three months of accepting the fund, if the depositor seeks an withdrawal citing an emergency.

In its review of regulations governing NBFCs, the central bank said no interest will be paid for such premature withdrawals and added that these changes will be in force from January 1, 2025.

The definition of "critical illness" set by insurance regulator Irdai will guide on whether a request qualifies under the category, the central bank said.

"...in cases of critical illness, hundred per cent of the amount of the principal sum of deposit may be prematurely paid to individual depositors at the request of the depositors, before the expiry of three months from the date

of acceptance of such deposits, without interest," the central bank said.

It specified expenses of an emergent nature include a medical emergency or expenses due to natural calamities or a disaster as notified by the government, it said.

If the money is not sought for an emergency and a premature withdrawal is sought within three months, NBFCs can pay up to 50 per cent of the deposit without paying any interest.

However, not more than 50 per cent of the amount of the principal sum of deposit or Rs 5 lakh, whichever is lower, may be prematurely paid, it added.

The RBI has also asked NBFCs to intimate depositors about a maturity 14 days ahead as against the present regulations stipulating it at two months.

The RBI has asked NBFCs to ensure that the audit committee must ensure that an information system audit is conducted as per the stipulations.

Gold Rises Rs 200, Silver Rallies Rs 1,000 Per Kg

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Gold prices rose by Rs 200 to Rs 72,350 per 10 grams while silver prices rallied by Rs 1,000 per kg in the local market here on Monday amid firm global trends.

In the previous session, the yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed lower at Rs 72,150 per 10 grams on Saturday, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

Silver prices jumped by Rs 1,000 to Rs 83,500 per kg from Rs 82,500 per kg in the previous close.

Meanwhile, gold of 99.5 per cent purity also climbed by Rs 200 to Rs 72,000 per 10 grams. In the previous trade, it had ended at Rs 71,800 per 10 grams on Saturday.

Traders attributed the rise in gold prices to increased demand from local jewellers and a strong trend in the overseas markets.

On the global front, Comex gold is trading at USD 2,481.80 per ounce, up by USD 8.40 per ounce.

"Gold prices rose on Monday as persisting geopolitical concerns about Middle Eastern crises boosted the safe-haven demand for precious metal," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.



Apart from that, traders also increased their bets on the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) aggressive interest rate cuts this year after recent weak macro data provided further support for the yellow metal, Gandhi added.

According to Manav Modi, Senior Analyst of Commodity Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services, gold prices held steady after a sharp rise in the previous session, bolstered by a dip in US Treasury yields, as investors grew confident that the Fed would lower interest rates in

September this year. Silver is up at USD 28.01 per ounce in the international markets.

Traders shifted their focus to the US consumer price index data, due next week, for insights into the Fed's likely monetary policy path, Modi said.

As per Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, gold prices are largely driven by escalating tensions in the Middle East, particularly concerns over a potential attack by Iran on Israel.

Net Direct Tax Collection Grows 22% To Rs 6.93 Lakh Cr

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Net direct tax collection grew 22.48 per cent to about Rs 6.93 lakh crore as of August 11 this fiscal, government data showed on Monday.

The mop-up includes personal income tax collection of Rs 4.47 lakh crore and corporate tax collection of Rs 2.22 lakh crore. Securities Transaction Tax (STT) mopped up Rs 21,599 crore, while other taxes (which include equalisation levy and



gift tax) earned Rs 1,617 crore. Refunds worth Rs 1.20 lakh crore were issued between April 1 to August 11, a growth of 33.49 per cent.

On a gross basis, direct tax collection grew 24 per cent to Rs 8.13 lakh crore. The collection includes PIT (personal income tax) of Rs 4.82 lakh crore and corporate tax of Rs 3.08 lakh crore.

The government has budgeted to collect Rs 22.07 lakh crore in the current fiscal from direct taxes.

GOVERNMENT OF UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT AND COUNSELLING CENTRE BARAMULLA

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ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Subject:- Notice for inviting applications from the unemployed youth of district Baramulla to undergo 3 months skill development course in Beauty and Wellness .

Applications as per the format given below are invited from interested unemployed youth of district Baramulla having qualification Matric with ITI diploma or 10+2 and above to undergo three months Beauty and Wellness Course to be conducted by District Employment & Counselling Centre Baramulla. The course will be free of cost and stipend of Rs 1000 per month per student shall be provided by DE&CC Baramulla as per norms of the course.

The applications should reach the office of Deputy Director, District Employment & Counselling Centre Kanispora Baramulla by or before 19th of August 2024 (4.00 pm) alongwith self-attested photocopy of Date of birth, educational qualification Certificate, domicile certificate, Aadhaar card and Bank Passbook.

