

FROM **ROADSIDE** TO REDEMPTION

The Youth-Led Movement Transforming Lives In Kashmir

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: In his childhood days, Musadiq Bashir from south Kashmir's Awantipora found himself pacing restlessly by the roadside. The sight of a middle aged man with tattered clothes, long and shabby beard before him pierced his heart. Musadiq's heart ached as he stood beside a man who had clearly seen better days.

as he stood by a man who had clearly known better days. Musadiq could not shake the image from his mind, even as he returned home to the warmth of his family and the comfort of a hot meal. As he sat down to eat, the man's face haunted him, a stark reminder that not everyone had a place to call home or a family to care for them. This emotional experience marked the birth of Team



Kashmir Youth Courage, or KYC. "Driven by concern for the destitute, I transformed this initiative into a grassroots movement aimed at restoring dignity to the marginalized," Musadiq says. "This emotion marked the beginning of Team Kashmir Youth Courage or KYC. Driven by concern for the destitute, I transformed this initiative into a grassroots movement that aims to restore dignity to those

who have been left behind by society," Musadiq says. Speaking to Kashmir Observer, Musadiq, an engineering student, said they started the initiative about two months ago. Other volunteers, including Yawar Rashid, Muhammad Tajamul, Sabzar Bhat, and Faizan Bashir, have joined their efforts. Musadiq, who juggles his engineering studies with his passion for social work says he

would see these people on the roadsides and would get disturbed by their condition. As I enjoyed my evening meal, I couldn't help but think of those with no one to care for them." Musadiq and his team first focused on non-locals who had found themselves in Kashmir, disconnected from their roots and lost to mental illness. The apparent signs were there—long beards, [More on P10](#)

ASSEMBLY POLLS IN J&K

EC To Discuss J&K Security With Home Secretary

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Election Commission will hold a meeting with Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Wednesday to review the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, sources said. The EC had reviewed the poll preparedness in Jammu and Kashmir last week.

Addressing a press conference in Jammu, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar had emphasised that the poll authority is committed to holding assembly elections in the Union Territory at the earliest.

No outside or internal forces can derail the electoral process, Kumar had asserted.

Last month, the Commission had asked the Union Territory administration to transfer out officers posted in their home districts, an exercise it holds ahead of conducting elections.

The Commission's announcement came after the Supreme



Court, in December last year, directed the Commission to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir by September 30. Kumar had also welcomed the record turnout in the Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir. "This active participation is a huge positive for assembly elections to be held soon so that the democratic process continues to thrive in the Union Territory," he had said. [More on P10](#)

Will Farooq Be NC's Chief Ministerial Face?

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Monday said he will fight the upcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir and hoped that the Election Commission will announce the poll dates by the end of this month. The former Jammu and Kashmir [More on P10](#)

APSCC To Field Independent Candidates

Majid Nabi

The All Parties Sikh Coordination Committee (APSCC) Tuesday declared to field independent Sikh candidates on a few seats in Kashmir

to ensure the Sikh community has its representation in the legislative assembly. The decision comes on the heels of maiden assembly elections following the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. [More on P10](#)

JKB Employee Withdraws Lakhs From Customers' Accounts

Agencies

Agencies: In a shocking incident, an employee of J&K Bank Branch Turkwangam Shopian has allegedly debited money from several customers' accounts without authorization.

Several customers said that they don't have SMS alert service activated and when they came to the branch to debit some money they were shocked to know that their accounts were empty in which they had deposited lakhs of rupees.

Waqar Ahmad, a local resident said that his paternal aunt had around Rs 5 lakhs in her account and when she came to withdraw the amount for the marriage of her daughter scheduled this week, she was informed that her account is empty. [More on P10](#)

HC Orders Govt Takeover Of Srinagar Temples

» Says Loot Of Temple Properties Become Rampant After 1990 » "So-Called Mahanats, Babas Encroached Upon Them In Connivance With Locals"



M Ahmad

Srinagar: Observing that the loot of temple properties became rampant with the onset of turmoil in 1990 and that the so-called Mahanats and Babas in connivance with locals encroached upon them, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Tuesday directed Deputy Commissioner Srinagar to take over management and properties of several temples including Shree Bajrang Dev

Dharam Dass Ji Mandir, Sathu Barbar Shah here.

Disposing of a petition, a bench of Justices Sanjeev Kumar and M. A. Chowdhary also directed the Deputy Commissioner to make arrangements for performance of daily puja and other religious rituals through a committee of officers of revenue and other departments, to be constituted by him.

"Indisputably, the temple property in [More on P10](#)

DC To Take Over 159 Kanals Of 'Temple' Land In Barzulla

Over 6 Kanals Belong To Ex-Bar President Mian Qayoom, His Siblings

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Tuesday directed Deputy Commissioner Srinagar to take over possession of over 159 kanals of land of Raghu Nath Ji Temple in Barzulla here and it includes over six kanals in possession of four siblings including incarcerated Ex-president of Kashmir Bar Association, advocate Mian Qayoom.

The court passed the directions while disposing of several petitions including one filed by

Mian siblings. The petitioners had called in question an order bearing No.18DIVK of 2021 dated 23 April 2021 passed by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir to the extent as it directs that the entries made in the revenue record of land measuring 159 kanals 10 marlas and 192 sq ft in Barzulla here be expunged and the possession of the land be handed over to Raghu Nath Ji Temple, Estate Barzulla, Srinagar Through Mahant Hari Om Das.

Regarding 6 kanals and 10 marlas out of the total land, Mian family, one of the petitioners, had stated that their grandfather namely, Mian Mohammad Sultan was in possession of land [More on P10](#)

3-day Wet Spell From Aug 15:MeT

Observer News Service

Srinagar: With possibility of light to moderate rainfall at many places of Jammu and Kashmir from August 15, Srinagar, the summer capital of the Union Territory, continued to record heatwave on Tuesday where the mercury settled at 34.6 degree Celsius.

Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that the hot weather conditions would continue to prevail tomorrow while there is a possibility of a three-day wet spell from August 15.

"The light rainfall is expected at multiple places of Kashmir while some of the areas would receive moderate rainfall as well. The change in the prevailing weather conditions are expected from August 15 morning," he said.

However, Srinagar has recorded a heat wave today again at 34.6 degree Celsius, which was 4.6 degree above normal.

In Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, the mercury settled at 32.4 degree Celsius while in Pahalgam and [More on P10](#)

Hajj 2025: HCI Invites Online Applications

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The aspirants who wish to undertake Hajj journey during 1446(H)-2025(CE) have been informed that the Hajj Committee of India (HCI) has invited online application forms with effect from 13 August, 2024.

As per a notification, the aspirants are being informed that before filing the application form online, the aspirants should go through the Haj Policy/Haj Guidelines available for Hajj-2025 at Haj Committee [More on P10](#)

CRIMINAL CONTEMPT CASE

DC Ganderbal Tenders Apology In Court

Press Trust of India

Srinagar: Ganderbal Deputy Commissioner facing contempt of court proceedings before the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh tendered a written apology in the chief judicial magistrate's court in Ganderbal on Tuesday.

The IAS officer, Shyambir Singh submitted an affidavit in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Fayaz

Ahmad Qureshi, tendering his sincere apology.

Singh appeared before the court and verbally reaffirmed the apology, the CJM noted in his order and forwarded the case file to the high court for disposal.

Singh also submitted that he did not intend to interfere with the administration of justice and would abide by court orders.

The high court on Monday granted two days [More on P10](#)

J&K Likely To Reconstitute Child Rights Commission

Agencies

Srinagar: The administration of J&K is likely to re-start the process of constitution of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR), sources disclosed.

Sources disclosed that J&K's Social Welfare Department would re-start the process of appointment of chairperson and members of the rights body, which was disbanded after reorganization of the erstwhile state in 2019.

"The process of appointing chairperson and members of the panel would start afresh

after the CS-led committee would approve the changes proposed in criteria for these appointments," they said.

They added that these changes were necessitated due to non-availability of eligible candidates for these positions.

The process for appointments to revive the body was shelved by the J & K government earlier this year. "It is hereby notified for information of the general public and all concerned that the advertisement notice issued under endorsement No. SWD-ICPS/55/2021, dated 15.6.2023 [More on P10](#)



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2024: Full Dress Rehearsals Held At Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar. KO Pix Abid bhat

Foolproof Security In Place: IGP

Says Kokernag Encounter Underway, Cordon Intensified

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: The Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir zone, Vidhi Kumar Bardi said on Tuesday that foolproof security arrangements have been put in place in and around Bakshi Stadium, the venue for the main Independence Day function in Jammu and Kashmir.

Talking to the reporters on the sidelines of a full-dress rehearsal function ahead of the 78th Independence Day function at Bakshi Stadium here, the IGP said regulatory



checkpoints have been set up at numerous locations in Kashmir in addition to multi-tier security in Srinagar.

"As you all know that the Independence-Day function is drawing closer, a full-dress rehearsal was held in Srinagar and other [More on P10](#)

Frisking Eased Across Srinagar

For the first time, there was an ease in frisking operations across Srinagar city ahead of the Independence Day even as J&K's security grid is on a highest level of alert to ensure peaceful conduct of all official [More on P10](#)

17 DySPs Transferred, 10 Moved To ACB

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Home Department Tuesday repatriated seven Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs) from Anti-Corruption Bureau besides ordering transfer and posting of 10 other DySPs.

These transfers and postings have been effected through an order issued by the General Administration Department (GAD).

As per the GAD order, the 10 DySPs viz., Raj Kumar Sharma (Armed Zone), Surenjeet Singh (Crime Branch Jammu), Shamsher Singh (TRFC, Doda-Ktr.), Pradeep Sharma (Armed Zone), Mansha Beg (Dy. SP, Women Bn.), and Mohammad Saleem Bhat (Dy. SP, Magam, Handwara). Dr. Hilal Ahmad Hilal (Dy. SP, DAR, Sopore), Mehraj Din Raina (CIO, SIU, Shopian), [More on P10](#)



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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No:- 46/4358-67/2024-25/RnB/Bla Dated 10.08.2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders (In Single Cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. on JKPWDOMS With J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works. The Contractors should mandatorily be registered on JKPWDOMS for making online payment to the agency as per Govt. Order No.: 186-PW(R&B) of 2023 dated 08-05-2023:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest money (In Rs.)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Project Authority	Position of AAA	Position of funds
1.	Restoration of Road by way of Construction of Crate Protection Bund at upper Cherdari Baramulla.	35.06	70120/-	1100/-	60days	A&B	MH-4059-UT Sector	PWD (R&B)	Accorded	Available

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

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	10.08.2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 10.08.2024 to 16.08.2024 4:00PM
3	Bid submission Start date	10.08.2024
4	Bid Submission End Date	16.08.2024 upto 4:00PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	17.08.2024 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla

2. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 mentioning there in the name of work/ NIT No. in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

3. At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

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 at the office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Baramulla.

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

6. The bidder shall be debarred for tendering process if:-

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

b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.

c) Failure of successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

7. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

7.1. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

7.2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

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

7.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

7.5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid. Besides, original documents related to bid be submitted physically by the bidder who is declared as LI immediately after opening of financial bid.

7.6. Bidder shall upload a Self-Certified Performance declaration (Annexed format) in support of performance in respect of Works executed/ under execution by the agency during the year 2023-24

7.7. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of necessary documents in terms of soft copies with the technical bid & no documents in terms of hard copies shall be entertained. However, in case of any clarification, the bidders shall have to produce original documents in support of soft copies if need arises.

8. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form).

No. 4358-67

DIPK-4728/24

Dated 13.08.2024

Executive Engineer
R&B Division Baramulla

**The Jammu and Kashmir
State Board Of School Education**

New Campus Bemina Srinagar

Notice for General Public

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:-

Roll No: 327187

Class 10th

Year & Session Aril-May 1991

Registration: --

Name : Shabir Ahmad Mir

Father's Name: Ab Raheem Mir

Mother's Name : Hajra Begum

Date of Birth:- 01-04-1969

Residenc:- Thindma Kreeri Baramulla

According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice.

(Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 5200 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer-I-DQC)/KD/22

Dated 09-11-2022

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Assistant Secretary
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Office Of The Child Development Project Officer

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PRIME MINISTER'S OVERARCHING SCHEME FOR HOLISTIC NUTRITION

Subject: Provisional merit list of candidate applied for the post of anganwadi helper (sahayikas) for anganwadi centre "Mukhdam Mohalla Habbish, ward No: three-03 and inviting objection thereof.

Reference:1. Government Order No.222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30.11.2022

2. Government Order No.103-JK (SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023

3. SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/31261-67 dated:03-10-2023

4. DPO/Poshan/Kul/2023/1242-47 dated:0510-2023

5. Advertisement Notf No:02 of 2023 dated:12-10-2023

6. Endst No:CDPO/Poshan/Dev/Estt/Adv./2023-24/271-288 dated:12-10-2023

7. Extension: No: CDPO/ICDS/DEV/ESTT-2022-23/303-319 dated:25-10-2023

**NOTIFICATION NO: 04 - CDPO-DEV OF 2024
DATED: 12 -- 08 -2024**

Followed the Government orders referred above, related to the recruitment, the posts of anganwadi helpers (Sahayikas) for one location/area/ward was advertised by this office vide Notification No: 02-of-2023 dated:12-10-2023 under endorsement No:CDPO/Poshan/Dev/Estt/ Adv./2023-24/271-288 dated:12-10-2023 and due to holidays, the extension for submission of forms made under No: CDPO/ICDS/DEV/ESTT-2022-23/303-319 dated:25-10-2023 and both advertisement and extension notice published in two news papers. Further, the provisional merit list of candidate of one ward/location can be viewed/seen at annexure "A" (below this notification) and is published for information to all concerned applied for the post. Further, objections related to the provisional merit list, if any, shall be submitted to this office within a period of fifteen (15 days) from the date of publication of this notification and after completion of period of fifteen days, no objection/appeal shall be considered by this office.

Sd-
Child Development Project Officer
Poshan Project Devser

No:-CDPO/POSHANDEV/REC/2024/359-68

Dated:- 13-- 08 -2024

Annexure "A"

Provisional merit list of candidate applied for the post of anganwadi helper (sahayikas) for anganwadi centre "Mukhdam Mohalla Habbish, ward No: three-03, of Poshan Project Devser, district Kulgam.

S. No.	Form Serial No.	Name of Applicant	Parentage/ Spouse	D.O.B	Residence	Qualification	Total Marks	Marks Obtained	Marital Status	Two additional points for family member of retired AW Helper	Total merit points
01		ROSHA PARVEEN	MUBARAK AHMAD BHAT	11-12-1987	HABBLISH	10TH	500	190	M	NO	38

DIPK-4754/24

Dated: 13-08-2024

Sd-
Child Development Project Officer
Poshan Project Devser

**Office of Naib Tehsildar Sanat Nagar
Tehsil Chanapora/Natipora**

Issuance of Dependent Certificate in favour of dependents of the deceased Manzoor Ahmad Rangrez S/o Assadullah 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 Manzoor Ahmad Rangrez S/o Assadullah 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	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.

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Naib Tehsildar
Sanat Nagar.

**From the office of the Advocate
Ishfaq Rasool Sheikh & Associates**

In the case of
Mst Mysara D/o Mohd Sadiq Bhat W/o Bashir Ahmad Bhat R/o Tantraypora Palhallan Pattan

V/s
Public at large

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

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

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Sd/advocate

**Office Of Advocate Yakob Hussain Sofi J&K
High Court Srinagar**

CHAMBER NO. 07 MUNSIF/JMFC AT MAGAM
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In the case of.
1. Bashir Ahmad sheikh
S/O Mohammad Sultan sheikh R/O Hazarpura Aripathan
2. Showkat Ah wani S/o Gh Mohi ud din wani R o Lalpora Beerwah

V/S
PUBLIC AT LARGE

IN THE MATTER OF:

Caveat Petition in terms of Section 148-A of C.P.C. The Caveators have reasons to believe/apprehension that non-Caveator (s) may file a suit/application/petition or any other type of proceedings before the Hon'ble High Court, District Courts, Revenue Courts or any other forum may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at his back/ex-part against the caveators and in such eventuality, the caveators will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators may be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any other or direction

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Seal & Signature
Yakob Hussain Sofi
Advocate

**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 Mohammad Suhaib Malik s/o Manzoor Ahmad Malik R/o Hardu Madam Tangmarg Tehsil Tangmarg District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 14/08/2020 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.

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Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Naib Tehsildar Pattan

**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 Jannat Zehra D/o Abid Hussain Dar R/o Gund Ibrahim pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 24/ 04/2022 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.

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Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Naib Tehsildar Pattan

**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 Abd Hanan wani s/o Fayaz Ahmad Wani R/O Yadipora Pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 31/08/2022 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.

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Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Naib Tehsildar Pattan

**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 Zuha Zahoor D/o Zahoor Ahmad Lone R/o Thindima Kreeri Tehsil Kreeri District Baramulla with verified date of event (birth) as 25/07/2020 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.

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Executive Magistrate 1st Class
Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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(ADMISSIONS -2024)

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR ANNOUNCES ADMISSION TO UNDER-GRADUATE (UG) PROGRAMMES

Candidates having appeared in CUET-UG-2024 and have preferred Central University of Kashmir for admission to any of the Under-Graduate (UG) Programmes offered by the University (as shown below), are hereby informed to register for admission as per the following schedule: **Activity Schedule for Registration:**

Registration Link & Detailed Information shall be available on	http://cukashmircuet.samarth.edu.in/
Registration Link shall be open from	03rd August, 2024
Registration Link shall close on	18th August, 2024
Registration/processing Fee	General/UR = Rs.200/- SC/ST/OBC/PwD/EWS/Women Candidate = Rs.100/-

List of Under-Graduate (UG) Programmes:

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Sr.No	Name of the Programme
01	B. Sc. Hons/Hons. with research in following subjects: (a) Biotechnology (b) Zoology (c) Physics (d) Mathematics	02	BA LLB
03	B.A (Hons) English	04	BBA (Hons)

Note: While registering for admission, the candidates are required to exercise the same options, as reflected by them in National Testing Agency (NTA)-CUET-2024 application form. The admission shall be purely based on CUET-UG-2024 Score/Merit, subject to fulfillment of the basic eligibility criteria in the concerned discipline. For queries related to registration process, candidates are advised to contact on: +919469147277 during office hours (i.e. from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM).

Director I/C

No: CUKmr/DOA/Admission-UG/2024/F.No.10/043

Directorate of Admissions

SMHS Hospital Visited By 10000 People, Caters To 3200 Patients Daily

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) hospital, the major referral hospital in Srinagar is visited by about 10000 people on a daily basis which includes attendants and other visitors.

The Emergency and the casualty blocks of the hospital sees a patient flow of 3200 daily who are provided with consultation, treatment, testing and other patient care facilities.

The Hospital provides IPD services spread over different wards with a capacity of 890 beds. On an average 30 major and 60 minor procedures are performed daily.

During 2023-24, in-out patient's department 1063028 patients were attended; similarly 107589 patients were treated in inpatients department and as many 10726 major and 12543 minor surgeries were performed during the period.

6000 Lab tests being done in SMHS Hospital on a daily basis in dedicated Labs and Lab services are available 24x7.

30 MRIs, 450 USGs, 125 CTs and on an average 400 X-rays are done on a single day.

The sanitation and hygiene is a priority area in all Associated Hospitals including SMHS. The hospital inspite of a huge rush of 10000 persons on a daily basis, maintains cleanliness and hygiene for which 3 shift sanitation drives are carried in morning, afternoon and evening through a dedicated manpower of 35 sanitation workers.

