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ASSEMBLY POLLS, FINALLY J&K To Vote In 3 Phases From Sept 18



Phase 1 (Sept 18)

South Kashmir

Pampore, Tral, Pulwama, Rajpora, Zainapora, Shopian, D.H. Pora, Kulgam, Devsar, Dooru, Kokernag (ST), Anantnag West, Anantnag, Srigufwara - Bijbehara, Shangus - Anantnag East, Pahalgam

Phase 2 (**Sept 25**)

Central Kashmir Budgam Kangan (ST), Budgam, Beerwah, Ganderbal, Khansahib. Hazratbal, Khanyar, Chrar-i-Sharief, Habbakadal, Chadoora Lal Chowk, Channapora, Zadibal, Eidgah, Central

Shalteno

Jammu

Bhadarwah, Doda, Doda West, Ramban, Banihal

Pir Panchal & Reasi

Gulabgarh (ST), Reasi, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Kalakote - Sunderbani, Nowshera Rajouri (ST), Budhal (ST), Thannamandi (ST), Surankote (ST), Poonch Haveli, Mendhar (ST)

Inderwal, Kishtwar, Padder - Nagseni, Phase 3 (Oct 1)

Phase 3 (**Oct 1**)

Kupwara

Karnah, Trehgam, Kupwara,

Lolab, Handwara, Langate Baramulla

Sopore, Rafiabad, Uri,

Baramulla, Gulmarg,

Wagoora - Kreeri, Pattan **Bandipora** Sonawari, Bandipora,

Gurez (ST)

Phase 1 (Sept 18)

Udhampur Udhampur West,

Udhampur East, Chenani, Ramnagar (SC)

Kathua Bani, Billawar, Basohli, Jasrota, Kathua (SC),

Hiranagar Samba

Ramgarh (SC), Samba Jammu

Vijaypur, Bishnah (SC), Suchetgarh (SC), R.S. Pura – Jammu South, Bahu, Jammu East, Nagrota, Jammu West. Jammu North, Marh (SC), Akhnoor (SC), Chhamb

hief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Friday said the assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir are being held "well within the time period" and will be completed in time | More on P10

Electoral Rolls On Aug 20: EC

he Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday said that Amarnath Yatra will conclude on August 19, and the final electoral roll will be published on August 20. He empha-sized the commission's commitment to holding polls in J&K. Addressing a press con-ference, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar | More on P10

MCC Comes Into Force

he Model Code of Conduct came into force in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday with the announcement of poll schedule for the assembly elections in the Union Territory, officials said. "The MCC comes into effect with the announcement of elections by the commission. All provisions of the Model Code will apply to Jammu and Kashmir, covering all candidates, political parties, and the governments of these states/ UTs," the | More on P10

Shortest Election In At Least Two Decades

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Assembly elections will be held in Jammu and Kashmir after a decade in three phases from September 18, setting the stage for the people of the union territory to elect a government after the scrapping of Article 370 in 2019. The Election Commission also

announced that elections to the



'LS Polls Triumph Of Ballot Over Bullet'

KO Web Desk

nnouncing the dates for the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said on Friday that the Lok Sabha polls in the Union Territory were a triumph of "ballot over bullet". Kumar emphasised | More on P10



RAJIV KUMAR

'Better Late Than Never' **Political Parties Welcome**

ting across party lines on Friday welcomed the Election Commission's announcement of three-phased assembly elections beginning September 18 in Jammu and Kashmir, saying the people were eagerly waiting for the restoration of democracy in the Union Territory after six years of central rule.

Almost all the parties, including National Conference, Congress, BJP, CPI(M) and DPAP, thanked the Election Commission and said the poll announcement maintained the supremacy of the Supreme Court which had set the September 30 deadline for the holding of the much awaited assembly elections in J&K. The Election Commission said the assembly | More on P10

Polls To Strengthen Roots Of Democracy: Shah

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday welcomed the announcement of assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir and said the polls will further strengthen the roots of democracy and open the doors to a new period of development for the region Shah also appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to actively participate in the elections and vote in large numbers to form a government that will sustain peace and development, and ensure a brighter future for the youth.



Days After EC's Direction, Govt Reshuffles 198 Officers

Phase 3 (Oct 1)

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has transferred several officials, including deputy commissioners, a couple of weeks after the

the intelligence wing got a new chief.

In three separate orders, the Jammu and Kashmir adminis-

tration transferred senior police officers with immediate effect. This came a day after se-

investigate the massive hior IPS officer Nalin Prabhat

NC. PDP Smell Rat he National Conference on Friday called on the Election Commission of India (ECI) to thoroughly

Observer News Service

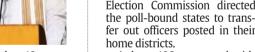
Announcement Srinagar: Political parties cut-

Poll Schedule Going Beyond SC's Deadline? J&K Elections Well Within **Time Period: CEC**

Press Trust Of India

"I welcome the announcement of the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir made by the Election Commission of India today. In the last 10 years, the Modi govt through a series of relentless initiatives, has created a new era of peace, development and strengthening democracy in J&K," he wrote on 'X'.

assembly elections will further strengthen



The home minister said the

the poll-bound states to transfer out officers posted in their home districts. At least 198 upper and middle rung officers were trans-

ferred in 12 hours in the civil administration and police department. In a major shakeup in the Jammu and Kashmir Police, several senior officers were transferred by the administration on Friday while was appointed as Special DG of Jammu and Kashmir Police. He will assume the role of the force's chief following the retirement of R R Swain on September 30.

Late on Thursday night, the general administration department of Jammu and Kashmir issued orders for 89 transfers and posting with immediate effect. The | More on P10

transfers in the police and civil administration, and demanded immediate suspension of the implementation of such orders. National Conference (NC) Vice President and former chief minister of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state, Omar Abdullah on Friday questioned the massive reshuffle in | More on P10

J&K Awaits Statehood: Congress

Srinagar: After the Election Commission of India (ECI) announced the assembly poll schedule for Jammu and Kashmir, Congress on Friday alleged that the recent moves | More on P10

Omar Doesn't Rule Out

Joining The Fray

Seeks Suggestions

From Congress For

Srinagar: Hours after the

Election Commission of India

announced the schedule for

J&K Legislative Assembly

elections on Friday, National

Omar Abdullah said he is fac-

ing pressure from his party to

to contest elections, and

said, "Although I don't want

to fight the elections, there

is pressure on me from my

party, and in the next two

He expressed 'uncertainty'

vice-president

Pre-Poll Alliance

Majid Nabi

Conference

contest the polls.

LG Admin Approves Key Policies For J&K

Confers Land Rights to Displaced Persons Of PoJK, WP

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday conferred proprietary rights over evacuees' land to the displaced persons of PoJK of 1947, 1965, 1971 and West Pakistan displaced persons.

The decision was taken by the Administrative Council which met here under the chairmanship of Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

In a landmark decision, the Council approved the proposal for transfer of Evacuees' land conferring proprietary rights to the displaced persons (DPs) of 1947, 1965, 1971 and West

Pakistan Displaced Persons, an official spokesperson said.

He said this decision will confer absolute proprietary rights over Evacuees' land to DPs as already conferred over state land.

As per the decision, the custodian concerned will transfer the land in favour of the DPs in a time-bound manner. Custodian General shall ensure proper safeguards to prevent any misuse particularly unauthorized encroachments on the Evacuees'

land, the spokesperson said. The government has issued directions for time-bound processing of applications giving proprietary rights More on P10

Approves Cadre Review Of J&K Administrative Service

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday approved cadre review of the JKAS with a view to strengthen the administrative set-up in the union ter-ritory, an official spokesperson said here.

The decision was taken by the Administrative Council which met under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The review will revise the strength and composition of the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) in view of increased complexities and scale of operations as well as changes in work profiles due to new schemes and initiatives after specific recommendations from the Administrative Departments, the spokesperson said.

The revised strength will accommodate 87 new posts, with deletion of 50 posts coupled with creation of 46 posts, he said. The decision will also upgrade 29 posts to ensure adequate administrative experience and

efficiency in disposal of government business, he said. The review will also enable career progression as well as employment avenues for the youth by releasing vacancies

for direct | More on P10

Project YUVA Approved **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: In a significant move, the Administrative Council which met under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor | More on P10

Other Decisions Taken

- >> Approved Creation Of Posts In Different Departments
- Approves Revised ≫ Schemes Of JKAACL

Approves Operational >>> Guidelines To J&K Start-Up

Policy, 2024-27 Approves Transfer Of Land >>> **To Different Departments**



days, I will take a decision on contesting the polls," he said.

He said that due to his father, Farooq Abdullah's old age, there is added pressure on him to contest. "The problem is that my father is aging, so if I don't fight, he will be under pressure to do so." | More on P10



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E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT No -52/Xen/Rew/Bla/2024-2025 Dated. 13/08/2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders **(In Single Cover System)** are invited on <u>percentage basis</u> from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work -

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	EMD AMOUNT	Time of completion	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA/TS
1 1.	2 C/O toilet cum bathroom at playground Panzipora under ADP(PRI) 2024-25 Block: Sangrama Pyt: Panzipora	3 2.90	4 200	5 5800	6 30 days	7 DEE	8 ADP	9 AAA Accorded
2.	UPGRADATION OF CHOLAN ROAD AT LIMBER B BLOCK NOORKHAH (APDP/ PRI)	3.80	200	7600	30 days	CEE/DEE	APDP	AAA Accorded
3.	CONTRUCTION OF DRAIN FROM HOUSE OF SHABIR KHAN TO NAZIR BATLA W3 PRINGLE WARIKHA BLOCK NOORKHAH (ADP/ PRI)	1.50	200	3000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
4.	C/O B.PATH WITH RWALL FROM DRAIN TO GH MOHIDDIN WAR ,W3, TILE PATH FROM MAIN WAY TO LABORATORY BLOCK HIGH SCHOOL SOCHAN, PCC PATH WITH STEPS FROM MAIN ROAD TO SIKANDAR KHAN AND OTHERS, LIMBER A BLOCK NOORKHAH (ADP/ PRI)	3.00	200	6000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
5.	FENCING OF OLD GHS BUILDING ZEHANPORA, C/O DRAIN WITH RWALL FROM MIR MOHD KLHAN TO TARIQ AHM KHAN W3 ZEHANPORA BLOCK NOORKHAH (ADP/ PRI)	2.30	200	4600	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
6.	Upgradation of primary school building at Devpora block chandilwanigam Under . APDP year 2024-25 Block . Chandil-wanigam.1	1.72	200	3440	30 days	DEE	APDP	AAA Accorded
7.	FENCING AT HEALTH CENTRE NEW BUILDING ZEHANPORA LIMBER A BLOCK NOORKHAH (ADP/PRI) c/o PCC PATH FROM BHAT	2.50	200	5000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
5.	MUHALLA, KUMAR MUHALA DRAIN TO ONWARDS, C/O DRAIN FROM HAMID MIR TO MAIN PATH PEHLIPORA A BLOCK NOORKHAH (ADP/ PRI)	2.50	200	5000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
9.	UPGRADATION OF MULTI PURPOSE LAB AT HSS PEHLIPORA A BLOCK NOORKHAH (BDC)	2.00	200	4000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
10	MASJID WITH TILE AND DRÁIN W7 ZEHANPORA BLOCK NOORKHAH (ADP/ PRI)	3.00	200	6000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
11	NAZIR KHAN AND C/O IRR KUL PWALL NEAR HABIBULLAH LONE PRINGLE WARIKHA BLOCK NOORKHAH (DDC)	1.20	200	2400	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
12	L/O SALEEM TO PRIMARY SCHOOL SHAHKOT LIMBER A BLOCK NOORKHAH (ADP/ PRI)	1.50	200	3000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
13	c/o P.BUND, DRAIN FROM HOUSE OF SHABIR KHAN TO ONWARDS, P.BUND NEAR NAZIR KHAN TO OTHERS W2, PBUND AT NALLAH NEAR H/O GULAB KHAN AT SHSHKOT LIMBER A BLOCK NOORKHAH (ADP/PRI)	3.00	200	6000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
14	c/o pcc path from primary school to yarwan, c/o kul with pcc path from maqbool mir to masjid sharef najar mohala pehlipora A BLOCK NOORKHAH (ADP/ PRI)	3.00	200	6000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
15	kandiwar w3 , b.path canal to peer hafizullah w2 bimyar BLOCK NOORKHAH (DDC)	1.50	200	3000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
16	c/o B.path / R.wall FROM ZIYARAT SHAREF TO AWAN MOHALLA LIMBER ABLOCK NOORKHAH (BDC)	2.50	200	5000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
17	c/o PATH STEPS FROM ROAD TO H/O TANVEER KHAN AND OTHERS , C/O PCC PATH FROM GH QADIR PARRAY TO TANTARY MOHALLA , RAJ MOHALLA AND MIR MOHALLA , C/O STEPS FROM ROAD TO FATEH MIR AND OTHERS AT pehlipora A BLOCK NOORKHAH (ADP/ PRI)	3.00	200	6000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
18		3.00	200	6000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
19		2.00	200	4000	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
20	c/o TILE PATH from habibullah mir to farooq ahmad mir w6 and c/o tile path from main road to mohd ameen khan w5 BLOCK NOORKHAH (ADP/ PRI)	2.30	200	4600	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded
21		2.30	200	4600	30 days	DEE	ADP	AAA Accorded

AN URGENT APPEAL

(My Daughter Needs Liver Transplant)



I would like to appeal all the generous, kind hearted people that my daughter Seerat Gul R/O Nowgam, Tehsil Sumbal is suffering from Wilson's disease with partial HTN with recurrent ascites and SBP. The patient needs liver transplant as recommended by doctors. The liver transplant estimate is about Rs 40 lacs as certified by Apollo Hospital, New Delhi. Subsequently I request general public, who are bestowed with means and sense of charity and empathy to provide me assistance so that I can save the precious life of my daughter.

> Mushtaq Ahmad Najar F/o Seerat Gul R/o Nowgam Sumbal A/C No: 0729-0420-0000-0089 J&K Bank Branch : Gadakhud Gamdoo IFSC Code: JAKA0GAMUDD Cell No: 9622428470

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: 520232 Class 10th Year & Session : 2010 Annual Regular Registration: 09NKM204689 Name : Khalid Zaffar Father's Name: Mohammad Zaffar Ullah Khan Mother's Name : - Rubeena Date of Birth:- 16-09-1994 Residenc:- Halmatpora Kupwara 19322

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According 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 is-I-DQC)B/KD/

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I have bought a vehicle JK01A-M6455 from one Abdul Salam Shalbaf S/o Abdul Aziz Shalbaf R/o Hyder colony Soura on 16-08-2024 . Now It is for the information of general public that If anybody has any claim or objection regarding the same vehicle he/she can contact nearest police station or concerned RTO Office within a period of seven days moreover from onwards I will be holy and solely meaning responsible for any misconduct .

Nazir Ahmad Dar Shalbaf S/o Mohammad Siddiq Shalbaf R/o Shalbaf Mohalla Anchar Soura

Subject:- Grant Of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & Style "M/S Know Kashmir Tour and Travels situated at Girls Hr. Sec. School Court Road Magam **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas I, Mudasir Ahmad Lone S/o Ab Salam Lone R/o Mazhama KASHMIR intend to apply in the Department of Tourism for registration of my proposed travel unit under the name & style of M/S Know Kashmir Tour and Travels situated at Girls Hr. Sec. School Court Road Magam KASHMIR under tourist trade act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas I will submit state subject / Domicile certificate, Qualification Certificate, pan cardr \ Experience Certificate(Minimum 5years). Police character certificate, Bank statement (minimum balance 10000), site plan, Affidavit, Rent deed duly attested by sub Registrar, printing material (Latter head / Visiting card) Photograph of the unit (indoor and outdoor) and Two passport size photographs to the department of Tourism as per prescribed checklist I Prior to Registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency.

Now as per J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12) befre my case is processed for my registration by the Competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/ Financial institutions/Bank/ Organisation, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the Deputy Director Tourism Registration(email id; ddtreg[23@gmail.com) within a period of 7days from the publication of this notice in a leading newspaper/newspapers of the valley. No objection beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR Office of the Chief Executive Officer SRINAGAR SMART CITY LTD

(A J&K Government Undertaking)

1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information eligibili-ty 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	13-08-2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 13-08-2024 to 20-08-2024 up to 6 00 PM
3	Bid submission Start date	13-08-2024
4	Bid Submission End Date	20-08-2024 up to 6 00 PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	Technical Bids will be opened on 21-08-2024 at 11 00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer REW Baramulla and Financial Bid opening will be declared online.

The G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED 08.09.2021 issued by the Govt(Finance deptt)that the participation in the tendering process of works upto an amount of Rs 3.00 lacs is restricted to the resident of concerned panchayat only in 1st Call for subsequent call the bidders from adjoining Panchayats (within Block)can participate too after production of the residence proof certificate for local bidders from Concerned BDO & adjoining area certificate issued from Concerned BDO & subsequent to all for participation.

NOTE The Above Order (G.O No.238-F OF 2021 DATED 08.09.2021) is applicable For District Plan only.

• If the Bidder quotes his Bid exceeding the tendering Cost his bid will be automatically rejected.

In case of dilemma/confusion the rate and the unit against any item shown in Boq the SOR rate along with its unit will be applicable

Watershed Development Fund (WDF) as per guidelines shall be collected at the time of release of payment.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of treasury challan/receipt under HEAD 0515 mentioning therein Name of work and NIT No. & Serial No. in favour of the Executive Engineer REW Division Baramulla (Tender inviting Authority).

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.iktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail mes-		00313.
sage 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 REW Division Baramulla.		11.
3. All The Bidders has to deposit Earnest Money (2% of Advertised cost) in shape of CDR/FDR at the time of tendering as per the Circular of Finance Department.		on any s
4. Successful bidder (L1) has to produce 3% additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/ B.G within 7 days after opening of financial bid and		12.
total 5% (3%+2%) will be released after completion of defect liability period of the work.		13.
5. The lowest bidder (L1) shall have to provide the CDR/FDR/B.G. within weeks' time for the issuance of allotment failing which he/she will be recommended		contrac
for black listing. The CDR issue date to be uploaded shall not before the date of e-NIT and no other CDR shall be accepted as replacement under rules.	11	
6. The successful bidder / Contractor who fails to start work within seven (07 Days) from the date of issuance of Allotment will be imposed a penalty of Rs	11	14.
200 / Day starting from 8th day deductible from the running/final bills of contractor.	11	

7. The tender/ bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill requirements as laid down in NIT.

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

No	417-424
DIP	-4890/24 dated: 16-08-202

Email: - sscltender@srinagarsmartcity.in Tel. No: 0194-2455370

(CIN: U70200JK2017SGC010107)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-N.I.T NO: 16-SSCL of 08/2024-25, DT:- 16/08/2024

1. For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, Chief Engineer, Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL) invites e-Tenders basis from eligible Class CEE/DEE Contractors, registered with J&K State PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the work as detailed in table below:-

S. No	Name of Work	Name of Organization	Estimated Cost	Cost of Tender Docu- ment		Head of Ac- count	Class Of Contract	Time Allowed for comple- tion
	Upgradation of rooms at Zila Sainik Welfare Batamaloo Srinagar	Srinagar Smart City Ltd	Rs. 9.23 Lacs.	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 18,460/-		Class CEE/ DEE Contrac- tors	30 Days

2. The Bid document consisting of Information to Bidders (ITB), Information and Documents to be furnished along with the Bid, General & Special Conditions of Contract, and set of terms and conditions of contract and other necessary documents will be uploaded on the website: www.jktenders.gov.in from 16-08-2024. The Bidders can take part in the bidding process as per below tabulated schedule:

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	16/08/2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	16/08/2024 to 23/08/2024
3	Bid submission Start Date	16/08/2024 from 13:00 Hrs.
4	Bid Submission End Date	23/08/2024 up to 16:00 Hrs.
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	24/08/2024 at 14:00 Hrs. in the office of Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Smart City Limited.