NO: DE&CC/Bla/2024-25/269-72
No: 12/08/2024

Assistant Director
District Employment & Counselling Centre
Baramulla

APPLICATION FORM

- Name of the candidate _____
- Parentage _____
- Permanent Residence _____
- Date of Birth _____
- Contact Details _____
- i) Email ID _____
- ii) Mob No _____
- DE&CC Baramulla Registration No _____
- Qualification _____

Photograph
of Candidate

a) Academic Qualification			
Class	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained	%age of Marks
b) Technical Qualification (if any)			
Diploma/ Degree in	Max. Marks	Marks obtained	%age of Marks

I hereby declare that I will abide by all the terms and conditions of the department and that I will not leave the course before completion of the same.

DIPK-4663-24
DT: 12/08/2024

Signature of candidate

J&K Power Supply Improved, But Electrification Insufficient: Centre

Agencies

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory has seen a modest improvement in its power supply situation, with the energy deficit decreasing from 1.4% to 0.5% over the past year, the Centre has informed.

However, despite these gains, the region continues to grapple with insufficient electrification and remains one of the lowest-ranked in terms of daily power supply across India.

Minister of State in the Ministry of Power, Shripad Naik in a reply to a question in Rajya Sabha a few days back has said that no new households had been electrified under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) as of July 2024, despite significant financial allocations for the initiative.

For Jammu & Kashmir, the RDSS has sanctioned the electrification of 1,936 additional households with a sanctioned outlay of Rs 14.96 crore and GBS of Rs 13.46 crore. As of July 18, 2024, none of these households have been electrified, the

minister informed.

He said, "In the fiscal year 2023-24, Jammu and Kashmir's energy requirement stood at 20,040 million units (MU), but only 19,763 MU were supplied, resulting in an energy deficit of 1.4%. This shortfall was slightly reduced in the first quarter of 2024-25, covering the period from April to June 2024, where the energy requirement was 4,815 MU, and 4,791 MU were supplied, leaving a deficit of 0.5%."

The minister informed that during 2023-24, the rural areas received an average of 19.0 hours of power daily, while urban areas had 21.7 hours.

This marks a slight increase from the previous year (2022-23); rural areas had 17.7 hours, and urban areas had 22.5 hours of supply, he said.

However, compared to many other states, Jammu and Kashmir still ranks lower in terms of power availability, underscoring the need for continued investment and focus on enhancing the region's energy infrastructure. (KNO)

J&K Govt Orders Release Of 5 Life Convicts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu & Kashmir government has remitted the remaining term of imprisonment of five life convicts.

In a notification, J&K's Lieutenant Governor has ordered remission of the remaining period of imprisonment of five prisoners who were sentenced to life imprisonment by courts.

According to the notification, the government granted remission to Mohd. Yousaf Shah

(Jammu), Des Raj (Jammu), Suresh Kumar (Reasi), Tarseem Lal (Jammu) and Mohammad Bashir (Poonch). The remission was granted in compliance to an order passed by the Supreme Court on July 18, 2024.

In the matter of Mohd. Yousaf Shah & Ors versus state of Jammu & Kashmir, the UT government's counsel submitted before the SC that the State has already recommended their premature release, taking into consideration the period of incarceration undergone by them.



MARRIAGE ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Rs 394 Cr Given To 1 Lakh Girls Since 2015

AGENCIES

Srinagar: Shakeel Ahmad Bhat (name changed) had been meticulously saving for eight years to fund his daughter's wedding.

A daily wage by profession, the amount he collected, fell too less to manage expenses for a simple marriage.

Much to his delight, Bhat learnt from his relative that the Social Welfare Department was financially assisting the economically poor women under the Marriage Assistance Scheme (MAS).

"The scheme has helped me a lot. With the financial assistance from the

government, I purchased a few items for my daughter. This scheme brings a lot of relief for underprivileged families," he said.

Kashmir's Marriage Assistance Scheme has emerged as a significant support system for underprivileged families, offering much-needed financial aid for the marriages of poor girls in the region.

Since its inception in the 2015-16 fiscal year, the scheme has provided substantial relief to families, with a total of Rs 394 crore allocated to support 1,04,326 girls up to the 2023-24 period.

MAS is a Social Assistance Scheme implemented

by the Social Welfare Department to financially assist un-married identified women in Jammu and Kashmir who belong to the below poverty line category.

The Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Council headed by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha earlier in 2022 restructured the State Marriage Assistance Scheme to provide benefits to all AAY and PHH families.

As per the restructured scheme, any girl of legally marriageable age belonging to the families of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), or Priority Household (PHH) ration card holders, will be eligible for one-time financial assistance of Rs 50,000.

An official from the Social Welfare Department said, the number of beneficiaries are increasing as the department raises mass awareness regarding the scheme.

"The department is always at the forefront to help the underprivileged section of the society through various schemes. As far as the Marriage Assistance Scheme is concerned, people belonging to the AAY are coming and getting benefitted under the scheme," he said.

