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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 percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors Regd. With J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work -

Table with 9 columns: 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. Contains 21 items of construction work.

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

Table with 2 columns: S.No, Details. Contains bidding schedule information such as Date of Issue of Tender Notice, Period of downloading of bidding documents, Bid submission Start date, Bid Submission End Date, Date and time of Opening of Bids (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's under his seal & signature and after 3rd call the participation is open 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.

- List of conditions and terms for bidders, including instructions on bid submission, opening of bids, and contract award criteria.

No 417-424
DIPK-4890/24 dated:16-08-2024

Sd\
Executive Engineer
REW Baramulla

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 : - Rubeeena
Date of Birth:- 16-09-1994
Residence:- Halmatpora Kupwara 19322



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

(Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 5200 be treated as "CANCELLED")
No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/
Dated
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Certificates, KD.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have bought a vehicle JK01A-M6455 from one Abdul Salam Shalbf S/o Abdul Aziz Shalbf 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 Shalbf
S/o Mohammad Siddiq Shalbf
R/o Shalbf Mohalla Anchar Soura inf

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 card \ 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) before 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: ddtregl23@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)

Email: - ssslctender@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:-

Table with 8 columns: S.No, Name of Work, Name of Organization, Estimated Cost, Cost of Tender Document, Earnest Money (in lacs.), Head of Account, Class Of Contract, Time Allowed for completion. Item 1: Upgradation of rooms at Zila Sainik Welfare Batamalo Srinagar.

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:

Table with 2 columns: S.No, Details. Contains bidding schedule information such as Date of Issue of Tender Notice, Period of downloading of bidding documents, Bid submission Start date, Bid Submission End Date, Date & time of opening of Technical Bids.

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.

- List of conditions and terms for bidders, including instructions on bid submission, opening of bids, and contract award criteria.

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

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
Srinagar Smart City Limited.

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. The protesters also

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 protesters demanded authorities to take immediate action to resolve their grievances.

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 employees participated in the Flag Hoisting Ceremony with full zeal and zest. Aijaz Ahmad Akhoun, General Manager, Government Press Srinagar hoisted the National Flag, which was followed by singing of the National Anthem. Sweets were served at the conclusion of the function.

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ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS-2024

Div Com Reviews 2nd Special Summary Revision In Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, 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. 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 presented 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.



He also reviewed the digitization process and disposal of claims and objections. He emphasized upon the concerned Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to conduct revisions according to guidelines of ECI as per notified schedule and expedites the process for achieving targets. The chair was informed that all ERO/ AEROs of District Srinagar were provided with necessary training regarding the Electoral Registration process in the last week of July. Further, separate training sessions

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

SKIMS Biochemistry Dept Conferred Certificate Of Accreditation

Observer News Service

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. SKIMS in its pursuit for 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 "ac-

creditation". He said it is highly 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 services to the patients. 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 added.

Mirwaiz Family Bereaved

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Moulvi Nisar Ahmad, a prominent 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. The funeral prayer of the deceased was led by 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.

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PAMPOR: 01933-294132
PATTAN: 01954-293507
QAZIGUND: 01951-296153
HIGHWAY STATUS
Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
Mughal Road - (Open)
Srinagar-Leh - (Open)

PRAYERS
FAJR 4:22
ZUHR 12:35
ASR 5:21
Magrib 7:20
ISHA 8:47
Hijri Calendar
11 Safar 1446

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 Bayreuth
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
1891- Electric self-starter for automobile patented
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 Tannehill 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- Lithuania surrenders to Germans
1915- German troops over run Kovno, Lithuania
1916- Bulgarian offensive in Macedonia
1917- Italy declares war on Turkey
1918- British troops attack Baku, Azerbaijan
1918- Turkish troops overthrow Causkasus
1924- French-German trade agreement signed
1933- Soviet Union test GIRD-RI rocket ("Object 09")
1938- 1st aircraft owned by US Forest Service in service (Oakland)
1940- British 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 Beyers (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 (pre-season)
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

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 ignored.