4. Bids shall be received "on line" on or before 23/08/2024. The bidder must possess Compatible Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and proper used ID.

If any date specified herein is a holiday, then the next working day will be considered for the activity and the time will remain the same.

The Schedule indicated above is tentative and the Employer may change any or the entire schedule with prior intimation to all bidders.

7. Interested and eligible bidders may submit their complete proposal as prescribed in the Bid Document along with the receipt of requisite Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and non-refundable Cost of Bid Document.

8. The Cost of Bid Document is to be paid through DD/NEFT/RTGS in favour of Chief Executive Officer Srinagar Smart City Limited with Bank Account details as under:

Name of Bank: ICICI Bank Ltd.

Branch: Karan Nagar, Srinagar. Bank Account Number: 252705001239,

IFSC Code: ICIC0002527

MICR Code: 190229002

9. The Earnest Money Deposit (Bid Security) may be paid through CDR/FDR/DD in favour of Chief Executive Officer, Srinagar Smart City Limited, with Bank Account details as stated above.

10. The bidder is required to quote in the prescribed format provided on the e-procurement portal and the selection will be done on least cost basis.

11. Right to revise or amend this notice and / or the Bid Document, fully or partially, prior to the last date notified for submission of offers or on any subsequent date is reserved by the Employer.

The Employer will not be responsible for any delay in submission of bid due to any reason.

The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, cancel the bidding process, at any time prior to the award of

contract, without assigning any reason therefor and thereby assumes no responsibility of incurring any liability to the affected applicants.

4. Any information regarding the IFB and / or Bid Document can be had from the office of undersigned during office hours.

No: SSCL/CEO/24-25/3783-86 DIPK-NB-1402/24 Dated: 16/08/2024

Sd/-Chief Engineer

Srinagar Smart City Limited.

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KASHMIR OBSERVER® Srinagar | Saturday | 17-08-2024

Wildlife Casual Laborers **Stage Protest, Seek Wages**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The casual laborers of the Wildlife Department on Friday staged a protest outside Dachigam National Park here, demanding release of pending wages.

The protesting casual workers, according to KNO, said they have been on strike since June 20, and are demanding the release of their pending wages and information regarding their employment status.

also The protesters

I-Day 2024: GM Government **Press Srinagar Hoists National Flag**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Government Press Srinagar on Thursday celebrated the 78th Independence Day with gaiety and fervor at the premises of Government Press Srinagar Sempora.

A large gathering of em-

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEN/HQ/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites Open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date-26.08.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders and any such manual offer received shall be inpred. shall be ignored

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc are not allowed. For more information log on to www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Type			Tendering	Section	Bidding System				
	Open	Wor	ks	Single Bid System					
Date of Uploading Tenders		Bid Starting Date		Bid Closing Date/Tim					
01/08/2024			12.08.2024 26/08/2024 /1)8/2024 /15:00 Hrs				
S.No.	Tender No.		Details of Tender						
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	Advertised Value (Rs.)		Earnest Money	Valid of of		Period of completion			
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claimed that despite repeated requests to the concerned officials, their issues

are yet to be addressed. "We are outside Dachigam National Park, to press for our demands as nothing has been done so far," one of the protesters said. "Our protest will continue until we receive our pending wages and the necessary information, they added."

The protestors demanded authorities to take immediate action to resolve their grievances.

huri, who is also Electoral Roll Observer for Srinagar District today, reviewed the arrangements and progress achieved in the ongoing 2nd Special Summary Revision-24 in Srinagar District, in a meeting held here.

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SRINAGAR: The Divisional

Commissioner (Div Com)

Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bid-

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who is also District Election Officer (DEO), Srinagar was also present on the occasion. At the outset, DEO pre-

sented an overview of the programs and activities conducted during the ongoing SSR in the district. On the occasion, Div

Com took a detailed review of the progress achieved in the District under on-going SSR and the number of fresh applications received for inclusion besides the number of other claims and objections.



ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS-2024

Summary Revision In Srinagar

Div Com Reviews 2nd Special

He also reviewed the for all 932 BLOs of District digitization process and Srinagar about using the disposal of claims and ob-BLO App designed by ECI for registration of fresh jections. He emphasized electors as well as all othupon the concerned Electoral Registration Officers er claims and objections, were conducted. (EROs) and Assistant Elec-They were also edutoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to conduct revi-

cated about voter helpline sions according to guide-App for filing registration of newly eligible voters. lines of ECI as per notified schedule and expedites Training was imparted to the process for achieving newly appointed BLOs as well before the commence-The chair was informed ment of H2H Survey.

that all ERO/ AEROs of Dis-Besides, it was given trict Srinagar were providthat out of total 932 BLOs ed with necessary training of District Srinagar, 827 regarding the Electoral BLOs are locals as they Registration process in the are registered as electors in their respective parts, last week of July. Further, while the remaining 105 BLOs are electors of adjacent polling areas.

It was informed that the draft electoral roll is available on the website of the CEO and the copy of Photo Electoral Rolls of the entire District has been published at the notice board in the Office of each ERO and at Polling Stations and at various designated locations including Ward Offices, Nayabat Offices, Tehsil Offices for the convenience/ inspection of the general public/ electorates as desired by the Election Commission of India/ Chief Electoral Of-

For enrollment it was stated that wide publicity was given regarding ongoing summary revision through print/ electronic media. In informative hoardings about 2nd SSR were installed at prominent places in the district and awareness programs on SVEEP have

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This Day In History

- 1180- Yoritomo Minamoto leads uprising against Kiyomori Taira
- who installed his grandson, Emperor Antoku, to the throne 1544- A French city of Saint-Dizier seized by Imperial army of Holy
- Roman Emperor Charles V during Italian War (1842-46)
- 1585- Antwerp surrenders after 8 months siege by Duke of Parma 1717 - France, Russia & Prussia sign agreement
- 1743- Sweden & Russia sign peace treaty
- 1787- Jews are granted permission in Budapest Hungary to pray in groups
- 1788- Losantville, Ohio (now Cincinnati) founded
- 1795- Slave revolt at Knip plantation, Curacao
- 1796- British defeat Batavian navy in Saldanha Bay. South Africa 1808- Napoleon asks King Louis for Holland brigade towards
- Spain 1835- Solymon Merrick patents wrench
- 1836- British parliament accept registration of birth/ marriage/ death
- 1859-1st air mail (in a balloon) took off from Lafayette, Indiana 1862- Confederate troops under Edmund Kirby Smith enter
- Kentucky
- 1863- Federal batteries & ships attacked Fort Sumter in South Carolina
- 1869- 1st international boat race (River Thames, Oxford beats Harvard)
- 1870- Mrs Esther Morris becomes 1st US woman magistrate (South Pass, Wyoming)
- 1876- Richard Wagner's opera "Götterdämmerung" premieres in Bavreuth
- 1877- American astronomer Asaph Hall discovers Mars' moon Phobos 1879- Ferdinand de Lesseps forms French Panama Canal
- Company 1883- The first public performance of the Dominican Republic's
- national anthem, Himno Nacional

Flag Hoisting Ceremony with full zeal and zest. Aijaz Ahmad Akhoon, General Manager, Government Press Srinagar hoisted the National Flag, which was followed

ployees participated in the

by singing of the National Anthem. Sweets were served at the conclusion of the function.

services to the patients. SKIMS in its pursuit for

Bereaved **Observer News Service**

member of the Mirwaiz family and son of Moulvi Muhammad Shah, resident of Brein Nishat passed away after a prolonged illness. Moulvi Nisar was an electrical engineer by profession and the grandson of Moulvi Rasool Shah and nephew of Muhajir-e-Millat Mirwaiz Moulvi Muhammad Yusuf Shah.

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq at Brein Nishat. A large number of people, including members of the Mirwaiz family and individuals from various walks of life, attended the funeral. Moulvi Nisar Ahmad was later laid to rest in the ancestral graveyard of the Mirwaiz family.

A three-day taziat (mourning) will be observed by the family for the deceased. While a brief prayer session will be held at the deceased's ancestral home in Brein Nishat, adjacent to Water Works Road, on Sunday, August 18, at 11:00 am, no condolence ceremony will take place at the graveyard.

ficer, J&K.

addition. also been organized.

SKIMS Biochemistry Dept Conferred Certificate Of Accreditation

targets.

SRINAGAR: The Department of Clinical Biochemistry, Sheri Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura has been accredited by QAI (Quality and Accreditation Institute) as per ISO guidelines.

quality assurance has been striving hard to get its various laboratories accredited by the National and international agencies. It is for the third consecutive term that the Department of Clinical Biochemistry, SKIMS has been awarded the certificate (ISO 15189:2022). Director SKIMS. Dr M. Ashraf Ganie congratulated the Department for the "Acadded.

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separate training sessions

creditation". He said it is high-

ly appreciable that the department has been consistent in maintaining quality services as per standard norms. He lauded the whole staff of the department for putting their best efforts to provide the best

The HOD, Clinical Biochemistry thanked the administration and acknowledged the support rendered by SKIMS administration from time to time. This accreditation is a significant step forward in reinforcing our position as a leading Clinical Biochemistry laboratory, and we are committed to provide exceptional patient care services, she

Mirwaiz Family

SRINAGAR: Moulvi Nisar Ahmad, a prominent

The funeral prayer of the deceased was led by

Note : 1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender. No:-146-2024-25-ADEN-2-FZR Date: 06.08.2024

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL PURCHASE COMMITTEE DIRECTORATE OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY KASHMIR

GIST of e-NIT No. 07 - DAHK/DLPC of 2024 Dated: - 16 / 08 / 2024

For and on behalf of H.E. The Lieutenant Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited under dual cover system (Technical & Financial Bid) by the Chairman Departmental Level Purchase Committee Animal Husbandry Department, Kashmir-Srinagar from Original manufacturers/Authorized Dealers/Registered Resellers/Registered firms of repute (encumbrance free) possessing valid authorization of Principals for supply of various FODDER SEEDS for the year 2024-25 as mentioned in the BOQ on terms & conditions given as under :

Date of issue of Tender Notice	17-08-2024
Date of start of download of Bid document	17-08-2024
Online clarification start date	17-08-2024
Online clarification end date	21-08-2024
Online bid submission start date	23-08-2024
Online bid submission end date	31-08-2024
Date and timing of opening of technical bid	02-09-2024

Any other information can be had from the office of the undersigned on any working day during office hours. Deputy Director (P)

DIPK-4993-24	
DT: 16/08/2024	

Directorate of Animal Husbandry Kashmir - Srinagar

DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM. KASHMIR Tel:0194-2315378, Fax 0194-2479548, e-mail: ddtreg123@gmail.com

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Application for change in location of the Excursion agency under the name and style Subject: -"Ahlan India Tour and Travels" situated at Shala Kadal, Habba Kadal, Srinagar.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Whereas, Proprietor of the Excursion Agency has approached this office for change in location of his Excursion Agency under the name and style "Ahlan India Tour and Travels" from Shala Kadal, Habba Kadal Srinagar to Upper Sathu Barbarshah Bund, Srinagar as per Section 39 of the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/2011:

Whereas, the said excursion agency is registered with this department under the name and style "Ahlan India Tour and Travels" in the name of Mr. Mohammad Mouzum Bazaz S/o Mr. Abdul Hamid Bazaz R/o Habba Kadal, Srinagar bearing registration No. Reg/1108/595/DT/66/L-3 dated 08.11.2013 and the same is renewed upto 31.03.2020;

Whereas, the applicant has submitted Rent Deed duly signed by Notary, Affidavit dated 12.08.2024 in support of Rent Deed, NOC from HDFC Bank Branch Unit Karan Nagar, Srinagar and Photocopy of **Registration Certificate:**

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 39 of J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/2012, before the request of the applicant for change in location of his Excursion Agency "Ahlan India Tour and Travels" from Shala Kadal, Habba Kadal, Srinagar to Upper Sathu Barbarshah Bund, Srinagar is considered, the matter is hereby notified for information of General Public/Financial Institutions/ Banks/ Development Authorities/ PHE Department/ Electric Department that in case of any objection,1 the same should reach the office of undersigned within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. No objections beyond a period of 07 days will be entertained and the request of the applicant will be considered under rules, after submission of requisite documents.

DIPK-4943-24

DT: 16/08/2024

No: Reg/T/1108/DTK/419 Dated: 14.08.2024

Sd/ Assistant Director Tourism Registration

OFFICE OF THE BLOCK MEDICAL OFFICER SHEERI

DASTI OUOTATION

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State sealed tenders affixed with revenue stamp of worth Rs 6/=are invited from registered contractors for supply of the below mentioned items to Khanpora. The dasti quotations should reach to this office by or before 19-08-2024. The tenders will be opened on same day at4.00 p.m sharp.

S. No Name of item

Iron angle posts with Steel Jalli (square type) for fencing up to the 06 feet. Rest details at 1. BMO Office Sheeri

Note: Undersigned is authorized to accept or reject any quotation.

No: BMOS/910	DIPK-5012-24	Block Medial Officer
Date: 13-08-2024	DT: 16/08/2024	Sheeri

Ajaz Samad Bereaved



ZOONI BEGUM W/O Late ABDUL GANI DAR leftup for heavenly abode on Thursday. May Allah rest her soul in eternal peace. Her RASM-E-CHAHARUM shall be observed on Sunday 18/08/2024-Inshallah at our residence, Chandhara Pampore Kashmir. Marhooma was the mother in law of Ajaz Samad, noted Hotelier and DGM Hotel The Lalit Grand Palace, Srinagar.

> BEREAVED Faizul Gani Dar (son) | Faisal Gani Dar (son) Manzoor Ahmad Dar (Son) All family and friends. 9906664416 | 7006724958

<u>Raja Saleem No More</u>



With profound grief and sorrow we announce the sad demise of our beloved Raja Saleem Ali Khan, son of late Raja Sa'adat Ali Khan of Botraj Mohalla, Srinagar. Raja Saleem breathed his last Friday morning and was laid to rest at ancestral graveyard of the Raja family on the foothills of Kohi Maran before Friday prayers. Congregational Fateha shall be held at his gravesite on Sunday August 18 at 7 AM. Thereafter condolence Majlis will continue throughout the day at our residence.





- 1892- Russian/French generals Obruchev/Boisdeffre signs Double Alliance
- 1897 W B Purvis patents electric railway switch
- 1903- Joe Pulitzer donates \$1 million to Columbia University & begins the Pulitzer Prizes in America
- 1904- Boston's Jesse Tannehell no-hits Chicago White Sox, 6-0 1904 -George H. Reid succeeds John Watson as Prime Minister of Australia
- 1905- Dutch government of Theo de Meester begins
- 1907-Bishop forbids Christian membership of Dutch Textile Union 1908- Bank of Italy (now Bank of America) opens new HQ, the
- Bank of Italy building at Clay & Montgomery, San Francisco
- 1908- Booth Tarkington & Harry Leon Wilson's play "Man from Home" premieres in New York
- 1908- Projection in Paris of the very first animated cartoon, "Fantasmagorie" realized by Émile Cohl
- 1914- Lithuiana surrenders to Germans
- 1915- German troops over run Kovno, Lithuiana
- 1916-Bulgarian offensive in Macedonia
- 1917- Italy declares war on Turkey
- 1918- British troops attack Baku, Azerbaijan
- 1918- Turkish troops overthrow Caukasus 1924- French-German trade agreement signed
- 1933-Soviet Union test GIRD-R1 rocket ("Object 09")
- 1938-1st aircraft owned by US Forest Service in service (Oakland)
- 1940- Hitler orders total blockade of Great Britain
- 1944- Russian troops arrive at Austria-Prussia border
- 1945- Sukarno and Mohammad Hatta declare Indonesia (Dutch
- East Indies) independent from the Netherlands
- 1945- Korea is divided into North and South Korea along the 38th parallel
- 1947- The Radcliffe Line, the border between Union of India and Dominion of Pakistan is revealed
- 1950- Indonesia gains independence from Netherlands
- 1959- USSR & Iraq signs contract for building Iraqi nuclear reactor
- 1960 Francis Gary Powers U-2 spy trial opens in Moscow
- 1960- Gabon gains independence from France (National Day)
- 1960- Indonesia drops diplomatic relations with Netherlands 1961 - Kennedy administration establishes Alliance for Progress
- 1962 East German border guards shot and kill Peter Fechter, 18,
- attempting to cross Berlin Wall into western sector
- 1963- Jim Hickman becomes 1st NY Met to hit for cycle
- 1963- Oriole's Dick Hall retires his 28th consecutive player in relief
- 1964 Boycott scores his 1st Test Cricket century, 113 v Aust at the Oval
- 1966 NASA satellite Pioneer 7 launched into solar orbit
- 1968- Dick Bevers (Dr X) beats Verne Gagne, to become NWA champ
- 1969 Hurricane Camille strikes US coastline and kills 259 people (mainly in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana)
- 1969- NY Jets beat NY Giants, 37-14 in their first meeting (preseason)
- 1970- Venera 7 (US), 1st softlanding on Venus, launched
- 1988- Pakistani President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq and U.S. Ambassador Arnold Raphel are killed in a plane crash.
- 1999- A 7.4-magnitude earthquake strikes zmit, Turkey, killing more than 17,000 and injuring 44,000.
- 2015- World's first flower could be underwater plant Montsechia Vidalii claim US botanists (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences)
- 2015- Discovery of 7000 year old mass grave in Schöneck-Kilianstädten, Central Germany, published in PNAS Journal. 26 bodies bear evidence of violent conflict

NEWS

How Extreme Weather Is Leading To Rise In Child Marriages In Pakistan

Agencies

Dadu, Pakistan: As monsoon rains were about to break over Pakistan, 14-year-old Shamila and her 13-year-old sister Amina were married off in exchange for money, a decision their parents made to help the family survive the threat of floods.

"I was happy to hear I was getting married... I thought my life would become easier," Shamila told AFP after her wedding to a man twice her age in hope of a more prosperous life.

"But I have nothing more. And with the rain, I fear I will have even less, if that is possible."

Pakistan's high rate of marriages for underage girls had been inching lower in recent years, but after unprecedented floods in 2022,

June this year.

village elder Mai Hajani, 65.

always work to be done".

"They would work on the

land, make rope for wooden beds,

the men would be busy with fish-

ing and agriculture. There was

rights workers warn such weddings are now on the rise due to climate-driven economic insecurity.

The summer monsoon between July and September is vital for the livelihoods of millions of farmers and food security, but scientists say climate change is making them heavier and longer, raising the risk of landslides, floods and long-term crop damage.

Many villages in the agricultural belt of Sindh have not recovered from the 2022 floods, which plunged a third of the country underwater, displaced millions and

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"This has led to a new trend of 'monsoon brides'," said Mashooque Birhmani, the founder of the NGO Sujag Sansar, which works with religious scholars to combat child marriage

"Families will find any means of survival. The first and most obvious way is to give their daughters away in marriage in exchange for money.