The official said the awareness is being constantly raised by the department through mass media to educate people about the scheme. (KNO)

KOLKATA MEDIC'S RAPE-MURDER Protest In Jammu, Regular Work In Hospitals Affected

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Hundreds of resident doctors on Monday suspended their regular work and staged a peaceful rally here to lodge their protest against the recent rape and murder of a woman postgraduate trainee doctor in Kolkata. The protest coincided with the nationwide strike called by Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA) against the sexual assault and murder of the trainee doctor whose body was found inside a seminar hall of the hospital on Friday morning.

Doctors wearing black armbands raised slogans calling for justice to the victim. They took out a rally from the Super Speciality Hospital holding placards, some of which read "we stand in solidarity with the victim", "no mercy for rapists" and "raise your voice before you become the next victim".

The doctors' strike affected the work in government medical college-associated hospitals but the emergency services continued without any disruption.

"I have not slept for the past two days after receiving this heart-wrenching news about the brutal rape and murder of the innocent doctor. We also work in night shifts and we do not feel safe given lack of proper security arrangements," a woman doctor said.

She said the government should come out with a comprehensive security plan inside the emergency wards and elsewhere in the hospital to restore the shaken confidence of the doctors.

"Every now and then, we the doctors face unruly visitors and it is the duty of the government to ensure a safe environment for us as we spend more of our time inside the hospitals than our homes," she said.

Anil Sharma, another doctor, said they are on the streets as part of the nationwide protest to press for the death penalty to the rapist.

"We are providing healthcare service to the people and we want our government to ensure our safety at the workplace," he said. Displaying a placard which read "hands that heal should not bleed", a doctor said they are facing safety concerns, especially during the night hours when there are no security guards around.

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Search Operation

during a cordon and search operation that was initiated by the security forces based on intelligence reports indicating the presence of terrorists in the remote Ahlan Gagaramandu forest.

According to officials, a group of terrorists -- believed to be three to four in number -- opened fire at the joint search parties comprising Army personnel, including para commandos, and local police.

In the ensuing gun battle, six Army personnel and two civilians were injured, officials said, adding the injured soldiers were promptly taken to a nearby hospital where two succumbed shortly after arrival.

The slain army personnel have been identified as Havildar Dipak Kumar Yadav and Lance Naik Praveen Sharma.

This encounter is a grim reminder of a similar operation in the general area of Kokernag last September, during which four security personnel, including Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish and Deputy SP Humayun Bhat were killed in the week-long engagement with terrorists.

Two terrorists, including a senior commander of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), were also neutralised during that operation.

Security forces have ramped up their efforts in the woods of Kokernag after an encounter in Doda district on July 15 that resulted in the deaths of four soldiers, including a captain.

It is believed that the terrorists involved in the recent Anantnag incident may have crossed over from Kishtwar district after escaping the confrontation in Doda.

Giving details of the current operation, a Srinagar-based defence spokesperson said that on August 5, it was confirmed through human and electronic means that terrorists responsible for atrocities in the Doda region in July have sneaked across the Kishtwar range into the Kapran-Garol area in south Kashmir.

Terror Module

were found active with support of local handlers and who had successfully reached the upper reaches of Udhampur-Doda and Kathua.

"The kingpins of the module in active collusion with terrorist handlers across the border, played curial role in receiving the foreign terrorists after their illegal and surreptitious entry into India in samba-Kathua sector. The module besides providing initial shelter, food and other minor logistic was also responsible for guiding them to the upper reaches of the mountains and jungles of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda districts around Kailash Mountain which is at the centre of tri-junction of these three districts," an official said.

The official said that members of the module admitted that three terrorists

killed in the Gandoh encounter had taken their help in hiding and travelling without being detected till they reached the upper reaches.

The kingpin has been identified as Mohamed Lateef alias Haji Lateef while his eight other associates have been taken into custody as "enemy agents."

"Mohd Lateef, resident of Ambe Naal Kathua, is the main kingpin of the entire OGW network. He acted as guide for the groups of terrorists passing through the area. He engaged and directed others in their role as guide or food provided in the area," informed a senior official. Other eight detained persons were identified as Akther Ali resident of Ambe Naal, Saddam resident of Bhaddu Billawar, Kushal resident of Bhaddu Billawar, Noorani resident of Juthana, Rajbah, Maqbool resident of Saffain Liaquat, Kasim Din and Khamid all resident of Kathua district.

The officer further said that more than 50 persons living in temporary Dhokes in the upper reaches and mountains for the purpose of grazing of livestock has been investigated for coming in contact with the foreign terrorists for either providing food shelter, or communication help, only few did not report to the police and some have accepted money from terrorists.

"Those who have reported to the police in time are being treated as innocent," the officer said adding, "Liability of others; however, is being exhibited including prior connections with terrorists and their handles across.