Furthermore the sanitation of major areas including casualty and some wards of an area of 62000 sq feet has been outsourced for proper maintenance.

The people visiting SMHS hospital, attendants and patients along with hospital authorities have the joint responsibility to keep it neat and clean.

SMHS hospital and other associated hospitals of Government Medical College Srinagar are committed to quality health/patient care facilities with special focus on sanitation, cleanliness and hygiene.

We appeal to all the people visiting SMHS and other Associated Hospitals to cooperate with the department in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in the hospital and don't litter in the hospital premises. They are further requested to not bring polythene bags in the hospitals.

Work On Balidan Stambh In Srinagar Completed: CEO SSCL

I-Day Function To Be Held On August 15



Majid Nabi

SRINAGAR: Work on the Balidan Stambh or the martyr's memorial, a Srinagar Smart City Ltd. project has been completed at the historic Pratap Park in Lal Chowk, Chief Executive Officer, SSCL, Dr Ovais Ahmad said on Tuesday, urging everyone to visit the site on August 15 to pay homage to the martyrs.

Work on Balidan Stambh, the first-ever martyrs memorial situated in the heart of the city, began in June last year following the foundation stone laid by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

The project, according to Dr. Ovais, was supposed to be finished by August 15, India's Independence Day, and that a full-dress rehearsal was

held at the Balidan Stambh ahead of the main function.

"It is a very significant accomplishment for all those involved in this project, especially the SSCL team, from inception to conclusion. Now that Independence Day celebrations could also be held here, I invite everyone to visit Balidan Stambh to feel the positive energy," Dr Ovais told the media at Pratap Park.

Shaped on a soldier's rifle, Balidan Stambh is 60 meters high. 52 pillars throughout the nation bear the names of 4877 martyrs. The 543 servicemen who lost their lives during the Kargil war are honored by some of the pillars. Of these, seventy-one came from various areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

Balidan Stambh, he claimed, has

now been formally open to the public, allowing anybody to pay tributes to the martyrs there at any time.

"The Balidan Stambh in Pratap Park is primarily devoted to the martyrs, particularly the security forces personnel who sacrificed their lives while performing duties in J&K. There won't be any public access restrictions on the martyr's memorial. I appeal to the people to come visit the site and pay homage to our brave-hearts," the CEO SSCL added.

Dr. Ovais, who also serves as the Commissioner of the Srinagar Municipal Committee (SMC), spoke about the municipal body's preparations for Independence Day, saying all departmental and main event function plans had been finalized well in advance.

SKIMS Grieved Over Calcutta Med College Rape, Murder Incident



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In response to the tragic Doctor's Rape-Murder Case at R.G. Kar Medical College, Kolkata, SKIMS organized a condolence meeting today to honor the deceased and express solidarity with the affected community. The gathering was attended by faculty members, resident doctors, including Post DM Residents, Senior Residents, and Junior Residents.

They pledged solidarity and said they stand with the medical fraternity and mark their protest without resorting to any kind of strike to ensure smooth functioning of patient care.

The meeting was marked by a unified expression of anguish and a strong condemnation of the incident. Attendees called for immediate and decisive action to hold the perpetrators accountable, denouncing the crime as heinous and barbaric. The participants extended their deepest sympathy to the deceased and expressed their unwavering support for the

medical fraternity.

Dr. M. Ashraf Ganie, Director SKIMS, addressed the gathering with deep emotional gravity, expressing his profound sorrow and heartfelt condolences in the wake of the tragic incident involving the medical student from R.G. Kar Medical College.

He conveyed the collective grief and distress of the SKIMS family, emphasizing that this tragic event has left a deep scar on both the community and the broader medical profession. Dr. Ganie articulated that the gravity of the incident transcends beyond the immediate loss, touching upon the shared sense of vulnerability and outrage felt by all those within the medical field. He stressed that it is imperative that the perpetrators of such heinous crimes are held accountable and that justice is served to deter future acts of violence.

He said that SKIMS would present a memorandum to the Lieutenant Governor of UT J&K, advocating for stringent measures to protect doctors nationwide.

CS For Focus On Addl Services, Faculty Upgradation At Children Hospital

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today held a meeting of Health & Medical Education (H&ME) Department to take appraisal of the functioning of newly established 500 Bedded Children Hospital.

Those present include Secretary, Health; Principal, GMC Srinagar; Director, Health Kashmir; Administrator, Associated Hospitals, Kashmir; several HoDs of Pediatric Hospital and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary while taking assessment of the facilities being provided at the new 500 Bedded Pediatric Hospital at Bemina observed that the aim of shifting this hospital from GB Pant, Sonwar was to upgrade the facilities and introduce all the high-end procedures under one roof.

He maintained that it should be the endeavor of



the hospital administration to meet these objectives without any delay as the infrastructure of the hospital has been highly upgraded. He underscored the need for introduction of all the high-end procedures and diagnostics related to pediatric care in a specific timeline.

Dulloo also enjoined upon the officers of the Department to go for hiring/recruitment of full time faculty to fill all the vacancies there. He called for making strenuous efforts to get these critical positions of Professors, Associate Professors and others filled at an earliest

so that the hospital extends best medical care to the patients in addition to introduction of DM or Fellowships under different specialties there.

He stressed on formulating a strategy to increase the seats in DM and that of Senior Residents (SRs) in the hospital to create a pool of experts in all the specialties of Pediatrics in the UT.

The Secretary, H&ME, Dr Syed Abid Rashid Shah gave out the current status of services in the hospital with plans to make it a state of the art pediatric medical facility in the region.

He revealed that the De-

partment is in the process of preparing indents for the Public Service Commission (JKPSC) to advertise and fill all the vacancies in a time-bound manner. He further revealed that the Department of Pediatric Surgery would be shifted to Bemina Hospital till the end of this month.

It was further divulged that the Children Hospital at present offers care in 16 sub-specialties in addition to General Pediatrics. These include Pediatric Nephrology, Hematology, Cardiology, Neonatology, Neurology, Radiology, Psychology, Gastroenterology, Orthopedics etc.

The meeting was also apprised about the bed strength in each specialty and the position of faculty available in the hospital. It deliberated upon the issues faced by the hospital in terms of paramedical staff and other human resource, infrastructure requirements.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL AND HOSPITALS DIVISION SRINAGAR

(Tele-fax No: 019-2496089, e-mail id: xemhchdk@yahoo.in)

Subject: - Upgradation of Infra structure for ENT Extension Block at SMHS, Hospital, Srinagar by way of Design, SITC of Modular Operation Theatres Along With MGPS and HVAC system and CMC for one year of MOTs post one year warranty period for ENT Extensionblock
Ref:- This office e- NIT no: M&HDS/TS/2024-25/48/e-tendering Dated 20.07.2024

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ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Off-line Applications on the prescribed format as per the annexure "A" are invited from the interested candidates possessing the following qualifications, for the temporary assignment as Vocational Instructor (Guest Faculty) in the following trade/course in this institute for the academic session 2024-25.

S. No	Type of assignment & no. of posts	Trade/course	Qualification
1.	Voc. Instructor (Guest faculty) (01 only)	Sewing Technology	B.Voc/Degree in Fashion & Apparel Technology from UGC recognized College/ university with one-year experience in the relevant field. OR Diploma (minimum 02 years) in Garment fabrication Technology/ Costume Design & Dress making from recognized board of Technical Education or relevant Advanced Diploma (Vocational) from DGT with two years' experience in the relevant field OR NTC/NAC passed in the Trade of "Sewing Technology" earlier named as "Cutting & Sewing" with (03) three years' experience in the relevant field. Essential Qualification: Relevant Regular / RPL variants of National Craft Instructor Certificate (NCIC) under DGT.

The last date for receiving the duly completed application forms along with the relevant documents is 21-08-2024. The Selection will be done on merit basis, as per the latest guidelines issued by the Skill Development Department (J&K).

Terms and Conditions for Assignment:

- The assignment is absolutely temporary and for the academic session 2024-25 only.
- The arrangement shall immediately cease after the completion of the academic session 2024-25 or even before that, in the event of transfer/posting of permanent staff by the Skill Development Department for the respective trade/ assignment.
- The remuneration for the Instructor to be engaged shall be to the maximum of Rs 20000/= per month for Degree and Rs 18000/= per month for Diploma /NTC holder, or as per the directions issued by the Skill Development Department from time to time.
- The selected candidate shall have to furnish an affidavit duly signed by the First Class Judicial Magistrate that all the terms & conditions stated above from S.no 1 to 4 are acceptable to him/her and he/she shall not claim the continuity of assignment/services beyond the current academic session 2024-25

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Dated:- 08-08-2024

Superintendent
Industrial Training Institute
Kupwara

ANNEXURE "A"

Application format for engagement of Guest Faculty (Voc. Instructor, sewing Technology) at Govt. Industrial Training Institute Kupwara

- Name of the applicant.....
- Parentage.....
- Residential Address.....
- Contact No. & e-mail id:.....
- Trade/subject applied for.....
- Qualification:
 - Technical.....
 - Academic.....
 - Experience if any 1. Teaching..... 2. Other (Please Specify).....

(Enclose all the relevant self-attested certificates/Documents along with the application format)

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- PDD: 0194-2450213
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- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

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



PRAYERS

FAJR	4:19
ZUHR	12:35
ASR	5:24
Magrib	7:23
ISHA	8:51

This Day In History

- 554 - Ravenna becomes seat of Byzantine military governor in Italy
- 1183 - Taira no Munemori and Taira clan take young Emperor Antoku and 3 sacred treasures and flee to western Japan to escape Minamoto clan (Traditional Japanese date: 25th Day of the 7th Month of the 2nd Year of Juei).
- 1281 - During Kublai Khan's Second Invasion of Japan his invading Chinese fleet of 3,500 vessels disappears in a typhoon near Japan
- 1385 - Portuguese defeat Castilians at Aljubarrota, retain independence
- 1498 - Christopher Columbus landed at the mouth of the Orinoco River in what is now Venezuela
- 1551 - Turkish fleet under Dragut occupies Tripoli
- 1743 - Prussian army occupies Saksen, beginning 2nd Silezian War
- 1756 - French capture Fort Oswego, NY
- 1758 - Battle of Zorndorf: Prussia beats Russia, 1000s killed
- 1762 - English fleet occupies Havana
- 1790 - Sweden & Russia sign Peace of Verela
- 1813 - British warship Pelican attacks & captures US war brigantine Argus
- 1816 - Great Britain annexes Tristan da Cunha
- 1862 - Abraham Lincoln receives the first group of African Americans to confer with a US president
- 1885 - Japan's first patent is issued to the inventor of a rust-proof paint.
- 1894 - Sir Oliver Joseph Lodge demonstrates wireless telegraphy (radio) using Morse code at a meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Oxford University
- 1911 - United States Senate leaders begin to rotate the office of President pro tempore (for the time being) of the Senate among leading candidates to fill the vacancy left by William P. Frye's death.
- 1920 - Little Entente formed by Czechoslovakia & Yugoslavia
- 1937 - China declares war on Japan
- 1944 - Soviet offensive at Weichsel
- 1945 - V-J Day, Japan surrenders unconditionally to end WW II (also August 15 depending on time zone)
- 1945 Ho Chi Minh's Viet Minh movement launch a coordinated uprising against French rule across Vietnam following the Japanese surrender
- 1945 - Japanese government notifies the Allies that it had accepted the Potsdam Declaration
- 1947 - Pakistan gains independence from Great Britain
- 1960 - UN peace-keeping troops deployed to the Republic of Congo
- 1964 - Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait and Syria form common market
- 1971 - Bahrain proclaims independence after 110 years of British rule
- 1975 - Pakistani military coup against Bangladeshi President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
- 1982 - Iran "Ramadan-offensive" in Iraq
- 1986 - Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto arrested
- 1994 - Space telescope Hubble photographs Uranus with rings

From KO Archives

'Meri Zaban Khuli To Toofan Aayega'

SRINAGAR: The chief minister Farooq Abdullah today lashed out at successive governments in New Delhi for ignoring the state of Jammu and Kashmir, while assuring the opposition parties of free and fair polls through-out the state.

"The government of India did not allow J&K to develop as an industrial state," the chief minister said, "for the reasons better known to them." Even our power projects are not being funded. We do not intend to beg all the time," he said in a defiant tone at a press conference here today.

"Hum zaher pey rahay ham. Agar hum zaban kholein gay to toofan aaye go" (We are swallowing poison. If we open our mouths it will spark commotion), Dr. Abdullah said after a reporter asked why the state was spending huge sums on a golf course when the state was passing through worst financial crisis.

The chief minister claimed that he would seek cooperation of Arab and other developed countries for "funding my pending projects."

(Kashmir Observer, August 14, 1999)

SC Gives Govt 2 Months Deadline for Leash on Healthcare

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Concerned over non-implementation of a 2021 central law on allied professions in the field of health care, the Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre, states and the UTs to ensure compliance of the Act by October 12 or be ready to face coercive action.

The top court, which had issued notices to the Centre, all state governments and union territories on a PIL in September last year, was irked over non-implementation of the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Act, 2021.

The NCAHP Act provides for "regulation and maintenance of standards of education and services by allied health care professionals, assessment of institutions, maintenance of a Central Register and State Register" of allied health care professions in the country.

The law mandates setting up of regulatory bodies and state-level councils for all allied health care professions which are not governed and covered by the National Medical Commission, Dental Council of India and other regulatory bodies till 2021.

The Act includes health care professions and professionals of medical laboratory and life sciences, trauma, burn care, and surgical/ anesthesia-related technol-

ogy, Physiotherapy etc.

"We direct the Union and states to take necessary steps to implement the Act within two months; (2) The Health Ministry shall within two weeks convene on-line meeting of all the secretaries of state for Health and Family Welfare to lay down roadmap to implement the Act," ordered a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.

Warning that failure to implement the provisions of the Act may lead to coercive measures, the bench said the "infrastructure is set up by all the states and UTs and the provisions are to be made functional in letter and spirit".

It directed all states and UTs to submit compliance reports with the secretary of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in a tabular format before the next date of hearing.

The bench asked Additional Solicitor General Vikramjit Banerjee, representing the central ministry, to file the reply to the PIL within two weeks. The bench was hearing a PIL of the Joint Forum of Medical Technologists of India (JFMTI).

At the outset, the bench said the law came into being on May 25, 2021 and no response was filed by the Centre despite the fact that the notice was issued to it in September last year.

Israeli Strikes On Gaza Leave Children Without Parents And Parents Without Children

Agencies

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip: Reem Abu Hayyah, just three months old, was the only member of her family to survive an Israeli airstrike in the Gaza Strip late Monday. A few miles (kilometers) to the north, Mohamed Abuel-Qomaskan lost his wife and their twin babies — just four days old — in another strike.

More than 10 months into its war with Hamas, Israel's relentless bombardment of the isolated territory has wiped out extended families. It has left parents without children and children without parents, brothers or sisters.

And some of the sole survivors are so young they will have no memory of those they lost.

The Israeli strike late Monday destroyed a home near the southern city of Khan Younis, killing 10 people. The dead included Abu Hayyah's parents and five siblings, ranging in age from 5 to 12, as well as the parents of another three children. All four children were wounded in the strike.

"There is no one left except this baby," said her aunt, Soad Abu Hayyah. "Since this morning, we have been trying to feed her formula, but she does not accept it, because she is used to her mother's milk."

The airstrike that killed

Abuel-Qomaskan's wife and newborns — a boy, Asser, and a girl, Ayssel — also killed the twins' maternal grandmother. As he sat in a hospital, stunned into near-silence by the loss, he held up the twins' birth certificates.

His wife, Joumana Arafa, a pharmacist, had given birth by Caesarean section four days ago and announced the twins' arrival on Facebook. On Tuesday, he had gone to register the births at a local government office. While he was there, neighbors called to say the home where he was sheltering, near the central city of Deir Al-Balah, had been bombed.

"I don't know what happened," he said. "I am told it was a shell that hit the house."

The Israeli military did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the strikes.

The military says it tries to avoid harming Palestinian civilians and blames their deaths on Hamas because the militants operate in dense residential areas, sometimes sheltering in and launching attacks from homes, schools, mosques and other civilian buildings.

But the army rarely comments on individual strikes, which often kill women and children. Gaza's Health Ministry says nearly 40,000 Palestinians have been killed since the start of the war, without saying how many were fighters.



A billboard depicting Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian (R) and the late Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran's Vallasr Square.

Iran Dismisses European Restraint Calls As Contradicting International Law

Agencies

Tehran: Iran has dismissed calls by France, Germany and the United Kingdom to stand down its threat against Israel after the assassination of Hamas's political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran last month.

Nasser Kanaani, the spokesman of Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said in a statement on Tuesday that the request "lacks political logic and contradict principles of international law" and also "constitutes public and practical support" for Israel.

The European countries "raised no objection to the international crimes" of Israel and "impudently asked Iran not to respond to a violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity", he said.

Kanaani said Iran was determined to deter Israel and called on the three countries to "once and for all stand up against the war in Gaza and the warmongering of Israel".

Hamas has blamed Israel for the July 31 assassination of Haniyeh in Tehran, where he was attending the inauguration of Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian.

The Israeli government has made no claim of responsibility.

The attack on Haniyeh, in which his bodyguard was also killed, came after Hezbollah senior commander Fuad Shukur was killed in an Israeli attack in Beirut, ratcheting tensions in the region amid Israel's war on Gaza that has killed nearly 40,000 people.

"The inaction of the United Nations Security Council and the extensive political and military support of Western governments to the Zionist regime [Israel] are the main factors behind the regional expansion of the Gaza crisis," Kanaani said.

On Monday, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer issued a joint statement calling for

de-escalation.

"We call on Iran and its allies to refrain from attacks that would further escalate regional tensions and jeopardise the opportunity to agree a ceasefire [in Gaza] and the release of [Israeli] hostages," it said.

Scholz and Starmer also held separate phone calls with Pezeshkian on Monday, their governments said.

Starmer asked Pezeshkian to refrain from attacking Israel, saying that war was not in anyone's interest, the prime minister's office said.

Scholz appealed to Pezeshkian "to do everything possible to prevent a further military escalation", expressed "great concern about the danger of a regional conflagration in the Middle East" and said "the spiral of violence in the Middle East must be broken now", his spokesman said in a statement. But Pezeshkian said Iran has the "right to respond to aggressors".

'No More Negotiation': Hamas Demands Gaza Truce Deal Implementation

Agencies

Cairo: Hamas is sticking to its demand that Gaza truce talks focus on a deal already discussed with Israel and mediators rather than starting anew, an official said on Tuesday, after Israeli airstrikes killed at least 19 Palestinians in the enclave.

The US said on Monday that it expected peace talks slated for Thursday to go ahead as planned, and that a ceasefire agreement was still possible. Axios reported that US Secretary of State Antony Blinken planned to set off on Tuesday for discussions in Qatar, Egypt and Israel.

The Israeli government said it would send a delegation to Thursday's talks, but Hamas, the Palestinian militant group that ran Gaza before the war, requested a workable plan to implement a proposal it has already accepted rather than more talks.

A Hamas official told Reuters

that a CNN report saying the group planned to attend on Thursday was wrong.

"Our statement the other day was clear: what is needed is the implementation, not more negotiation," said the official, who declined to be named owing to the sensitivity of the issue.