Birhmani said since the 2022 floods, child marriage has spiked in villages in Dadu district, one of the worst-hit areas that for months resembled a lake.

In Khan Mohammad Mallah village, where Shamila and Amina were married in a joint ceremony in June, 45 underage girls have become wives since the last monsoon -- 15 of them in May and



Un Rights Chief Deplores 'Grim Milestone' Of 40,000 Gaza Dead

Agencies

GENEVA: The UN human rights chief on Thursday deplored the "grim milestone" of 40,000 Palestinians reported killed in Israel's 10-month assault on Gaza, accusing the country's military of breaking the "rules of war". United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk blamed Israel for the soaring death toll in the territory.

The health ministry in Gaza said on Thursday that the death toll from the conflict had reached at least 40,005 people, with another 92,401 wounded.

"Today marks a grim mile-"Before the 2022 rains, there stone for the world," Turk said in was no such need to get girls mara statement ried so young in our area." said "Most of the dead are women

and children. This unimaginable

situation is overwhelmingly due to recurring failures by the Israeli Defence Forces to comply with the rules of war," he added.

"The scale of the Israeli military's destruction of homes, hospitals, schools and places of worship is deeply shocking." He said his office had documented "serious violations" of international humanitarian law by both the Israeli military and Palestinian armed groups, including Hamas

He reiterated a call for an immediate ceasefire and for the release of Israeli prisoners held in Gaza and of Palestinians "arbitrarily detained". Ceasefire talks resumed in Qatar on Thursday.

The bloodiest-ever Gaza conflict which broke out more than 10 months ago has taken an appalling human toll. At least 40,005 people have been killed in the besieged

Palestinian territory.

In addition to the deaths in Gaza, attacks by Israeli soldiers and settlers in the occupied West Bank have killed at least another 632 Palestinians, according to the data provided by the Ramallahbased health ministry.

Israeli fire since October has killed 570 people in Lebanon. Hezbollah announced that more than 370 of its fighters have been killed. Fighters from other groups in Lebanon including Hamas and the Hezbollah-allied Amal movement are also included in the total.

The cross-border fire has displaced tens of thousands of people in southern Lebanon and northern Israel. At least 25 Hezbollah fighters have been killed in Israeli strikes in Syria, with seven Iranian Revolutionary Guards killed in a strike on Damascus in April.

'Imad 4' – New Video Reveals Shocking Hezbollah's Capabilities

Romana Rubeo **Palestine Chronicle**

Beirut : The Lebanese movement Hezbollah released a video on Friday titled 'Our Mountains are Our Treasures' showing a missile launch facility called 'Imad 4'.

The video displays the 'Imad' Nasrallah, translated into both

'The resistance in Lebanon

possession and the coordinates are in our hands, and these missiles are placed, deployed, and focused on targets and in perfect secrecy," it continues.

"The resistance now possesses precision and non-precision missiles, along with its weapons capabilities, so that if Israel imposes a war on Lebanon, Israel will face a destiny and reality it didn't expect any day," Nasrallah said.

"War with us extends across all of Palestine, from the Lebanese border to the Jordanian border, to the Red Sea, from Kiryat Shmona

Footage shows many trucks

stating that "what is striking is the size of the facility, its underground reach, and the message it carries to the Israeli enemy that the resistance is ready for all possibilities."

As can be seen by a picture shown at the beginning of the video, the facility is named after Imad Mughniveh.

Mughniyeh, whose nom de guerre was Al-Jajj Radwan, was one of the main founders of Hezbollah in the 1980s, believed to be the movement's chief of staff.

risk of a broader war in the Middle He was assassinated in 2008 East after the recent killings of as part of a CIA-Mossad operation Palestinian Islamist group Hamas' by a car bomb in the Kafr Sousa

Pakistan Reports 1st M-Pox Case As Saudi Arabia **Returnee Tests Positive**

Agencies

Islamabad: Pakistan has confirmed its first monkeypox case of the year after a man who recently returned from Saudi Arabia tested positive for the virus, ARY News reported citing the Ministry of Health.

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The 34-year-old male resident of Mardan arrived in Pakistan on August 3 and developed symptoms shortly after arriving in Peshawar and reached out to the hospital for testing.

The diagnosis was confirmed by Khyber Medical University in Peshawar, as per ARY News.

His positive diagnosis was confirmed on August 13, marking the first reported case of monkeypox in Pakistan for 2024.

Health officials have begun contact tracing efforts to identify and monitor in-

dividuals who were in close contact with the patient, including fellow passengers on his flight from Saudi Arabia.

Earlier in 2023, three passengers were diagnosed with monkeypox at Karachi's Jinnah International Airport.

The Director General Health told the media that all three passengers were Pakistani citizens aged between 30 and 45. The passengers have been admitted to the infectious disease hospital.

Monkeypox remains a significant global health issue, with the World Health Organization (WHO) reporting 99,518 cases and 208 deaths across 122 countries. According to ARY News,

the virus, which spreads through close contact, presents with symptoms such as fever, rash, and body aches, typically lasting 2 to 4 weeks. Despite the spread, the WHO notes that 99 per cent of those infected survive.

Over 4,000 Lights Installed In Ayodhya's Bhakti Path And Ram Path Stolen, Fir Filed

Agencies

Washington: Republican US presidential candidate Donald Trump said on Thursday he told Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanvahu during their last meeting in July to quickly end Israel's war in Gaza, but the former president also criticized ceasefire demands. "He knows what he's doing, I

did encourage him to get this over with," Trump told reporters at a press conference on Thursday. "It has to get over with fast. ... Get your victory and get it over with. It has to stop, the killing has to stop."

Trump was referring to his meeting with Netanyahu at his Mar-a-Lago residence in late July, when Netanyahu visited the United States. He also met President Joe Biden and Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris during his trip.

There has been an increased

worked to tie Israel's hand behind its back, demanding an immediate ceasefire, always demanding ceasefire," Trump said, adding it 'would only give Hamas time to regroup and launch a new October 7 style attack.

Trump added: "I will give Israel the support that it needs to win but I do want them to win fast."

In the same event, Trump also labelled pro-Palestinian supporters calling for an end to US support for Israel's war as "pro-Hamas thugs" and "jihad sympathizers." He threatened to arrest and deport them from the US if he became president.

Netanyahu's office and Trump both separately denied on Thursday an Axios report that said they had spoken the previous day about the Gaza ceasefire and hostage release talks

Biden laid out a three-phase ceasefire proposal in an address on May 31. Washington and regional mediators have since tried arranging the Gaza ceasefire-forhostages deal but have run into repeated obstacles. The Axios report cited two US sources. One source said the reported call was intended to encourage Netanyahu to take the deal, but stressed he did not know if this is indeed what the former president told Netanyahu.

Parents told AFP that they hurried the marriage of their daughters to save them from poverty, usually in exchange for money

Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited Zonal Office Srinagar W: www.jkbank.com With reference to the tender notice No. jkb/zo sgr/Est/24-19, Dt:-19-07-2024, issued by this office,

facility and the many rocket launchers and military equipment it contains with a recorded message by Hezbollah's leader Hassan

day, in its possession of weap-

English and Hebrew.

Dt:- 19-07-2024 need not apply again. Other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

No. ikb/zoSar/Est/24-25 Sd/-Dated:-13-08-2024 Zonal Head Zonal Office Srinagar Registered office : Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar 190001, Kashmir, India CIN: L65110JK1938SGC000048 ; T : +91 (0)194 2481 930-35 ; F : +91 (0)194 248 1928; E : info@jkbmail.com ; W : www.jkbank.com

EXTENSION OF TIME

regarding advertisement for outright purchase/ on lease

basis for housing its Offsite ATM at Abi Nowpora, Kohna

Khan, Srinagar the last date for receipt of the tenders is

extended up to 28th August 2024. The tender documents

can be downloaded from the Bank's official website

www.jkbank.com. The parties who have already applied in

response to the tender notice No. jkb/zo sgr/Est/24-19-

DIPK-NB-1369/24 dated: 16-08-2024

DIP dat ons, equipment and capabilities, members, cadres, ability, expertise and experience, and also faith and determination, courage and will, is stronger than at any time since its launch in the region," the message says. "These targets are in our

carrying missiles ready to strike and offers a glimpse into the com-

> plex system of Hezbollah's underground tunnels. The Lebanese news website

Al-Manar commented on the video

to Eilat", he concluded.

neighborhood of Damascus, Syria. Heightened Tensions

Since the start of the Israeli war on Gaza, on October 7, the Lebanese movement Hezbollah has engaged directly, but relatively in a limited way in the war against the Israeli occupation.

leader Ismail Haniveh in Iran and Hezbollah military commander Fuad Shukr in Beirut. Both drew threats of retaliation against Israel. In an event later on Thursday about tackling antisemitism, Trump criticized Biden and Harris' monthslong calls for a ceasefire in Gaza.

"From the start, Harris has

Office Of The Executive Engineer Pwd(R&B) Electric Hospital Division Kashmir

E-mail: hdepwdkmr@gmail.com

NIT No.: HDE/28 of 2024-25 Dated: 13/08/2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of J&K, sealed bids (Two Cover) valid for 180 days are invited from Registered Electrical Contractors / firms having sufficient experience of the relevant job (as per CVC guidelines) for the following works:

S. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs Lacs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount (2%) (in Rs)	Cost of tender documents (Rs) (Non – Refundable)	Head	Time of Completion
1	Stage Contract for External Electrification works (Cables and Street lighting etc.) at SKIMS Soura and peripheral health institutions associated with SKIMS Soura	16.00	32,000/-	500/-	M&R	As per work orders

The bidding document consisting of BOQ (Bill of Quantities), set of Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the government website https://iktenders.gov.in

	CRITICAL DAT	ES	
1	Date of issue of Tender Notice		13/08/2024
2	Document download Start Date		13/08/2024 at 9:00 a.m.
3	Document download End Date		19/08/2024 at 3:30 p.m.
4	Bid submission Start Date (Online)		13/08/2024 at 9:00 a.m.
5	Bid submission End Date (Online)		19/08/2024 at 3:30 p.m.
6	Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bids (Online)		20/08/2024 at 3:30 p.m.
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Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT Office Of The Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Chrari-Sharief

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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E-NIT No. 15/RNB/CHRAR of 2024-25Dated: 14/08/2024

Executive Engineer PW (R&B) Division Chrari-Sharief on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K UT invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for the following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD. Railways and other State Governments

S.	No		Adv. Cost (incl. cost of Bitu- men and GST	(In Rs.)		Time of Comple- tion (days)		Class of Contrac- tor
			(Rs. In Lacs)		(KS)			
1		Improvements/Upgradation of Balance Portion of Chrarisharief Rakhie road (Machine mix to be laid with paver)	34.65	1100	69300	15	5054-C&T	A/B
2		Improvements/Upgradation of Interior roads at Dalwan (Machine mix to be laid with paver)	59.42	1600	118840	20	5054-C&T	Α
3		Improvements/Upgradation of DoonkulpathriDoodhkhatoo road (Machine mix to be laid with paver)	89.11	1600	178220	25	5054-C&T	Α
4		Improvements/Upgradation of Bren Mohalla link and Balance portion of Colony roadKadipora road (Machine mix to be laid with paver)	21.79	800	43580	12	5054-C&T	B/C

Project Authority	:	Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Budgam
Position of AAA	:	Accorded
Position of TS		: Sanctioned
Position of funds	:	Available

The bidding documents, which would include qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications/drawings, a bill of quantities (B.O.O), a set of contract terms and conditions, and other details, can be viewed/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in on the dates listed below

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	14/08/2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	16/08/2024
3	Bid submission Start Date	16/08/2024
4	Bid Submission End Date	22/08/2024upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	23/08/2024 11:30AM in the office of Executive Engi-
		neer R&B Division Chrarisharief

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 PW(R&B) Division Chrarisharief (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/BG pledged to the Tender Receiving Authority, i.e.Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Chrarisharief. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG (a) 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 totalcost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period. 4. The date and time of bid opening shall be notified on the Web Site www.ktenders.gov.in and automatically communicated to bidders via an e-mail message sent to their e-mail address. Responsive bidders' bids will be opened online on the same Web Site in the Office of the Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Chrarisharief (Tender Receiving Authority).

Bids for the work shall be valid for 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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

In order to participate in the bidding process, bidders must obtain a 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' under the Information Technology Act of 2000. Any approved Vendor can provide bidders with a digital certificate

Bidders must submit their bids in electronic format with a digital signature online. No physical bids will be accepted. Bids will be opened online in accordance with the time schedule specified in Para-1.

Bidders must upload online scanned copy of all required documents (within the document upload limits) with their technical bid. All other terms and conditions will be as per PWD Form 25 and CPWD General Conditions of Contract (CPWD G.C.C)

No: 2041-56

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DIPK-5014/24 Dated: 16/08/2024

Executive Engineer PW(R&B) Division Chrari-Sharief

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J&K ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2024

'Ease Of Voting For Kashmiri **Migrants To Continue In Assembly Polls'**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The ease of voting for Kashmiri migrants introduced during the recent Lok Sabha polls will be in place for the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls as well, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar said on Friday.

He also lauded the democratic spirit of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Talking about the special arrangements made for the Kashmiri migrants during the Lok Sabha polls, Kumar said those relaxations will continue.

'You may also remember that for Kashmiri migrants, special arrangements were made. We simplified the process, we relaxed Form M and there were some cumbersome processes that required authorization. which were converted to selfattestation," the CEC said at a press conference to announce the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election.

"We got positive results and the migrants also participated," he added.

Kumar highlighted that the Union Territory witnessed more than 58 per cent voting during the Lok Sabha polls and this record participation of voters was a testament to Jammu and Kashmir's democratic spirit.

The long queues at the polling booths of Jammu and Kashmir were an excellent example of the power of democracy. It was their desire to write a new destiny," he said.

"Everybody wanted to participate, prove a point that we are here in this queue not only to vote but to demonstrate the very strong desire that democracy flourishes in this area," the CEC added.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir chose the ballot instead of bullets and boycotts," he said.

Kumar pointed out that there was no incident of re-polling and an amount of nearly Rs 100 crore was seized.

Ahead of the Lok Sabha election, the Election Commission (EC) had announced that Kashmiri migrants from Jammu and Udhampur districts of Jammu and Kashmir would no longer be required to fill up "Form M" to vote as the poll panel had ordered changes to the existing voting scheme for the dis-

placed people. Instead, they shall be mapped with special polling stations falling in the zones where they are registered or residing, the commission had said

WP Refugees To Vote In J&K **Assembly Polls For First Time**

Press Trust Of India

IAMMU: With the Election Commission announcing the schedule for the first-ever assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir after it was reorganized into a Union Territory, West Pakistani refugees -- who will vote for the first time in these elec-

tions -- are gearing up to participate in this democratic process. A meeting of community members is scheduled for next week to strategize for the polls,

marking a historic moment for the refugees who have long awaited the right to vote. The elections will take place in three phases on September

18, September 25 and October 1, with the votes being counted on October 4 Assembly elections are being held in Jammu and Kashmir for

the first time since the abrogation of Article 370, which granted special status to the region, in August 2019.

This is also the first time that West Pakistani refugees, alongside members of the Valmiki Samaj, will have the opportunity to vote in assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Laba Ram Gandhi, president of the Pakistan Refugees' Action Committee, expressed his en-



thusiasm for the elections.

"This is the first time we will be participating in the assembly elections after more than seven decades of our settlement here," he said

Gandhi emphasized the importance of internal discussions among community members to ensure effective representation in the new assembly

The meeting, expected to take place either on August 20 or August 22, will gather around 200 delegates from across the Jammu region.

The topics of discussion will include potential candidates for support and the possibility of fielding their own candidates. Historically, the community

- primarily consisting of Hindus and Sikhs who migrated from Pakistan in 1947 -- had only been eligible to vote in Lok Sabha elections until the recent changes in their status.

In 2020, they participated in the District Development Council elections for the first time.

Paras Health: Ensuring Quality Healthcare

For The People Of Jammu & Kashmir

Garu Bhatti, president of the Valmiki Samaj Sabha, shared his

sentiment about the election announcement, calling it a "joyous moment. He highlighted the long-

standing plight of the Valmiki community, which was brought to Jammu and Kashmir in 1957 for sanitation work but had been denied voting rights for decades.

"Now we will finally have a chance to elect representatives who can address our daily issues," Bhatti said and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP for granting their long-awaited rights.

Meanwhile, All J&K Gorkha Sabha president Karuna Gorkha expressed support for the BJP, citing its efforts to improve their living conditions and granting citizenship rights.

The Gorkha community, originally settled from Nepal to assist the Dogra army, now enjoys voting rights in both general and assembly elections -- a status denied to them prior to the abrogation of Article 370.

As the West Pakistani refugees and other marginalized communities prepare for this landmark election, their collective voices are set to shape the political landscape of the Jammu region.

Press Club Of Kashmir Holds Interactive Session

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The office bearers of the newly formed 'Press Club of Kashmir' held an interactive session with journalists from various media organizations on Friday, at the newly hired space situated near Amira Kadal here. The session was attended by several journalists who shared

press community. He acknowledged the challenges faced by journalists in the current environment and emphasized the need for a united approach to overcome them. "We are committed to making the Press Club of Kashmir a hub for journalistic excellence and a place where journalists can come together to share knowledge and



their insights and suggestions for developing the club promoting healthy journalism practices in Kashmir.

Presided over by M Saleem Pandit, the newly elected interim president of the club, the session provided a platform for journalists to voice their concerns, share ideas, and propose initiatives that could benefit the media fraternity for overall development.

During the discussion, various issues were highlighted, including the need for better facilities at the Press Club, training programs for journalists, and

the importance of maintaining ethical standards in reporting. In his address, Pandit assured the journalists of his commitment to the welfare of the

resources," Pandit said. He also announced plans to engage with the corporate sector to secure financial assistance

and sponsorships for the club. "We will reach out to various corporate entities to help the Press Club meet its needs and ensure that we can provide our members with the best possible facilities and opportunities for professional growth," he added.

Zulfikar Majid, the General Secretary of the club, assured the journalist community in the region that elections for the club will be held in the shortest possible time.

Ayaz Hafiz, Editor-in-Chief of Rising Kashmir, assured full support for budding journalists in Kashmir through his organization.

Hotelier Ajaz Samad Bereaved

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Hundreds of people from different walks of life visited village Chandhara, nestled in Pampore karewas Friday, to pay condolences to the family of Zooni Begum who passed away on Thursday.

Late Zooni Begum, widow of late Abdul Ghani Dar is survived by three sons Faizul Gani, Faisal Gani and

Manzoor Ahmad. She was mother in law of Ajaz Samad, DGM of The Lalit Grand Palace Hotel.

Sajjad Haider, Editor-in-Chief Kashmir Observer, G N Var, President J&K Private Schools Association, Farooq A Ashai noted social activist and former PRO J&K Bank visited Chandhara to express solidarity with Ajaz Samad and other family members.

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Congress Appoints Tariq Karra As JKPCC Chief, Replaces Vikar Rasool

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: With the announcement of assembly polls, the Congress has appointed senior leader Tariq Hameed Karra

as the new Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee president, replacing Vikar Rasool Wani.