Police also urged the general public to inform police about any contact with terrorists as soon as possible after the terrorists have left. Failure to report besides being a criminal offence is likely to adversely affect the person's access to government benefits. (KNO)

LG Showcases

He said it is heartening to see that doubling of J&K's economy during 2013-2024 was achieved by overcoming enormous challenges due to massive floods in Kashmir, incessant efforts of sponsored terrorism and the economic shock of COVID-19 pandemic.

He said the Union government has acknowledged these improvements in financial management of the UT government. "Accordingly, in the current financial year 2024-25, the Union Government has approved a special assistance package of Rs 17,000 crore for Jammu and Kashmir," he said, adding that the central government has decided to take the financial burden of J&K police for which an allocation of Rs 12,000 crore has been made.

Spelling out priorities of his administration, Sinha said the UT government has focused on project execution, increasing revenue and reduction

of A&TC losses. "As we all know, in the past Jammu and Kashmir faced challenges in fiscal management due to the unabated pressures of externally sponsored terrorism," he said, adding that the high levels of committed expenditure and ATC losses in power sector had accentuated these challenges."

Sinha said his administration has made strenuous efforts for enhancing revenue generation in the UT. "Tax revenues have increased from Rs 12,753 crore in 2022-23 to Rs 13,900 crore in 2023-24 registering growth of 9%. GST collection increased by 12% and excise collection increased by 39% in FY 2023-24 as compared to FY 2022-23," he said, adding that the UT government improved GST return compliance, initiated e-Stamping system, expanded dealer registration and conducted transparent excise auctions.

Speaking on the 2024-25 budget, the LG said that the budgetary allocation of the UT for the current fiscal is Rs 30,889 crore more than the expenditure of the last fiscal.

"The size of the budget 2024-25 is Rs 1,18,390 crore. It is Rs 30,889 crore higher than the expenditure of 2023-24," he said.

The LG said that they got huge power purchase liabilities worth Rs 28,000 crore in legacy. "We have been able to repay it. I also want to put it on record that J&K people are getting the cheapest power and there has been no hike in the past three years," the LG said, adding that people have to pay for the government services they avail.

The LG said the complete turnaround of J&K Bank also reflects the accelerated growth and strengthened foundations of J&K's economy. "During last four years from a loss of Rs 1,139 crore in 2019-20, the bank has reported a profit of Rs 1,700 crore in 2023-24, the NPA has been reduced from 11 percent to current level of 5 percent. The Bank is focusing its efforts to improve professionalism, efficiency and transparency in its business operations," he added.

Urges Against Backing

following his victory from the Baramulla constituency, where he defeated National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah by more than two lakh votes.

The Independent MP was arrested in a 2017 terror-funding case.

The lieutenant governor further said the administration would take necessary steps to prevent such individuals from advancing in politics.

Sinha also termed the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A as the beginning of a historic era of peace and development.

In 2009, the Narendra Modi government annulled the articles that granted special rights to the then Jammu and Kashmir state, which was also divided into two Union territories.

"The abrogation of Article 370 was historic. It has begun a new chapter of peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir. We have tried our best to ensure that Jammu and Kashmir is at the forefront, that every individual's aspirations are fulfilled, and, most importantly, that stability is established here," he said.

The lieutenant governor noted that the administration had achieved significant success in this regard.

"The era of discrimination has completely ended. Marginalised communities such as refugees from (erst-while) West Pakistan, Valmikis, Dalits, tribals, and particularly women, have been granted their rights. If Article 370 had not been abrogated, more than 50 per cent of the population here would not have received their rightful entitlements," he said. "This is a major transformation."

Sinha also took a dig at political leaders who criticised the government on the issue.

"This country runs by the Constitution and my constant expectation from those who have taken an oath to uphold it is that they understand why a new era has begun," he said.

The lieutenant governor also claimed that the administration had made strides in controlling corruption. "I am not saying that corruption has been entirely eradicated but we have taken significant steps to control it. Jammu and Kashmir has the highest number of online services in India and our tax collection has also increased considerably," Sinha said.

He claimed that the pace of work had increased tenfold and the administration was actively working to address the people's issues and aspirations.

"Capital expenditure in Jammu and Kashmir has increased substantially, with work ongoing on roads and other projects worth lakhs of rupees. Rail and road connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir has improved significantly and further work is underway," he said.

HC Grants DC

the CJM court made reference under Section 15(2) of the Contempt of Courts Act 2015 in Criminal Reference against Shyambir and issued notice to him for his appearance today.

Last month, the court of Sub-Judge Ganderbal noted that a preliminary enquiry was initiated against the contemnor Mr Shyambir and in the first instance, he was asked to a show-cause as to why a reference be not made to High Court of J&K and Ladakh for initiating contempt proceedings in terms of Contempt of Courts Act.

The sub judge has also accused Shyambir of launching an inquiry into land owned by him as "revenge" for the order regarding a land acquisition

matter, in which the petitioners (two locals of the Ganderbal district) approached the court saying they were not compensated by the government after it acquired land from them, even though a decree in this regard was issued in their favour in 2022.