Meanwhile, Israeli airstrikes killed 19 Palestinians in the central and southern Gaza Strip on Tuesday, medics said.

One strike killed six people in Deir Al-Balah, including a mother and her twin four-day-old babies, while seven other Palestinians were killed in a strike on a house in the nearby Al-Bureij camp.

Four people were killed in two separate strikes on the Al-Maghazi camp in the central Gaza Strip and Rafah in the south, and two were killed in a strike on a house in the Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood of Gaza City in the north, medics said.

The Israeli military and the

armed wings of Islamic Jihad and Hamas said they were fighting in several areas, 10 months into a war in which almost 40,000 Palestinians have been killed, including many commanders and fighters.

The Israeli military said it had killed Palestinian gunmen and dismantled military structures in Khan Younis, located weapons and explosives in Rafah, and struck rocket launchers and sniper posts in central Gaza.

A ceasefire deal would aim to end fighting in Gaza and ensure the release of Israeli hostages held in the enclave in return for many Palestinians jailed by Israel.

Hamas wants a deal to end the war while Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says it can only end when Hamas is eradicated.

In Deir Al-Balah, one of the most overcrowded places in Gaza with hundreds of thousands of displaced, many were desperate for a truce.

China, Pakistan Try To Derail India, G4 Nations' UN Security Council Bid

Agencies

United Nations: The lack of adequate geographic representation in the UN Security Council is responsible for its failures, and giving Africa permanent membership will be essential to make the highest decision-making body effective, R. Ravindra, charge d'affaires of India's UN mission has said.

Speaking on behalf of the G-4, the group of India, Brazil, Germany and Japan, on Monday at an open debate of the Council on reforming itself, he said, "A primary reason for the underperformance of this critical institution remains the non-representation of Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and the under-representation of Asia-Pacific in the permanent category".

"We are convinced that African representation in both permanent and non-permanent categories will be an indispensable part of UNSC reform for a more representative and effective Council," he said.

The meeting of the Council was convened by Sierra Leone, which holds the rotating presidency, to push Africa's case for reforming the Council to give the continent better representation.

Sierra Leone's President Julius Maada Bio said, "Despite being home to over 1.3 billion people, and the 54 African coun-

tries making up 28 per cent of the total membership of the UN," Africa continues to suffer from the historic injustice of being deprived of permanent seats at the Council.

"Nearly 80 years after its creation, the Council has been stuck in time" - 1945 when the UN was created while most of Africa was under the colonial yoke perpetuating the injustice, he said.

"Africa demands two permanent seats in the UN Security Council and two additional non-permanent seats" to the existing three, he said.

Mr Ravindra said, "We as G-4 continue to support fully these legitimate demands and aspirations from the people of Africa" and its relationship with the continent "is anchored in trust and mutual respect and is focused on ensuring that Africa finds its rightful place in a new age of reformed multilateralism".

"It is also inconceivable that Africa which constitutes over 70 per cent of the UNSC's agenda items under discussions, does not get a permanent voice at the horse-shoe table" at the Council chamber, he said.

Mr Ravindra said the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) for Council reforms should expedite text-based negotiations so that it can proceed with the reform process in time for the 80th anniversary of the UN next year.

Sperm Or Egg Donor Cannot Claim To Be Child's Biological Parent: High Court

Agencies

Mumbai: A sperm or egg donor has no legal right on the child and cannot claim to be its biological parent, the Bombay High Court held today while allowing a 42-year-old woman visitation rights to her five-year-old twin daughters.

The woman, in her plea, said her daughters, born via surrogacy, were living with her husband and younger sister, who was the egg donor.

The petitioner's husband had claimed since his sister-in-law was the egg donor, she had a legitimate right to be called a biological parent of the twins and that his wife had no right over them.

A single bench of Justice Milind Jadhav, however, refused to accept this contention, citing that though the petitioner's younger sister was the egg donor, she has no legitimate right to claim that she is a biological parent of the twins.

The court said the role of the younger sister is that of an egg donor, rather, a voluntary

donor, and at the most, she may qualify to be a genetic mother and nothing more.

An advocate appointed to assist the court in the matter informed it that since the estranged couple's surrogacy agreement took place in 2018 when the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act 2021 had not come into force, the guidelines issued by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in 2005 would regulate the agreement.

As per a rule of the guidelines, the donor and the surrogate mother have to relinquish all parental rights, the court noted, adding that in the present case, the twins would be the daughters of the petitioner and her husband.

"Under the guideline, it is clearly stated that the sperm/oocyte (egg) donor shall not have parental rights or duties in relation to the child and in that view of the matter, the younger sister of the petitioner can have no right whatsoever to intervene and claim to be the biological mother of the twin daughters," the high court said.

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Notice Inviting e-Tender Dated:12.08.2024

E-NIT NO. 01 of 2024-25

For and on behalf of Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST(K), e-tenders (double-cover) are invited on single-percentage basis from eligible Private Enterprises (PE) empanelled by Department of Horticulture, GoJK having expertise in the similar work whose registration is valid up to 31-03-2025 for the following work:-

S.No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender document	Budget Head	Time of completion
1.	Establishment of cluster model High density apple orchards in three districts of Kashmir valley (maximum of 100 kanal and minimum of 70 kanal each district) under HADP Project-18"Minimisation of pesticide use in Agriculture" for financial year 2024-25	200 x 3 = 600.00	As per Eligibility Criteria	5,000/-	HADP-CAPEX	Till 1st March 2025

a) Position of AAA: Accorded
b) Position of funds: Available

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

1.	Date of Publish of Tender Notice	12.08.2024
2.	Date of start of downloading	12.08.2024
3.	Pre-bid meeting date	19.08.2024
4.	Bid submission start Date	14.08.2024
5.	Bid submission end date	31.08.2024
6.	Date & Time of opening of Technical bid (online)	02.09.2024 (2.00 pm)
8.	Date & Time of opening of Financial bid of qualifying bidders (online)	04.09.2024

Further information can be had from the office of the undersigned.

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Chairman
PGMC-HADP-18
Minimization of pesticide use in Agriculture

No. Au/PP/HADP-18/24/58
DIPK-NB-1331/24 Dated: 13.08.2024

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Member secretary, Market Administrative Committee (MAC)
Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing Prichoo Pulwama
Retender Notice/ Dasti Quotation

Sealed Tenders are invited from public at large/NGO's for sanitation of Fruit and Vegetable Market Prichoo for the period from 22.08.2024 to 31.12.2024 with a maximum reserve bid of Rs49500/- (Rupee Forty-nine thousand five hundred only). The sealed offers affixed with revenue stamp of Rs2/- and accompanied with CDR/FDR worth Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) as security, to be released after the expiry of the contract, pledged to Member Secretary Market Administrative Committee Prichoo should reach this office by or before 21 of August 2024 up to 12.00 Noon by registered post/by hand. The tender documents can be had from the office of u/sd- against the cash payment of Rs.10/- on all working days up to 21-08-2024. The tender shall be allotted to the tenderer who shall offer lowest bid amount.

The tenders shall be opened on the same day i.e. 21 of August 2024 at 0230 P.M in this office by the Market Administrative Committee (MAC)/ the committee setup for the purpose by higher authorities and in presence of the bidder who wish to be present. In case the said day happens to be a holiday the same shall be opened on the next working day.

Terms and conditions

- The sanitation shall be carried out for the whole premises of Fruit Market which will include cleaning of Market yard, auctioning sheds, foot path and roads of the Market.
- The sanitation shall be carried out on daily basis.
- (03, A certificate to the effect that sanitation work has been carried out satisfactorily shall be issued by the Fruit Association Prichoo on monthly basis.
- (04 The successful bidder shall have to arrange dumping facility for garbage of his own, to outside the Mandi.
- 05 The successful bidder has to abide all the SOPs as laid down by the government during the period of contract.
- 06 Cleaning of surface drains within the Mandi premises shall be part of sanitation.
- 07 In case of any dispute between the parties matter shall be referred to Chairperson MAC/Deputy Director (K) Horticulture (P&M) Srinagar for arbitration and decision of the Chairperson MAC shall be final and binding upon both the parties.

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Member secretary,
Market Administrative Committee
Prichoo

Chalk Out Absorption, Transfer Policies For NHM Employees: Tarigami

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: While stressing for formulation of a plan for their regularization, CPI (M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami has underlined the need for a proper transfer policy for the employees including doctors and para-medical staff working under National Health Mission in Jammu and Kashmir.

Tarigami said that these employees have been working for the last 16 years in J&K under the National Health Mission (NHM) on contract basis. It is unfortunate that these employees have given prime of their youth to the mission but have been left vulnerable and insecure. The lack of job security, meagre salary and lack of social security haunts them day in and day out.

"The government should enhance/revise wages on an equal-work-equal-pay principle. Despite repeated assurances, nothing concrete was done for their regularization so far," Tarigami said in a statement.

"We urge the administration to enhance the extent and ambit of the social security benefits under NHM Employees Contrib-

tutory Welfare Fund to these employees. Ex-gratia relief be also enhanced and a benefit/scheme be introduced for those NHM employees who superannuate while rendering their services under the Mission".

Similarly, ASHAs working under NHM perform a range of tasks from community health planning to referral and accompaniment services for reproductive and child health. But unfortunately, they are not being paid any regular remunerations instead are being forced to work on meagre incentives. These paltry incentives have not even been enhanced or revised for the last more than a decade.

Last year, the health department had assured them enhancement of Rs. 1000 insensitive from financial year 2024-25, but that assurance has not been fulfilled.

"The government must take steps for regularization and framing transfer policy in respect of NMH employees, besides releasing the enhanced Rs. 1000 incentive to ASHAs. These poor ASHAs be brought under the minimum wages act," he urged the government.

Farewell & Welcome Party Of Director Generals Of Finance Held



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K Accounts Employees Association & Finance Association Society arranged a farewell cum welcome party for all DG's of the Finance Department here at Srinagar as a courtesy call.

The association (s) representatives/ members thanked the DG's for their work done & also welcomed them on new assignments.

FA Lone DGA&T chaired the interaction meet & other DG's namely Mr. M.Y. Itoo, DG Funds, Sh Mahesh Ji D.G Codes, Mr Parvaiz Sajad D.G Audit & Inspection & Mr Malik M.Sultan, D.G Budget added grace to the occasion by remaining a part of this interaction session. However, Ms Neeraj Ma'm D.G Local Fund, Audit & Pensions couldn't be part

of this meet as she was stationed at Jammu. On the outset of the welcome, Flower Bouquets were presented to the respective DG's by G.N Tantray, M.A Mughal, Sanjay Sadhu, Raghu Bir ji & Showkat Imran respectively.

In the interaction, Rashmi Deepika President JAKFAS, G.N Tantray Pr.JKAEA, Sanjay Sadhu, V.P JKAEA, Mr M.A.Mughal Provincial President JKAEA & other representatives including M.Hussain Khan also spoke & appreciated the respective DG's/ participants on the occasion.

The session ended with a commitment to resolve the long pending issues & make a way forward to make the service more vibrant & effective in facilitating the Govt/ public issues.

Govt Reconstitutes SDA, JDA, LCMA

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The administration of J&K has reconstituted the Srinagar Development Authority, Jammu Development Authority and J&K Lake Conservation & Management Authority (LCMA).

These three authorities have been reconstituted under the Jammu & Kashmir Development Act-1970.

While the notifications for reconstitution of SDA and JDA shall be deemed to come into effect from March 6, 2024, the notification for reconstitution of LCMA shall come into effect retrospectively from May 24, 2024.

The members of these bodies shall hold office for two years, the notifications state. According to a notification, a copy of which is in possession of the news agency—Kashmir Observer, administrative secretary Housing & Urban Development Department would be chairperson of the Srinagar Development Authority (SDA).

The notification states that divisional commissioner Kashmir, commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, vice-chairperson Srinagar Development Authority, deputy commissioner Srinagar, representative of Finance department not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, representative of Planning Development and Monitoring department not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, representative of the Revenue department not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, representative of the Forest, Ecology and Environment not below the rank of additional secretary/ special secretary, chief architect J&K Architect Organisation, chief engineer R&B Kashmir and Chief Town Planner Kashmir would be members of SDA.

Similarly, administrative secretary Housing & Urban Development would be chairperson of the Jammu Development Authority (JDA).

HAAKH TO BRINJAL

Prolonged Dry Weather Hits Vegetable Production In Kashmir

Agencies

SRINAGAR: With Kashmir witnessing a prolonged dry spell this summer, the vegetable production of the valley has been hit drastically.

Farmers from north to south Kashmir claim about the pest infestation to the varieties of the vegetables, which brought down the production of local vegetables to manifold.

The lack of sufficient rainfall has hit farmers hard, leading to a sharp decline in the yield of various vegetables, including the region's staple.

Farmers across Kashmir are reporting stunted growth and reduced harvests, attributing the situation to the extended dry spell that has gripped the region. The shortage of water has not only affected the quantity but also the quality of the produce, with many crops failing to reach their usual size and taste standards.

From Haakh (collard green) to chilies, brinjals and tomatoes, vegetables have been affected by the pests.

"The vegetables didn't get abundant rain during the crucial period following which it was



attacked by pests. Haakh which is the native and most consumed vegetables has suffered the most. Similarly, chilies, brinjals and tomatoes too have been impacted to a large extent," said Shakeel Ahmad Khan, a grower.

This has led to rising prices in local markets, making it difficult for many families to afford these traditional vegetables.

While Haakh costs Rs 70 Kilogram, prices of tomatoes too have shot up by more than 30 per cent this summer.

Bashir Ahmad Bashir, president Parimpora Fruit Mandi said various varieties of vegetables have suffered due to the dry weather which has resulted in reduced supply of

vegetables to Mandi.

"This year the local supply is not satisfactory. Though some areas have not suffered any damage to vegetables but majority of the vegetable producing areas have actually faced the brunt of prolonged dry weather. Taking an example of Haakh, there is a dip of nearly 70 per cent in the production and supply," he said.

Farmers are expressing growing concern over the situation, as the dry season shows no signs of abating. Many have been forced to rely on limited irrigation resources, which are quickly being depleted, leaving little hope for recovery in the near term—(KNO)

District Administration Budgam Organizes Tiranga Rally

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: The District Administration of Budgam, in collaboration with the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSSO) Budgam, organized a Tiranga Rally today. The rally started from Boys Higher Secondary School (BHSS) Budgam and concluded at the Old Bus Stand Budgam.

The rally was flagged off by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Budgam, Khursheed Ahmad Shah. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various officials, including the Assistant Commissioner



Development (ACD) Budgam, Chief Education Officer, members of the Activity Section DYSSO Budgam, and other field officials.

Participants marched with great enthusiasm, proudly displaying the national flag and expressing their patriotic spirit. This rally is part of the district's ongoing efforts to

foster unity and national pride among the citizens of Budgam as the nation gears up for Independence Day celebrations.

The District Administration, along with DYSSO Budgam, remains committed to promoting activities that engage the youth and cultivate a strong sense of national identity and pride.

GULMARG GOES GREEN

GDA Conducts Major Cleanliness Drive To Eliminate Polythene

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Gulmarg Development Authority (GDA) conducted a major cleanliness drive at the popular tourist destination on Tuesday to make the area plastic and polythene-free.

This initiative was led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Waseem Raja who said the GDA is committed to preserving Gulmarg's natural beauty and promoting sustainable tourism.

Speaking on the occasion, the CEO, highlighted the importance of collective efforts in this mission. He said several organisations, including the Rotary Club, NLCO, and Bilaliya Educational Institute, have partnered with the GDA to support the cause.

"We are dedicated to advancing our efforts to eliminate plastic and polythene from Gulmarg," he said, adding that the mission aims to keep the destination green and free from environmental hazards.

Waseem further announced that the next phase of the campaign would focus on Phases I and II of the Gulmarg Gondola, where efforts will be intensified. To maintain momentum, he said that cleanliness drives would be conducted weekly. He urged local shopkeepers and hoteliers to switch from plastic to more sustainable alternatives, such as glass bottles, to further reduce the environmental impact.—(KNO)

Patients Suffer Due To Absence Of Cath Lab At GMC Anantnag

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Hundreds of patients in south Kashmir are suffering due to the lack of a cardiac catheterisation laboratory (cath lab) at the Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag, despite assurances from officials that the facility will be operational soon.

The absence of this critical facility means that patients suffering from heart attacks, both minor and major, are currently being referred to hospitals in Srinagar, which leads to potentially life-threatening delays.

The "golden hour"—the first hour after a heart attack—is crucial for saving lives, and the lack of immediate access to a cath lab significantly increases the risk of fatalities.

Officials said that the cath lab, which is a specialised area where doctors can perform minimally invasive tests and advanced cardiac procedures, is essential for diagnosing and treating cardiovascular diseases. In particular, the lab is crucial for performing primary angioplasty, a procedure to clear blocked arteries, which is often the cause of heart attacks.

According to the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 47% of deaths due to cardiac arrest occur before the patient reaches the hospital.

If a cath lab were available at GMC Anantnag, it could improve the chances of survival for heart attack patients by enabling timely diagnosis and treatment.

Doctors at GMC Anantnag said that the establishment of a cath lab would not only save lives but also reduce the patient load on hospitals in Srinagar.

They said the hospital serves a large population, including patients from south Kashmir and parts of the Jammu division, which makes the availability of advanced cardiac care even more critical.

Local residents have appealed to higher authorities to expedite the establishment of the cath lab at GMC Anantnag, saying it will save lives.

Principal of GMC Anantnag, Dr Rukhsana Najeeb, informed KNO that the construction of the cath lab is underway and is expected to be completed within the next month. "The machinery for the lab is being imported from the USA, and it will be one of the first such labs in Kashmir," she said—(KNO)

4000 Water Connection Applications Pending In J&K

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Nearly 4,000 applications seeking fresh water connections for domestic consumers and commercial establishments in Jammu and Kashmir are awaiting approval by the Jal Shakti Department, according to official data accessed.

Almost 60 per cent of these applicants are from the Jammu Division, while 40 per cent are from Kashmir, according to the data. The Jammu district alone has over 860 applications for household water connections pending, while Srinagar has 597 applications.

The 'Apply for Obtaining Water Connection' for residential and commercial buildings is a primary service provided by the J&K government under its 'Single Window System (SWS)' initiative. The program has had a dedicated portal for all such services since

2022 and has integrated all major departments with it.

Under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) of 2011, the new domestic water connection should take 15 days, and commercial has a 30-day maximum limit. However, the maximum time the Jal Shakti Department takes to complete the process has been more than 500 days in some cases.

Since 2022, the department received 15,351 applications seeking new water connections under various schemes through SWS, with 7,309 applications approved and 1,049 applications rejected.

The delay in obtaining the water connection highlights the poor implementation of various prestigious schemes like the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and the 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' (water in every household) initiative, per official sources.—(KNO)

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CITY ROADS (SMC) DIVISION SRINAGAR.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No:- E-NIT/34/CRD/SMC/SGR/2024-25 DATED: 12-08-2024.

For and on behalf of the Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, e-tenders (in Single cover System) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments.