In a press release to Kashmir issued Congress Observer, general secretary KC Venugopal stated that senior leaders Tara Chand and Raman Bhalla have been appointed as working presidents of the JK-PCC. The development came soon after the announcement of assembly polls in Jammu

and Kashmir by the Election Commission of India on Friday. The poll body has announced three-phases for Jammu and were long Kashmir, which

tember 25 and third phase on October 1. The results will be announced on October 4 along with Haryana that will go to polls on October 1

"Congress president has appointed the president and working presidents of the Jammu & Kashmir PCC, with immediate effect. Tariq Hameed Karra is appointed as president JKPCC, while Tara Chand and Raman

Bhalla as working presidents," reads the statement

It added that Congress president has also appointed Vikar Rasool Wani as special invitee, Congress Working Committee, with immediate effect. "Tariq Hameed Karra has been relieved from his current position as permanent invitee, Congress Working Committee. The party appreciates the contribution of the outgoing PCC president, Vikar Rasool Wani," it stated.

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Paras Health Srinagar, which began operations in June 2023 has been playing a significant part in providing quality healthcare to the peo-

Dr. Jatinder Arora, Zonal Director, Paras Health Srinagar; Dr. Santy Sajan, Group COO, Paras Health, discussed some of the highlights of this journey to reaffirm the hospital's commitment of offering reliable and accessible healthcare services in the region.

has existing medical facilities.

"Since its inception, Paras

advanced surgeries and spe-

ple of Jammu & Kashmir.

Health Srinagar has focused on providing quality healthcare in the valley, with compassion, affordability, and accessibility as its corner stones. The hospital has worked diligently to address the healthcare needs of the people of Jammu & Kashmir. While the region cialized care," they said.

Paras Health Srinagar has evolved as a preferred choice by offering quality healthcare services locally, making it more convenient for the residents to access the care they need without having to travel far. Over the past year, Paras Health Srinagar has made remarkable strides in treating a wide range of medical conditions, with several complex surgeries and procedures being successfully executed. The hospital's team of experienced doctors and medical professionals have handled critical cases, including life-saving procedures, limb salvage surgeries, oncological procedures, and neurosurgical interventions to name a few. The hospital has

angioplasty, demonstrating the hospital's expertise in handling critical cardiac cases locally-Another case of a 19-year-old

B-positive liver disease..

Speaking to the media, Dr.

Paras Health, leading to a posia successful liver resection on a patient with CLD and Hepatitis

valley. Among these, an elderly patient with a massive heart attack and comorbidities underwent a successful primary

male diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma received corrective surgery and chemotherapy at

Santy Sajan emphasized the hospital's commitment to providing accessible and reliable healthcare to the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

tive outcome. In the field of oncology, the hospital performed

overdue, with first phase on September 18, second on Sep-

highlighting its many residents often sought treatment in distant cities for

growing reputation in the

successfully

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medical cases,

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir,

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION LOLAB

Fresh NIT No.16-Lolab/1415-23of2024-25 e-tendering DATED: -09-08-2024

For & on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory J&K Govt. CPWD ,Railways and other state/Central Governments for the followings works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In rupees)	Earnest Money (In rupees)	Time of Completion In days	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
01	CONSTRUCTION OF ELEMENTARY BUILDING LESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT PS DAR MOHALLA MACHIL (MACHIL) DISTT KUPWARA	41.60	1100/-	83,200/-	60 days	20-08-2024	A & B	PAB
02	CONSTRUCTION OF ELEMENTARY BUILDING LESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT PS SHREEN KARIE (MACHIL) DISTT KUPWARA		1100/-	83,200/-	60 days	20-08-2024	A & B	PAB
03	CONSTRUCTION OF ELEMENTARY BUILDING LESS PRIMARY SCHOOL AT PS JABDA (KALAROOSE) DISTT KUPWARA		1100/-	82,950/-	60 days	20-08-2024	A & B	PAB
04	CONSTRUCTION OF SR. SECONDARY BOYS TOILET AT HS RING BALA MACHIL DISTT KUPWARA.	2.07	200/-	4,200/-	15 days	20-08-2024	D	PAB

Position of funds: Demanded

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

01.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	09-08-2024
02.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 09-08-2024 to 19-08-2024
03.	Bid submission start date	09-08-2024from (04.00P.M)
04.	Bid submission end date	19-08-2024up to (04.00P.M)
05.	Date & time of opening Bids (on line)	20-08-2024(10:00A.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer RnB Division Lolab

TERMS AND CONDITIONS :-

The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy any short fall found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape Treasury Challan (Under Account Head 0059) (Treasury Challan) a. must be wirten the Name of Work Or NIT No. with Sr. No of NIT, Name of Contractor) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Lolab (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money /Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Lolab (CDR/FDR shall be valid from date between the bid submission start date and the Bid Submission End date) .
- The Successful Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% performance security deposit of the allotted cost. The same shall be b. released after successful completion of the defect liability Period of the work. The EMD of 2% successful bidders shall be released after receipt of 5% Performance Security
- 72. All other terms and conditions shall be the same as per detailed and stock issue rates of 2023-24 circular instructions issued by the higher authorities from time to time.
- The key construction material shall have to be arranged by the contractor of his own as per the quality/specifications. 73.
- = JKOPC Brand Cement 1.
- Steel of all sorts = SAIL certified (The sail certificate shall have be produced / deposited in the division by the AEE concerned at the time 2. submission of the work done bills). No extension in quantities/Cost is allowed in any case.

No.1415-23	DIPK-4880-24	Executive Engineer
DT: 09-08-2024	DT: 16/08/2024	R&B Division Lolab.



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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER LIDDER FOREST DIVISION BIJBEHARA

e-NIT NO: - 7 OF 2024-25 DATED: -16-08-2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of UT Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K/Central Govt. Organizations for the following works: -

S.No	Name of Work	No. of Boundary Pillers	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) Amount in Rs	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion
1	Construction of Boundary Pillars at Hardokithal-Sofi- pora Forest Range Mattan, Forest Division Lidder, Year 2024-25 under CAPEX Budget	04	0.345	690	"D"	Rs. 200	06 calendar months.
2	Construction of Boundary Pillars at Momandanji Plantation, Bijbehara Forest Range, Forest Division Lidder, year 2024-25 under CAPEX Budget		3.624	7248	"D"	Rs. 200	06 calendar months.
3	Construction of Boundary Pillars at Katriteng Plan- tation, Forest Ranges Bijbehara, Forest Division Lid- der, Year 2024-25 under CAPEX Budget	49	3.552	7104	"D"	RS. 200/=	06 calendar months.
4	Construction of Boundary Pillars at Liver Budroo/ Liver Katsoo, Forest Range Bijbehara, Forest Division Lidder, Year 2024-25 under CAPEX Budget		0.915	1830	"D"	Rs. 200	06 calendar months.
	Total	115	8.436				

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills of quantities, (B.O.Q) set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Website: - www.jktenders.gov.in.

Position of AA: Accorded

Position of T/S: Accorded

Position of Funds: Budgeted

Publishing Date: -	16-08-2024
Download Start Date:	17-08-2024 from 09:00 AM
Bid submission Start Date:	17-08-2024 from 09:00 AM
Bid submission End Date:	27-08-2024 Upto 06:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid Online.	28-08-2024 at 02:30 PM in the Office of the Conservator of Forests Kashmir South Circle Bijbehara Anantnag.

Date of Opening of Financial Bid Online: To be opened (Online) at any convenient date and time after complete Evaluation of Technical Bids Received. **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: https://jktenders.gov.in. 1.
- 2. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and Bid Security in the shape of EMD for requisite amount and pledged to Divisional Forest Officer Lidder, Bijbehara.
- 3. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid 4. will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- 5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2024-25, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document), Bid Security (EMD), Affidavit-cum-Undertaking
- 6. The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
- 7. As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
- 8. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
- 9. The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
- 10. The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- Payments of Labour Cess/ income tax / GST and levies, etc. whether Central or UT have to be borne by the contractor under rules. All 11. applicable taxes etc. shall have to be deducted from running bills of the successful contractor. If there is any escalation in taxes (Central or UT) of if any new tax becomes applicable till completion of work, the same shall be borne by the contractor.
- All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document. 12. No. DFO/Lidder/Accounts/2024-25/313-19 DIPK-5059-24 **Divisional Forest Officer** Dated: 16/08/2024 DT: 16/08/2024 Lidder, Forest Division Bijbehara

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Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) Key Issues to Address in Jammu and Kashmir

Ummar Jamal

he Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), also known as Ayushman Bharat Yojana, stands as one of the most ambitious health insurance initiatives launched by the Government of India. Aimed at providing financial protection to vulnerable and economically weaker sections of society during medical emergencies, the scheme promises to cover over 500 million people with a health insurance coverage of up to 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.

While the scheme is envisioned to be a gamechanger in the Indian healthcare landscape, its implementation in the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir reveals several shortcomings. These challenges, if left unaddressed, threaten to undermine the scheme's potential to serve those who need it the most.

The Aim of the Scheme

The primary objective of PMJAY is to ensure that the economically vulnerable sections of society do not suffer due to the financial burden of healthcare costs. By providing cashless and paperless access to services, the scheme aims to reduce out-of-pocket expenditures for the poor, thereby preventing the economic downfall of families due to medical emergencies. The scheme covers a wide range of services including over 1,500 medical procedures, which are provided through a network of public and private hospitals that have been empanelled under the scheme.

Shortcomings in Jammu & Kashmir

Despite the comprehensive nature of PMJAY, its implementation in Jammu and Kashmir has faced significant hurdles. A major issue is the reluctance of private hospitals to fully participate in the scheme. Many leading private hospitals in Srinagar, such as Shifa Hospital, Florence Hospital, and Khyber Institute, have not been covering a wide range of surgeries under PMJAY. This reluctance has led to a situation where many poor patients, who hold the Golden Card (a card issued under PMJAY to eligible beneficiaries), are often denied treatment at these private hospitals.

The refusal of these hospitals to provide a full range of services under the scheme severely compromises its effectiveness. Patients who are turned away face significant difficulties in accessing necessary medical care, which directly contradicts the very purpose of the scheme.

Government Delayed Funding: A Core Issue

The reluctance of private hospitals to fully participate in PMJAY in Jammu and Kashmir can be traced back to delayed payments from the government. According to reports, empanelled private hospitals and dialysis centers in Jammu



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and Kashmir do not receive payments on time. This delay has created a financial strain on these hospitals, many of which are already operating on tight budgets.

On 13 august, the Srinagar branch of the Jammu and Kashmir Empanelled Private Dialysis Centres and Hospital Association met with the Deputy Commissioner of Srinagar to request emergency funds, as payments have been pending since March 15. The centres, under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme (AB-PMJAY), have not been paid for services since March 14, 2024, due to a dispute between the State Health Agency and the insurance company. Despite assurances in April that the issue would be resolved by early May, no action has been taken, according to an association spokesperson.

In a letter to the Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir written in the month of June this year the association of empanelled private hospitals expressed their inability to continue providing services under the scheme beyond May 2024 unless payments were released. The letter highlighted that these hospitals had exhausted their funds and could not continue offering services under PMJAY without receiving the due payments. Despite this, these hospitals have continued to provide services, but they have reached a point where sustaining these services without government payments is no longer feasible. aged private hospitals from fully participating in the scheme but have also led to a decline in the quality of services offered under PMJAY. Hospitals that are struggling to manage their finances are less likely to invest in necessary medical infrastructure or hire additional staff, both of which are crucial for providing quality healthcare services.

Flaws in Empanelment and Coverage

Another significant challenge with the implementation of PMJAY in Jammu and Kashmir is the limited range of surgeries and medical procedures covered under the scheme. While about 133 private hospitals have been empanelled under the scheme, the fact that many crucial surgeries are not covered has reduced the scheme's overall impact. Patients requiring specialized surgeries often find themselves in a situation where their Golden Card is not honored, leaving them with no choice but to either forgo the necessary treatment or bear the expenses out of pocket.

This limitation in coverage not only defeats the purpose of providing financial protection to vulnerable sections but also erodes trust in the scheme. If beneficiaries perceive that the scheme does not cover the treatments they need, they are less likely to rely on it, and the intended benefits of PMJAY will remain unachieved.

The Way Forward

To ensure the successful implementation of PMJAY in Jammu and Kashmir, several steps need to be taken to address the current shortcomings. The government must prioritize the timely disbursement of funds to empanelled private hospitals. Ensuring that payments are made on time will encourage these hospitals to continue providing services under the scheme and will prevent the financial strain that currently hinders their full participation. Moreover, the government should revisit the list of surgeries and medical procedures covered under PMJAY in Jammu and Kashmir. By expanding the range of treatments covered, the scheme can offer more comprehensive healthcare services to beneficiaries and prevent situations where patients are turned away due to lack of coverage.

The government should work closely with private hospitals to address their concerns and build a stronger partnership. This could involve setting up a more streamlined payment process, offering incentives for hospitals that provide a wider range of services under PMJAY, and ensuring that the administrative burden on these hospitals is minimized. There should be a robust system in place to monitor the implementation of PMJAY in Jammu and Kashmir. Regular audits and reviews can help identify gaps in service delivery and ensure that empanelled hospitals are fulfilling their obligations under the scheme. Additionally, establishing accountability mechanisms for delayed payments can prevent future disruptions in the scheme's implementation.

Efforts should be made to educate the beneficiaries of PMJAY about the scope and limitations of the scheme. Clear communication regarding what is covered under the scheme and the process for accessing services can empower patients and reduce the instances of denied treatment.

Tailpiece

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana has the potential to revolutionize healthcare access for the economically weaker sections of society in India. However, the scheme's success hinges on its effective implementation, particularly in regions like Jammu and Kashmir where healthcare infrastructure and access are already under strain. By addressing the issues of delayed payments and limited coverage, the government must ensure that PMJAY lives up to its promise of providing universal health coverage to those who need it most.

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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E verything is broken. We know it, but refuse to see it. Maybe now we will. But the rape and murder of a doctor on duty in a government hospital should not have been the event to open our eyes to this.

The facts are stark. This 31-year-old doctor, on the job for 36 hours, was looking for a place to recoup. She found one at her place of work. A seminar hall. There, she was raped and murdered. At night.

Initially, the authorities, including the hospital, sought to pass it off as suicide. The police — true to character as many in Calcutta would agree — thought it fit to launch a murder investigation only after the parents complained. One person was arrested, but forensic tests on the nature of injuries suffered by the woman indicate more than one person is most likely involved. The police probe made little headway, prompting the Calcutta High Court to order an investigation by a central agency. The CBI is now on the job.

Statements issued by the authorities, namely the chief minister and the police, have been tediously predictive. Mamata Banerjee, who oversees both police (home) and health, may have boldly declared the state would seek "the death penalty" for the accused, but subsequent actions of her administration haven't yet inspired confidence about its sincerity in getting to the truth. The principal of the medical college, under whose watch the horrific crime took place, was re-assigned to another college, not put in the dock or slapped a showcause as one would expect. Had it not been for the high court, he would not have been benched. It has come to light that he's some sort of a favourite, having had two prior transfer orders revoked mysteriously.

RG Kar Rape It Took a Doctor to Die to Tell Us What We Already Know Shantanu Datta

The man who has been arrested, via electronic footprints, is said to be a civic volunteer, a member of this over one lakh-strong band of do-gooders being put together since 2013 under the aegis of the state government. Initially, they were deployed as traffic wardens during festivals. Over the years, this army of youngsters has been co-opted by the police who use them liberally, to collect legitimate fines and illegitimate bribes. Today, civic volunteers are a law unto themselves, pitching in with their services for the ruling party wherever required, at times shedding their all-blue uniform to shore up the numbers at Trinamul rallies. More important, this is not the first time one of them has been linked to an unnatural death.

That explains why the arrested volunteer enjoyed unfettered access at RG Kar, his place of work as a custodian of the law, even if inebriated as he was that night.

It is because of such tell-tale circumstances that protesting students and the Opposition have expressed fears of a cover up. A "Reclaim the Night" clarion call voiced by university students, all girls, has drawn unprecedented support from people of the state. Thousands of women and men, young and old, hit the streets peacefully throughout Bengal to usher in Independence Day with the cry: We want justice. The protest venue at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital was vandalised by goons, reinforcing suspicions of insidious attempts at shielding the culprits.

Across the country doctors have spearheaded protests in solidarity to highlight one of their basic demands, ie, the declaration of hospitals as safe zones and the promulgation of a central law to tackle violence against doctors since the existing 25 state laws haven't yielded any convictions in spite of regular violence against medical practitioners.

Doctors and interns serving in state hospitals in Bengal do so in abominable working conditions. It has been like that for ages. Now a murder on campus has renewed the focus on such institutional lacunae. Not just in Bengal though, authorities have displayed a stubborn resistance to learn from the lessons of the past.

In November, 1973, Aruna Shan-

baug, a junior nurse at King Edward Memorial Hospital in Mumbai, was brutally assaulted by a ward boy, leaving her blind, deaf and paralysed. Shanbaug lived on for 42 years on lifesupport at the hospital, cared for by fellow nurses before she passed away in 2015, her death and debates that ensued thereof spurring an important legislation on euthanasia in the country.

At IIT-Kharagpur, a student's death in October 2022 was attributed to suicide. His parents moved court. Ultimately, his body was exhumed and another autopsy done to reveal he was murdered. Closer home at Jadavpur University, a fresher was thrown out of the balcony of his hostel and killed exactly a year ago. That terrible fallout of ragging blew the lid off a racket in allotment of hostel rooms. Then too, the authorities in Bengal rattled out pious platitudes about right and wrong, about what was and what would be done to ensure no parent would lose a son to vicious bullying.

Today, rumours are rife on why what happened at RG Kar happened. The "inside stories" are too sordid to repeat. But in the prevailing atmosphere of mistrust, these tend to get amplified. After the monstrosity heaped on the medical practitioner at RG Kar, nothing seems right now. The unfixed have remained unfixed. Consider the list of demands the National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued to all medical colleges. It has asked for a "policy to ensure a safe work environment" within college and hospital campuses, specifying, among a host of requirements, that "corridors and campus (es) should be well-lit in the evening for staff to walk safely from one place to other..."

Hang on, but weren't these supposed to be in place already? Evidently not. The state of West Bengal and those who run it had to be told: if it's a dark corridor, please fix some lights. It needed a postgraduate student to be raped and killed in a state-run hospital for the apex medical college regulator to come out with this mind-numbingly prosaic list of dos and don'ts.

Yesterday will remain a devastating memory, a shameful blot. And tomorrow is usually never what it's supposed to be. But it's up to us to change that. The time for "learning from the lessons of the past" is over. We have had 78 years to do so. It is now time to act. Rebuild, step by step, a broken public health system and with it reclaim a civic space that has been polluted and rendered rotten by a total lack of order in all its spheres, be it as basic as safety in the workplace.

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From Dunes to Mountains: An Emirati's Trip to Kashmir

Aleeza Ahmad

Rashid Al Hosni, a local from Dubai, recently made his first trip to Kashmir. After years of hearing about the region's beauty from his Kashmiri colleague and good friend Shawkat, Rashid finally decided to plan a visit. The irresistible pictures of Aru Pahalgam that his friend sent him during Dubai's 45-degree humidity were the bait that convinced him.

The trip lasted a week, during which Shawkat showed Rashid all the places he used to reminisce about over office lunches. They started in Srinagar, where they enjoyed a Shikara ride on Dal Lake, played a round of golf at the Royal Springs Golf Course, and had Wazwan.