In January this year, the court had directed the Deputy Commissioner to compensate the petitioners. In an order dated June 21, the court said that the DC had not acted on the January order, and directed that his and other officials' salaries be withheld.

In the latest order, issued on July 23, the court said that his previous order "didn't go well with Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, namely Mr Shyambir, who attempted to personally attack the Presiding Officer (the sub-judge) by scandalising him and weakening him by manipulation and fabrication, and for this purpose, he called a meeting immediately after the order and conspired with some other officers/officials of the district to implicate the Presiding Officer of the court for passing a lawful order against the judgment-debtors".

The court accused Shyambir of launching a vindictive investigation to "implicate" him in a false case. "Out of the steps decided to be taken by the contemnor Deputy Commissioner against the Presiding Officer, one step was to frame the Presiding Officer in any fabricated incident, and if this is not possible, to trace out if there is any property in the name of the judge anywhere," the July 23 order said.

KP Brothers Win

which remained unattended due to the fact they had to leave Kashmir Valley and could not come back because of the uncertain conditions and threat to their lives as well as the property, post the "law and order" circumstances having emerged in the Valley in 1990.

The duo further submitted that they approached concerned revenue authorities for getting the land owned by their father mutated in their names but were informed that some persons, on behalf of some Ashram/Committee, had approached them regarding the land. The brothers being Kashmiri Migrants further submitted that they filed various applications before DC Anantnag for safeguarding their property in terms of the Jammu & Kashmir Migrant Immoveable Property (Preservation, Protection and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act, 1997.

On the other hand, Shri Ramakrishan Mahasamelan Ashram Vivekanada Kendra Nagdandi Achabal, Anantnag, through its Secretary averred that the land is "Sankalped" (religiously donated) by one Shri Kanwar Lal Kathjoo, a sincere devotee of Swami Ashokananda Ji Maharaj in early 50's to the Ashram. However, the entries

could not be changed due to incorrect perception of law of State subject, the Ashram said.

Meanwhile, based on the directions by the Court, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag finally decided applications filed by the brothers in terms of Order on 4th of March 2023 wherein it invoked the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of the J&K Migrant Immoveable (Property, Preservation and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act, 1997, and directed Tehsildar Anantnag to evict the unauthorized occupation over the land and safeguard the migrant property.

The order, as observed by the High Court, followed a report submitted by Tehsildar on 1st of February wherein it has been stated that the land in question is not under the possession of the brothers and that the same is under the possession of Shri Ramakrishana Mahasamelan Ashram (SRMA) Nagadandi through tenants. The Tehsildar further reported that the Nagadandi Ashram caretaker, however, could not produce any registered document by virtue of which it could be assumed that the possession of the land is legal.

".....the present Petition is allowed and the proceedings filed by the Respondent No.7 ((SRMA) Nagadandi) with regard to the land measuring 05 Kanals falling under Survey No. 566/465; 01 Kanal and 02 Marlas falling under Survey No. 569/447; 01 Kanal and 17 Marlas falling under Survey No. 488; 01 Kanal and 17 Marlas falling under Survey No. 449/1; 03 Kanals and 06 Marlas falling under Survey No. 562/449; and 05 Marlas falling under Survey No. 563/449 situate at village Trahpoo, Tehsil Achabal, District Anantnag, subject matter of this Petition, are quashed," the court said and directed District Magistrate, Anantnag to take the possession of the landed property belonging to the brothers and restore the same to them in accordance with the mandate Jammu & Kashmir Migrant Immoveable Property (Preservation, Protection and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act, 1997.

Srinagar To Get

establishing the press club. The administration assured the executive body of every possible help to establish the Club in Srinagar in the shortest possible period

LG Flags Off Tiranga

Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and infused it with their warmth and support, he said.

The LG called upon the people to participate several programmes like Tiranga rallies, Tiranga concerts, Tiranga pledge.

On the occasion, Sinha released a Monograph dedicated to the martyrs and brave hearts of Jammu and Kashmir and launched the Tiranga signature campaign.

Rohit, Kohli Likely To Feature In Duleep Trophy Ahead of Bangladesh Tests

Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: With some of the India regulars, except pacer Jasprit Bumrah and senior spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, likely to appear in the first round of the Duleep Trophy, the BCCI has decided to shift one of the opening matches from Anantapur to Bengaluru.

Senior batters Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma also might get an exemption, and the choice of appearing in the tournament is entirely on them.

The Duleep Trophy was earlier scheduled to kick-off with two sets of first round matches at Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh from September 5, but now one of those games has been shifted to the M Chinnaswamy Stadium here to reduce the logistical inconveniences.

Anantapur is approximately 230 kms away from Bengaluru and the city is not connected via flight.

"The decision has been made to accommodate some of the top players, so that they get a feel of the red-ball cricket ahead of the (Test) series against Bangla-



des," a source close to the development told PTI.