S.No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit @2% of Adv. Cost	Completion days	Class of Contractor	M.H of A/C
1	Improvement/upgradation of road from Durbal bridge to Hajjabad main road sector H of Hamdaniya colony Bemina BWO Macadamization	42.00	1100/-	84000/-	20 Days	AAY/ BEE Class	Capex Budget 2024-25
2	Lane L Shah Anwar Colony to the H/o Mr. JavidAnim& Sector E Hamdan Avenue Shah Anwar Colony 200 metres to the H/o Mr. Hafiz ulla Anim Macadamisation and metal.	3.00	200/-	6000/-	10 Days	DEE Class	Capex Budget 2024-25
3	Upgradation of lane No.03 near H.No.300 to 310 BWO WBM, 75mm WMM 50mm BT, 25mm SD with seal coat at Hamdaniya colony Lane No. 03 Sector D	20.00	800/-	40000/-	15 Days	BEE/ CEE Class	Capex Budget 2024-25
4	Improvement/upgradation of Hamdaniya colony Sector A lane No. 02 BWO 75mm thick WBM, 50mm BM, 25mm SD with seal coat	16.00	800/-	32000/-	15 Days	BEE/ CEE Class	Capex Budget 2024-25
5	Improvement/upgradation road surface at Shahanwar colony Hyderabad near h/o Dr. Sanai	2.00	200/-	4000/-	10 Days	DEE Class	Capex Budget 2024-25
6	Macadamization of lane at Owaikarni Lane No. 01 Habak Naseem Bagh near Kashmir Havard School.	8.50	600/-	17000/-	10 Days	CEE/ DEE Class	Capex Budget 2024-25
7	Imp/Upgradation of lane no.02, Baghe-e-Uzman Colony lane no. 02 near H.No.37 (Bismillah Department Store) by way of 75mm thick compacted WMM, 50mm thick compacted Bituminous Macadam 25mm thick compacted SD with seal coat.	2.00	200/-	4000/-	10 Days	DEE Class	Capex Budget 2024-25

AAA: Accorded.

- The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specification, 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 the schedule of dates given below:

Scheduled Dates & Time of Online Tenders.		13-08-2024.
1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice Online	13-08-2024.
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	FROM 13-08-2024 10:00 A.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	13-08-2024 10:00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	23-08-2024 UPTO 4:00 P.M
5.	Date & Time of opening of Bids (Online)	24-08-2024 at 10:00 A.M in the office of the Executive Engineer City Roads SMC Division Srinagar.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of introducing Bank Receipt as a tender fee paid in the Municipal Account No: 021601020000007 payable at J&K Bank Branch Dood Ganga Balgarden, Srinagar payable at Srinagar (With NIT No. and S.No. of work mentioned) by simply uploading a copy of necessary Bank Receipt.
- Bids must be accompanied with Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) @2% of the advertised cost in the shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG pledged to Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar which shall be uploaded with the tender documents at the time of tendering. The same shall be released after receipt of 5% of performance security which should be valid till completion of DLP from the successful Bidder.
- 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 Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain Valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The lowest bidder (L1) also called the successful Bidder has to produce a performance security amount equal to 5% (five percent) of the contract value in the shape of CDR/ FDR/ BG immediately after the opening of financial bids, but prior to fixation of contract. The validity period of the FDR/ BG for requisite amount shall be upto DLP. Any FDR/ BG having less validity period shall not be entertained. The CDR/ FDR/ BG shall be released after successful completion of the Defect Liability Period (DLP).
- If any bidder / tenderer withdraws / modified his bid during the period of validity etc. the Department is at liberty to suspend the bidder for one year or as shall be deemed suitable by the tender inviting Authority. Same shall hold good if the bidder fails to produce performance security within the specified time.
- The successful bidder (L1) shall have to furnish hard copy of the uploaded documents viz Registration card duly renewed, Valid GST Registration, PAN Card, GSTR-3B etc. alongwith Treasury Challan Receipt.
- Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
 - Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
 - To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.
 - The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
 - Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
 - Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
 - Bidders must ensure to upload the clear scanned copies of all necessary documents with the bid.

DOC-1	DOC-2	DOC-3	DOC-4
CLEAR SCAN COPY OF CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION CARD DULY RENEWED (2024-2025)	CLEAR SCAN COPY OF BANK RECEIPT/ Earnest Money Deposit. Note: The Date of Bank Receipt/ Earnest Money Deposit should be between the bid submission dates of the NIT, any Bank Receipt/ EMD which is before the bid submission date of the published NIT shall summarily be rejected. (NIT NO. / SNO. OF WORK SHOULD CLEARLY BE MENTIONED ON BANK RECEIPT AND EMD)	Scanned Copy of: 1. PAN Card 2. Copy of GSTIN Registration GSTR-3B Return of previous Quarter to the issued date of NIT upto June 2024 or after that.	Affidavit (Refer para 21 (W) General Conditions.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
9. The execution of works falling under the jurisdiction of LAWDA shall be subject to NOC from LCMA (LAWDA) Department.

NIT/34/CRD/SMC/SGR/2024-25/e-tendering/
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Executive Engineer,
City Roads (SMC) Division Srinagar.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

DIRECTORATE OF HANDICRAFTS & HANDLOOM, KASHMIR

KASHMIR HAAT, EXHIBITION GROUNDS SRINAGAR

Email: dir.handicraft@jk.gov.in

NOTICE

Department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir has received several complaints regarding certain showrooms selling machine-made Carpets, Shawls and Chain Stitch under the guise of handmade products. Department wants to reassure the public that action has been taken against the showrooms misrepresenting machine-made carpets and shawls as handcrafted. If you are a tourist or a customer who feels you have been misled or cheated, please contact us immediately. You can reach the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir at:

Phone: 0194-2472065
Email: dir.handicraft@jk.gov.in

Additionally, the Department offers a facility for testing handicraft and handloom products to verify their authenticity. We are committed to protecting the interests of our customers and maintaining the integrity of our handcrafted heritage crafts.

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O Gaza!

Around 100 Palestinians were killed on August 10 in an Israeli strike on a school housing displaced people in Gaza City. Three Israeli bombs hit al-Tabin school killing women, children and the elderly. The attack took place while people were performing dawn prayers. Israel's military accused Hamas of using the building as a command center which Hamas denied. The bombs blew the bodies of worshippers into smithereens. Their body parts were collected in bags before being buried. The toll in Gaza has now touched around 40,000. And as with the indiscriminate killings of Palestinians over the past ten months, the west has remained largely unmoved by the al-Tabin school bombing. What is more, the west has continued its policy to fund and arm Israel so that it pursues the war unrestrained. This has emboldened Israeli president Benjamin Netanyahu to drag its feet on the ceasefire deal with Hamas. And the west which imposes unilateral solutions - sometimes even without the sanction of the United Nations - in other conflicts is standing by and watching as Israel goes on wilfully massacring Palestinians on a daily basis. It has already largely leveled the tiny strip of land called Gaza.

Contrast this with the West's approach to Ukraine where it engages in its familiar charade about human rights. One positive takeaway for the world from the Gaza genocide has been the growing recognition that the west's commitment to its grand principles is fake and hypocritical. And that it has a different yardstick for the violations of international law when it comes to non-white people.

That said, it is urgent for the world to work for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. A mere temporary halt in hostilities is insufficient. What is needed is a long-term solution that addresses the root causes of the conflict and paves the way for a lasting peace. The new emphasis by the international community on a permanent ceasefire, complete withdrawal, prisoner exchange, reconstruction, and the return of displaced persons is a step in the right direction.

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza cannot be overstated. The war has pushed the enclave to the brink of starvation, with over a million people facing extreme hunger. The immediate cessation of hostilities and the delivery of aid are imperative to alleviate the suffering of the civilian population. Moreover, allegations of potential war crimes by Israeli forces further complicate the situation, necessitating accountability and justice. It is time that the west acts, just as it did once in 1995 in order to end the ethnic cleansing of Bosnian Muslims.



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat and Rehana Bhat

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The late millennials and Gen Z have a stronger connection with technology than any previous generation. Experts in all things digital, they do have an advantage when adopting and deploying the latest workplace technologies to drive results. But this affinity for technology ironically is the source of what many deem to be this generation's greatest weakness: impaired communication skills



Technological Advancements Causing Communication Breakdown

Information Technology enabled people to connect socially, even though they live thousands of miles away. We may never know the extent to which communication technology helped to avoid mental health issues caused by enforced isolation. There may be many advantages of communication and information technology but there is a dark side of this technology as well which isn't even discussed or debated. Yet organizations must answer the big question that this dark side poses. The technological advancements are causing communication breakdown in our social circles.

Centuries ago, all communication was verbal and face-to-face. Then humans learned to write, and within just a few centuries we were able to send letters overseas and thousands of miles away. With luck, we would receive news within a couple of weeks. Today we talk instantly, in real time, via video calls.

Business has followed a similar path. First, we had memos, then came the telephone followed by faxes. By the end of the 20th century emails began to be used as a tool of communication and now after 24 years this is quite common across the world including the Indian subcontinent. Now the meetings are held through video conferencing and this became common after COVID-19 pandemic. The world of work has never had such ability to communicate internally and externally and we hardly meet physically now. Even the people living in the same city conduct meetings on zoom, google meet, skype and other platforms.

Technology has revolutionized the way we run offices or business and the way we communicate in the workplace. But not all these changes have been positive. Greater connectivity means that many people never switch off from work. This can cause stress in both personal and professional lives, and causes damaging work/life balance issues that eventually affect a person's ability to do their work effectively. A detailed article on this issue was carried by Kashmir Observer a few weeks back wherein the coauthor had explained that employees should have the right to disconnect from work.

Technology & Human Relationships

In this article we are trying to explain how technology is harming human relationships. The most important thing in all human relationships is conversation, but people don't talk anymore, they don't sit down to talk and listen. They go to the theatre, the cinema, watch television, read books and above all are busy on their cell phones but they almost never talk. If we want to change the world, we have to go back to a time when warriors would gather around a

fire and tell stories, writes Paulo Coelho.

There is no doubt that cell phones and the internet have drastically changed our society as a whole. They affect the way we transact, nurture relationships, bond with our children and socialize with friends and family. For Gen Z, the ubiquitous nature of cell phones is a given. Our generation vividly remembers how different life was before technology took over and was widely available. Back in our college and university days (even when cell phones were available) our favorite mode of communication was "in person".

Fast forward a decade and everything seems to have changed. The late millennials and Gen Z have a stronger connection with technology than any previous generation. It makes sense that they would; they grew up alongside the internet and smartphones. Experts in all things digital, they do have an advantage when adopting and deploying the latest workplace technologies to drive results. But this affinity for technology ironically is the source of what many deem to be this generation's greatest weakness: impaired communication skills.

Since all they are comfortable with is digital communication, especially Texting, they seem to be clueless when it comes to non-digital *tete a tete*. Oftentimes the interactions in person feel awkward and unnatural because they cannot maintain the flow of a real spontaneous conversation. Their conversations "flow" only when they are texting (only after having thought out what to write). This is probably because when most of our communications are virtual we get used to being in a constant state of control and lose our ability to be vulnerable. This communication pattern makes it hard to let our guard down during a conversation. Furthermore text messages many times lead to miscommunication and misunderstandings. Because auditory and visual conversational cues are lacking in text messages, it can be easier to misconstrue a gentle sarcasm or humorous comment as a rude remark. This in turn can affect both personal and professional relationships. Hanging out, as we know it, is a thing of the past. Even when they do, it is not without their phones in hand.

"No man is an Island", goes the saying. We all need family and friends so as to face different life experiences. We derive sustenance and strength from our relationships. Studies show that having strong relationships is a strong protective factor for our overall well-being. And a key ingredient to any good relationship is communication. Today we lack that with even our closest friends. Personal interaction is being washed away and the significance of a real conversa-

tion is diminishing. If this generation desires to forge meaningful connections, it must stop settling for "everything digital."

Storytelling and Communication

Storytelling is one of the oldest and sacred concepts in all of human history. Starting with our long-distant ancestors weaving myths around fires that kept the darkness at bay and evolving through the centuries to include writing, painting and more. It is a complex concept that still strikes at the very heart of who we are as a species.

Storytelling is a universal art and should be preferred as a mode of communication in our schools rather than focusing on technology. We can learn through stories narrated by illiterate people who have obtained formal education but their experience is such that it fascinates us. I remember listening to a story by a Shepherd (Bakerwal) who was around 90 years old in 2009 when we met him during a trekking expedition towards Tatakoti peak in Pir Panchal mountains. The way he explained how the snout of the tatakoti glacier had receded from 1947 to 2009, we were astonished. Similarly other pastoralists whom we meet during our trekking narrate great stories which are unwritten and cannot be found on the internet. Storytelling is not just a means of imparting tales but a versatile tool that transcends linguistic barriers and fosters comprehensive communication abilities. The story telling is not mere folklore but is a conduit for refining language proficiency, encouraging creativity, and instilling confidence among people. This is the reason storytelling is given a great thrust in all the renowned universities and schools across the world. I remember during my leadership fellowship at Acumen, storytelling was an important part of our curriculum.

Conclusion

Communication and everything that it entails can improve with practice and real life experiences and connections. We as elders, teachers and parents must help this Mute Generation to Unmute, Communicate and engage with the real world - the one outside Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram faceless followers because "much much unhappiness has come into the world because of bewilderment and things left unsaid".

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer
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Did you know?

Getting to Know Indian Mutual Funds

Irshad Mushtaq

Indian mutual funds offer a wide array of categories. Equity funds, debt funds, and hybrid funds cater to various risk profiles and investment horizons. With options like SIPs, lump sum investments, and NFOs, there's something for everyone.

Indian mutual funds come in a wide array of categories? Let's break it down:

1. **Equity Mutual Funds:** These include various types such as large-cap funds, flexi-cap funds, mid-cap funds, large and mid-cap funds, and small-cap funds. You also have options like Nifty 50 index funds, small-cap index funds, multi-cap funds, dividend yield funds, and sector-specific funds like technology funds, banking funds, and consumption funds, energy funds, FMCG funds, and thematic funds.

2. **Debt Mutual Funds:** This category encompasses liquid funds, corporate bond funds, and short-term duration funds.

3. **Hybrid Mutual Funds:** This category includes conservative hybrid funds, aggressive hybrid funds, balanced funds, equity savings funds, conservative funds, fund of funds, and children's funds.

When investing in mutual funds, you usually have three main options:

- **Systematic Investment Plan (SIP)** — Contribute a fixed amount every month to the selected fund.
- **Lump Sum Investment** — Make a one-time investment.
- **New Fund Offer (NFO)** — Invest in new funds as they are introduced.

It's essential to understand the quality and growth potential of the mutual funds you consider. Indian mutual funds, offered by 44 Asset Management Companies (AMCs), present numerous schemes. Choose funds based on your risk profile, expected returns, and investment horizon. Diversification and SIPs are beneficial strategies to help mitigate risks. While mutual funds can outperform fixed deposits in the long run, be prepared for market fluctuations. For beginners, SIPs are an excellent way to enter mutual fund investing.

To sum up, Indian mutual funds offer plenty of choices across equity, debt, and hybrid categories. With proper understanding and selection aligned with individual financial goals, mutual fund investments can be quite rewarding over time.

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We Too Deserve a Salary Hike

College Contractual Lecturers Call for Justice

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For many, the teaching profession is an aptitude, a noble pursuit motivated by a desire to share knowledge. However, passion alone cannot pay the bills or maintain the dignity of life that each human deserves. Lecturers in J&K are just as competent, committed, and important as those in other states and Union territories of India. Despite having the same tasks and credentials, we are forced to live on less than half the wages. This difference is more than simply an economic issue; it is one of respect, justice, and equality.

In the calm, sometimes ignored hallways of higher education in Jammu and Kashmir (JK), a silent tragedy exists. It does not make headlines, but it is keenly felt by many like me who experience it on a daily basis.

While our colleagues in UT of Ladakh get a salary of ₹57,700, according to UGC standards, in J&K we are paid only ₹28,000—a striking and bitter difference that highlights terrible injustice.

Consider the life of a contract lecturer like me in Jammu and Kashmir, with a monthly salary of ₹28,000. This money needs to cover not just personal expenses but also professional growth, transportation, and family assistance. Rising living costs, inflationary pressures, and the financial responsibilities of daily life all have a significant impact upon us. The wages we get are not just minimal; it also serves as a sharp reminder of the system's value—or lack thereof—for their labour and life.

The emotional impact of this inequality cannot be understated.



Every day, we approach classrooms with the awareness that our efforts are unappreciated. We are aware that our contemporaries in Ladakh, who face identical hardships, get paid almost twice as much, for the same task. This realisation propounds a sense of unfairness, dissatisfaction, and despair. How long can we continue to give our best when we believe that we are being viewed as less worthy?

The discrepancy in salaries between two union territories Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh is more than just a number; it is a reflection of the systemic neglect that the teachers in J&K have endured for far too long. It sends a message that our contributions are somehow lesser, that our commitment is not as valuable. This is not just unfair—it is unacceptable. College lecturers are the backbone of the educational

system, and to treat us with such disregard is to undermine the very foundation of higher education in the region.

It is critical to recognise that this issue goes beyond the teachers' personal lives. This injustice has far-reaching consequences for the educational system. Demotivated and devalued teachers cannot give the high-quality education that students need. Over time, this difference

threatens to degrade Jammu Kashmir's educational standards, resulting in a division that might have long-term ramifications for the region's future.

Another tragedy is that the demand for salary parity is not just a financial issue; it is a moral one. The lecturers in Jammu and Kashmir colleges are not asking for special treatment; we are asking for what is rightfully ours. We seek a salary that reflects our qualifications, our hard work, and our essential role in society. We deserve to be treated with the same respect and dignity as our counterparts in Ladakh and in rest of India.

It is high time for the authorities to listen to our voices and to acknowledge our plight, and to act swiftly to correct this injustice. A hike in our salary is not just a financial necessity—it is a step towards restoring our faith in the system, in our profession, and in our future too.

Last tragedy is that the story of the college contractual lecturers is not just a story of economic disparity; it is a story of resilience, of dignity, and of a fight for what is right. It is a reminder that behind every salary slip is a human being, one who deserves to be treated with fairness and respect. We the College lecturers of Jammu and Kashmir have waited long enough for justice. It is time for our voices to be heard and for our rightful demands to be met and this will be sustainable step towards "Naya Kashmir" slogan given by honourable Prime Minister of incredible India.