Next, they visited Gulmarg, where they took a Gondola lift ride with breathtaking views and had lunch at the Khyber Resort. Rashid particularly enjoyed the Gustaba and the fresh Kashmiri river trout. They then traveled to Pahalgam, Rashid's favorite destination. There, they hiked to Nafran Valley, rode horseback to Baisaran, and drove to Chandanwari. Rashid cherished relaxing on the Pahalgam Hotel's lawn with a cup of noon chai and his beloved Khas Kaash Girda while taking in the stunning views.

Rashid's trip coincided with the apple harvest. On the way to Pahalgam, they stopped in Apple Valley, where they toured orchards and picked fresh apples and walnuts, savoring the region's agricultural charm.

Rashid, who has traveled to over 50 countries, found Kashmir's unique blend of nature and culture, along with its raw, unfiltered beauty, truly remarkable. He described his experience by quoting the



Rashid (left) and Shawkat (right) enjoy a game of golf at the Pahalgam Golf Course. The course is known for it's lush greenery, views of the gushing Lidder River and stunning backdrop of pine trees and mountains.

great poet Amir Khusrau: "Words cannot adequately convey the feeling of bliss I experienced from the moment I landed in Kashmir. The majesty of its nature, the richness of its culture, history, and cuisine were only rivaled by the kindness of the Kashmiri people. I am truly blessed to have lived the words: 'Agar firdous baroye zameen ast, hami asto, hami asto hami ast.'"

UAE nationals typically seek a cool getaway from the heat of Dubai and a change of scenery. Popular holiday destinations include Georgia, Turkey, the UK, France, and Switzerland. While Kashmir may not match these places in terms of development and infrastructure, it is notably distinguished by its stunning natural beauty of majestic mountains, rivers, lakes, and treks. Each season offers something unique: majestic ski slopes in winter, blossoms galore in spring with one of Asia's largest tulip gardens, a cool and pleasant golden autumn, and a lush, green landscape perfect for summer trekking.

While Kashmir attracts international tourists from Malaysia, East Asia, and parts of Europe, it has yet to fully cater to visitors from the Middle East and the UAE. Rashid pointed out that, despite the relatively short distance, the journey can be cumbersome due to the need for a layover in Delhi, often turning the trip into a day-long endeavor. He expressed a desire to bring his family over when direct flights become available.

Kashmir saw over 2 million tourists in 2023 (excluding Yatra pilgrims), and 2024 is set to break that record. The UAE's main holidays coincide with the Amarnath Yatra pilgrimage from late June to August, which can restrict movement to main attractions like Pahalgam. Tourists from the UAE could help expand the premium sector of Kashmir's tourism industry. While a few high-end hotels are available, more options that emphasize luxury, health standards, and cleanliness need to be explored. The introduction of glamping, a glamorous twist on traditional camping, has also started in Pahalgam, offering a sophisticated and comfortable retreat experience.

While Kashmir may not cater to highend travel, it stands out as a serene, mountainous destination with breathtaking snowy landscapes in winter. However, several improvements are needed. Enhancing cleanliness is crucial and involves multiple small actions, such as addressing littering and managing horse dung by attaching bags to horses. Improved infrastructure and maintenance, along with better access to tourist spots, are also necessary. Additionally, the inconvenience caused by VIP-related traffic and the need for more professional service standards should be addressed. Very respectfully, Rashid pointed out the issues of chaos, uncleanliness, and disorganization in Kashmir, although he also recognized its potential to become a global tourist hotspot.

When asked for his message to those planning a trip to Kashmir, Rashid said: "If you are looking for a glimpse of paradise on Earth, look no further. It is here."

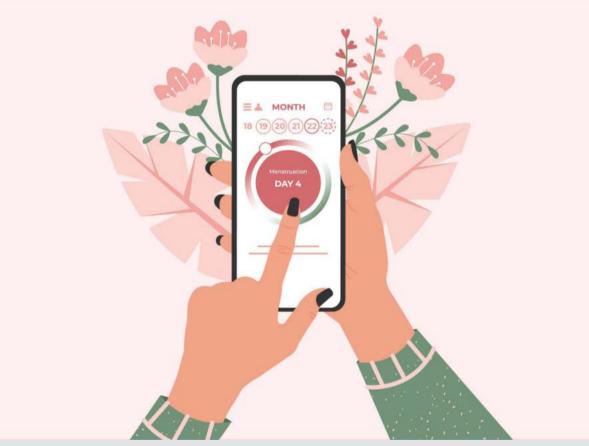
For travelers like Rashid, who seek genuine connections, moments of solitude in nature, and serene landscapes, Kashmir presents an unparalleled opportunity to explore a valley that truly feels like a hidden gem.

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What Does Your Menstrual Cycle Say About Your Health?

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"When was your last period?" For anyone who menstruates, this is a routine question during any visit to your doctor. Health care providers generally ask this to deermine whether their patient is concerned about a menstrual problem, or a possible pregnancy, or whether menopause is approaching or has occurred. But rarely is the question discussed in the context of exploring menstrual experience as a "vital sign of health" throughout life. In fact, many providers fail to recognize the fundamental role of the menstrual cycle in overall health. Menstrual experiences throughout the reproductive years and beyond can offer critical insights into a person's overall well-being, akin to blood pressure, body temperature and heart rate. We are a medical sociologist and public health researcher who focuses on women's health issues and a professor emerita of psychology who has studied menstrual experiences across the life span and worked to improve menstrual education and body literacy. Although it may seem as though the menstrual cycle's main role is to facilitate pregnancy, this is only part of its purpose. In fact, it is a cornerstone of overall health and well-being thoughout the reproductive years and into the menopausal transition.



Understanding the menstrual cycle

The menstrual cycle, or period, is a term that describes the sequence of events that occurs in the body that prepares for the possibility of pregnancy each month. It is measured from the time of the first day of menstruation until the first day of your next menstruation.

Although cycles vary, the overall menstrual process is the same for everyone. The menstrual cycle typically lasts about 28 days, but menstrual cycles ranging from 24 to 38 days are usually considered healthy. Cycles that do not regularly fall within this range should be further investigated for any underlying causes.

The menstrual cycle as a vital sign

Regular menstrual cycles can indicate balanced hormone levels and reproductive health. Regular cycles are associated with better bone density, cardiovascular health and mental well-being.

Irregularities in the menstrual cycle include changes in cycle length, intensity of flow or other negative period-related changes, such as cramping – also called dysmenorrhea – or painful periods, breast tenderness, fatigue or negative mood changes. These irregularities can signal underlying issues such as polycystic ovary syndrome, which can also be a precursor to diabetes, primary ovarian insufficiency or endometriosis.

Irregular menstrual cycles can also lead to osteoperosis or indicate thyroid disease or reproductive organ abnormalities. In turn, these can affect fertility and overall quality of life.

Unusually heavy bleeding might suggest conditions such as fibroids, endometriosis or certain endocrine-related tumors. Absent periods could signal hormonal imbalances or problematic lifestyle factors, such as exercise-induced amenorrhea – meaning lack of periods – or eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia.

In fact, some female athletes experience a condition called the female athlete triad, in which their training regimen leads to a combination of disordered eating, the absence of a menstrual cycle and loss of bone density. Missed periods, also called amenorrhea, are usually the first sign of trouble. If left unaddressed, they can lead to more serious lifelong conditions such as osteoporosis and infertility.

Starting the conversation early

Menarche, or a girl's first period, usually occurs around age 12. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that the average age of menarche is 11.9 years old, with some starting as early as 8 years old and others as late as 16. An earlier onset of menstruation can be affected by an interaction of ethnicity, socioeconomic status and being overweight due to an unhealthy diet.

Overall, girls are getting their first periods earlier than in previous decades, although no one knows exactly why.

For this reason, these organizations have urged clinicians to inform parents or caretakers about

what is physically normal about early menstrual experiences. This allows parents and girls to know what to expect and to recognize abnormalities that need to be further explored.

Being proactive

It is critical for anyone who menstruates to know the facts about menstruation throughout their entire life.

Cycle tracking at all ages can help identify symptom patterns, both physical and mental. This is especially important for those approaching menopause and even after menopause.

When you go to the doctor, don't be afraid to ask questions or bring attention to any changes or concerns. Continue the conversation beyond just providing the date of your last period.

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Study Finds Dramatic Change In Molecule, Microbes At Post-40, Affecting Whole Metabolism

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new study has found that in mid-40s and early 60s, one experiences a dramatic surge or fall in molecules and microbes, significantly affecting heart and immune function, muscles, along with how their body handles alcohol and coffee.

Researchers tracked changes due to ageing in more than 1,35,000 different molecules and microbes in people aged 25 to 75 and found that molecule and microbe counts did

not shift gradually over the years. Risks of age-related diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and cardiovascular conditions are known to rise sharply in older age, compared to a gradual increase for

those aged under 60. Rather, we undergo two periods of rapid change during our life span, averaging around age 44 and age 60, the researchers at Stanford University, US, said. The findings are published in the journal Nature Aging.

"We're not just changing

gradually over time; there are some really dramatic changes. It turns out the mid-40s is a time of dramatic change, as is the early 60s. And that's true no matter what class of molecules you look at," said senior author Michael Snyder, chair of genetics at Stanford University.

Among people in their 40s, the researchers noted changes in count of molecules involved in metabolising alcohol, caffeine and lipids (fats), along with those related to heart disease, skin and muscles.

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Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer Rural Engineering Wing Srinagar

NOTICE EINVITING TENDERS

E-NIT No: 23/2024-25 DATED:13 -08-2024

SINGLE COVER SYSTEM

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

Io	Name of Work	Block/Pyt Halqa	Adv Cos t (In Lac)	Tend er Fee (In Rs.)	Time of compl etion	Class of Contractor	EMD	Major Head	TYPE OF TEND ER
1	2	3	4	6	8	9	10	12	13
1.	Fencing of graveyard Waripora at Balhama-A.	Block: Khonmoh Pyt Halqa: Balhama-A	3.92	300/	45Days	DEE/	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	OPEN
2.	Construction of Concrete road Phase-IV at Check Khonmoh C.	Block: Khonmoh Pyt Halqa: Khonmoh C.	4.41	300/	45Days		3% of Adv. cost	DDC	OPEN
3.	Levelling & Filling of Land at Government Higher Secondary School Khonmoh-B.	Block: Khonmoh Pyt Halqa: Khonmoh B.	2.95	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	BDC	HALQA LI
4.	Construction of R /Wall/Fencing Gujar Basti Masjid Sharief Sangri Khonmoh-C.	Block: Khonmoh Pyt Halqa: Khonmoh C.	2.44	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	BDC	HALQA LI
5.	Construction of Fixing of iron trash & construction of Lane from Main Road to H/O Ghulam Mohammad Mir at Rather Mohalla Balhama-A	Block: Khonmoh Pyt Halqa: Balhama-A	4.41	300/	45Days	DEE/	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	OPEN
6.	Construction of Providing and Laying of RCC Spun Pipes drain from Mohammad Yaseen Malik up to Manzoor Ahmad ,Sajad Hussain Malik & Others at Balhama	Block: Khonmoh Pyt Halqa: Balhama	5.39	500/	45Days	DEE/CEE	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	OPE
7.	Construction of R/Wall to Graveyard TCI Colony Phase II Khonmoh-C	Block: Khonmoh Pyt Halqa: Khonmoh C.	2.45	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	BDC	HALQA L
8.	Improvement/Finishing of Community Hall at Dangar Mohalla Balhama A.	Block: Khonmoh Pyt Halga: Balhama-A	6.00	500/	45Days	DEE/CEE	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	OPE
9.	Construction/Repairment of Lane/Drain BWO Spun Pipes from Main Road to H/O Shafeeqa Bano at Apparpora Balhama-B.	Block: Khonmoh Pyt Halqa: Balhama-B	1.76	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	BDC	HALQA L
10	Construction of Protection Bund from H/O Kaiser Ali Mir to H/O Abdul Aziz Dar at Mir Mohalla Balhama-B	Block: Khonmoh Pyt Halqa: Balhama-B	2.20	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	BDC	HALQA L
11	Construction of Tile path with STROM WATER drain from LO Master Gh.Qadir Bhat to HO Bilal Ahmad Ganie, Abdul Majid	Block: HarwanPyt Halqa: Theed A	2.97	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	Bhat, Gh.Nabi Bhat at Shahrasbal Bilal Colony Theed "A"								
	Construction of lane BWO tile path from main road to H/O Mukhtar Ahmad Bhat at Theed "A"	Block: HarwanPyt Halqa: Theed A	1.96	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	Repairing of old drian NHO mohd shaban bhat & others at Syedpora.	Block: HarwanPyt Halqa: Syedpora	1.96	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	Construction of Rwall/lane from H/o Mohd Younis to h/o Sabz Ali at Nagbal Dara A	Block: HarwanPyt Halqa: Dara A	1.98	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	Videning of Rwall NHO Ghulam Ahamad Khan at Darbagh Syedpora	Block: HarwanPyt Halqa: Syedpora	2.91	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	CONSTRUCTION OF SPUN PIPE DRAIN WITH ROAD FROM MASJID SHARIEF TO BAKSHIKHUL	Block: QAMARWARI	2.97	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	CONSTRUCTION OF TILE PATH FROM H/O ABDUL RASHID TO BAKSHIKHUL NEAR ALI MOHD BANGROO AT PANZINARA-A	Block: QAMARWARI Pyt Halga: PANZINARA-A	1.00	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	CONSTRUCTION OF SPUN PIPE DRAIN WITH ROAD FROM HILAL AHMAD GANAIE TO SAMAD GANAIE	Block: QAMARWARI Pyt Halqa: PANZINARA-A	2.98	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	CONSTRUCTION OF SPUN PIPE DRAIN WITH ROAD FROM MAIN ROAD TO H/O AB. MAJEED SOFI AT PANZINARA-A	Block: QAMARWARI Pyt Halqa: PANZINARA-A	1.99	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
20	CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN FROM L/O KHURSHID AH TO L/O MOHD AYOUB PANZINARA-A	Block: QAMARWARI Pyt Halqa: PANZINARA-A	2.00	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN FROM H/O MOHD AKBAR TO FATEH MIR ABLEY AT PANZINARA-A	Block: QAMARWARI Pyt Halqa: PANZINARA-A	3.00	300/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
22	CONSTRUCTION OF SHALL KHUD DRAIN PHASE 3RD AT PANZINARA	Block: QAMARWARI Pyt Halqa: PANZINARA	3.00	300/		DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN FROM LATEEF AH. MIR TO L/O JAN MOHD. MIR (PHASE 1ST) AT PANZINARA-A	Block: QAMARWARI Pyt Halqa: PANZINARA-A	2.50	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN FROM L/O AB. REHMAN TO SHEIKH CANAL AT PANZINARA-B	Block: QAMARWARI Pyt Halqa: PANZINARA-B	2.00	200/		DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	CONSTRUCTION OF R/WALL NEAR L/O SONA ULLA DAR AT PANZINARA-B	Block: QAMARWARI Pyt Halqa: PANZINARA-B	2.85	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
	CONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION DRAIN FROM L/O AB. GANI MALIK TO L/O MUSHTAQ AHMAD MALIK.	Block: QAMARWARI Pyt Halqa: PANZINARA-B	2.44	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L
27	CONSTRUCTION OF SPUN PIPE DRAIN FROM BASHIR AHMAD ANWAR TO AB GAFFAR MALIK VIA GH. MOHIDIN DAR	Block: QAMARWARI Pyt Halqa: PANZINARA-B	2.97	200/	45Days	DEE/OTHERS	3% of Adv. cost	DDC	HALQA L

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 contract and other details can be seen/do nloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in_as_per schedule of dates

 Date of Issue of Tender Notice 	13-08-2024
Online Bid submission Start Date	13 -08-2024 from 09:00 AM
Online Bid Submission End Date	20-08-2024 upto 06:00 PM
Date & time of opening of Online Bids	21-08-2024 at 11:00AM or any convenient day In the
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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:

Dated: 16-08-2024

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Electric Division Budgam.

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir **JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT Office of the Executive Engineer FBI Division Tangmarg**

Office Phone No.01954-254611 Email Address: fbidivisiontangmarg@gmail.com

Notice Inviting tender e-TENDER NOTICE No. 13 of 2024-25 FBI Division Tangmarg . Dated: - 14-08-2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, "Executive Engineer FBI Division Tangmarg" invites e-tenders on percentage rate basis from reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures registered with JKPWD/JS/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for the work namely "Providing, laying of DI/ GI Raw water main, supply main, distribution system on identified spots along with pipe accessories including Construction/ revamping /Restoration of RSF plant along with allied structures, sluice chambers and other required structures as per BOQ, with jacketing of Service Reservoirs, construction of intake works for WSS Kunzer town (under Amrut 2.0), of Work", approved under Amrut 2.0. The bidding process shall be completed online in two cover systemwithCover 1st consisting of Qualification Criteria, Tender fee, Bid Security, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications etc. Cover '2nd' shall consist of Financial Bid (BOQ) in the prescribed format.

Sr No	Particulars of the work	(/	Cost of Bid document (Rs)	Earnest money (Lacs)	Bid Validity		Time of Completion of work (days)
1.	Providing, laying of DI/ GI Raw water main, supply main, distribution system on identified spots along with pipe ac- cessories including Construction/ revamping /Restoration of RSF plant along with allied structures, sluice chambers and other required structures as per BOQ, with jacketing of Service Reservoirs, construction of intake works for WSS Kunzer town (under Amrut 2.0	137.37	1000/-	02% of the esti- mated cost	180 days	AAY Class	120 days

Position Accord : Accorded vide order No.SE/Hyd/DB/Amrut 2.0/10 of 08/2024.D ated:- 13.08.2024 Position of funds: Approved Under Amrut 2.0

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** FBI Division Tangmarg

Key/Critical Dates:

1	Publish Date	14.08.2024
2	Document Download/sale start Date	14/08/2024 from 6:55 PM
3	Clarification start date	16 /08/2024from 11 :00 AM
4	Date,Time & Venue of Pre-bid meeting	19/08/2024 at 2.00PM in the office of Executive Engineer FBI Division
		Tangmarg
5	Clarification end date	20/08/2024upto4:00 PM
6	Bid submission start date	21/08/2024 from10.00 AM
7	Bid submission end date	27.08.2024 up to 4:00 PM
8	Date & time of opening Technical Bids(online)	28/08/2024 at 11.00AM in the office of Executive Engineer FBI Division
		Tangmarg.
9	Date & time of opening Financial Bids(online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation
	FBID/3271-91 (-4952/24 Dated:-16.08.2024	-/sd Executive Engineer, FBI Division Tangmarg

Any Bidder who will go down more than 15% of Advertised Cost shall upload the Additional Security online in 1.