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:-

OFFICE OF THE BLOCK MEDICAL OFFICER SHEERI
DASTI QUOTATION
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 for Khanpora. The dasti quotations should reach to this office by or before 19-08-2024. The tenders will be opened on same day at 4.00 p.m sharp.

Ajaz Samad Bereaved
ZOOMI BEGUM W/O Late ABDUL GANI DAR left up 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.

Raja Saleem No More
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.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM, KASHMIR
Subject: - Application for change in location of the Excursion agency under the name and style "Ahlant 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 "Ahlant India Tour and Travels" from Shala Kadal, Habba Kadal, Srinagar to Upper Sathu Barbarashah Bund, Srinagar as per Section 39 of the J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/2011;



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 self-attestation," 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 displaced 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 JAMMU: 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 elections -- 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.

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.

Congress Appoints Tariq Karra As JKPC 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 issued to Kashmir Observer, Congress general secretary KC Venugopal stated that senior leaders Tara Chand and Raman Bhalla have been appointed as working presidents of the JKPC. 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 Kashmir, which were long overdue, with first phase on September 18, second on Sep-

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 JKPC, 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 contributions of the outgoing PCC president, Vikar Rasool Wani," it stated.



Paras Health: Ensuring Quality Healthcare For The People Of Jammu & Kashmir

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 people of Jammu & Kashmir. 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. "Since its inception, Paras 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 has existing medical facilities, many residents often sought treatment in distant cities for

advanced surgeries and specialized 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 successfully managed several complex medical cases, highlighting its growing reputation in the

valley. Among these, an elderly patient with a massive heart attack and comorbidities underwent a successful primary angioplasty, demonstrating the hospital's expertise in handling critical cardiac cases locally. Another case of a 19-year-old male diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma received corrective surgery and chemotherapy at Paras Health, leading to a positive outcome. In the field of oncology, the hospital performed a successful liver resection on a patient with CLD and Hepatitis B-positive liver disease. Speaking to the media, Dr. Santy Sajan emphasized the hospital's commitment to providing accessible and reliable healthcare to the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

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. Zulfiqar 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 Faisal 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.

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:-

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:-

## Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)

# Key Issues to Address in Jammu and Kashmir

Ummar Jamal

The 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 game-changer 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.

The delayed payments have not only discour-

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.

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Everything 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 predictable. 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" clarification 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 life-support 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 re-

peat. 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 its 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, hamī asto, hamī asto hamī 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 high-end 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?

Evelina Sterling and Margaret Louisa Stubbs

"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 determine 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 throughout 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.