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Revisiting Islamic Education Before Colonialism

Iqra Babar

The call to acquire and understand knowledge can be traced back to the times of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ when Angel Jibreel revealed unto him the word of Allah:

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ

"Iqra! Bismi Rabbika Lazi Khalaq."
"Read! In the name of your Lord who created" (Surah Al-Alaq 96:1)

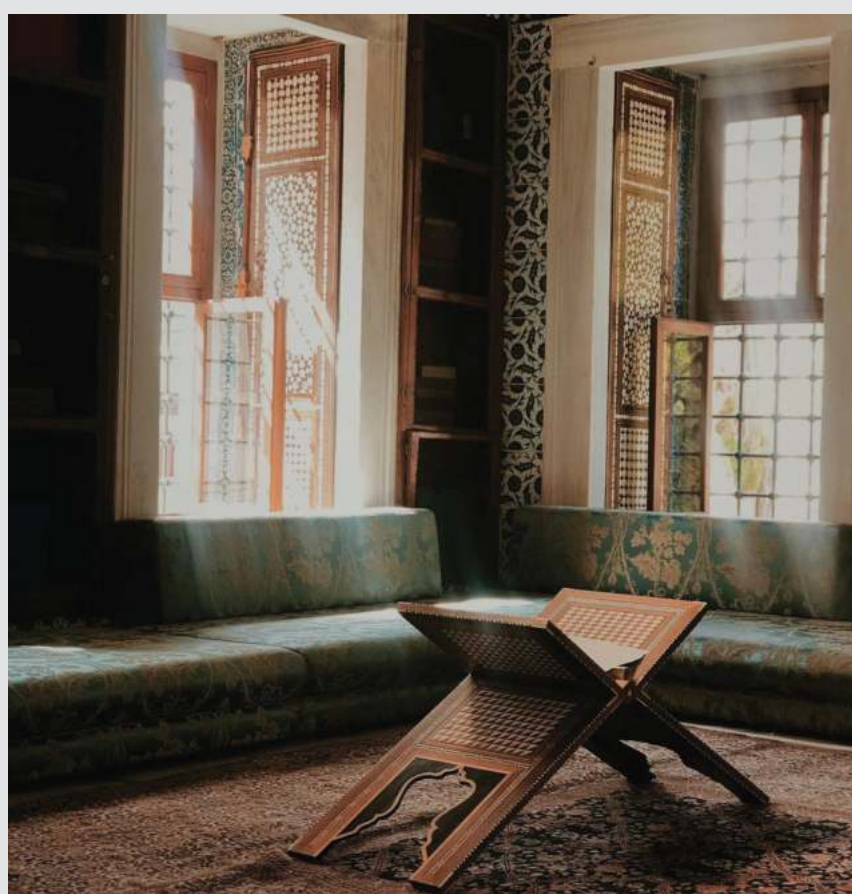
This ayat alone gave the backbone to Islam's pivotal stance in education and elevating literacy and teaching skills. Islam advocates for unity, and education is a valuable tool to practise this as declared in Quran 96:1-5.

As a Muslim woman in the education field, it has been critical for me to revisit and relearn the organic nature of Islamic education and the time it peaked: The Islamic Golden Age (8th – 16th century). I've noticed that the National Curriculum at KS2 labels The Islamic Golden Age as non-statutory, implying that it is not significant enough to be taught. However, I strongly believe that this era of history is incredibly relevant in understanding much of what we learn today. In an era of modernity, neocolonialism and secularism, it often becomes difficult to appreciate the successes of pre-modern education that is based on religious philosophy.

The mass colonial violence of the 19th century vigorously impacted education in the Global South by pushing a 'modern', Western-dominant agenda that still exists in the National Curriculum. This agenda seeks to promote secularist education, which aims to disconnect from any religious foundation, deeming it inferior.

Polymaths such as Al-Ghazali argued that these cannot be separated because they give Muslims a foundation to practise good character. It also gives salvation for the Afterlife and complies with Sharia. He further argues that education must be holistic to be meaningful, instead of baseless exchange and memorisation of knowledge between a teacher and student, which I have observed far too many times during my time as a trainee teacher. However, teaching outside of the Western-dominant agenda is difficult due to strained opinions held by practitioners towards pre-modern education. Islamophobia in the UK also makes it incredibly difficult to propose such a methodology. I've therefore begun to tackle this by illuminating Muslim successes in education. It has also inspired me to rekindle my faith and fall in love with it again from a new perspective.

After exploring the topic, I've identified three distinct factors that contributed to the success of Islamic Education: its Qur'anic



framework, mass migration of knowledge and the use of different schooling systems. These successes demonstrate how non-Western education thrived before colonial violence and the emergence of Western secularist ideas. Furthermore, this exploration of Islamic successes in education hopes to encourage other Muslim teachers to implement these strategies into their teaching methodology.

1. Islamic Education used a Qur'anic Framework

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ

"Read! In the name of your Lord who created" (Surah Al-Alaq 96:1)

The education system used during the Islamic Golden Age was powered by Qur'anic principle followed by prophetic Sunnah, which framed learning around the idea of nurturing the soul. Islam's view also incorporates and includes interdisciplinarity and learner-centred teaching, strategies which we see attempted today. What this means is that where Islam thrives in its teachings regarding education is the intention to mould an excellent personality, teaching key core assets and good morals to drive good character. Al-Ghazali also inferred through his

texts that the definition of good education balances the thirst for knowledge seeking with emotional, mental and social support from teachers to create good citizens.

Hisham bin Hassan narrated from Al-Hasan, concerning the saying of Allah: O our Lord, give us good in this world, and good in the Hereafter. He said: "Knowledge and worship in this world, and Paradise in the Hereafter."

Qur'anic scaffolding also meant that there were strong themes of morality and justice. It brings forward prevalent and important issues such as how our actions affect others and how we can use these thought processes to inform problem-solving skills. To learn is not only about memorisation but also comprehension and application of knowledge in daily life. This is a metaphor for the Qur'an, which is a deeply enriching guide to a peaceful way of life. Because of this very strong backbone to Islamic education, there was a mutual understanding amongst scholars, polymaths, philosophers and educators of the like to nurture the soul and understand the self to create positive change in our local communities. Learning is stagnant if students are not equipped with tools to better help themselves.

These teachings can also be found in the authentic Hadith of the Prophet ﷺ. One of my favourites is narrated by Abu Hurairah

(May Allah be pleased with Him).

"The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "The world, with all that it contains, is accursed except for the remembrance of Allah that which pleases Allah; and the religious schools and seekers of knowledge." (Riyad as-Salihin)

To me, this Hadith emphasises the importance of seeking knowledge for the sake of Allah and reminds us that remaining ignorant is akin to forgetting Him. It highlights the fact that congregating and sharing knowledge is an act of worship in and of itself. Muslims in the Golden Age valued Islamic jurisprudence and philosophy immensely. The use of Hadith and Qur'anic teachings created a foundation for understanding 'the self' and cultivating togetherness among teachers and pupils.

2. The Translation Movement and Migration of Knowledge

Abdullah ibn Amr reported, The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "Whoever practises medicine without any prior knowledge of medicine will be held liable." (Sunan Ibn Majah 3466)

The scholars of the Islamic Golden Age were not confined to any single source of knowledge and collected information from all over the world. Education was a carefully-treated vessel, which resulted in 'The Translation Movement'. This was a mass migration of Greek, Roman, Chinese, Persian, Indian and many other texts into Baghdad to be translated by Muslim and non-Muslim scholars into Arabic.

The premise of this movement was based on an appreciation of knowledge beyond the Islamic realm, such as Greek philosophy and more, indicating tolerance, admiration and respect for other communities. The House of Wisdom housed an array of texts translated into Arabic, the original works of Baghdad's scholars, and preservation of texts in their native languages such as Persian and Greek. This is in stark contrast to today's educational landscape, where the emphasis leans heavily on Standardised English, sidelining the rich history of foreign languages as a subject and their role in preserving cultural heritage. The West experiencing a 'Dark Age' at this time led to Europe seeking academic trade with Muslim scholars, creating a cross-cultural exchange across Eurasia. The mutual respect and thirst for knowledge during this era contributed to the flourishing of the Muslims.

3. The inclusion of different schooling systems

During the Golden Age, Muslims did not succumb to a singular schooling system, nor did they exclude the knowledge accumulated outside of religious studies. Instead,

alternative methods of learning flourished and were used regularly. Whether it was in the madrasa, homeschooling, or sitting in a library listening to scholars, learning could happen anywhere and everywhere. Foreign sciences such as astronomy, medicine, botany, mathematics, and geography flourished equally. Scholars taught scientific discoveries alongside Islamic theology and jurisprudence. It is worth noting that these madrasas did not have a standardised/single curriculum, however, they all offered classes in religious and physical sciences. The arts also flourished incredibly in the form of architecture, calligraphy, textiles, ceramics, illuminated manuscripts and so forth.

The present National Curriculum in England not only perpetuates colonial and Western Imperialist perspectives but also teaches subjects from a distinct Western bias. History and Geography are often presented through a lens of favouring the Western world, where countries of the Global South are unjustly labelled as 'Third World', and the History curriculum mainly focuses on the achievements of White Europeans.

In stark contrast, Islamic Education during the Golden Age employed a broader perspective. It not only appreciated, but also challenged, criticised and built upon world philosophy and sciences, making unique contributions to knowledge available today. Many Greek ideas that were established earlier were criticised and altered by Muslim scholars. Al-Farabi, also known as 'The Father of Islamic Neoplatonism' is a brilliant example. He is known for expanding upon Plotinus's idea of Neoplatonism. The metaphysics of Neoplatonism seeks to understand everything coming from a single cause. Al-Farabi altered this so that the 'single cause' was Allah alone. Another example is the development of Hindu-Arabic numerals that were then used in the works of polymaths such as Al-Khwarizmi, the Father of Algebra. There was no segregation between different types of knowledge either. All forms of knowledge were taught together, and there was a mutual effort to ensure that Islamic jurisprudence, philosophy, morals, and Qur'anic exegesis were integral parts of scholarly teaching.

I find it fascinating how the pre-modern schooling systems markedly differ from the availability of alternative ones today. Many alternative education institutions are often expensive or difficult to gain admission to, given they are private and therefore inaccessible to most people. Additionally, within the context of capitalism and secular democracy, these alternative systems are often seen as idealistic and challenging to engage with due to the social and academic pressures we face in our daily lives.

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'Insecticides In Homes Lower Sandfly Numbers By 27%, Diseases Spread Down By Up To 40%'

Press Trust Of India

Spraying insecticide inside homes in Indian villages to kill sandflies, known to spread visceral leishmaniasis or kala-azar, was estimated to cut down their numbers by 27 per cent from 2016-2022, a study found.

Researchers estimated that spraying the insecticide alpha-permethrin in homes when an instance of visceral leishmaniasis is detected could potentially lower numbers of the vector-borne disease by 6-40 per cent. The insecticide is used on cotton, cereals, soya beans, among others.

The international study, including researchers from CARE India and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna, looked at 900 homes across 50 Indian villages in Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal, where

visceral leishmaniasis is endemic and indoor spraying of the insecticide was encouraged as part of an elimination programme, introduced first in 2015. It was published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases journal.

The vector-borne disease is caused by infection with leishmania parasites, spread by the bite of phlebotomine sandflies. Most cases occur in Brazil, east Africa and India, according to the World Health Organization.

Visceral leishmaniasis affects one's internal organs, especially liver, bone marrow and spleen, and symptoms can include irregular bouts of fever, weight loss and anaemia. If left untreated, the condition can be fatal.

Kala-azar accounts for 12.5 per cent of the cost of indoor spraying of insecticides for controlling vector-borne diseases, the second highest after malaria (76 per cent),

the authors said.

However, there is no strong evidence of the cost-effectiveness of spraying insecticides inside homes in slashing disease case numbers, even as indoor spraying takes up 70-80 per cent of India's budget directed at eliminating visceral leishmaniasis, they said.

Previous research in this regard include only observational surveillance studies and circumstantial evidence, the authors added.

For the study, the researchers analysed three datasets. The first contained sandfly numbers present in each home included in the study, data for which was collected every two weeks from 2017-2022 using light traps provided by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Close to 2.3 lakh sandflies were caught.

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EXTENSION NOTICE No. 03

Due to nil response to this office E-NIT No. 03 of 2024-25 dated 09-07-2024 issued vide this office No. GD/LJHP/598-603 dated: 09-07-2024 for Spares, Consumables And Lubricants Required At LJHP For Routine And Annual Maintenance (ID: 2024_SPDC_252154_1), the critical dates are re-scheduled as under:

S.No	Activity	Date already tendered	Dates as per new schedule
1.	Date of Issue of tender notice	09.07.2024	09.07.2024
2.	Bid document download start date	09.07.2024 to 12.08.2024	09.07.2024 to 19.08.2024
3.	Bid uploading start date	09.07.2024	09.07.2024
4.	Bid uploading last date	12.08.2024	19.08.2024
5.	Opening of techno commercial bids(RFO)	13.08.2024	20.08.2024

All the terms and conditions shall remain the same.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
Generation Division LJHP,
Gantamulla Baramulla

NO: GD/LJHP/973-77

DIPK-NB-1343/24 DATED: - 13.08.2024

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

CIVIL WORKS

SINGLE COVER SYSTEM (up to Rs. 2.50 Crores)
NIT No: 15/ZNP/RnB/e-Tendering/2024-25 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:-

S. No	Name of Work	Major Head of Account	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Emend. Money Deposit (Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Time of Completion	Cost of T/O (Rs.)	Project Authority	AAA No. Date	TS No. Date
1	Construction of Elementary ACR at GPS Chilpora	PAB	10.00	20000/-	CEE/ DEE	35 Days	600/-	Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K	06-CHIRAG OF 2024 Dated:05-01-2024	R&B/ZNP/TS/04 of 2024-25(SAMAGRA) Dated:08-08-2024
2	Construction of Elementary Boundary Wall at GUPS Amerbugh.	PAB	7.418	14836/-	CEE/ DEE	20 Days	300/-	Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K	06-CHIRAG OF 2024 Dated:05-01-2024	R&B/ZNP/TS/06 of 2024-25(SAMAGRA) Dated:08-08-2024
3	Construction of Elementary Boundary Wall at UPS Dachoo	PAB	7.416	14832/-	CEE/ DEE	20 Days	300/-	Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K	06-CHIRAG OF 2024 Dated:05-01-2024	R&B/ZNP/TS/05 of 2024-25(SAMAGRA) Dated:08-08-2024
4	Completion of Balance Work of Science Laboratory Block at HSS Zainapora	UT Capex	30.298	60596/-	AA/ BEE	45 Days	1100/-	Directorate of School Education Kashmir	160-DSEK of 2024 Dated:01-07-2024	R&B/ZNP/TS/07 of 2024-25(UT-Education) Dated:08-08-2024
5	Construction of Boundary Wall/Protection Bund at Govt. PS Nildoor	District Capex	5.301	10602/-	CEE/ DEE	15 Days	300/-	District Development Commissioner	209-DDCS of 2023 Dated:06-06-2023	24/TS/DIV/ ZNP of 2024-25 (District Sector) Dated:08-08-2024

Position of funds:- Committed

The Payment shall be made strictly as per the release of funds by the Competent authority as per AAA

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-08-2024	
2	Document downloading Start Date.	12-08-2024	From 09.00 A.M
3	Document Downloading End Date.	22-08-2024	upto 6:00 P.M
4	Bid submission Start Date.	12-08-2024	From 09.00 A.M
5	Bid Submission End Date.	22-08-2024	Upto 6:00 P.M
6	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	23-08-2024	at 11:30 A.M

1. Bids must be accompanied by a Treasury Challan (dated between the bid start date and the Bid Submission End date) deposited in M.H. 0059 in the name of Executive Engineer R&B Division Zainpora (tender inviting authority) as the cost of the tender document.

Note:- The Date of Treasury Challan must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date. **Any deviation shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.**

2.1 At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/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 Zainpora. The successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security @ 5% at the time of contract award, strictly in accordance with the Government's circular instructions from time to time. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 5% of the Bid cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.

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

3. The earnest money shall be forfeited if:-

- Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
- Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the Bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their 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 Zainpora (Tender receiving authority).**

No: NIT/R&B/ZNP/DIV/2120-34

DIPK-4735/24 Dt: 13-08-2024

Sd/-

(Er. H.M Jahangir)
Executive Engineer
R&B Division Zainpora

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer Rural Engineering Wing Srinagar

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

E-NIT No: 21/2024-25 DATED:12-08-2024

SINGLE COVER SYSTEM

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

S. No	Name of Work	Block/Pvt Halqa	Adv. Cost (In Lac)	Tender Fee (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	EMD	Major Head	TYPE OF TENDER
1	Construction of Drain at Dargund Khimber Ph I	Block: Harwan Pvt Halqa: Khimber	1.99	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
2	Construction of Drain near graveyard Manzpora Khimber	Block: Harwan Pvt Halqa: Khimber	1.97	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
3	Construction of Drain near Haji Gh. Rasool Reshi at Reshipora Khimber	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa: Khimber	2.95	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
4	Construction of Drain near Masjid Hamza at Reshipora Khimber at Manzpora ph I	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa:Khimber	1.67	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
5	Construction of lane with drain with protection from yaseen phamda to gular phamda and others at Faqir gujree A	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa: Faqir gujree A	1.87	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
6	Construction of Path /R Wall from Fayaz Biran to Shabir Phamda at Mogdhum Mohalla Faqir Gujri A	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa: Faqir gujree A	2.21	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
7	Construction of Path / Tiles / Drain from Manzoor Doli to Main road via Sharfudin doie at Brandkani Faqir Gujri A	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa: Faqir Gujri A	2.26	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
8	Construction of Path / Tiles from Main road to Amin khata via Papa lohar , shareef phamda and others at Mongkhan mohalla Faqir Gujri A	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa: Faqir Gujri A	2.37	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
9	Construction Rwall near H/o Nazir Ahmad reshi S/o Ab Khaliq Reshi at Manzpora ph I	Block: Harwan Pvt Halqa:Khimber	2.49	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
10	Construction of Rwall to Graveyard near Astan Shareef Takia Sangreshi	Block: Harwan Pvt Halqa:Khimber	1.98	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
11	Construction drain near Gh nabi kuthoo to HDFC bank at pahli bagh dara A	Block: Harwan Pvt Halqa: dara A	1.99	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
12	Construction of Drain from L/O Molvi Ajay to H/O Bashrat phamda via Spring at Mir Mohalla Faqir Gujri A	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa: Faqir gujree A	2.00	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
13	Construction/upgrade of lane BWO tile path from main road to H/o Nazir Ab. Rather (upto gate) at Theed "A"	Block: Harwan Pvt Halqa: Theed "A"	1.48	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
14	Const of lane from Main Road to H/o Ali Mohd Bhat and others at Checki dara A	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa: dara A	1.47	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
15	Construction of Path / R wall from Link road to Sharfudin khatana Ph I at Naginar Faqir Gujri A	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa: Faqir Gujri A	2.27	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
16	Construction of path from Link road juma phamda via shabir phamda and others at magdloom mohalla FG A	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa: Faqir Gujri A	2.32	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
17	Construction of R Wall from H/O Mohammad Yousuf Bhat to L/O Raja at theed B	Block: Harwan Pvt Halqa: Theed B	2.95	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
18	Construction of Road near Govt. Middle School Takia Sangreshi Khimber.	Block: Harwan Pvt Halqa: Khimber	2.42	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	PRI	HALQA LEVEL
19	Construction of Rwall from Ho Bilal Ahmad ganie to Ho Ghulam Qadir Ganie at Checki dara A	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa: dara A	1.98	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
20	Construction of Rwall/ lane from H/o Zahoor Ahmad ganie to H/o Gulzar Ahmad Ganie at Checki dara A	Block:Harwan Pvt Halqa: dara A	2.94	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
21	Construction of Rwall near Al Hadees Masjid Shreef Takia Sangreshi	Block: Harwan Pvt Halqa: Khimber	2.18	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
22	Construction of cement concrete lane (Jinaz Kocha) from Main Road to H/O Ghulam Ali Rather at Waripora Balhama A.	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Balhama A	1.37	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
23	Construction of cement concrete Lane from H/O Mohamad Yousuf Mir & Others at Waripora Balhama A.	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Balhama A	2.15	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
24	Construction of cement concrete lane including links from Main Road to Masjid Sharief at koker Mohalla, Balhama A.	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Balhama A	2.89	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
25	Construction of Cement Concrete lane,R/Wall & Trash from L/O Ghulam Hassan Lone to Main Road at Waripora Balhama A.	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Balhama A	2.86	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
26	Construction of Concrete Road from Masjid Sharief to Transformer Phase III at TCI Poshpathri Khonmoh-C	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Khonmoh-C	1.96	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
27	Construction of Drain with Iron Trash from H/O Ali Haji via Main Road to L/O Ghulam Ahmad Dar,Mukhtar Hussain Lone & Others at Lone Mohalla Balhama A.	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Balhama A	1.96	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
28	Construction of Lane (BWO tile path) from Main Road to Zahoor Ahmad Joo & Others at Khonmoh A.	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Khonmoh-A	2.41	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	PRI	HALQA LEVEL
29	Construction of R/Wall from H/O Abdullah Khan to H/O Shahjahan Khan Phase II at Sangri Khonmoh-C	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Khonmoh-C	0.98	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
30	Construction of R/Wall around Graveyard at TCI Poshpathri Khonmoh-C	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Khonmoh-C	1.47	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
31	Construction of R/Wall around Graveyard at TCI Poshpathri near H/O Abdul Satar Khan at Khonmoh-C	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Khonmoh-C	0.98	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
32	Construction of R/Wall around Graveyard near H/O Ghulam Hassan Bhat at Sakinar Colony Khonmoh-C	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Khonmoh-C	1.47	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
33	Construction of R/Wall from H/O Zubair Khan to L/O Mohammad Farooq Tedwa at Sangri Khonmoh-C	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Khonmoh-C	2.35	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
34	Leveling,Fencing and Construction of R/Wall at Eidgah Masjid Shareef at Bongam Khonmoh-B	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Khonmoh-B	1.96	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL
35	Upgradation of Drain with Trash near Wirwar Masjid Sharief khonmoh-C	Block: Khonmoh Pvt Halqa: Khonmoh-C	1.47	200/-	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA LEVEL

Position of A/A: ACCORDED

Position of T/S: ACCORDED

Position of Funds: BUDGETED

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.