India are slated to play two Test matches against Bangladesh - from September 19 at Chennai and from September 27 at Kanpur.

While it is up to Rohit and Kohli to play in the event, some other prominent players such as Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, KL Rahul, Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, Kuldeep Yadav etc are expected to be available for this tourna-

ment fully or partially.

However, Bumrah and Ashwin are unlikely to take part in the tournament at any stage as they are expected to join the India squad directly ahead of the Bangladesh series.

The selectors are also deciding on giving a go to Rishabh Pant in the Duleep Trophy, and if it happens then this will be his first red-ball assignment after coming back from that horrific car accident in 2022.

Mohammed Shami, who has been recuperating from a surgery, will not feature in the tournament.

However, the availability of the top players will also be subject to the dates of the preparatory camp that the team management is mulling to hold in Chennai ahead of the Tests against Bangladesh.

But the decision to shift the match also aligns with the shared vision of the BCCI and the team management that the top players should feature in domestic cricket competitions whenever they are free from national duty.

Shakib Al-Hasan To Play For Bangladesh In Pakistan Tour

Agencies

Star Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan has been confirmed to play the remaining Test matches in 2024, with chief selector Gazi Ashraf Hossain affirming his availability for the remainder of the year.

Bangladesh is scheduled to play eight Test matches - four two-match Test series against Pakistan, India, South Africa, and the West Indies - in 2024, all of which are part of the World Test Championship (WTC) cycle, as per the ICC.

"Probably at the end of July, we talked to Shakib and there were discussions with me regarding his fitness," Hossain said ahead of the ICC World Test Championship series



against Pakistan, as quoted by the ICC.

"He assured us that he would play all the Tests and attend all practice sessions before each series," he added. Shakib has only played one Test match for Bangladesh in the current World Test Championship cycle and had earlier not confirmed his availability for matches beyond the upcoming Pakistan series.

ECC Kheerigund Wins Doodh Ganga Premier League

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: ECC Kheerigund won the Doodh Ganga Premier League, the first tournament played at Rangwari Cricket Ground at Kutbal Chadoora, on Sunday. The ECC Kheerigund defeated Jedden Cricket Club with 11 runs.

The grand finale was witnessed by a large number of spectators. Social Activist and Chairman J&K RTI Movement Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat was chief guest on the occasion distributed the trophies among the winners and runner up teams. He appreciated both teams and urged them to focus on their studies and work.

Batting first ECC Kheeri-



gund score 206/7 in 20 overs. Showket was the top scorer with 78 runs while Abbas Wani made 56 runs in just 17 balls.

The JCC Jedden chased the game nicely. Ajaz Dar played a brilliant knock of 87 runs but couldn't manage to win the game. Abbas Wani was declared player of the match, Ajaz Dar was declared player of the of

the series, Khurshid Hitmat was given best wicket keeper award and Iqbal Rather managed to get the best bowler award.

Dr Rouf Mohiudeen Director Koshish NGO, Shahnawaz Sultan Chairman Khyber Girls School Chadoora, Advocate Nazir Ahmad and Mushtaq Ahmad Lone Social Activist also participated in the final match.

YSS Budgam Organises Sports Activities In All 12 Zones



Observer News Service

BUDGAM: The Department of Youth Services and Sports is organising various sports competitions in all 12 zones of the district.

Diet Ground from Beerwah Zone, Open Ground Paripora from Magam Zone, Rangar Ground from Chadoora, Degree College of Khansahib, Parnewa from Dreygam, Venue

Ground of Budgam Boys Higher Secondary School Budgam, BKpora of Kenihama, Sports Stadium in Charar Sharief, Higher Secondary from Nagam Zone, Synthetic Turf from Zone Soibug, are all hosting various competitions for Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19 boys and girls.

At District Level, sports activities were organised from Inter Zonal Level To Inter-District Level.

Rain-Soaked Draw Frustrates South Africa, WI In 1st Test

Agencies

In Trinidad, persistent rain left South Africa captain Temba Bavuma to lament missed opportunities as his side came up five wickets short of victory against the West Indies in the first Test. Inclement weather disrupted play on all five days, resulting in the loss of 142 overs and denying both teams a chance to climb the ICC World Test Championship standings.

The match concluded in a draw under fading light, with the West Indies trailing by 97 runs, unable to clinch an unlikely win. South Africa, similarly, couldn't secure the final five wickets



needed to earn 12 World Test Championship points. The draw, the first in men's Test cricket in over a year, leaves South Africa in seventh place and the West Indies in ninth on the Championship standings.