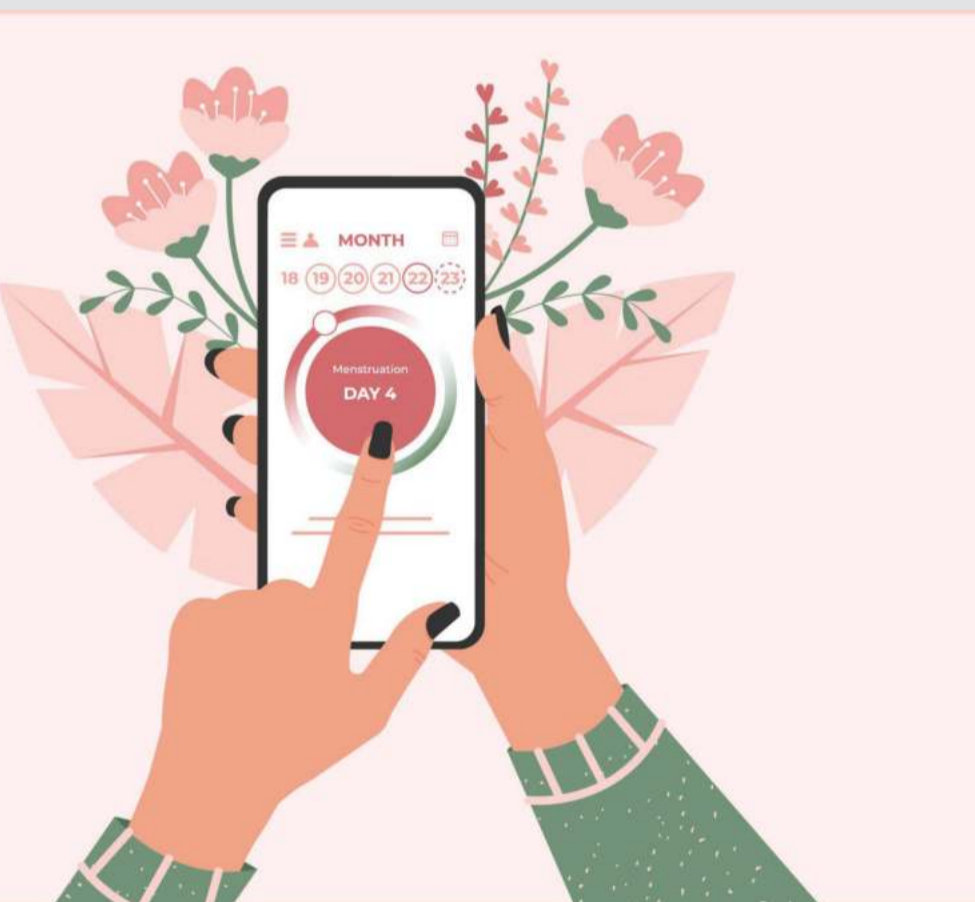
Irregularities in the menstrual cycle include changes in cycle length, intensity of flow or other negative period-related changes, such as cramp-

ing – 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 osteoporosis 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.

By arrangements with The Conversation

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

Press Trust of India

A 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.

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.

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.

Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) Office Of The Executive Engineer Electric Division Budgam

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS E-mail:edbudgam@gmail.comTelNo:01951-255218

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

Table with e-NIT No., Name of work(s), Adv. Cost, and Completion period. Includes items like 'Installation Of Street Lights In The Gram Panchayat Wagam' and 'Improvement Of Low Tension Electric Poles At Shah Mohalla Fakirpora'.

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

Table with columns A-K detailing dates and times for downloading bidding documents, sale of bid documents, clarification start/end dates, and e-bid submission deadlines.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. No: EDB/3751 DPK-NB-1384/24 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

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.

Table with columns: Sr No, Particulars of the work, Estimated Cost (Lacs), Cost of Bid document (Rs), Earnest money (Lacs), Bid Validity, Class of Contract, Time of Completion of work (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:

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No:- FBID/3271-91 DPK-4952/24 Dated:- 16.08.2024

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer Rural Engineering Wing Srinagar

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS E-NIT No: 23/2024-25 DATED:13 -08-2024 SINGLE COVER SYSTEM

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

Large table with columns: S. No, Name of Work, Block/Pvt Halqa, Adv Cos (In Lac), Tender Fee (In Rs.), Time of completion, Class of Contractor, EMD cost, Major Head, TYPE OF TENDER. Lists various construction and maintenance projects.

Position of A/A: ACCORDED

Position of TS: ACCORDED

Position of Funds: BUDGETED

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

Small table with 2 columns: S.No and Date/Time of event. Includes 'Date of Issue of Tender Notice' and 'Online Bid Submission End Date'.

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

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

Conditions for bidders:

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

Table with columns: S.No, Percentage of Unbalanced Bid viz: Advertised cost on account of low rate, and Additional security advertised Value of work as percentage of work advertised.