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	12-08-2024
2	Online Bid submission Start Date	12-08-2024 from 06:00 PM
3	Online Bid Submission End Date	20-08-2024 upto 06:00 PM
4	Date & time of opening of Online Bids	21-08-2024 at 11:00AM or any convenient day In the Office of the Executive Engineer REW Srinagar

NOTE: Lowest Qualified bidder shall deposit hard copy of original Tender documents, Fee Receipt, EMD and other documents within 05 Days after the financial bid is opened. Failed to produce the documents shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the contractor be forwarded to higher authorities for the period of 1 year.

SPECIAL CONDITION: Only the eligible contractors of respective Panchayat Halqa shall take part in the tendering process for works under District Capex with Advertised Cost 3.0 Lacs or below as per Govt. Order NO.238-F OF 2021 Dated 07.09.2021. Bidders must upload self attested halqa level certificate as per annexure attached, as residence proof that he/she is residing in respective Panchayat halqa.

Conditions for bidders:

- Any Bidder who will go down more than 15% of Advertised Cost shall upload the Additional Security online in shape of CDR/FDR during tendering process as per Unbalance Bid Table mentioned below. (Non-uploading of Additional Security will lead to the rejection of the tender).

S.No	Percentage of Unbalanced Bid viz: Advertised cost on account of low rates	Additional security advertised Value of work as percentage of work advertised
1	Up to and including below 15%	NIL
2	Greater than 15% and up to 20% below	5%
3	Greater than 20% and up to 25% below	10%
4	Greater than 25% and up to 30% below	15%
5	Greater than 30%	20%

2. All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@3% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer REW Division Srinagar. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.

3. The EMD in shape of CDR/FDR/BG@3% of Advertised Cost of 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder shall be released after expiry of DLP/actual completion of work and additional performance security after 80% of work is completed.

4. The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) shall submit all the self attested hard copies of uploaded documents within 05 Days before fixation of Contract Failure to produce the documents shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor be forwarded to higher authorities for the period of 1 year.

5. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer REW Division Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

6. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@3% of Advertised Cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the unsuccessful Bidder shall be released within 07days after opening the Tender on production of Treasury Challan.

7. The Tender Inviting Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or any part of any tender without assigning reasons thereof.

8. The bids for the works shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids

9. Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Kit on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidder scan get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form. 6.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para

India's Smartphone Market Grows 3.2% With 39 Mn Units Shipment In Q2

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Indian smartphone market grew 3.2 per cent with 39 million units shipment in the second quarter of 2024, market research firm International Data Corporation said on Tuesday.

The market was led by Chinese smartphone maker Vivo with a 16.5 per cent share in volume terms with its shipment growing by 6.7 per cent on a year-over-year (YoY) basis, it said.

Apple led the super-premium segment, which are smartphones priced above Rs 67,000 apiece with an 83 per cent share followed by Samsung with a 16 per cent share.

"Overall, Vivo continued to lead for the second consecutive quarter, with multiple launches across price segments through the Y series, mid-premium V series and flagship X Fold 3 Pro. Motorola registered the highest growth backed by product portfolio across price segments," the report said.

Xiaomi followed Vivo with 13.5 per cent market.

Samsung slipped to the third spot with a 12.9 per cent share as its shipment declined 15.4 per cent on a YoY basis, according to the report.

Apple stood at the sixth spot with a 6.7 per cent mar-



ket share and a 24.2 per cent increase in shipment on a YoY basis.

According to IDC Worldwide Quarterly Mobile Phone Tracker, the Indian smartphone market shipped 69 million smartphones in the first half of 2024.

In the premium segment, the price range above Rs 50,000 to Rs 67,000, Apple's share increased YoY to 61 per cent, while Samsung's share increased to 24 per cent, from 21 per cent a year ago, the report said.

"The entry-premium segment (USD200 or about Rs 16,700 to USD 400 or Rs 33,500) is expected to see healthy growth, while the entry-level (sub-USD100) will remain challenged at least this year despite efforts around launching affordable 5G smartphones. Also, the marketing around GenAI smartphones will be more pronounced, amid heavy promotional activities around it," IDC, Associate Vice President, Devices Research, Navkendar Singh said.

Govt Needs Money To Meet Challenges, Fund R&D, Says Sitharaman

Press Trust Of India

BHOPAL: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday justified the present taxation regime, saying that the country needs resources to meet the challenges facing the nation and also to fund research and development activities.

Sitharaman was addressing the 11th convocation of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in Bhopal.

While appealing to the scientist community to do more research on the storage of renewable energy, Sitharaman said the world has promised a lot of money towards transitioning from fossil fuel to renewable energy but that money is yet to come.

"But India didn't wait. The promises given in Paris (Paris Agreement) were fulfilled with our own money. There are times when being the finance minister, it doesn't give me motivation when I have to answer people about why our taxes are like this? Why can't we even be lower than this? I wish I can bring it down to almost nil. But India's challenges are severe and challenges will have to be overcome," the



finance minister said.

She said the government has heavily invested in scientific research.

"I seek a very learned crowd before me graduates, PhD holders, to understand India's challenges. I have taken the example of renewable energy, global energy as one of those sustainable sources of energy for a growing country like India," she said.

While urging scientists to come up with innovations, she said that India is moving from fossil fuel to renewable energy at its own strength as the country cannot afford to wait for money from somewhere else.

Sitharaman also urged scientists to develop batteries for the storage of the renew-

able energy as transition from fossil fuel to renewable energy has to be sustainable.

"The government is just not talking. It is putting money in R&D (research and development). Money that is earned out of taxation. That's my job so I will tell you that. My job is to generate revenue but not troubling people, I will assure that. But, even with that money comes because we also need to fund research," Sitharaman said while seeking a reply from the gathering that should there be more money for research?

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, Bhopal's Lok Sabha MP Alok Sharma and other dignitaries were present during the convocation.

Sensex Tumbles Nearly 700 Points Amid Broad-Based Selloff; Slips Below 79k

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Equity benchmark BSE Sensex tumbled nearly 700 points to sink below the 79,000 level on Tuesday, extending its losses for the second straight day due to selling pressure in HDFC Bank, SBI and ITC amid fresh foreign capital outflows.

Besides, deep losses in commodity, banking and financial stocks and concerns over stretched valuation contributed to the steep market decline, analysts said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 692.89 points or 0.87 per cent to settle at 78,956.03. During the day, it tanked 759.54 points or 0.95 per cent to 78,889.38.

The NSE Nifty slumped 208 points or 0.85 per cent to 24,139. A total of 2,676 stocks declined while 1,266 advanced and 84 remained unchanged on the BSE.



"The domestic market plunged into red terrain in the latter half, amidst mixed global sentiments. Recent IIP data indicates a lacklustre growth in the major manufacturing sector. Persistent selling by FIIs and elevated valuations are further contributing to the decline.

"All sectors, especially banking, metal were in red, while HDFC Bank declined due to lower-than-expected

passive fund inflows in the recent MSCI index rejig," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

From the 30 Sensex firms, HDFC Bank declined over 3 per cent. Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, State Bank of India, Tata Motors, Power Grid and JSW Steel were the other laggards.

In contrast, Titan, HCL Tech, Nestle, Sun Pharma, Reliance and Mahindra & Mahindra were the gainers.

Telecom Watchdog Directs Carriers To Stop Spam Calls, Blacklist Callers

Reuters

NEW DELHI: India's telecom watchdog on Tuesday directed service providers to stop all promotional calls from unregistered callers and blacklist them as it looks to tackle a surge in spam and phishing calls that has seen people lose millions of rupees.

The government has been looking to clamp down on the spike in such calls including those where scammers pose as representatives of firms like FedEx and Blue Dart and extract sensitive financial information by sending phishing links in the pretext of retrieving lost packages.

"All promotional voice calls from the unregistered send-



ers/unregistered telemarketer using Telecom Resources shall be stopped immediately," the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India said in a statement shared by the government.

Such unregistered callers will be blacklisted for up to two years, the statement said, adding that telecom service providers would need to submit updates on action taken on scam callers on the 1st and 16th of every month.

Tata Motors Begins Deliveries Of Locally-Manufactured Range Rover Sport

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover on Tuesday announced the commencement of the locally-produced Range Rover Sport in the domestic market. With this, the complete Range Rover portfolio is now made in India, the company said. Jaguar Land Rover in May this year had announced that it will make Range Rover and Range Rover Sport in India at Tata Motors' Pune facility.

Available in both petrol and diesel engines, the new Range Rover Sport is priced at Rs 1.40 crore (ex-showroom), the



company said. "It's a significant milestone as we begin the deliveries of the locally manufactured Range Rover Sport. With this, the complete Range Rover portfolio is now made-in-India and the local manufacturing footprint expands to six vehicles in the portfolio," said Rajan Amba, Managing Director, at JLR India.

Gold Jumps Rs 500 To Rs 72,850 Per 10 G; Silver Remains Flat

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Gold prices jumped Rs 500 to Rs 72,850 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday amid strong cues from the global market and a rise in domestic demand.

In the previous session, the precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had settled at Rs 72,350 per 10 grams on Monday.

However, silver prices remained flat at Rs 83,500 per kilogram on Tuesday, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

Meanwhile, gold of 99.5 per cent purity also rallied by Rs 500 to Rs 72,500 per 10 grams against the previous close.

DLIC Approves 50 Cases Under Mission Youth Schemes At Kulgam

Observer News Service

KULGAM: A District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) meeting was Tuesday convened under the aegis of Mission Youth J&K's Mumkin, Tejaswini and Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative schemes, here.

The meeting, presided over by the District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan was held in the Meeting Hall of Mini Secretariat Kulgam.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Chief Planning Officer, General Manager DIC, District Statistics & Evaluation Officer, Lead District Manager, Assistant Director Employment, Assistant Regional Transport Officer, DNO JKEDI, District Coordinator, NRLM, Employment Officer, DE&CC and Career Counseling Officer, DE&CC.

At the outset of the meeting, a comprehensive review of the progress under Mission Youth schemes was conducted.

It was reported to the chair that as on date 288 cases under Mumkin, 32 cases under Tejaswini and 49 cases under Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative have been disbursed. The chair was briefed that the released subsidy amount of Rs. 212 Lac and Rs.35.64 lacs stand utilized in full under Mumkin and SEI schemes respectively.

The Nodal Officer for Mission Youth self-employment schemes presented 38 new cases under the Mumkin Scheme, 02 cases under Tejaswini scheme and 10 cases under Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative. The committee members scrutinized all the files and interviews were conducted under the Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative as per

the standing norms of the Scheme.

The Committee approved all 38 cases under the Mumkin scheme, 02 cases under Tejaswini scheme and 10 cases under Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative. Further, enhancement of loan in favor of one beneficiary under SEI was also approved.

During the meeting's deliberations, the Chairman DLIC further directed the Nodal Officer for Mission Youth and Lead District Manager to expedite the clearance of pending matters.

It was also impressed upon cluster Head JK Bank Kulgam to get all cases lying pending with different bank branches for pre-checks sanctioning/disbursement cleared at an earliest and provide a detailed report regarding the same to Nodal Officer Mission youth within one week positively.

Swachhta Pakhwada/Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign: Mega Event Organized at Wullar Vantage Park Bandipora.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, e-Tenders, (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from Govt. approved Electrical Contractors, for works, as details below:-

e-NIT No.:-EDB/ 25 of 2024-25 Date d: 10-08-2024.	Name of work(s)	Adv. Cost	Completion period
e-NIT No.:-EDB/26 of 2024-25 Date d: 10-08-2024.	Installation Of Electric Poles At Daulatpora, Behramura And Nowbugh	INR 5.36Lacs	60 Days
	Improvement Of Lt/Ht Network In Ddc Constituency Surasyar	INR 24.37 Lacs	60 Days
e-NIT No.:-EDB/27 of 2024-25 Date d: 10-08-2024.	Lt Impnt In Paripora, Pet Makhama, Bonmakhama, Kanihama, Pet Kanihama, Gondipora, Mazharulhaq Mohalla Beerwah, Ratsun Grath Mohalla, BonhaarRathsun Pet Malpora, Bundgam, Razvan, Rasoo, Warihama, Arwah, Charnagam, Hayatpora, Hanzan. Najan, Khatrunah, Attinah.	INR 18.43 Lacs	60 Days
	Improvement Of Lt Network At PorwaraHushroo.		
e-NIT No.:-EDB/28 of 2024-25 Date d: 10-08-2024.	Improvement Of Lt Network At Panchayat HalqaRepora, Namthal, Panzan-A, Panzan-B, Buchroo, Yarikalan, Dedmerbagh And Kheribagh Gund Gopalisaiif.	INR 5.66 Lacs	60 Days
	Improvement Of Lt Network At New Colony Nusgam Near House Of Manzoor Dar, Nazir Dar, Gh Rasool And Others At Nusgam, Block Parnewa		
e-NIT No.:-EDB/29 of 2024-25 Date d: 10-08-2024.	Installation Of Lt Poles With Required Conductor At Gundipora.		
	Improvement Of Lt Network Putilbagh And Peer Mohalla Betabagh	INR 4.8 Lacs	60 Days

The tender document is available on website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view or download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to date as per the details mentioned in the table below:

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	The standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 12-08-2024; 4:00PM
B	Sale of Bid Document (Start)	12-08-2024; 4:00 PM
C	Sale of Bid Document (End)	20-08-2024; 2:00PM
D	Clarification start date	13-08-2024; 11:00 AM
E	Clarification End date	14-08-2024; 4:00 PM
F	e-Bid submission (start) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	14-08-2024; 10:00 AM
G	e-Bid submission (End) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	20-08-2024; 2:00 PM
H	Hard Copy of e-tender fee and EMD Instrument & Affidavit that the Firm/Contractor is not Black listed by any of the Govt. Offices.	Up-to 20-08-2024; 02:00 PM in office of the Executive Engineer ED- Budgam
I	Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date and time	20-08-2024; 04:00 PM
J	Online financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the technically qualified bidders
K	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids	office of the Executive Engineer ED- Budgam

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

No: EDB/3623
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DT: 13/08/2024

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The Youth-Led Movement

dirty clothes and a vacant stare that spoke of deep-seated despair.

"I understood that their physical appearance was only a symptom of a larger problem. These individuals had often endured tragedies that left them broken, leading them to abandon their homes and live on the streets in appalling conditions."

One of the early cases that KYC took on was that of Mohammad Jeelani, a businessman from downtown Srinagar who had suffered a loss of 20 to 30 lakhs in a failed business venture in Nepal some decades back.

The financial blow plunged Jeelani into a deep depression, and he retreated into himself, isolating from his family and the world. His family, desperate to see him recover, reached out to Team KYC for help.

Musadiq says when he and his team arrived at Jeelani's home in Nawakadal, they were met with resistance.

Frightened and confused, Mohammad Jeelani became violent, calling out to his wife, 'Laali! Save me!' Despite his outburst, the team remained calm and gently persuaded him to let them help with his appearance.

"We gently cut his hair and beard, and it transformed him into a man who had almost forgotten what it felt like to be seen, to be cared for. The transformation was striking—Jeelani emerged looking completely different, a small but significant step towards reclaiming his life," he said.

Sajad Ahmed is another case that deeply moved us," Musadiq Bashir said. "After the death of his father, Sajad Ahmed, from Fateh Kadal, fell into depression and is now left with no family members except his mother. He has lost his mental stability and is struggling with severe depression."

"Most of the cases we handle are reported from Srinagar, and it is usually the family members who reach out to KYC for help. Around sixty to seventy percent of these individuals are homeless and they tend to relapse into their bad state if they are not properly cared for."

Musadiq also mentioned that KYC has sought government assistance in establishing a center for those suffering from depression and homelessness.

For Musadiq and his team, this work is about more than just a change in physical appearance.

"We give them a new look, but their scars are way too deep. They need mental treatment for a happy life ahead. The victims have seen tragedy and mental illness leaving them to wander the streets"

He says the KYC team understands that the road to recovery is long and complicated, requiring not just physical care but also psychological support.

Thanks to social media platforms, Team KYC's work has garnered attention, but Musadiq knows that they cannot do it alone.

"We need more resources, more hands, and more support from the government to truly make a lasting impact. A lot more needs to be done," he said.

KYC's latest video on Musadiq's Facebook handle painfully exposes a harsh reality of the team's mission: aggression from those they desperately try to help. The scene depicts an elderly man violently attacking the team, refusing their assistance. Despite such encounters, the team continues to do what they can—one haircut, one bath and one life at a time—bringing a measure of dignity and hope to those who have been forgotten.

EC To Discuss

Jammu and Kashmir has not had an elected government since June 2018 and there was expectation in 2019 that the assembly elections would be held along with the general election that year.

But the Election Commission had refused, citing the security situation. In August, Jammu and Kashmir's special status granted under the constitution was revoked and the state was split into two Union Territories.

Following delimitation, the number of assembly seats in Jammu and Kashmir has gone up from 83 to 90.

Will Farooq Be NC's

chief minister, however, refused to divulge which constituency he would contest the elections from.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a party function in Doda district, Abdullah said, "He (his son Omar Abdullah) does not want to fight the elections under the present setup. He has made up his mind that he will not fight the elections till the restoration of statehood (of Jammu and Kashmir). However, I am going to fight the elections as I am not dead."

Asked about the constituency he would fight from, he quipped, "Why should I tell you in advance? A general does not reveal his strategy and I am also a general and prepared to fight."

Abdullah asserted that the NC would form the next government in Jammu and Kashmir on its own and did not need support from anyone except Allah.

On the recent visit of the Election Commission to Jammu and Kashmir, he said reports suggest that the elections will be announced between August 21 and 25.

"We are prepared for the polls," he added.

The NC chief said unemployment and

inflation are the biggest problems facing not only Jammu and Kashmir but the entire country.