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 below15%	NIL
2	Greater than 15% and up to 20% below	<mark>5%</mark>
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%

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 Mone hall render the bidder as Non-resp

- TheEMD inshape of CDR/FDR/BG@3% of Advertised Costof1stlowest responsive(Successful) Bidder shall be released after expiry of DLP/actual completion of work and additional performance security after 80% of work is completed
- 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.
- The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer REW Divi (tender receiving authority).
- 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. 6.
- 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
- The bids for the works shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids
- 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"onwebsitewww.jktenders.gov.intoacquaint bid submission process.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get' Digital Signature Certificate(DSC)'asperInformationTechnologyAct-2000.Bidderscanget 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 inPara-1.

ustensuretouploadscannedcopyofallnecessarydocumentswiththebid.Besides,original/photocopiesofdocumentsrelatedtothe bid be submittec physically/ by registered post/throughcourierbeforethedatespecifiedinPara-1.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents in soft copies with the technical bid and no documents in terms of Hard Copies shall be entertained

- Note:-Scan all the documentson 100 dpi with black and white option.
- 10. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons
- 11. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains
- 12. Price escalation and Taxes:-The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work, unless otherwise specified. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- 13. Biddersareadvisedtouse<u>"Mv Documents"</u>areaintheiruseronREWe-Tendering portaltostore such documents are required 14. Incase of CRF and anyother specified project. The relevant guidelines/standard bidding document shall be followed.

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Sensex Jumps 1,330 Points **To 2-Week High On Easing US Recession Fears**

Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Benchmark Sensex spurted by 1,330 points to close at a twoweek high while Nifty jumped 397 points to settle above the 24,500 level on Friday as easing fears of a recession in the US triggered buying in IT shares amid a sharp global stocks rally.

The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 1,330.96 points or 1.68 per cent to settle at 80,436.84, marking its best single-day gains in more than two months. During the day, it zoomed 1,412.33 points or 1.78 per cent to 80,518.21

The NSE Nifty surged 397.40 points or 1.65 per cent to close at a twoweek high of 24,541.15. As many as 47 Nifty shares closed in green while three closed in red.

From Sensex firms, Tech Mahindra, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Motors, UltraTech Cement, Tata Consultancy Services, HCL Technologies, ICICI Bank and Tata Steel were the biggest gainers.

Sun Pharma emerged as the only laggard.

'The stability of the Japanese Yen has been instrumental in driving a global market recovery. Besides that, the strong US retail sales and a decline in weekly jobless claims have helped alleviate fears of a US recession.



"Further, the market sentiment has improved due to a decrease in US CPI inflation. On the backdrop of these, the Indian IT firms exhibited strong buying interest," said Vinod Nair. Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled significantly higher. European markets were trading mostly in the green. The US markets ended with sharp gains on Thursday.

"The Indian frontline indices traded significantly higher today, mirroring the positive global market sentiment. The gains in the market were broad-based as the midcap and smallcap indices also moved higher. This upbeat market mood was primarily driven by reduced volatility, which stemmed from increased expectations of a US rate cut in September," Avdhut Bagkar, Technical and Derivatives Analyst, StoxBox, said.

In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge jumped 1.80 per cent and smallcap index climbed 1.70 per cent.

All indices ended higher. IT index soared 2.72 per cent and realty jumped 2.45 per cent. Teck (2.23 per cent), auto (1.90 per cent), commodities (1.89 per cent), power (1.80 per cent), financial services (1.77 per cent) and consumer discretionary (1.74 per cent) also closed higher.

A total of 2,462 stocks advanced while 1.467 declined and 107 remained unchanged on the BSE.

Gold Plunges Rs 400; Silver Rallies Rs 800

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Gold prices plunged Rs 400 to Rs 72,750 per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal had closed at Rs 73,150 per 10 grams in the previous session. The commodity markets were closed on Thursday

on the occasion of Independence Day. Silver prices rallied Rs

800 to Rs 84,000 per kilogram from Rs 83,200 per kg in the previous close.

Meanwhile, gold of 99.5 per cent purity declined by Rs 400 to Rs 72,400 per 10 grams. In the previous ses-



sion, it ended at Rs 72,800 metals. "However, stronger US per 10 grams.

On the global front, Comex gold is trading at USD 2,500.90 per ounce, up by USD 8.50 per ounce.

consumer spending, re-"Gold rose slightly on ducing concerns about Friday as geopolitical unrecession risk in the US certainty continued to proand dampening aggressive vide support for precious interest rate-cut expectametals," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. However, silver was quoting lower at USD 28.66 per ounce in the international markets. "Comex gold closed

tions, potentially limiting further gains in precious

0.5 per cent higher at USD 2,492.4 per ounce on Thursday, as mixed US data with easing Consumer Price Index inflation and stronger retail sales did not provide any fresh insights on the US Federal Reserve's monetary policy path," Kaynat Chainwala, AVP-Commodity Research at Kotak Securities, said.

Telecom Operators Seek To Bring Call, Messaging Apps Under Licence

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Telecom operators, in their latest submission to sector regulator Trai, have unanimously demanded to bring over-thetop apps like WhatsApp, Signal and Telegram within the ambit of the licensing regime under the new Telecommunication Act. Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel,

Vodafone Idea and industry body COAI -- in their comments on the consultation paper issued by Trai, seek-

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enacted Telecommunication Act, 2023, includes all forms of telecommunication services, including the communication services provided over the top using the platform, servers or switches hosted in the public internet. "In order to ensure the same rules for the same or similar services, it is important to bring such Over the Top (OTT) communication service providers under Access Services authorisation," Reliance Jio said.

Reliance Jio said the definition of 'message' tions to be granted under Telecommunications and 'telecommunication Act, 2023 -- have said that service' under the newly

Government of Jammu and Kashmir DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION OFFICE OF THE, WILDLIFE WARDEN, WETLAND DIVISION, KASHMIR.

HOKERSAR, SRINAGAR. SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

E-NIT No. 03 OF 2024-25 Dated: 12/08/2024

Please read the tender document carefully before bidding

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K, e-tenders are hereby invited (in two cover system) on Item Rate Basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with registered with PWD/CPWD/MES/Central/State/UT Governments for below mentioned works: -

S No	Range	Detail of Estimate	GPS Location	Scheme	Estimat- ed Cost in Lakhs	Cost of Tender Document in Rupees	Earnest Money CDR/FDR	Time of Completion	Class of Contractor
1	Lakes	Upgradation of Chainlink fencing on the Division side by way of installing additional 4 ft of Chainlink fencing on the existing one and fixing of barbed wire on angle iron post on top of it with approximate height of 2 ft to and renovation of existing Chainlink fencing at Camping Ground Hokersar WLR	N:34°-06'-40 89 E:74°-43'- 12 42	САМРА	1.56	200	3,120	15	D
2	Lakes	Creation of Walk way within Wetland from Tiffin Shed to Watch Tower at Hokersar WLR	N:34°-06'-33 E:74°-43'- 7	САМРА	7.00	300	14,000	25	D/C
3	Lakes	Completion and operationalization of existing Garage / Store building at Camping Ground, Hokersar WLR	N:34°-06'-43 00 E:74°-43'- 13 16	CAMPA	3.98	200	7,960	25	D
4	Shalla- bugh	Strengthening of existing embankment / bund (ring bund) from needle gate to Tiffin shed at Shallabugh WLR	N:34.165281° E:74.726516° N:34.161116° E:74.729611°	CAMPA	7.99	300	15,980	25	D/C
5	Shalla- bugh	Strengthening of existing embankment / bund from entry gate to needle gate at Shallabugh WLR	N:34.154623° E:74.72063° N:34.163281° E:74.726516°	CAMPA	1.99	200	3,980	20	D
6	Shalla- bugh	Creation and maintenance of boat ways by way of desilting, clearance of vegetation, cutting and removal of peat lands and disposal of unserviceable material from Kereshbal Gate to Watch Tower /Tiffin Shed to Kreshbal and entry gate to Watch Tower at Shallabugh WLR	N:34.138943° E:74.738343° N:34.150712° E:74.746917°	САМРА	9.01	600	18,020	40	D/C
7	Shalla- bugh	Clearance and removal of floating vegetation near Watch Tower and Shooting Tower at Shallabugh WLR	N:34.157821° E:74.727206° N:34.159069° E:74.724002°	САМРА	5.88	300	11,760	30	D/C
8	Hygam	Construction / raising of embankment at Hygam WLR	N:34°-13'-36 27 E:74°-31'- 18 15	CAMPA	2.99	200	5,980	15	D
9	Hygam	Creation and maintenance of boat ways by way of desilting, clearance of vegetation, cutting and removal of peat lands at Hygam WLR	N:34°-14'-17 53 E:74°-31'- 32 40	CAMPA	3.00	200	6,000	15	D
10	Hygam	Clearance and removal of floating vegetation at Hygam WLR	N:34°-14'-23 15 E:74°-32'- 11 45	CAMPA	5.88	300	11,760	25	D/C
11	Mirgund	Raising of new embankment / bund from Mod Khan upto Watch Tower and from Cheki Kawoosa to Plantation at Mir- gund WLR	N:34°-07'-20 93 E:74°-37'- 43 10	CAMPA	5.98	300	11,960	25	D/C
12	Mirgund	Strengthening of existing embankment / bund from Molvi Gund upto Habak at Mirgund WLR	N:34°-07'-69 80 E:74°-39'- 11 50 N:34°-06'-75 80 E:74°-38'- 25 00 N:34°-06'-75 80 E:74°-38'- 25 50	CAMPA	1.99	200	3,980	15	D
13	Mirgund	Creation of boat ways by way of clearance of vegetation and cutting and removal of peat lands at Mirgund WLR	N:34°-07'-25 18 E:74°-38'- 23 90	CAMPA	3.94	200	7,880	20	D
14	Mirgund	Removal of floating vegetation / Pools at Mirgund WLR	N:34°-06'-75 80 E:74°-38'- 25 50	CAMPA	1.96	200	3,920	15	D
15	Chat- tlum	Clearance and removal of floating vegetation / Pools at Chat- tlum WLR	N:34°-00.599 E:74°-56.322	CAMPA	1.96	200	3,920	15	D
16	Kran- choo	Clearance and removal of floating vegetation at Kranchoo WLR	N:33°-59.784 E:74°-56.426	CAMPA	9.86	600	19,720	40	D/C
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Unemployment Rate

Remains Flat At 6.6% In June Quarter: Survey

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The unemployment rate for people aged 15 years and above in urban areas remained unchanged at 6.6 per cent in the April-June quarter, according to the National Sample Survey Survey (NSSO).



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

The unemployment rate in the June quarter of FY24 was also 6.6 per cent.

The unemployment rate for people aged 15 years and above in the previous January-March quarter of FY24 was 6.7 per cent in urban areas, the 23rd Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) showed.

It also showed that the unemployment rate among females (aged 15 years and above) in urban areas declined to 9 per cent in April-June 2024 from 9.1 per cent in the same quarter a year ago. The rate was 8.5 per cent in January-March, 2024.

Among males, the unemployment rate in urban areas declined to 5.8 per cent in April-June from 5.9 per cent in the same quarter a year ago. The rate was 6.1 per cent in January-March 202.

Labour force participa-

tion rate in Current Weekly Status (CWS) in urban areas for people aged 15 years

and above increased to 50.1 per cent in April-June from 48.8 per cent in the same quarter a year ago. The rate was 50.2 per cent in the January-March 2024. At the all-India level

in the urban areas, a total number of 5,735 FSUs (urban sampling unit curved out from Urban Frame Survey) have been sur-

veyed during April-June 2024. Labour force refers to

the part of the population, which supplies or offers to supply labour for pursuing economic activities for the production of goods and services and, therefore, includes both employed and

unemployed persons. The NSSO launched PLFS in April 2017.

On the basis of PLFS, a quarterly bulletin is brought out giving es-timates of labour force indicators namely unemployment rate, worker population ratio (WPR), labour force participation rate (LFPR), distribution of

workers by broad status in employment and industry of work in CWS. The estimates of unemployed persons in CWS give an average picture of

unemployment in a short span of seven days during the survey period.

In the CWS approach, a person is considered unemployed if he/she did not work even for one hour on any day during the week but sought or was available for work at least for one hour on any day during the period.

Real Estate Investment In Jan-Jun At USD 633.3 Mn'

'Delhi-NCR Gets Maximum



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Delhi-NCR's real estate market has at-

tracted highest private equity investment of USD 633.3 million during January-June period of this year as investors look to encash high demand for prime office space and luxury housing, according

retail sales and jobless

claim data released on Thursday suggest robust

to Cushman & Wakefield. In its latest capital market report, real estate

consultant Cushman & Wakefield mentioned that Delhi-NCR attracted USD 633.3 million of inflows during the first six months of this calendar year.

Out of the total investment in Delhi-NCR, office assets received USD 483.6 million, while residential USD 149.6 million.

The consultant noted that the surge in investments in Delhi-NCR has been primarily driven by the office segment, with major equity buy-outs by prominent fund houses. Residential sector in the city has also seen continued interest specially in the high-end and luxury segment.

Across six major cities, the total investment in real estate stood at USD 3.9 billion during Januarytions," Thomas added.

koori WLR N:34°-00.984 E:74°-55.372 N:33°-59.878 Mani Clearance and removal of floating vegetation at Manibugh 18 CAMPA WLR E:74°-55.620 bugh Repair. upgradation and face lifting of Range office at Hygam N:34°-14'-38 70 19 CAMPA Hygam E:74°-30'- 35 93 Shalla-Construction of stair case and other allied items at existing N:34°-15'-98 17 20 CAMPA bugh toilet facility near Watch Tower Shallabugh WLR E:74°-72'- 384 N:34°-06'-78 12 21 Rajbagh Construction of pathway at Rajbagh Office Srinagar CAPEX E:74°-81'- 82 19 Position of AA / TS: Accorded Position of Funds: Partly Available Maior Head of Account: CAMPA & CAPEX **Compulsory Note & Instructions: -**

Clearance and removal of floating vegetation at Fashkoor

Hard copy of all the documents uploaded at the time of submission of tenders should be submitted in the office within seven (03) days from the date of opening of Technical Bids without fail along with the copy of (JKPWDOMS) verified Online Registration Card of required class valid for the current financial year along with valid GST Registration / Latest Return Certificate, PAN Card and other relevant documents duly renewed / uploaded at the time of bidding.

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- Only JKPWDOMS online registration contractor cards shall be accepted and the Contractors Name on JKPWDOMS certificate and GTS Registration Certificate should be identical (any difference in trade name or spelling mismatch in JKPWDOMS and GST certificate shall not be entertained and rejected out rightly) a)
- All contractors/bidders intending to participate in this tender are advised to inspect the location and nature of works or contact the O/o Wildlife Warden, Wet b) Division, Srinagar in case of any clarification before participating in in the tender.
- All contractors / bidders have to submit Earnest Money Deposit and Performance Security in shape of CDR/FDR as per Circular issued by the Chief Engineer, C) PW(R&B) Department, Kashmir vide No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-92 Dated: 01-01-2022. The bid/tender without accompanying Earnest Money Deposit shall be out rightly rejected.
- d) The allotment / Lol shall be made strictly & only within or as per the approved, allotted & released budgetary allocation at the time of issuance and shall be valid for the current financial year only
- e) The Advertised Amount shall be deemed as Estimated Amount, difference if any shall be rounded off, the competitive percentage shall be applicable to the Advertised Amount.
- Works not completed within the stipulated time of completion shall attract fine under rule and no liability shall be accepted / carried forward
- All the documents listed below should be scanned in 100 dpi and uploaded with the bid, providing of Aadhar Card and Contact Number with Contractor's Registrag) tion Card is mandatory.

The online bids must be accompanied with the following documents:-

Part-I Technical Bid

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(Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid)

- JKPWDOMS online enlistment certificate / Registration Card of required class valid for the year 2024-25.
- Cost of Tender Documents (Non Refundable) in the shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt for particular work to be deposited into Major Head 0406-Forestry and Wildlife remitted between Tender Inviting Date and Tender Closing Date only in any Treasury of J&K UT. 2.
- 3. Earnest Money Deposit in shape of CDR/FDR as per Circular issued by the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Kashmir vide No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-92 Dated: 01-01-2022.
- The GST Registration with latest GST Return / Clearance
- PAN Card / Aadhar Card / In use Contact Number

Part-II Financial Bid

- Statement of Advertised Quantity & Consideration Rates on Item Rate basis to be offered by the Contractor / Bidder towards Department for the advertised quantity in BoO
- 2. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specification, Drawings, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of oaded from the website https://jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given be contract and other details can be seen / down

1	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	14/08/2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	15/08/2024 to 29/08/2023
3	Bid submission start date	15/08/2024
4	Bid submission End date	29/08/2024 upto 06:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of technical bids (online)	30/08/2024 at 03:00 PM
6.	Date & time of opening of financial bids (online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation
7.	Last Date for Submission of Original Challan and CDR/FDR and other documents (Hard Copy)	Three working days from the date of opening of tenders

All the prospective bidders are enjoined to attend pre-bid meeting, which will be held to clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at 1. that stage by the contractors/bidders.

2. Bids must be accompanied by the tender documents fee of necessary Treasury Challan / Receipt in shape of Government Treasury Challan deposited in any Treasury of J&K UT under Account Head : 0406-Forestry and Wildlife in favour of Wildlife Warden Wetland Division, Srinagar and Earnest Money Deposit in shape of CER/ FDR as per Circular issued by the Chief Engineer, PW(R&B) Department, Kashmir vide No: CE/RBK/HD/32857-92 Dated: 01-01-2022 pledged to Wildlife Warden Wetland Division, Kashmir, Srinagar remitted / pledged between Tender Inviting Date and Tender Closing Date only. The date and time of opening of technical bids shall be notified on website https://jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail

3. address. The financial bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same website in the office of Regional Wildlife Warden Kashmir Region. (Tender Receiving Authority)

Minimum three responsive Bids are required and mandatory for opening financial bids after scrutiny of papers / documents otherwise the works shall be retendered. No. WLW/WL/ACTTS/2024-25/150-53

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DT: 16/08/2024

-Sd/ Wildlife Warden Wetland Division Srinagar

related sectors like logistics and industrial. fuelled by significant public investments in multi-modal economic corridors, Thomas said. "Additionally,

demand for office and residential spaces further solidifies the market's appeal. With continued positive momentum, we anticipate a buoyant year for private equity investments in the commercial real estate sector, potentially exceeding initial expecta-

June 2024, Multi-city deals dominated fund inflow at nearly USD 1.9 billion. Bengaluru attracted USD 509.5 million, Hyderabad USD

319.9 million, Chennai USD 234.7 million, Pune USD 151.7 million and Mumbai USD 147 million. Somy Thomas, Manag-

ing Director, Valuation & Advisory and Capi-tal Markets, Cushman & Wakefield, said, "USD 3.9 billion of private equity inflows during the first half of 2024, already surpassing 70 per cent of last year's total, highlights the

remarkable growth and

investor confidence in In-

driven by infrastructure-

This surge is primarily

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dia's real estate market."

Cont. from Front page

J&K To Vote

Singh Sandhu.

After suffering reverses in the Lok Sabha polls, including in Haryana, the BJP is keen to regain political momentum by retaining power in the state and putting up a strong show in Jammu and Kashmir, where its strongholds have been traditionally confined to the Jammu division.

The Congress, however, is hoping to continue with its political revival by toppling the BJP from power in Haryana after 10 years and inflicting losses on its rival in the Jammu region where the two parties are the main contestants.

Two regional parties, the National Conference and PDP, have won most of the seats in the Kashmir valley between them in past elections. Both parties are part of the INDIA bloc along with the Congress but all three of them fought separately in the Lok Sabha elections, a scenario likely to persist in the assembly polls too.

In the 2019 polls in Haryana, the BJP had 40 of its 90 seats and formed the government in alliance with the Jananayak Janta Party. In the last assembly in J and K in 2014, the BJP had won 25 of its 87 seats and had joined hands with the PDP to form a government under the leadership of the regional party's leader Mufti Mohammad Sayeed.