- All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@3% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer REW Division Srinagar. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as Non-responsive. The EMD inshape of CDR/FDR/BG@3% of Advertised Costof lowest responsive(Successful) Bidder shall be released after expiry of DLP/actual completion of work and additional performance security after 80% of work is completed. 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 debarment 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 Division Srinagar (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. 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" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get' Digital Signature Certificate(DSC)'asperinformationTechnologyAct-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form. 6.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid. Besides, original/ photocopies of documents related to the bid be submitted physically/ by registered post/through courier before the date specified in Para-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 document on 100 dpi with black and white option. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons. 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. 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. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" as their user on REW e-Tendering portal to store such documents as required. Incase of CRF and another specified project. The relevant guidelines/standard bidding document shall be followed.

NO:- XEN/REW/SGR/1280-89 DPK-4875/24 DATED:-16-08-2024

Sd/- Executive Engineer REW Srinagar



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

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** Benchmark Sensex spurred by 1,330 points to close at a two-week 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 two-week 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 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 pri-

marily 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 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.

"Gold rose slightly on Friday as geopolitical uncertainty continued to provide support for precious

metals.

"However, stronger US retail sales and jobless claim data released on Thursday suggest robust consumer spending, reducing concerns about recession risk in the US and dampening aggressive interest rate-cut expecta-

tions, potentially limiting further gains in precious metals," Saamil 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 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.

## 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 2024.

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 surveyed 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 estimates 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.

## 'Delhi-NCR Gets Maximum Real Estate Investment In Jan-Jun At USD 633.3 Mn'



Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Delhi-NCR's real estate market has attracted 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 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 January-

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, Managing Director, Valuation & Advisory and Capital 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 India's real estate market."

This surge is primarily driven by infrastructure-related sectors like logistics and industrial, fuelled by significant public investments in multi-modal economic corridors, Thomas said.

"Additionally, strong 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 expectations," Thomas added.

## 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-the-top 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-

ing views on the framework for service authorisations to be granted under the Telecommunications Act, 2023 -- have said that

the calling and messaging apps should be brought under services to be provided through authorisation. "As per our understanding, OTT Communication services are covered under the new Telecom Act as an access service," Telecom operators industry body COAI said in its submission to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai).

Reliance Jio said the definition of 'message' and 'telecommunication service' under the newly

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.

**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 PWD/CPWD/MES/Central/State/UT Governments for below mentioned works:-

S No	Range	Detail of Estimate	GPS Location	Scheme	Estimated 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	CAMPA	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	CAMPA	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	Shallabugh	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	Shallabugh	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	Shallabugh	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 Kreshbal 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°	CAMPA	9.01	600	18,020	40	D/C
7	Shallabugh	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°	CAMPA	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 Mirgund 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-tum WLR	Clearance and removal of floating vegetation / Pools at Chat-tum WLR	N:34°-00-599 E:74°-56-322	CAMPA	1.96	200	3,920	15	D
16	Kranchoo WLR	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
17	Fashkooori WLR	Clearance and removal of floating vegetation at Fashkooori WLR	N:34°-00-990 E:74°-55-317 N:34°-00-984 E:74°-55-372	CAMPA	2.41	200	4,820	15	D
18	Manibugh WLR	Clearance and removal of floating vegetation at Manibugh WLR	N:33°-59-878 E:74°-55-620	CAMPA	3.87	200	7,740	20	D
19	Hygam	Repair, upgradation and face lifting of Range office at Hygam WLR	N:34°-14'-38 70 E:74°-30'-35 93	CAMPA	2.38	200	4,760	25	D
20	Shallabugh	Construction of stair case and other allied items at existing toilet facility near Watch Tower Shallabugh WLR	N:34°-15'-98 17 E:74°-72'-38 4	CAMPA	3.35	200	6,700	25	D
21	Rajbagh	Construction of pathway at Rajbagh Office Srinagar	N:34°-06'-78 12 E:74°-81'-82 19	CAPEX	7.24	300	14,480	25	D/C

**Position of AA / TS: Accorded**  
**Position of Funds: Partly Available**  
**Major Head of Account: CAMPA & CAPEX**

**Compulsory Note & Instructions:-**  
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.

- Only JKPWDOMS online registration contractor cards shall be accepted and the Contractors Name on JKPWDOMS certificate and GST 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)
- 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, Wetlands Division, Srinagar in case of any clarification before participating 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, 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.
- 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.
- 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 Registration Card is mandatory.