Asked about his statement that he is awaiting Muslims affiliated with the BJP, even though the NC was a part of the NDA government from 1998 to 2002, Abdullah said his party was among the 35 parties which were part of the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led dispensation.

"We have not aligned with the BJP and have not brought them here. That was a separate thing," he said.

Abdullah urged people to remain vigilant and ensure the victory of NC candidates in the upcoming assembly elections.

Addressing a workers' convention, he emphasised the importance of unity and perseverance.

"People need to remain vigilant and reject divisive elements," he said.

"As the upcoming elections draw near, it is crucial to make wise decisions to combat sectarian forces and uphold the principles of democracy. Unity is our strength, and it is imperative to stand together against those who seek to divide us," the NC chief said. (inputs from PTI)

APSCC To Field

The Sikh body also urged the majority community to back their candidates in the upcoming assembly elections, the dates of which are expected to be announced by the Election Commission of India anytime soon.

"As the Sikh community in J&K lacks representation in state assembly and has consistently faced discrimination from the successive regimes including the NC, PDP, Congress, and ruling BJP, the APSCC has decided to field independent Sikh candidates on a few seats to ensure the Sikh community has its representation in the legislator," APSCC Chairman, Jagmohan Singh Raina said at a press conference in Srinagar.

Instead of stitching an alliance with any political party, APSCC, he claimed, will field 'independent' candidates on a few seats where the Sikhs have a significant electorate.

The Sikh community, Raina claimed, has always supported regional political parties in their bids to win the Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha elections in J&K. Nevertheless, none of them bothered to respond to their concerns, and as a result, the unemployment rate of Sikh youth is far higher than it should be.

"We had been calling for reservation of seats for the Sikh community in the erstwhile state assembly, but regrettably, the discriminatory political parties that use the Sikh vote bank to win elections have never bothered to address this long-standing demand of ours," he added.

Sikh candidates in the forthcoming assembly elections in J&K would aim to teach a lesson to those, who he alleged, discriminated against the minority community.

"We have 17000 votes in south Kashmir's Pulwama district followed by 14000 in north Kashmir's Baramulla and 9000 in Srinagar's Lal Chowk assembly constituency. Since we have decided to field independent candidates, we appeal to our Muslim brethren in Kashmir to back our candidates and send them to assembly so our voices are collectively raised and our issues resolved," Raina said.

After winning elections, he claimed, the leaders of all the political parties in J&K become appointees of the federal government, and lack the courage to speak out for their own people in the Assembly or Parliament.

Why should we rely upon them? What the hell have they done for us? I can promise you that, once our candidates are elected, they will not just speak for the Sikh community but bring up the concerns affecting the majority population as well, said Raina.

HC Orders Govt

question vests in the Deity and, therefore, none of the parties to this petition or anybody else can stake claim over it," the court said, adding, "There is nothing on record on the basis of which, this Court can come to a conclusion as to how this property came to be dedicated to the temple."

In the absence of any specific record, the court said, it has to be presumed that the Maharaja of the time built temples and dedicated landed properties to it so that the income earned out of such properties is used for the management and betterment of the temples and charitable purposes. Referring to Ailan No.13 dated 3 Asooj Bikrami, the court said it throws some light on how the Mohatmim/Managers of such properties were appointed by the Maharajas.

As per the government, the appointment of Mahant in the Hindu temples in Jammu & Kashmir is governed by the procedure enumerated in Ailan No.13 dated 3 Asooj 1964 Bikrami notified during Maharaja times.

"Ordinarily, the temple properties are required to be managed as per the stipulation, if any, contained in the trust deed or dedication made for creating such temple or endowment. The office of Mohatmim/Manager is not a hereditary office and, therefore, the successor of a Mohatmim/Manager of a temple and its properties cannot, as a matter of right, succeed to be the next manager of the properties of the temple," the court noted.

In the instant case, the court said, the last recorded Mohatmim of the temple

property was Kankar Dass Chella Pandit Shatrugan Dass Pujari. Thereafter, the court said, neither any succession is recorded in the revenue record nor is there any person legitimately recorded to succeed Kankar Dass.

"There has been dispute between various sects of Sadhu Samaj, each claiming to succeed to Baba Kankar Dass with right to manage the properties of the temple," the court noted.

It is in the absence of a proper written document governing management of the temple property, the vested interests have staked their claims over the temple properties, the court observed.

"It has been brought to the notice of this Court that many such properties of temples, which came in the hands of different vested interests, were either sold/leased out or encumbered to the serious prejudice of the temples and their management," the court said, adding, "The loot of temples properties became rampant after 1990 when the Kashmir valley came under the onslaught of militancy."

The minority community which was frequenting these temples and had interest in their management was made to flee from the valley to save their lives, the court said. Consequently, it said, these temples came to be abandoned.

"Taking benefit of this chaotic situation, so called Mahants and Babas in connivance with locals encroached upon the properties of the temples. The Government of the day, which was battling with sudden splurge in militancy, remained oblivious to the situation of the temples and its properties," the court said, adding, "Since most of the temples and their properties were situated in urban areas, as such, due to their high value, the vested interests started litigating with each other, some staking their claims on the basis of recorded entries in the revenue record and others on the basis of trust deeds executed by them inter se without any authority of law."

Referring to the case in hand, the court said that the instant property, too, has become victim of the situation and "to some extent apathy of the Government."

"We have carefully gone through the entire record placed before us and are prima facie convinced that none of the parties have in their possession any legal document to substantiate their claim either to manage the temple and its properties or to offer puja and prayers in the temple," the court said.

In the aforesaid backdrop and with a view to ensure that no further damage is caused to the temple properties, the court ordered that the management of the temple and its properties in their entirety shall be taken over by the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, who shall manage the temple and its properties including making of arrangements for performance of daily puja and other religious rituals through a committee of officers of revenue and other departments, to be constituted by him. The court also directed the local police to provide all assistance to the district administration and the committee so appointed to carry out its functions.

"The committee shall open up an account in the name of the Deity/temple and deposit all the usufructs and the profits arising out of the properties of the temple," the court said, adding, "The committee shall, however, be entitled to utilize the amount so realized for better management and welfare of the temple."

The Deputy Commissioner, the court said, shall also initiate appropriate steps to ensure that all encroachments over the temple properties are removed by following due process of law.

"That the party/parties claiming right to perform puja and receive offerings or to claim management of the properties shall be free to agitate their rights before the civil court," the division bench said, adding, "No such suit shall be entertained or continued by any civil court unless the Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate is arrayed as party defendant."

The court also directed that in all pending civil suits regarding temple or its properties, the civil court shall array the Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate as party respondent so as to avoid collusion between the parties. "This position shall continue till the rights of the parties are conclusively determined by a civil court or the Government of Union Territory of J&K comes up with an appropriate legislation for all the charitable and religious institutions and endowments, as suggested by this Court in its judgment dated 25th February, 2022 passed in PIL No.24/2018 titled Ajay Kumar Sharma v. State of J&K and others, whichever is earlier."

Meanwhile, the court passed similar order with regard to two other temples in vicinity including Shri Baba Dharam Dass Ram Jevan Dass Trust Satu Barbar Shah Srinagar; and Shri Baba Dharam Dass Ram Jeevan Dass Trust Satu Var Var Shah Bishembar Nagar.

Also, while disposing of another petition, the court directed Deputy Commissioner Baramulla to take over property in the name of a Dharamshalla at Kreeeri Baramulla.

"The District Magistrate shall be free to appoint a Committee of officers of revenue and other departments for the said purpose."

DC To Take

measuring 8 kanals at Barzulla Srinagar as tenant. On his death in 1958,

the land came in possession of father of the petitioners namely Mian Abdul Rahim. In 1960, a revenue court, on an application of one Baba Girdhari Das, Mahant Mandir Raghu Nath Ji, passed a decree of eviction against their father and others, which was challenged by them before the higher forums including the High Court.

Also, they said, a suit also came to be filed by Mahant Baba Girdhari Das in the Court of City Munsiff, Srinagar for grant of a decree of mandatory injunction for evicting father of the petitioners and others from the land in question.

With a view to amicably settle the dispute, father of the petitioners and others and Mahant Baba Girdhari Das entered into a compromise whereunder out of the 8 kanals of land under possession of the petitioner's father, he got 4 kanals for cultivation and left the other four kanal in favour of Mahant Baba Girdhari Das. On the basis of the compromise entered, a compromise decree was passed by the City Munsiff, Srinagar on 08 december 1970.

Later on 12.04.1973, they said, Major Arjun Das, who had succeeded Mahant Baba Girdhari Das as Mahant of the temple, entered into an agreement to sell with the father of the petitioners and one Ahad Dar. The petitioner's father was handed over possession of 2 kanal and 10 marlas more subject to payment of Rs.3400, they said. This is how, they said, their father came in possession of total land measuring 6 kanal and 10 marlas.

"It is not disputed by the official respondents that the petitioners and some others are in possession of different parcels of land belonging to respondent No.7 (Raghu Nath Ji Temple, Estate Barzulla, Srinagar Through Mahant Hari Om Das). How, in what manner and by whom the petitioners (Mian family) and others came to be inducted as tenants is not forthcoming from the record available in the file," the court said, adding, "There is, however, no dispute with regard to the fact that the entire landed estate measuring more than 159 kanals vests in the temple, which was being managed by Mohatmims appointed from time to time."

The revenue papers placed on record by the petitioners, the court said, does prima facie indicate that they and before them their father and grandfather were in possession of the land belonging to the temple and have also been recorded as tenants, the court said. "What was the nature of the tenancy created and who created this tenancy is not forthcoming from the record," the court said.

"Be that as it may, all these issues are such, which are required to be adjudicated upon and determined by a competent revenue court. Needless to say that the Land Revenue Act is a complete Code in itself and provides and delineates detailed procedure for correction of revenue entries and setting aside of mutations etc. Etc." the court said, adding, "However, no such action, as may be envisaged under the Land Revenue Act or other allied legislations, which is adverse to an individual, can be taken without following due process of law and complying with principles of natural justice." The petitioners, who are admittedly under settled possession of the temple property for the last several decades, cannot be termed as rank encroachers and thrown out without following due process of law, the court said.

"If at all, in the opinion of the respondents, the petitioners and other locals are in unauthorized occupation of the temple properties and have managed revenue entries in their favour, nothings stops them from initiating action under law and pass appropriate orders after affording adequate opportunity of being heard to such persons," the court said.

So far as management of the temple properties is concerned, the court said, Divisional Commissioner has, in terms of the impugned order, directed for devising a mechanism to be put in place to manage and develop the temple properties in terms of Ailan No.13 dated Asooj 1964 Bikrami (1907).

"But before such a mechanism can be put in place, the temple properties cannot be allowed to be squandered by so-called Mahants and Babas," the court said.

It is, thus, high time that the Government steps in and takes charge of the temple properties so that these are saved from further encroachments and appropriate action is initiated to free them from encroachments, if any, taken place on such properties, the court said.

Without returning any finding and rendering any opinion on the merits of the claim of the petitioners and rival contentions of the respondents including officials, the court directed the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar to take over the management of the temple and its properties immediately and forthwith.

"He may manage the temple and its properties either himself or through a committee of officers of the revenue and other departments directly responsible to him," the court said.

It also directed that that henceforth there shall be no mutation attested in the name of any Mahant or his disciple and the properties shall remain in the name of temple under the management of District Administration and shall be so reflected in the revenue record.

"The Deputy Commissioner or the committee appointed by him as aforesaid, as the case may be, shall demarcate the entire land belonging to the temple and fix boundaries for its proper identification," the court said, adding, "It shall

also take requisite steps for removal of encroachments, if any, in accordance with law."

Should the Committee be of the opinion that there are certain illegal entries made in the revenue record which are required to be corrected and the persons in illegal occupation of the land are required to be evicted, the court said, procedure laid down in the Land Revenue Act and the allied legislations shall be adhered to in letter and spirit and the affected persons shall be provided adequate opportunity of being heard before passing any such orders.

"The committee shall put the properties of the temple to beneficial use and the usufructs and profits derived out of such properties shall only be used for maintenance of the temple and for other charitable and religious purposes," the court said, adding, "The committee shall open up a bank account in the name of the temple to be operated through the Deputy Commissioner, so that all monies and profits received from the landed and other property of the temple are accounted for."

This arrangement, the court said, shall continue to remain in operation till an appropriate mechanism is put in place to manage and develop the temple properties in compliance of order dated 16.10.2019 passed by the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) or till the Government of Union Territory of J&K comes up with appropriate legislation as suggested by this Court in judgment dated 25.02.2022 passed in PIL No.24/2018 titled Ajay Kumar Sharma v. State of J&K and others, whichever is earlier.

Notably, Mian Abdul Qayoom was earlier arrested by the State Investigation Agency (SIA) in connection with the murder of advocate Babar Qadri in 2020.

J&K Likely To

read with public notice issued under endorsement No. SWD-ICPS/55/2021 dated 15.6.2023 by the Department of Social Welfare, J&K, for the appointment of one chairperson and six members of the Jammu & Kashmir Commission for Protection of Child Rights, is hereby, withdrawn ab-initio," read the notice issued by the Social Welfare department on May 30, 2024.

In June last year, the administration had invited applications for the constitution of the child rights body in the UT after constituting a three-member selection panel for filling these posts.

Headed by Chief Secretary, the committee comprised administrative secretaries of social Welfare and Law departments. (KNO)

DC Ganderbal

to Singh to decide whether he would like to submit an affidavit of apology to a subordinate court in the criminal contempt case.

A division bench comprising Justices Atul Sreedharan and Sanjeev Kumar, while granting two days to Singh for making up his mind, listed the case for hearing again on Wednesday (August 14).

"The contemnor orally submitted in this court that whatever he did was not intentional to undermine the dignity of the learned court. He asked for some time to think over whether he is willing to file an affidavit of apology and personally appear before the court below," the bench said in an order passed after Monday's proceedings.

On August 5, the high court directed Singh to answer the charges of criminal contempt against him in person.

The proceedings against Singh, a 2018-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer serving as the deputy commissioner of Ganderbal since 2022, were initiated after allegations surfaced that he had retaliated against Ganderbal sub-judge Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi and allegedly abused his official position to intimidate and harass him.

Qureshi had passed an order to attach Singh's salary due to non-compliance with an October 2022 court order.

According to the sub-judge, the deputy commissioner allegedly misused his position to harass him, including unauthorised visits to his property by government officials.

This was perceived as an attempt to undermine judicial authority and retaliate against the court's decision.

In ordering the criminal contempt proceedings last month, Qureshi also recommended that the Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary take administrative action against Singh under the Government Conduct Rules, 1971, describing him as a "constant potential threat" to the judiciary.

In its order, the bench said any attempt by Singh to avoid the service of summons or his non-appearance shall be viewed seriously and the court shall resort to coercive proceedings to secure his presence.

Foolproof Security

districts of Kashmir. The J&K police have made solid security arrangements for the main event. A multi-tier security has been set up here, while regulatory checkpoints have also been established in numerous other locations on August 15," Birdi added.

Responding to a query that a challenging situation has emerged in J&K given the terrorist operations including the recent one in Udhampur district, the IGP said the security setup is designed keeping this scenario in mind to ensure the pre-arranged plans stay sound.

Regarding the ongoing encounter in

Kokernag area of south Kashmir, Birdi said the operation is still underway and has not yet resulted in a conclusion. The security forces, IGP said, have strengthened the cordon around the encounter site to ensure the operation ends at the earliest.

"The fact that we consistently receive inputs about such activities well in advance allows us to conduct such operations. Security measures are tightened in anticipation of the attempts by adversaries to undermine peace," the IGP said, in response to a question about terrorists breaking into sections of south Kashmir from the Pir-Panchal range with plans to upset the peace in Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Vijay Kumar Bidhuri said since the entry to this year's Independence Day celebrations is free for everyone, a sizable crowd is anticipated to take part in the main event at Bakshi Stadium.

The move, according to Bidhuri, is intended to promote a more united and patriotic public participation in the Independence Day celebrations.

"The celebrations will take place across various locations in the region, with the main event being held at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar. The event will include a flag hoisting ceremony, cultural programs, and performances by local artists and students."

Highlighting the enthusiasm among school children and local residents for the celebrations, the Div Com said there is an open invitation for all to participate in the main function, expressing confidence that a large number of people would attend the event on August 15.

Frisking Eased

functions on August 15.

Sources said that Srinagar city witnessed ease in frisking operations for the first time even though the main venue of Bakshi Stadium has already been fortified by the security agencies especially police and special security guards (SSGs). "We felt there was almost zero frisking in Srinagar for the first time. People were moving around the city freely without any hassle," said Ghulam Qadir, a shopkeeper at Lal Chowk.

Police sources said that ease in frisking was in the wake of improvement in the overall security situation. They said the main venue Bakshi Stadium has been fortified and sharp shooters have been deployed to the nearby buildings. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will unfurl the tri-colour at the Bakshi Stadium while as his advisor RR Bhatnagar will take salute of the parade at Moulana Azad Stadium Jammu.

17 DySPs Transferred,

Fayaz Ahmad Dar (Dy. SP, PTWS, Kashmir), and Mohsina Sibtain (Dy. SP, Security, Kashmir) have been transferred and posted in the Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K with immediate effect.

Additionally, 7 DySPs viz. Shiv Kumar, Rameez Raja, Sheikh Mudisar, Deedar Singh, Devinder Singh, Pawan Kumar, and Mohmad Shafiq Najar posted in the ACB, J&K are repatriated to Home Department for further posting)

JKB Employee

On enquiry, she also came to know that the money has been fraudulently debited from her account without her authorization, he said.

He said that after raising the voice, she got around Rs 3.7 lakh back while Rs 1.15 lakh is still missing, which she needs urgently for the marriage of her daughter.

Similar voices were raised by many customers as money from their accounts is also missing and they too are unable to debit anything from their accounts.

They demanded that the matter must be investigated and action must be taken against the involved employees.

Meanwhile, Showkat Ahmad, Manager of the Branch said that departmental inquiry has already started against the employee involved in the fraud and he is under custody.

He said that around Rs 30 lakhs have been recovered from him so far while the exact amount he had debited fraudulently is being verified and investigation is going on. (KNO)

Hajj 2025: HCI

website www.hajcommittee.gov.in. The aspirants have also been informed that the last date for submission of the application form has been fixed as 9th September, 2024.

Applicants must be in possession of Machine-Readable International Passport issued on or before the closing date of application and valid at least up-to 15th January, 2026.

Meanwhile, Haj Application form can be submitted online only at the website of HCI i.e., www.hajcommittee.gov.in or on Haj App through Android Mobile App 'Haj Suvidha' available on Google Play Store.

3-day Wet Spell

Kupwara, it settled at 29.4 degree Celsius and 34.6 degree Celsius respectively.

Kokernag and Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort, recorded a maximum temperature of 31.7 degree Celsius and 23.8 degree Celsius respectively.

Jammu has recorded an equal temperature of Srinagar at 34.6 degree Celsius while in Banihal, the mercury settled at 29.7 degree Celsius.

Batote, Katra and Bhandarwah recorded a maximum temperature of 27.5 degree Celsius, 31.5 degree Celsius and 31.4 degree Celsius respectively. (KNO)

Gwalior To Host India's 1st T20I v Bangladesh On October 6: BCCI

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Gwalior will host the opening T20 International between India and Bangladesh scheduled on October 6 instead of Dharamsala, where renovation work is being carried out by Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association, BCCI stated on Tuesday.