Its assembly now has 90 seats following delimitation.

CEC Kumar said assembly elections in Maharashtra, which were held along with Haryana in 2019, will be announced later due to security requirements for Jammu and Kashmir.

He said four elections are due this year and by early next year and since Jammu and Kashmir was not in the picture last time (2019-20) the Commission decided to group two assembly elections together. Besides Jammu and Kashmir

and Haryana, elections are due in Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Delhi.

Kumar said the next set of elections will be announced after the completion of the polls in Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana.

While 24 seats will go to the polls in the first phase in Jammu and Kashmir, elections will be held in 26 seats and 40 seats in the second and third phases respectively.

The seats going to poll in phase-one include Pampore, Tral, Pulwama, Rajpora, Zainapora, Shopian, D.H. Pora, Kulgam, Devsar, Dooru, Kokernag (ST), Anantnag West, Anantnag, Srigufwara – Bijbehara, Shangus - Anantnag East, Pahalgam, Inderwal, Kishtwar, Padder - Nagseni, Bhadarwah, Doda, Doda West, Ramban and Banihal

According to the poll-body, 26 seats would go to the polls in the second phase for which notification would be issued on August 29. The voting in these seats spread over three districts each of central Kashmir and Pir Panchal region and Reasi district would take place on September 25.

The seats going to polls in second phase include Kangan (ST), Ganderbal, Hazratbal, Khanyar, Habbakadal, Lal Chowk, Channapora, Zadibal, Eidgah, Central Shalteng, Budgam, Beerwah, Khansahib, Chrar-i-Sharief, Chadoora, Gulabgarh (ST), Reasi, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Kalakote – Sunderbani, Nowshera Raiouri (ST), Budhal (ST), Thannamandi

stock of the poll preparedness recently. You would remember the long queues at polling stations during the Lok Sabha elections, which presented a spectacle of the strength of democracy. They weren't just long queues, they represented the hopes of the people and their desire to script a new future for themselves. Everybody wanted to participate and prove a point that they were in the queue not only to vote but to demonstrate a very strong desire to ensure that democracy flourishes in this area," Kumar said in Hindi.

"This showed that the people not only wanted change but wanted to write their own destinies by being part of the change. This was purely a triumph of ballot over bullet. The three Lok Sabha constituencies in the Valley saw a voter turnout of 51%. The people of the Valley said no to violence and decided to make their voices heard through votes. The people of the Union Territory chose the ballot over bullet and boycott," he added.

The Election Commission said not only had youth made their voices heard at the polling booth, but women had done so too, with the Union Territory seeing a turnout of 56.38% among them.

The Kashmir Valley also reached a new peak in terms of poll participation, seeing a 30-point increase compared to 2019.

The Assembly elections in the UT will be held in three phases, beginning September 18 and ending on October 1, with counting taking place on October 4. First Assembly Elections In 10 Years

In December last year, while delivering its verdict on Article 370, a five-judge Constitutional bench of the Supreme Court had directed the Election Commission to hold Assembly polls in the UT by September 30. It had also asked the Centre to restore statehood at the earliest. The UT has been without an elected government for over six years and the last Assembly elections were held in

December 2014. Jammu and Kashmir has also complet-ed five years as a Union Territory this year. On August 5, 2019, the erstwhile state was bifurcated into two Union Territories and its special status under Article 370 was removed. It has been administered by the lieutenant governor since then.

Poll Schedule Going

against the backdrop of the September 30 deadline set by the Supreme Court to hold the democratic exercise in the union territory.

Addressing a press conference here to announce the schedule for the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana, he said after the parliamentary polls concluded on June 4. the poll panel waited for the completion of the Amarnath Yatra on August 19. The notification for the first phase in Jammu and Kashmir will be issued on August 20, a day after the Yatra concludes.

Kumar said the Election Commission also had to keep in mind the weather in the union territory.

Voting for the last phase will be held on October 1 and the counting will be held on October 4.

"There is no way one could have gone exactly on the day, which is 19th (August 19). We are not giving even half a day when one could have started. And it is well within time period and it will be finished in time.

"So, it is not a day here and there which

three-phased assembly elections in J-K from September 18 which will be held after a decade, setting the stage for the people of the union territory to elect a government after the scrapping of Article 370 in 2019.

The Election Commission also announced that elections to the 90-member Harvana assembly will be held on October 1 and results for both the polls will be declared on October 4.

Days After EC's

transfers include those of deputy commissioners of Poonch and Bandipora districts, secretaries, commissioners, director generals, managing directors, and directors of several departments.

An order issued by the government said, "In the interest of administration, it is hereby ordered that Nitish Kumar, IPS (AGMUT: 1999) ADGP CID is posted as Head of CID, relieving R R Swain, IPS (AGMUT: 1991) DGP, J&K of the additional charge of the post."

In a separate document, the government ordered the transfer of 12 senior police officers including Inspectors General of Police (IGPs) and Deputy Inspectors General (DIGs).

Bhim Sen Tuti, IGP (Hqrs) PHQ, with additional charge of IGP (POS) and IGP Traffic, has been posted as IGP (POS) with additional charge of IGP (Hqrs) PHQ, IGP (Technical Services) and IGP (Telecom).

Sunil Gupta, DIG, Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range, has been posted as Incharge IGP Crime, while Sujit Kumar, DIG CID, has been posted as Incharge IGP Security. Shiv Kumar has been posted as the new DIG Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range

Vivek Gupta, DIG, north Kashmir range, has been posted as Incharge IGP Railways J&K, and M Suleman Choudhary, DIG Personnel (PHQ), has been posted as Incharge IGP traffic, the order said.

The government also shifted the DIG of the Police's State Investigation Agency (SIA), Ajeet Singh, who has been posted as DIG Traffic Kashmir.

The order said Vinod Kumar has been posted as incharge DIG Armed Jammu, while as Magsood-ul-Zaman has been posted as incharge DIG North Kashmir.

Mubassir Latifi Ameer has been posted as incharge DIR(Pers) PHQ, while Rashmi Wazir has been posted as DIG security, J&K, and Rajeshwar Singh has been posted as incharge DIG SIA.

In another order, the J&K administration shifted the police chiefs of several districts including those from the Jammu region that has witnessed an upsurge in terror attacks in recent months.

The districts of Jammu, Ramban, Kathua, Reasi, Udhampur, Doda and Poonch have got new police chiefs.

Gurinderpal Singh has been posted as SSP Baramulla, Nagpure Amod Ashok as SSP Udhampur, Mumtaz Ahmed as SSP Poonch, Mohammad Aslam as SSP Doda, Deepika as SSP Kathua, Gaurav Sikawar as SSP Reasi, Kulbir Singh as SSP Ramban, and Joginder Singh as the new SSP Jammu, the order said.

The districts in the Kashmir Valley that also got new police chiefs include Shopian and Ganderbal. While Ananyat Ali Choudhary has been posted as the SSP of Shopian, Wasim Qadri is the new SSP of Ganderbal.

Similarly, Amritpal Singh has been nosted as SSP (Tech) CID Hars Sandeen Gupta as AIG (Tech) PHQ, Anuj Kumar as CO IR-11, Tunushree as SP SIA Kashmir, Mohita Sharma as AIG (Prov) PHQ, Ashok Kumar Sharma as CO 1 Border Batallion Jammu, Yougal Kumar Manhas as SSP SIA Jammu, Al-Tahir Geelani as AIG (procurement) PHQ, Shaheen Wahid as SSP Telecom Jammu, Sandeep Bhat as Additional SP Udhampur, and Baljeet Singh as Additional SP Nowshera.

Headquarters were opened. They knew that the elections were to be announced and these transfers are aimed to benefit the BJP and its allies. Instead of a level field, we are being provided the unbalanced field," he said.

"The transfers should be examined as it is against the guidelines and must be stopped," he said.

National Conference general secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar said the move seems "clearly intended to undermine" the integrity of the electoral process, which restricts such transfers to prevent the ruling party from gaining an undue administrative advantage over the opposition.

"Why has a massive reshuffle been ordered in the police and administration since last evening, and today morning, seemingly to pre-empt the Election Commission's announcement? It appears to have been orchestrated by a BJPappointed LG to benefit his party and its allies," Sagar said in a statement.

"The LG government has strategically shaken up the entire administrative set up compromising the principles of free and fair elections," he added.

The National Conference called on the ECI to "thoroughly investigate this blatant attempt" and to immediately suspend the implementation of these orders.

"Around 150-200 transfers happened abruptly and arbitrarily. The LG administration's behaviour is full of prejudice and bias in favour of the BIP. Our concern is that elections should be conducted free. fair and transparent," Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader Iltija Mufti, daughter of PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, said.

Political Parties

polls in J&K would be held in three phases on September 18, 25 and October 1. The counting of votes would be on October 4.

Reacting to the EC announcement, National Conference vice president and former chief minister Omar Abdullah said it was better late than never.

"Some time back, the ECI announced the schedule for assembly elections in J&K. People of J&K were waiting for this day for a long time. It is better late than never," Abdullah told reporters in Srinagar

The former chief minister said it is perhaps for the first time after the 1987-88 polls, that the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir are being held in a short time and in just a few phases.

"It obviously will be a new experiment for the political parties. But as far as our party is concerned, the NC was prepared for this day and will soon start the electioneering," he added.

Chief Election Abdullah said Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has made a thrust on conducting free and fair polls in Jammu and Kashmir and called on the poll body to take notice of the massive transfers in the police and civil administration in the Union Territory in the last 24 hours.

"We have doubts that this government is helping the BJP and its B, C and D teams. The ECI should immediately take notice and examine them and stop those transfers which are outside their guidelines," he said.

"Better late than never", Senior Vice president of Pradesh Congress Committee Ravinder Sharma told PTI, reacting to the announcement by the chief el

Malhotra expressed hope that the elections would be peaceful and violence-free. **Omar Doesn't**

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Omar said the discussions with the Congress on forming a political alliance have not progressed.

"The alliance with the India bloc is still in place, and I met some senior Congress leaders from Delhi who visited J&K recently. I had a round of discussions with them to determine whether or not we could fight elections as coalition partners, but since they were in the region without instructions from their high command, the dialogue could not be continued," Omar said at a press conference at his Gupkar residence.

The NC leaders said the possibility of dialogue hasn't yet faded because his father and the party president had a telephonic conversation with some top Congress leaders some two days ago.

"We are ready to have a dialogue with the Congress if the party has any concrete ideas that may lead us to a mutual understanding. My father Farooq Abdullah spoke over the phone with a few senior Congress leaders about two days ago. Now, since the elections are drawing closer; let's see what happens," he added. **Confers Land**

to DPs over evacuee land in 30 days and the entire process is expected to be completed within six months, providing major relief to the displaced persons, he

said. The decision fulfils demands of all connected families, which have been requesting for ownership rights since past so many decades. The government has always remained committed to provide benefits to the DPs, the spokesperson added.

Meanwhile, the Administrative Council also approved transfer of land measuring 2292 kanals and 2 marlas for different departments.

These include 1212 Kanal 12 Marla situated at Tehsil Dinga Amb, District Kathua, 1070 Kanal situated in Tehsil Samba and Vijaypur, in district Samba in favour of Industries & Commerce Department for establishment of Industrial Estates in these districts.

Establishing Industrial estate shall play an important role in the development of the area, create various employment opportunities which shall be in the interest of the public and the government, the spokesman said.

The Administrative Council also approved transfer of land measuring two Kanal 14 Marla situated at Shuhama in District Ganderbal for construction of Police post and six Kanal 16 Marla and three Sirsai situated at Lar in District Ganderbal for construction of Police Station.

This shall ensure proper and secure accommodation for police personnel posted in these areas, to deal with the law & order and other public related issues as well, the spokesman added.

Approves Cadre

recruitment through concerned recruiting agencies, the spokesperson said. He said the Administrative Council further issued directions that the restructuring of Jammu and Kashmir Police Service cadre may also be fast tracked by the Home Department

market access for growth of start-ups, networking and collaborations between start-ups.

Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) shall be the nodal agency for the policy implementation, the spokesperson said.

These operational guidelines will nurture and inspire the entrepreneurial talent of Jammu and Kashmir by creating a vibrant and robust start-up ecosystem. The policy is slated to recognise and facilitate well performing, potential and promising start-ups, he added.

Project YUVA

Manoj Sinha has approved Project YUVA (Yuva Udvami Vikas Abhiyan)a groundbreaking initiative aimed at accelerating employment opportunities through entrepreneurship across the Union Territory. This initiative is part of the Government's ongoing commitment to empower youth, women, and other vulnerable groups by fostering a dynamic ecosystem for creating entrepreneurship.

The vision of the programme is to convert Jammu and Kashmir as a thriving hub of enterprises & holistic employment by fostering entrepreneurship culture, unlocking its inherent potential for transition towards sustainable economy, livelihood and empowered youth. To achieve this vision a four-pronged strategy has been formulated to enable enterprises and employment over the next five years which includes, Creation of Nano-Entrepreneurs and Collectives: Targeting mass self-employment through small-scale businesses; Creation of New MSMEs in Focus & Sunrise Sectors: Promoting growth in futuristic, sunrise and region specific focus sectors. sectors like renewable energy and pharmaceuticals; Business Acceleration of Existing Enterprises: Supporting the expansion and growth of current MSMEs; Creation of Neo-Innovative Enterprises: Encouraging startups and innovative MSMEs in emerging sectors; and the programme aims to develop an effective business ecosystem & enable enterprise through a comprehensive set of interventions anchored around the 4Cs:Culture(ecosystem creation), Capital (credit enablement), Capacity (Skill Development and handholding) and Connectivity (Market Linkages).

The programme aims at creating 1.37 lakhs enterprises resulting in employ-ment opportunities for 4.25 lakhs youths of J&K in the next five years with a budgetary support of around 1830 crores and influx of more than 5,000 crores from banks and financial institutions. This project shall be implemented in convergence with self-employment schemes of other Departments to ensure better effectiveness by leveraging on the resources of other programmes and will also increase the efficiency and effectiveness of existing employment generation schemes.

This programme is in sync with the recent Union Budget (2024-25) announcements and the vision of Prime Minister of creating employment opportunities for 4 crores youth of the Nation.

This programme is a watershed initiative for generating a sustainable economic model for generation of employment opportunities for the youth of J&K through entrepreneurship ecosystem. With this initiative, the Government of I&K is set to transform the employ landscape in Jammu & Kashmir.

(ST), Surankote (ST), Poonch Haveli and Mendhar (ST).

In the last phase, election would take place for as many as 40 seats. While the notification for this phase would be issued on September 05, the voting would take place on October 01.

The seats going to polls in the 3rd phase include Karnah, Trehgam, Kupwara, Lolab, Handwara, Langate, Sopore, Rafiabad, Uri, Baramulla, Gulmarg, Wagoora – Kreeri, Pattan, Sonawari, Bandipora, Gurez (ST), Udhampur West, Udhampur East, Chenani, Ramnagar (SC), Bani, Billawar, Basohli, Jasrota, Kathua (SC), Hiranagar, Ramgarh (SC) Samba, Vijaypur, Bishnah (SC), Suchetgarh (SC), R.S. Pura – Jammu South, Bahu, Jammu East, Nagrota, Jammu West, Jammu North, Marh (SC), Akhnoor (SC) and Chhamb.

The last assembly elections were held in Jammu and Kashmir in November-December 2014 in five phases.

The announcement by the Election Commission comes months after the Supreme Court upheld the Centre's decision to scrap Jammu and Kashmir's special status and directed that Assembly elections be held by September 30.

While referring to polls in Jammu and Kashmir, the CEC told reporters that in the Lok Sabha elections, people in the UT reposed faith in ballot and rejected bullets and boycotts.

He said the voter turnout in parliamentary elections in UT proved people's faith in democracy

Notably, this will be the shortest election in at least the last two decades. The phasing of the J&K election is significant, given that over the last two decades, due to the region's security concerns, polls have consistently been held in at least four phases or more.

In 2002, polls were conducted over four phases in September and October. In 2008, elections were held in seven phases in November and December; and in 2014, they were conducted in five phases.

'LS Polls Triumph

that the Lok Sabha elections, which were held in five phases between 19 April and May 25, had seen historic participation, with a voter turnout of 58.58%. The participation and the queues of voters, he said, was proof that people not only wanted change but wanted to be a part of the change

"We went to Jammu and Kashmir to take

is important. What is important is that we go by the spirit ... the amendments to the J&K Reorganisation Act in terms of providing reservations came in December 2023. So the period started ticking for the Commission to start it only in December 2023. Then came the parliamentary elections. So we are not delayed at all," he explained.

Last December, the Supreme Court directed the poll panel to hold the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir by September 30.

Electoral Rolls

stated that the total number of electors in J&K is 87.9 lakhs, with 11,838 polling stations.

Kumar announced that the Amarnath Yatra will conclude on August 19, and the final electoral roll will be published on August 20. He emphasized the commission's commitment to holding polls in J&K.

The CEC noted that the Lok Sabha polls in J&K showed a strong democratic spirit, with long queues of voters at polling stations. He attributed this to the triumph of the ballot over the bullet.

The ECI also announced that 360 model polling stations will be set up in J&K, with ease of voting facilities for Kashmiri migrants. Kumar expressed his desire to strengthen democratic layers in the region.

When asked about voter turnout, Kumar expected an increase in voters, especially women, and hoped for a festive environment during the assembly polls. He highlighted the positives in J&K, including a changed security scenario.

The CEC concluded by reiterating his expectation of a higher voter turnout in the assembly polls, with increased participation from women.

MCC Comes

officials said.

They said the MCC will apply to the union government as well with respect to any announcements or policy decisions related to Jammu and Kashmir.

Following the enforcement of the MCC, the ECI directed J-K's chief electoral officer and chief secretary to take immediate action for the enforcement of the MCC.

The directions included taking immediate action in case of defacement of government property, misuse of official vehicle, and advertisement at the cost of public exchequer among others.

The ECI on Friday announced

The developments in the Union Territory's police force as well as several transfers and posting of officials in the civil administration are seen by many as a precursor to the assembly election in the Union Territory that are to be held from September 18.

The Election Commission of India on July 31 asked the Union Territory administration to transfer out officers posted in their home districts, an exercise it holds ahead of conducting elections.

It has been following a consistent policy that officers directly connected with the conduct of elections in a poll-bound state or Union Territory are not posted in their home districts or places where they have served for a considerably long period.

The poll panel had issued similar directions to the chief secretaries of the pollbound states of Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand. The terms of the legislative assemblies of Haryana, Maharashtra and Jharkhand end on November 3, November 26 and January 5, respectively.

NC, PDP Smell

the Police and civil administration ahead of the assembly polls and that the party was already to participate in the polls.

However, he said that despite the Election Commission stressing on the free and fair elections and security concerns as well, he wants to request the EC and a letter will be sent to the commission as well about the massive transfer in the last 24 hours. The EC should take note of it, he said, adding that there are apprehensions that such a massive transfer is meant to benefit the ruling BJP and its A and B teams.

He also said that massive changes have been made in the last 24 hours in the shape of transfers; even the DGP has been changed, which has never been witnessed in the past. "We were expecting the existing DG to be given extension, but we have apprehensions over the massive transfers ahead of the polls. Who visits the offices on August 15, but here on this day, the Civil Secretariat and Police

missioner Rajiv Kumar.