Despite their efforts, South Africa declared at 173/3 before lunch on the final day in a bid to force a result. Yet, another rain delay and a resilient 92-run innings from Alick Athanaze thwarted their hopes. (ANI)

5 Young Players Looking To Break Through At Top Premier League Clubs This Season

AP

A look at five young players who could break through in the Premier League this season:

JAMES McATEE (Manchester City)

McAtee is a left-footed, technically gifted attacking midfielder who has been promoted to City's senior squad by manager Pep Guardiola for this season after spending the last two years on loan at Sheffield United, which was relegated from the Premier League last season. The 21-year-old McAtee impressed on the pre-season tour of the United States - when he was handed plenty of game time with many regulars still absent after Euro 2024 - and could be seen as a replacement for the soon-to-depart Julian Alvarez, negating the need for City to dip into the transfer market instead. That's quite a show of faith by Guardiola.

AMAD DIALLO (Manchester United)

After joining United for around 20 million pounds (\$25.5 million) in January 2021, Diallo - a 22-year-old winger from the Ivory Coast - had loan stints at Rang-

ers in Scotland and then Sunderland in the English third tier amid concerns he didn't quite have the talent to flourish at Old Trafford. Things changed in the second half of last season, though, while wingers Marcus Rashford and Antony were out of United's team. Diallo was given more playing time by manager Erik ten Hag and didn't look out of place, even scoring a 121st-minute winner in a classic FA Cup quarterfinal match against United's big rival, Liverpool. Diallo will start this season with hopes of more matches now Ten Hag is staying.

CONOR BRADLEY (Liverpool)

Bradley's development at Liverpool this season will depend much on where new manager Arne Slot sees Trent Alexander-Arnold's future. Alexander-Arnold has long been Liverpool's preferred right back but might eventually be pushed into midfield under Slot, giving backup Bradley more chances in the right-back role. Of all the Liverpool kids handed game time last season amid an injury crisis, Bradley stood out mainly because of his attacking dynamism, which showed itself with a goal against Chelsea. The 21-year-old Northern Ireland international was embraced by Liv-



erpool's fans, too, who clearly see Bradley as a future star.

LUCAS BERGVALL (Tottenham)

With his shock of blond hair, Bergvall - an 18-year-old Swede - isn't hard to miss. He also stands out because of his touch and quality on the ball that made Tottenham spend 8.5 million pounds (\$10.8 million) on a player who, in just one season at senior level, quickly became too good

for his own country's top league. So, after joining from Djurgarden, will Bergvall go immediately into the Tottenham team? It's a big ask, given he is competing against fellow playmakers James Maddison and compatriot Dejan Kulusevski but Bergvall has done well in pre-season and looks set to be part of Spurs manager Ange Postecoglou's plans earlier than expected.

ROMEO LAVIA (Chelsea)

Last season was a washout for the 20-year-old Lavia, who made just one appearance in all competitions - as a 58th-minute substitute - because of ankle and thigh injuries following his move to Chelsea from Southampton for 58 million pounds (\$74 million). He has regained his fitness and will now look to show why he was the subject of a bidding war between Chelsea and Liverpool for his services in the off-season of 2023, despite having only played 29 times in the Premier League by that point. The midfield anchorman was previously at Manchester City and has played for Belgium, so the quality is undoubtedly there. The presence in Chelsea's squad of Moises Caicedo, another defensive midfielder bought around the same time, threatens Lavia's potential game time, however.

Short TAKES

Inter School Wushu Tournament Concludes In Anantnag



DYSSO Anantnag concluded its District Level Inter Zonal/School Wushu Tournament on Monday at Lolu Complex Anantnag. The tournament was meant for Under-19 and Under-17 age group boys of different high and higher schools of district Anantnag.

The event saw the participation of 105 boys, showcasing the growing interest and talent in Wushu. The tournament's best performers of different weight categories were selected for the Inter District Provincial Level Wushu Tournament 2024 and will represent District Anantnag in the tournament.

Downtown Heroes To Host Group E Games Of 2024-25 I-League 3

Downtown Heroes FC are set to compete in the 2024-25 season of I-League 3, the fourth tier of Indian football, which will kick off from September 3.

The Heroes will host all the group games at TRC Stadium in Srinagar. Five teams have been placed in five groups for the competition, and here are the four opponents Downtown will face this season: CVM FC, Corbett FC, Abbas Union FC and Southern Sporting Union.

Graham Thorpe's Wife Says Cricketer Took His Own Life

Former England cricketer Graham Thorpe took his own life after suffering from depression and anxiety, his wife Amanda said on Monday.

Tributes poured in last week after it was announced that Thorpe had died at the age of 55.

Amanda Thorpe has now told The Times newspaper: "For the past couple of years Graham had been suffering from major depression and anxiety. This led him to make a serious attempt on his life in May 2022."

Southee To Lead NZ's Squad Against Afghanistan, Sri Lanka

Tim Southee will captain New Zealand's 15-man squad for their upcoming matches against Afghanistan and Sri Lanka. The tour includes a one-off test against Afghanistan in Noida, India on September 9, before two World Test Championship matches in Sri Lanka starting on September 18 and 26.