"The first T20I between India and Bangladesh, initially set to be held in Dharamsala on October 6, will now take place in Gwalior owing to upgrades and renovation work being carried out by Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association in the dressing rooms," BCCI stated in a media release.

The match in Gwalior marks the inaugural international fixture at the city's new stadium - Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia



Cricket Stadium - and the first since the historic India-South Africa ODI in 2010, where the

legendary Sachin Tendulkar became the first male cricketer to score a double century in ODIs.

BCCI also agreed to a swap the venues of the first and second T20Is against England in January next year.

Chennai, originally scheduled to host the first T20I, will now host the second while Kolkata will host the opening T20I instead of the second, as announced earlier.

The dates for the first T20I (22nd January 2025) and the second T20I (25th January 2025) remain the same.

The venue change was necessitated following a request from Kolkata Police to Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) regarding their prior Republic Day commitments and obligations.

Short TAKES

CAS Verdict On Phogat's Appeal Deferred To August 16



The CAS decision on Vinesh Phogat's appeal was deferred again on Tuesday. The verdict will now be out on August 16.

Phogat had been disqualified on the morning of her final bout in the 50 kg category. She had been found to be 100 gm overweight dashing a billion hopes of getting at least a silver medal in the women's wrestling. She later filed an appeal before the CAS where the case was heard and the decision kept pending for Tuesday.

India Aiming For 25 Medals At Paris Paralympics: Body Chief

India is hoping to win more than 25 medals from its largest-ever contingent of 84 athletes at the upcoming Paris Paralympic Games beginning on August 28, the country's governing body chief Devendra Jhajharia said on Tuesday.

Jhajharia, himself a double gold medalist at the Paralympics, said the Indian contingent would look to carry the momentum of record-breaking performances in the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics and 2023 Hangzhou Asian Para Games.

India had won 19 medals at the Tokyo Paralympics and a historic 111 medal at the Para Asian Games.

Ponting Warns India Ahead Of Border-Gavaskar Trophy

Ricky Ponting believes Australia will have a "point to prove" after two straight Test series defeats at home against India and backed the Pat Cummins-led side to win the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy 3-1 come November-December.

India, who have returned victorious in both their previous Test assignments Down Under with identical margins of 2-1, will take on the world No.1 Australia in a five-Test series starting on November 22.

West Ham Signs Aaron Wan-Bissaka From Manchester United

West Ham United have signed right back Aaron Wan-Bissaka from Manchester United on a seven-year contract, the club announced on Tuesday. The London Premier League team's deal for the 26-year-old is valued at approximately 15 million pounds (\$19.19 million).

Wan-Bissaka, who began his professional career at Crystal Palace, joined Manchester United in 2019. Throughout his tenure at the club, he played 190 matches and contributed to their FA Cup victory last season.

Man City Hearing Over PL Charges May Be Brought Forward

Manchester City's hearing into 115 alleged breaches of Premier League financial regulations could be brought forward to next month, according to a report in The Times.

The newspaper said on Monday that the start of an independent commission hearing, planned for November, would now begin in mid-to-late September, the hearing is scheduled to last 10 weeks, with a verdict likely to be delivered early in 2025.

Neither the Premier League nor Manchester City have commented.

District Level Wushu Events Held In Anantnag



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports, District Anantnag, organized an Inter-Zone District-Level Wushu competition on Tuesday. The event, focused on the sports discipline of Wushu, featured enthusiastic participation from U-17 and U-19 girls across three zones: Anantnag, Qazigund and Bijbehara.

In this event the girls who displayed their talent and stole the

show were Insha Jan and Raiba Rasheed from Radiant School, Sehra Abass and Sehrish Bilal from HS Mir Danter, Naira Noor and Malika Mehrj from Iqra Public School, Zainab Arshid from Hista School, Sadiya Gulzar from GHSS Anantnag, Ikhlasa from HS Veeri & Arbeena Afzal from Sidra Institute.

A total of 24 participants from both age groups showcased their skills and determination in this dynamic martial art.

Wular Premier League Cricket Tournament Concludes

Observer News Service

TARZOO: The 7th edition of the Wular Premier League Cricket Tournament concluded on Monday.

The tournament, held over the course of several weeks, witnessed thrilling matches and intense competition among the participating teams.

The organisers said this year's event was made possible with the unwavering support of the Union Territory government and the Secretary of the J&K Sports Council.

"The Secretary of the Sports Council played a crucial role in issuing the tender documents for

the approved works of 2023 for the Sheikhul Alam Ground in Tarzoo. This infrastructure development not only develop the mindset of youngster for the tournament but also laid the foundation for the continued growth and advancement of sports in the region," Sports Association Tarzoo said.

"The members of the Sports Association Tarzoo express their heartfelt gratitude to the present government and the Secretary of JKSC for their unwavering support. Moreover the secretary has assured us that only local cricket will be boosted at Sheikhul Alam Ground Tarzoo," it added.

Cyclist Bilal Dar Completes Srinagar-Leh In 17 Hrs, 33 Mns

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Bilal Ahmad Dar, a professional cyclist from Budgam, has completed the Srinagar to Leh journey of 425 kilometers in 17 hours and 33 minutes.

Bilal started his record-breaking journey at 5:30 am from Srinagar and passed various landmarks before culminating his expedition in Leh, Ladakh. Per reports, Bilal was supported and sponsored by the Indian Army and broke the previous record set by Adil Teli in 2019, who completed the journey in 26 hours.

The Jammu and Kashmir Cycling Association sent its senior cyclists to act as observers, including its vice



president Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat. Bilal cycled non-stop for 425km to break all records.

"I have participated in many cycling nationals and International events and secured a lot of medals for my State and Country but this was a different milestone to achieve in my career," Bilal said (per KNC). "I am very thankful to my coaches, sponsors, India Army, observers and my family, who supported me every time in the chosen field."

HSS Dailgam Clinches DL U-19 Anantnag Cricket Tourney

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: Government Higher Secondary School Dailgam emerged victorious in the District-Level Inter-School U-19 Cricket Tournament, defeating HSS Mehind by 5 wickets in a thrilling final on Tuesday at BHSS Ground, Bijbehara.

Batting first, HSS Mehind made 119 runs in 20 overs, with Shahid Saleem scoring 22 runs. Sehran from HSS Dailgam took two key wickets.

In response, HSS Dailgam chased down the target in the final over, thanks to a brilliant unbeaten 37-run knock by Abrar Zahoor.

During the post-match presentation ceremony, Dr. Abdul Aziz Sheikh, Additional District Development Commissioner of Anantnag, served as the chief guest.



Abrar Zahoor of HSS Dailgam was named Man of the Match for his match-winning knock. Shahid Saleem of HSS Mehind was awarded Man of

the Tournament, scoring 210 runs and taking 13 wickets throughout the tournament.

The tournament witnessed participation from 40 teams representing various higher secondary schools across Anantnag, with matches held at BHSS Bijbehara and Sports Stadium Dooru.

Premier League Shake-Up: How New Managers, Technology Will Shape The New Season

Agencies

The Premier League rarely stands still.

For the 2024-25 season starting on Saturday, there are five newly hired managers, around \$1.6 billion worth of new players (and counting), new offside technology, updated financial regulations and a tweaked match schedule.

COACHING CHANGES

A quarter of the coaches will be taking charge of a Premier League game for the first time, with Liverpool (Arne Slot), Chelsea (Enzo Maresca) and Brighton (Fabian Hurler) all having new managers and both Southampton (Russell Martin) and Ipswich (Kieran McKenna) gaining promotion with managers owning no top-flight experience.

Throw in Julen Lopetegui being the new guy at West Ham after 4 1/2 years of David Moyes at the helm and Steve Cooper replacing Maresca at Leicester, and the dugouts will look different this season. Most of the intrigue, however,



will focus on Slot and what style he implements at Liverpool after the team's nearly nine years with the popular Jurgen Klopp. Rock 'n' roll could turn into more control, with Slot preferring more of a possession game.

SLOWER MARKET

The Premier League's 20 clubs have spent as much on new players in this transfer window as those in Spain, Italy and Germany combined, according to transfermarkt.com. So why does it feel such a slow summer of trading? Maybe because there have been no blockbuster deals, with the most expensive being striker Dominic Solanke

moving to Tottenham from Bournemouth for 65 million pounds (\$83 million).

However, lots of deals for between \$30-70 million quickly add up - and there are still three weeks left in the window, during which Manchester City, Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal and Chelsea are expected to weigh in. City (Savinho) and Arsenal (Riccardo Calafiori) have only made one new signing so far and Liverpool hasn't made any.

Come the end of transfer deadline day on August 30, don't be surprised if Premier League clubs have spent way more than \$2 billion - even if most are balancing the books with sales be-

cause of the league's sterner financial rules.

SEMI-AUTOMATED OFFSIDES

Expect offside decisions to be reached much quicker in the Premier League this season. The competition is introducing semi-automated offside technology for the first time, with the new system set to be launched during the first half of the season.

Multiple cameras will track player movements and record data points on parts of the body that are relevant for an offside decision. Data is processed with artificial intelligence to create a 3D offside line that is alerted to the team of VAR officials.

It is expected to take an average of around 30 seconds off the length of time it currently takes VAR officials to come to a decision manually. Semi-automated offside were used at the 2022 World Cup and at the recent European Championship.

SPENDING RULES

Last season in the Premier League was notable for some clubs, like Everton and Nottingham Forest, receiving points deductions for breaking the competition's profitability and sustainability regulations, which are now being more strictly applied. This coming season is the final year of those regulations, with two new forms of spending caps being trialed ahead of their introduction from the 2025-26 season.

Teams in England's top division will trial a "Squad Cost Rules" system, which will limit spending on players to 85% of a club's soccer revenue and net profit or loss on player sales.

A second system called "Top to Bottom Anchoring" limits - or anchors - spending to a multiple of the lowest combined prize money and cash from TV rights forecast to be earned by a team. The league said the systems aimed to "improve and preserve clubs' financial sustainability and the competitive balance of the Premier League" as well as "promote aspiration of clubs.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

JOB DESCRIPTION:
Accountant at Technical Business Incubator GIF (Greenovator Incubation Foundation) at NIT Srinagar
Position: Accountant
Location: GIF Main Building NIT Srinagar
Employment Type: Full-time

POSITION OVERVIEW:
The Technical Business Incubator GIF at NIT Srinagar is seeking a highly skilled and motivated Accountant to join our team. As an Accountant, you will be responsible for managing all financial aspects of the organization, ensuring accurate and timely recording of financial transactions, and maintaining proper cash flows. You will play a crucial role in supporting the financial operations of GIF and ensuring compliance with relevant accounting standards and regulations.

- RESPONSIBILITIES:**
1. Manage Accounts: Handle all aspects of the accounting function for GIF & GIF Incubated Startups, including accounts receivable, accounts payable, general ledger, and bank reconciliations.
 2. Financial Records: Maintain accurate financial records and ensure that all financial transactions are properly recorded, categorized, and documented for GIF & GIF Incubated Startups.
 3. Cash Flow Management: Monitor cash flows, prepare cash flow projections, and implement strategies to optimize cash flow management.
 4. Budgeting and Forecasting: Assist in the preparation of annual budgets and financial forecasts, providing financial analysis and recommendations to management.
 5. Financial Reporting: Prepare and analyze financial statements, including profit and loss statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements.
 6. Compliance: Ensure compliance with relevant accounting standards, tax regulations, and legal requirements. Keep up-to-date with changes in financial regulations and ensure timely implementation.
 7. Management Information Systems: Utilize appropriate accounting software systems, such as Tally, to accurately record financial transactions and generate relevant reports for GIF & GIF Incubated Startups.
 8. Audit Support: Coordinate with external auditors during annual audits and assist in providing necessary documentation and information.
 9. Financial Analysis: Conduct financial analysis to identify trends, variances, and opportunities for cost savings or revenue generation.
 10. Documentation and Record Keeping: Maintain organized and up-to-date financial files, records, and documentation, ensuring confidentiality and security for GIF & GIF Incubated Startups.
 11. Collaborative Team Player: Collaborate with other team members to ensure smooth financial operations, provide support, and contribute to the overall success of GIF.

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 - Strong knowledge of accounting principles, practices, and procedures.
 - Proficiency in using accounting software systems such as Tally or similar.
 - Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills with a keen attention to detail.
 - Solid understanding of financial statements, budgeting, and financial forecasting.
 - Knowledge of tax regulations and compliance requirements of GIF & GIF Incubated Startups
 - Strong communication and interpersonal skills to effectively collaborate with team members, stakeholders, and external auditors.
 - Ability to work independently, manages multiple priorities, and meets deadlines.

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Mobile-Game-Addicted Odisha Man Dies By Suicide After Failing To Repay Debts

Agenceis

Jajpur, Odisha: A 22-year-old man allegedly died by suicide after failing to repay loans he had taken from people after suffering losses to the tune of lakhs of rupees in mobile games, police said on Monday.

The incident happened on Sunday night in Kadubani village under the jurisdiction of the Kaliapani police station, a police officer said, adding he used to play online games and suffered huge financial losses.

The victim, identified as Srinivasa Nayak alias Lincon, was the only son of Brajabandhu Nayak of Kadubani village, the police officer said.

Lincon had dinner with his family before going to his bedroom on Sunday night. When he did not wake up in the morning, the concerned family members knocked on his door.

When his family broke open the door of his room and found his body hanging from the ceiling.

Employed as a contract worker in a private mining company, Lincon had allegedly incurred financial



losses amounting to several lakhs of rupees while playing online games on his mobile phone.

To mitigate these losses, he had taken loans from various self-help groups in his village through his mother.

Facing relentless pressure from moneylenders to repay the debts, Lincon is believed to have taken the drastic step of ending his life, the police officer said.

The police later recovered the

body and sent it for a post-mortem examination. After registering an unnatural death case, the police have initiated an investigation to ascertain the circumstances leading to Lincon's suicide.

"We are investigating the case to ascertain the circumstances leading to the suicide of the youth. We are also examining his bank records, which may shed further light on the reasons behind his decision," said a senior police officer.

Teenager wearing helmet and bulletproof vest randomly stabs 5 people at cafe in Turkiye

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A teenager wearing a helmet and bulletproof vest randomly stabbed five people at an open-air cafe in northwest Turkiye before being detained by police, officials and media reports said Tuesday.

The 18-year-old, identified as Arda K., broadcast Monday's knife attack on social media through a camera attached to his vest, Haber-Turk television reported. The victims were people relaxing after prayers at a mosque in Eskisehir, some 230 kilometres west of the capital, Ankara.

The teenager was detained following a police chase, according to the Eskisehir governor's office.

The five wounded individuals were hospitalised and two of them were in serious condition, according to the state-run Anadolu Agency. The assailant was also carrying an axe but did not appear to have used it.

Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said an investigation had begun, while HaberTurk and other media reported the assailant is believed to have been influenced by a video game.

People leave New Zealand in record numbers as economy bites



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WELLINGTON: People are leaving New Zealand in record numbers as unemployment rises, interest rates remain high and economic growth is anaemic, government statistics show.

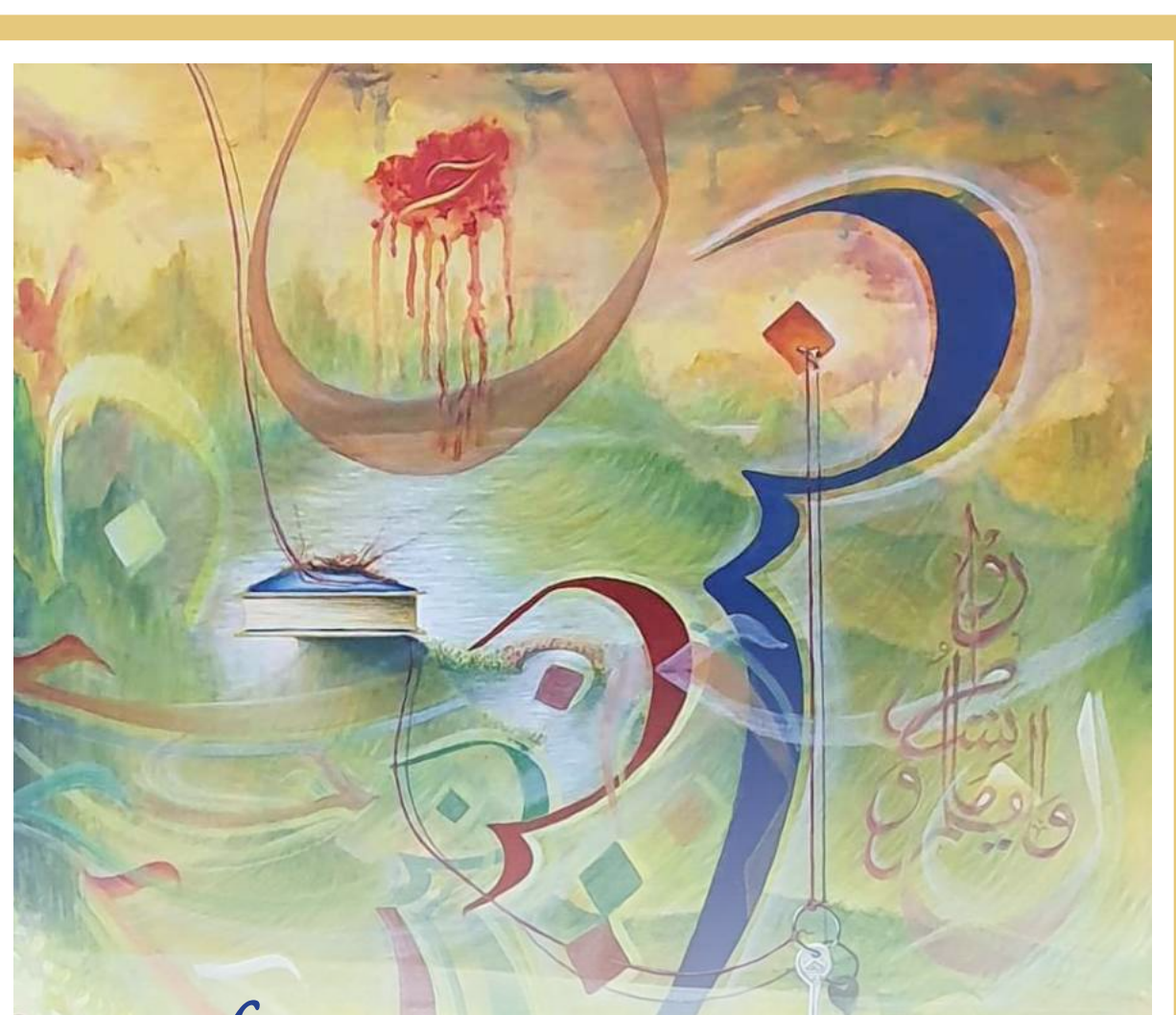
Data released by Statistics New Zealand on Tuesday showed that 131,200 people departed New Zealand in the year ended June 2024, provisionally the highest on record for an annual period. Around a third of these were headed to Australia.

While net migration, the number of those arriving minus those leaving, remains at high levels,

economists also expect this to wane as the number of foreign nationals wanting to move to New Zealand falls due to the softer economy. The data showed of those departing 80,174 were citizens, which was almost double the numbers seen leaving prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Merrily Allen is currently planning her move with her partner and 14-year-old daughter in early 2025 to Hobart on the Australian island state of Tasmania

"There is a lot of opportunity over there. They're always, always looking for people in my profession," said Allen, who works in dental administration.



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