He said the people in J&K were waiting for the assembly elections for the past six years after the fall of PDP-BJP government in June 2018.

"Though we were pressing for restoration of full statehood before the holding of assembly elections, the announcement by the Election Commission is a welcome step and we are hopeful that the commission will ensure level playing field and adequate security without any discrimination," Sharma, who is also the chief spokesperson of the Congress, said.

He also hoped that the EC would look into the massive reshuffle in police and civil administration ordered in the Union Territory on the day of the announcement of polls.

"There should be no unnecessary transfers and if such a thing had happened, the Election commission should take appropriate action," the Congress leader said.

AICC General Secretary G A Mir thanked the EC for announcing the polls in a region where the last assembly polls were held in 2014 and said the supremacy of the apex court which had set September 30 as deadline for the assembly elections in J&K has been maintained.

He said the central government has promised assembly elections after delimitation but the exercise was completed long back.

"People are eagerly waiting for the formation of the popular government and the announcement of the polls reflects the aspirations of the people. We have full faith that people in J&K will take part in elections in a big way and elect their representatives," he said

Senior CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami also welcomed the announcement of a poll for Iammu and Kashmir.

"It is welcome that after a long time the EC has announced the schedule for elections to the assembly. We also welcome the statement of the EC that it will be a full democratic exercise by ensuring level playing field to all parties and contestants besides sufficient security for candidates and votes as well," Tarigami said.

J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina said "we are highly grateful to ECI for the announcement of assembly elections in 1&K"

However, the party media incharge Pradeep Malhotra said they are fully prepared for the elections and requested the people to take part in the upcoming elections enthusiastically.

The Administrative Council also approved creation of posts of different ranks (from Deputy Director Prosecution to class IV), totaling 83 posts, in the Prosecution Department to comply with relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS).

This would improve handling of matters related to Prosecution in various courts as per revised framework as per different provisions of BNSS to strengthen the Criminal Justice System, for ensuring timely delivery of justice, the spokesperson said.

The Administrative Council also approved creation of 772 posts of different categories for Government Railway Police (GRP) J&K to strengthen the railway security apparatus between Katra- Banihal segment.

The recommendations for creation of 772 posts for Katra-Banihal segment have also been made by the Multi-Disciplinary Committee (MDC), composed of members from Railways, Railway Protection Force (RPF) and J&K Police.

The proposed posts span from post of superintendent of police till lower rung posts in the non-gazetted and class-IV cadre.

In another decision, the Administrative Council also approved creation of 30 posts of different categories in the office of State Election Commission, J&K.

The Commission was constituted in October, 2020 with the appointment of First State Election Commissioner. However, till date except for the post of State Election Commissioner, no post/staff have been created and Commission has been functioning with assistance of staff attached from various other departments.

It was considered necessary to create these posts to ensure smooth functioning of the State Election Commission, the spokesman said.

In a separate decision, the Council approved operational guidelines for JK Startup Policy which would give a fillip to enthuse start-up initiatives by youth of Jammu and Kashmir

The Administrative Council in its earlier meeting held on February 19 had approved the said policy.

The Council approved the operational guidelines which has elaborate provisions related to start-up recognition, access of seed funding-eligibility, process of filing application, short listing and selection, disbursal of seed funds, funding guidelines, start-up awards for encouraging entrepreneurship, incubators and

J&K Awaits Statehood

by the central government have only increased the powers of the Lieutenant Governor, reducing the powers of a duly elected state government to a "mockery."

"For the past five years, the Indian National Congress has been consistently demanding the restoration of full statehood for Jammu and Kashmir and the holding of assembly elections. Jammu and Kashmir is still waiting for full statehood," said Rajya Sabha MP Jairam Ramesh in a post on X (formerly Twitter). Earlier the poll-panel announced that the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly elections will be held in three phases, beginning September 18, with results to be declared on October 4.

Polling for the first phase will be held on September 18, the second phase on September 25, and the final phase on October 1.

"Recent actions by the central government have further increased the powers of the Lieutenant Governor, effectively reducing the powers of a duly elected state government to a mockery," Ramesh added.

Last month, the Centre granted additional powers to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, including decision-making authority over the police, officers from all-India services like the IAS and IPS, and the power to sanction prosecutions in various cases.

These powers were granted to the LG through amendments to the rules under the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. This act facilitated the division of the former state of Jammu and Kashmir into the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, while also abrogating Article 370.

Jammu and Kashmir has been without an elected government since June 2018, when Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) broke its alliance with Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) forcing Mehbooba Mufti to resign as chief minister.

Polls To Strengthen

the roots of democracy and open the doors to a new period of development for the region.

Assembly elections will be held in Jammu and Kashmir after nearly a decade in three phases from September 18, setting the stage for the people of the Union Territory to elect a government after the scrapping of Article 370 in 2019.

SPORTS

India To Play Two-Day Day-Night Tour Match Ín Australia

Agencies

The visiting Indian cricket team will play a two-day day-night tour match against Australia's Prime Minister's XI between the first two Tests of the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy later this year.

India and Australia meet in five-Test series starting in Perth on November 22.

It will be first time since the 1991-92 season that the two heavyweights will meet over five Tests in a series.

The Indian team will play a tour-day day-night tour match against the Prime Minister XI at the Manuka Oval in Canberra on November 30 and December 1, Cricket Australia said on their website.

The fixture has been added in the itinerary to help the Indian team prepare for the davnight Test at Adelaide, having



played one such game on their previous tour in 2020-21. "This year's Prime Minister's XI fixture - which will high-

light the strong cricket bonds that stretch back to India's independence in 1947 and celebrate the nations' ever-strengthening

economic, cultural and comhistoric first." CA said

munity ties – also features an "While it represents the

tial 48 fixtures (against touring teams and ATSIC Chairman's XI) dating back to 1951 hosting one-day games," it added. Australia A Women Secure Series Win Over India A With

fourth time India have tackled a PM's XI in Australia, the event

has not previously been fought

out over two days, with the ini-

Clinical Chase Clinical performances by open-

er Maddy Darke and the Austra-lian bowlers propelled Australia A to an eight-wicket victory over India A in the second women's one-day match on Friday.

Boosted by Darke's unbeaten hundred and a solid 68 from Katie Mack, Australia chased down India's total of 218 with ease, reaching 221 for two in 40.2 overs. Darke's 106 came off 115 balls, while Mack added 68 from 78 balls. Tahlia Mc-Grath completed the chase with an unbeaten 32 off 26 balls

Short TAKES

Rs 25 Lakh To Be Awarded To Kashmir Marathon Winner



he J&K Tourism Department will give cash prizes for the winners of the upcoming Kashmir Marathon. A tourism department official said the Men's and Women's categories will see the first-place winners awarded Rs 25 lakh each.

The second-place finishers will receive Rs 20 lakh, while Rs 18 lakh, Rs 15 lakh, and Rs 12 lakh will be awarded to the third, fourth and fifth-place.

In half marathon, first-place gets Rs 15 lakh, with Rs 12 lakh going to the second-place finishers.

DYSS J&K Gets New Director General

Rajinder Singh Tara Senior JKAS officer on Friday took over as Director General of the Department of Youth Services and J&K. An order in this regard was issued by the General Administration Department.

Immediately after Joining the new place of posting, he chaired an introductory meeting with the employees of the Directorate of YSS. He was briefed about the working of the department. The chair was also apprised about the duties and responsibilities assigned to various sections in the directorate for the smooth conduct of the Departmental activities.

Indian Athletes Given Grand Send-**Off Ahead Of Paralympics Games**

The Indian paralympic contingent was on Friday accorded a grand send-off ahead of the Paris Games scheduled to be held from August 28 to September 8. The Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) and

Sports Authority of India (SAI) hosted the ceremony for the Indian team comprising 84 athletes across 12 disciplines, including archery, athletics, badminton, canoeing, cycling, blind judo, powerlifting, rowing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and taekwondo.

India had won 19 medals at the Tokyo Paralympics.

Teenager Named In South Africa T20 Squad For WI Series

Teenage fast bowler Kwena Maphaka and allrounder Jason Smith have been called up to South Africa's T20 squad for the first time for a three-match series in the West Indies, Cricket South Africa announced on Wednesday. The 18-year-old Maphaka was named player of

the tournament at this year's under-19 World Cup in South Africa and later landed a contract in the Indian Premier League while hard-hitting middle-order batter Smith impressed with both his batting and

Chess, Carrom, TT Tournaments **Conclude In Anantnag**



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The District-Level Inter-School Zonal Chess, Carrom and Table Tennis Tournaments concluded on Friday at SRJ Higher Secondarv School, Khanabal, Anantnag. The competitions, organised for boys in the Under-14 and Under-17 age groups, showcased the district's burgeoning talent for these sports.

The tournaments were officially inaugurated by Mohammad Abbas Dar, Activity Incharge of DYSSO Anantnag.

In the U-14 Carrom Singles, Zone Achabal emerged as the champions

beating Zone Anantnag. The U-14 Carrom Doubles saw Zone Dooru clinch the top spot. In the U-17 Carrom Singles, Zone Anantnag took the title. The U-17 Carrom Doubles event was also dominated by Zone Anantnag.

The Chess competitions witnessed standout performances in the U-14 category from Malik Zayan (Zone Anantnag). In the U-17 category, Faizan Iqbal (Zone Shangus) was recog-

In Table Tennis, Zone Mattan emerged victorious in the U-14 category. In the U-17 category, Zone Achabal claimed the title.

Two Matches Played In Anantnag ISDL U-17 Cricket Tourney

Observer News Service

nized as the top performer.

Victory For Vinesh, Sakshi, **Bajrang As HC Accepts Plea**



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Friday said it will challenge the Delhi High Court order that restored the mandate of IOA's ad-hoc committee to manage the affairs of the sports body, saying the "interference" could jeopardise the participation of Indian wrestlers at the upcoming World Championships

The IOA had dissolved the ad-hoc panel on April 4 while UWW had lifted its suspension on February 13 this year after WFI conducted its elections.

"We are going to take it to double bench. The IOA had dissolved the ad-hoc panel . We will also approach world governing body UWW and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). They had warned that outside interference may impact out athletes," WFI President Sanjay Singh told PTI.

el running the show was not acceptable to them.

"In case any decision or order should be made against your federation, and a third party be designated to run the daily affairs of our sport in India in violation of the UWW Statutes, UWW would have no other option than to re-impose a temporary suspension of your federation until further notice, and which, this time, could ma

ANANTNAG: Two amtches were played in the Inter-School District Level Under-17 Cricket Tournament in Anantnag on Friday.

In the first game, Anantnag 135 runs batting first against Sirgufwara. Masroof Mushtaq made 51 runs off just 21 balls. In response, Sirgufwara fell short by 28 runs in their chase. Annayat was the top scorer with 27 runs. Masroof Mushtaq was named the Man of the Match, his second consecutive MOM award.

In another exciting match, Dooru was set a target of 144 runs by Bhijbehara. Yasir led the charge with



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34 runs. Izhan was the standout bowler for Dooru, taking 3 wickets. However, Dooru could not defend their target as Bhijbehara emerged victorious by 30 runs. Faheem's valiant effort of 34 runs for Dooru was not enough to secure the win.

The latest order came on a plea seeking a stay on the functioning of the WFI and prevent it from undertaking any activity as a national federation for the sport.

Justice Sachin Datta while passing the interim order on the plea by wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and her husband Satyawart Kadian, said it was open to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) re-constituting the committee which was earlier led by Bhupender Singh Bajwa.

'Two World Championships are approaching. Indian wrestlers' participation could be blocked," he feared.

The U-17 World championship is set to be held in Amman, Jordan from August 19-25 while the U-20 World championship is scheduled in Pontevedra, Spain from September 2-8.

UWW President in his April 25 letter to WFI President had made it clear that ad-hoc pan-

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include your athletes,"UWW president Lalovic wrote.

The Centre had suspended the WFI on December 24, 2023, three days after it elected the new office bearers, for allegedly not following the provisions of its own constitution while taking decisions, and requested IOA to constitute an ad-hoc committee to manage its affairs.

On March 4, the court had issued notice to the central government, WFI and the adhoc committee on the petition filed by the top grapplers. bowling in domestic T20 competition.

Ajax Win Europa League Tie After **34 Shootout Penalties**

A FC Ajax defeated Panathinaikos 13-12 in a Europa League penalty shootout on Thursday with 34 kicks from the spot required to settle the tie.

After the second leg score on the night ended 1-0 to the Greek visitors for 1-1 on aggregate, the third round qualifying tie was decided by penalties at the Johan Cruyff ArenA.

Both teams took a total of 17 penalties each before Anton Gaaei slotted his attempt home to secure a memorable victory.

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e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE

e-NIT No. EDG/V/055 of 2024-25, dt:16-08-2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Electric Division-Ganderbal invites online e-bids from registered A-Class Electrical Contractors/firms for as under:

S.No	Particulars	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)
1	Installation of Level-II transformer at Ward No 6 Hayen.	2.88

The complete tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidder/tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

ix)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.5,800/= (Rupees Five Thousand Eight Hundred Only) Sd/- Executive Engineer
viii)	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.200.00 (Rupees Two Hundred Only) (Non-refundable) [Treasury Receipt Only}
vii)	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Electronically on J&K Government e-Procurement System website <u>http://jktenders.gov.in</u>
vi)	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
V)	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	10.09.2024 at 13:00 Hrs
iv)	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/End)	16.08.2024; 16:00 Hrs to 09.09.2024; 16:00 Hrs
iii)	Date and time of bidding queries/clarifications	16.08.2024; 16:00 Hrs to 17.08.2024; 16:00 Hrs
ii)	Date & Time of Download/ Sale (End) of Tender Document	09.09.2024; 16:00 Hrs
i)	Date and Time of downloading/ Sale (Start) of Tender Document	16.08.2024; 16:00 Hrs

Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION BARAMULLA.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

e-NIT No:- 49/4540-49/2024-25/RnB/Bla Dated 14.08.2024

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 comp-letion	Class of Cont- ractor	Major Head of Account	Project Authority	Position of AAA	Position of funds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	Const of 10m span RCC Culvert at Johlum Colony Janbazpora Baramulla, Upgd of Almustafa Colony Road near filteration Plan Baramulla (Lane Opp Children Home)	35.00	70000/-	1100/-	240days	A&B	MH-4059- UT Sector	PWD (R&B)	Accorded (No: SE(R&B) 158 of 2024- 25 dated: 12.08.2024)	Available (Rs 15.00 lacs approved for the year 2024- 25)

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

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	14.08.2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 15.08.2024 to 21.08.2024 4:00PM
3	Bid submission Start date	15.08.2024
4	Bid Submission End Date	21.08.2024 upto 4:00PM
5	Date and time of Opening of Bids (Online)	22.08.2024 upto 11:00AM in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B Division Baramulla

22.00.2024 upto 11.00/ 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 2. 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.iktenders.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.

The bidder shall be debarred for tendering process 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. a) b)

- 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.

No. 4540-49	DIPK-5043-24	Executive Engineer
Dated 14.08.2024	DT: 16/08/2024	R&B Division Baramulla

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Former Bank Of Maharashtra Manager Missing After ₹17 Crore Scam Surfaces In Kerala

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Kozhikode: The Vadakara Police in Kozhikode district has registered a case against a former branch manager of the Vadakara branch of the Bank of Maharashtra based on a complaint by the new manager.

The new manager Ershad found things amiss when he saw the pledged gold which was found to be artificial gold.

On further inspection there appeared to be a big scam and Ershad approached the Police

Tamil Nadu resident Madhu Jayakumar was the manager of the Vadakara branch of Bank of Maharashtra and he was transferred to their branch at Kochi.

Following the transfer Ershad joined. Even after several days Jayakumar failed to join his new posting and by that time Ershad had found some serious discrepancies in the pledged gold.

According to the findings 26 kilograms of pledged gold was found

to be artificial. The loss to the bank was around 17 crores.

The Police have registered a case. Jayakumar's mobile phone was found to be switched off and he is yet to be traced. What has baffled the police is

how such a big swindle was possible by just one person.

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The police is soon expected to take statements from the entire staff at the Vadakara branch.

China's Driverless 'Robotaxis': Sci-fi Marvels **Or Safety Concerns?**



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Wuhan, China: Turning heads as they cruise past office buildings and malls, driverless taxis are slowly spreading through Chinese cities, prompting both wariness and wonder.

China's tech companies and automakers have poured billions of dollars into self-driving technology in recent years in an effort to catch industry leaders in the United States.

Now the central city of Wuhan boasts one of the world's largest networks of self-driving cars, home to a fleet of over 500 taxis that can be hailed on an app just like regular rides. At one intersection in an industrial area of Wuhan, AFP reporters saw at least five robotaxis passing each other as they navigated regular traffic.

"It looks kind of magical, like a sci-fi movie," a local surnamed Yang told AFP.

But not everyone shares Yang's awe. Debates around safety was sparked in April when a Huaweibacked Aito car was involved in a fatal accident, with the company saying its automatic braking system failed.

A minor collision between a jaywalker and a Wuhan robotaxi last month re-ignited concerns.

Taxi drivers and workers in tra-

ditional ride-hailing companies have also raised fears of being replaced by artificial intelligence -- although the technology is far from fully developed. Five to 500

Wuhan's driverless cabs are part of tech giant Baidu's Apollo Go project, which first received licences to operate in the city in 2022.

Initially, only five robocars ferried passengers around 13 square kilometres (five square miles) of the city of around 14 million.

Baidu says the taxis now operate in a 3,000 square kilometre patch -- more than a third of the total land area of Wuhan, including a small part of the city centre.

In comparison, US leader Waymo says the largest area it covers is 816 square kilometres, in Arizona. When a car reaches its pickup

point, riders scan a QR code with their phones to unlock the vehicle -- with the front seats blocked off over safety concerns.

The fares are currently heavily discounted, with a thirty-minute ride taken by AFP costing just 39 yuan (\$5.43) compared with 64 yuan in a normal taxi.

"They are stealing our rice bowls, so of course we don't like them," Wuhan taxi driver Deng Haibing told AFP, using a popular Chinese term for livelihoods.

Google Brings 'AI Overviews' To **India With Country-First Features**

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New Delhi: Tech giant Google has announced to bring its 'AI Overviews' feature to six new countries, including India. In India, the company is rolling out the 'AI Overviews' in English and Hindi and are also introducing popular country-first features that were well-received during its Search Labs experiment.

"It will help you easily switch between English and Hindi results with the language toggle button, and listen to responses with Text-To-Speech by tapping the 'Listen' button," the company said in a blog post.

The six new countries are India, United Kingdom, Japan, Indonesia, Mexico and Brazil, along with local language support in each country.

Hema Budaraju, Senior Director, Product Management, Search, said as part of the testing, "we've seen that Indian users listen to AI Overviews responses more often than other countries"

'We're introducing more ways to check out relevant websites while you search, with a new right-hand link display for AI Overviews on desktop - also accessible on mobile by tapping the site icons on the upper right," Budaraju mentioned.

People who are looking for help with complex topics are engaging more and keep coming back for AI Overviews. Google found that people prefer using Search with AI Overviews, and they find their search results more helpful.

"As we evolve the Search experience with AI Overviews, we remain focused on helping people access information and perspectives from a diverse range of sources," said Budaraju. And when people click from search result pages with AI Overviews, these clicks are higher quality for websites - meaning users are more likely to spend more time on the sites they visit.

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