Despite taking only six wickets in four home tests last season, Southee is joined by pace bowlers Matt Henry, Ben Sears, and Will O'Rourke.

U.S. Beats China In Olympic Medals After Tie For Gold

The contest for most gold medals at the Paris Olympics ended in a 40-40 tie between China and the United States.

But the U.S. topped the medals table with a whopping 126 overall, compared to 91 for China. At the Tokyo Games, the U.S. also edged China in the medal count, finishing with 113 overall and 39 golds, compared to 89 medals with 38 gold for China.

Hosts France tallied 16 golds among its 64 medals.

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Ex Indian Army Chief Shares "Great Lesson" From 1971 Indo-Pak War

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New Delhi: One of the "great lessons" from the India-Pakistan war in 1971 is that fighting a war is not just a military affair, but a "total affair" that includes politics and diplomacy, former army chief Gen VN Sharma (retd) said on Sunday.

He was speaking at the launch of a new book '1971 Strategy Campaign Valor' written by a young author at the India International Centre here.

The volume celebrates the Indian heroes of the war that led to the birth of a new nation Bangladesh in 1971, and charts the high points of the crucial battles fought. It was released in the presence of IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari and former Delhi Lt Governor Anil Bajjal, among others.

The release of the book which begins with the chapter 'A bloodbath in Dacca' and was researched over the last couple of years, took place days after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government following unprecedented anti-government protests in Dhaka and subsequently, the formation of an interim government in Bangladesh.

Several Indian veterans of the three services who took part in the 1971 war were also present on the occasion.

Gen Sharma served as the Army chief from 1988-1990 and was a colonel when he took part in the 1971 war.

He recalled some of his memo-



ries of the War.

In his address at the event, he praised the then prime minister Indira Gandhi for her leadership, and said "She did a great job".

"In a war, it's not only the military, the whole government, the civil services, police services, transport and railways, navy, merchant navy, they all get together under the order of the prime minister," he said.

"One of the great lessons of 1971 is that it's not (just) a military affair. It's a total affair, it's politics, diplomacy, and when you combine, it's a tremendous force," the retired general said.

Indian armed forces fought shoulder-to-shoulder with the 'Mukti Bahini' of what was then East Pakistan out of which evolved an independent Bangladesh in December 1971 as Dhaka fell with the surrender of the Pakistani forces.

India had earlier celebrated

50 years of victory in the war as 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh'.

Bajjal, in his address, recalled that in 1971, he was posted as a civil servant in Assam and had to deal with the inflow of refugees from East Pakistan into the state.

Many other armed forces veterans also recalled their association with this War or their life in 1971.

Air Marshal Anil Chopra (retd) during a panel discussion said, "We were at the NDA, and our PoP (Passing Out Parade) was to happen in December 1971".

Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain (retd) said this new book written by 22-year-old Satyajit Lall, will recreate the interest in the 1971 war, especially among the younger generation.

Other speakers recalled the role of air power and the Indian Navy in the decisive 1971 war.

After Punjab Couple Elope, Woman's Father, Relatives Gang-Rape Man's Sister

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Ludhiana: A man along with three family members allegedly gang-raped a married woman here to avenge the perceived humiliation after his daughter eloped with the victim's brother, police said on Sunday.

The accused, who are from Goraikhpur in Uttar Pradesh, also allegedly recorded the act on their mobile phones, they added.

Although the incident took place on May 1, the victim was too traumatised to report the matter for a long time, the police said.

It was only after she recovered and stabilised from the trauma of the alleged gangrape that she approached the police to file the complaint, they said.

A case has been registered at Tibba Road Police Station against the four accused -- Ravinder Singh, his brother Varinder Singh, son Aman Singh and another as-



sociate Santosh Singh, they added.

According to police, the victim in her complaint said her brother and the daughter of the main accused Ravinder had eloped in April this year. The four men reached her house on May 1 in search of the couple. After not finding them there, the accused allegedly intimidated the victim and gang-raped her to seek vengeance.

They also threatened her that if she lodged a complaint, they would upload the video on social media and make it viral, the complainant said.

The victim is the mother of two children, the police said.

UP Cop Threatens To Kill Family Member, Demands ₹1 Crore Ransom, Arrested

Agenceis

Mathura: Police on Sunday arrested a constable who allegedly threatened to kidnap and kill a family member unless he was paid ₹1 crore, officials said. Aziz Gautam, posted in the district prison here, had on August 5 allegedly threatened to kidnap and murder Anuj (21), son of Ramkumar Gautam, who belonged to his family, Joint SHO Ashwani Kumar said.

Aziz, a resident of Madhera village in the joint police station area, hatched the plan after he came to know that Ramkumar would be getting over ₹2 crore from a land deal, he said.

The accused was arrested near his village with a country-made pistol and cartridges, the officer said.

Three accomplices of Aziz involved in the case were earlier arrested from Chhatapur in Madhya Pradesh, he added.

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