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

**Part-I Technical Bid**  
(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.
- 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 BoQ
- The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specification, Drawings, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in> as per the schedule of dates given below:

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 that stage by the contractors/bidders.
- 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 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.

-Sd/-  
Wildlife Warden  
Wetland Division,  
Srinagar

## 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, Zaidibal, Eidgah, Central Shalteng, Budgam, Beerwah, Khansahib, Char-i-Sharief, Chadoora, Gulabgarh (ST), Reasi, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi, Kalakote – Sunderbani, Nowshera Rajouri (ST), Budhal (ST), Thannamandi (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, Wagooora – Kreeeri, 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

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 completed 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 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

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 Haryana 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 Maqsood-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 posted as SSP (Tech) CID Hqrs, Sandeep 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 Battalion 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.

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 poll-bound 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

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 BJP-appointed 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 BJP. 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.

Abdullah said Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has made a start 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 election commissioner 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 CP(M) leader M Y Tarigami also welcomed the announcement of a poll for Jammu 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 J&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.

Malhotra expressed hope that the elections would be peaceful and violence-free.

## Omar Doesn't

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.

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 (BNS). This would improve handling of matters related to Prosecution in various courts as per revised framework as per different provisions of BNS 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 enthruse 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, disbursement of seed funds, funding guidelines, start-up awards for encouraging entrepreneurship, incubators and

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 Udyami 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 hand-holding) and Connectivity (Market Linkages).

The programme aims at creating 1.37 lakhs enterprises resulting in employment 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 J&K is set to transform the employment landscape in Jammu & Kashmir.

## 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.

## India To Play Two-Day Day-Night Tour Match In 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 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 day-night 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 community ties - also features an historic first," CA said. "While it represents the

fourth time India have tackled a PM's XI in Australia, the event has not previously been fought out over two days, with the initial 48 fixtures (against touring teams and ATSC Chairman's XI) dating back to 1951 hosting one-day games," it added.

### Australia A Women Secure Series Win Over India A With Clinical Chase

Clinical performances by opener Maddy Darke and the Australian 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 McGrath completed the chase with an unbeaten 32 off 26 balls.

## Short TAKES

### Rs 25 Lakh To Be Awarded To Kashmir Marathon Winner



The 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 all-rounder 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 bowling in domestic T20 competition.

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

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 Gaai slotted his attempt home to secure a memorable victory.

## 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 Secondary 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 recognized as the top performer.

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

## 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 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.

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 our athletes," WFI President Sanjay Singh told PTI.

"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-

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 maybe 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 ad-hoc committee on the petition filed by the top grapplers.

## Two Matches Played In Anantnag ISDL U-17 Cricket Tourney

Observer News Service

**ANANTNAG:** Two matches 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. Anantnag 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 Bhi-behara. Yasir led the charge with



34 runs. Izhan was the standout bowler for Dooru, taking 3 wickets.

However, Dooru could not defend their target as Bhi-behara emerged victorious by 30 runs. Faheem's valiant effort of 34 runs for Dooru was not enough to secure the win.

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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.

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

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## 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 Contractor	Major Head of Account	Project Authority	Position of AAA	Position of funds
1	Const of 10m span RCC Culvert at Jholm Colony Janbazpora Baramulla, Upgd of Almustafa Colony Road near filtration 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)

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

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

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

4. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site at the office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division Baramulla.

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

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

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

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

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

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Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Baramulla

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

**Agenceis**

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?



**Agenceis**

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 Huawei-backed 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 robotaxis 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

**Agenceis**

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.

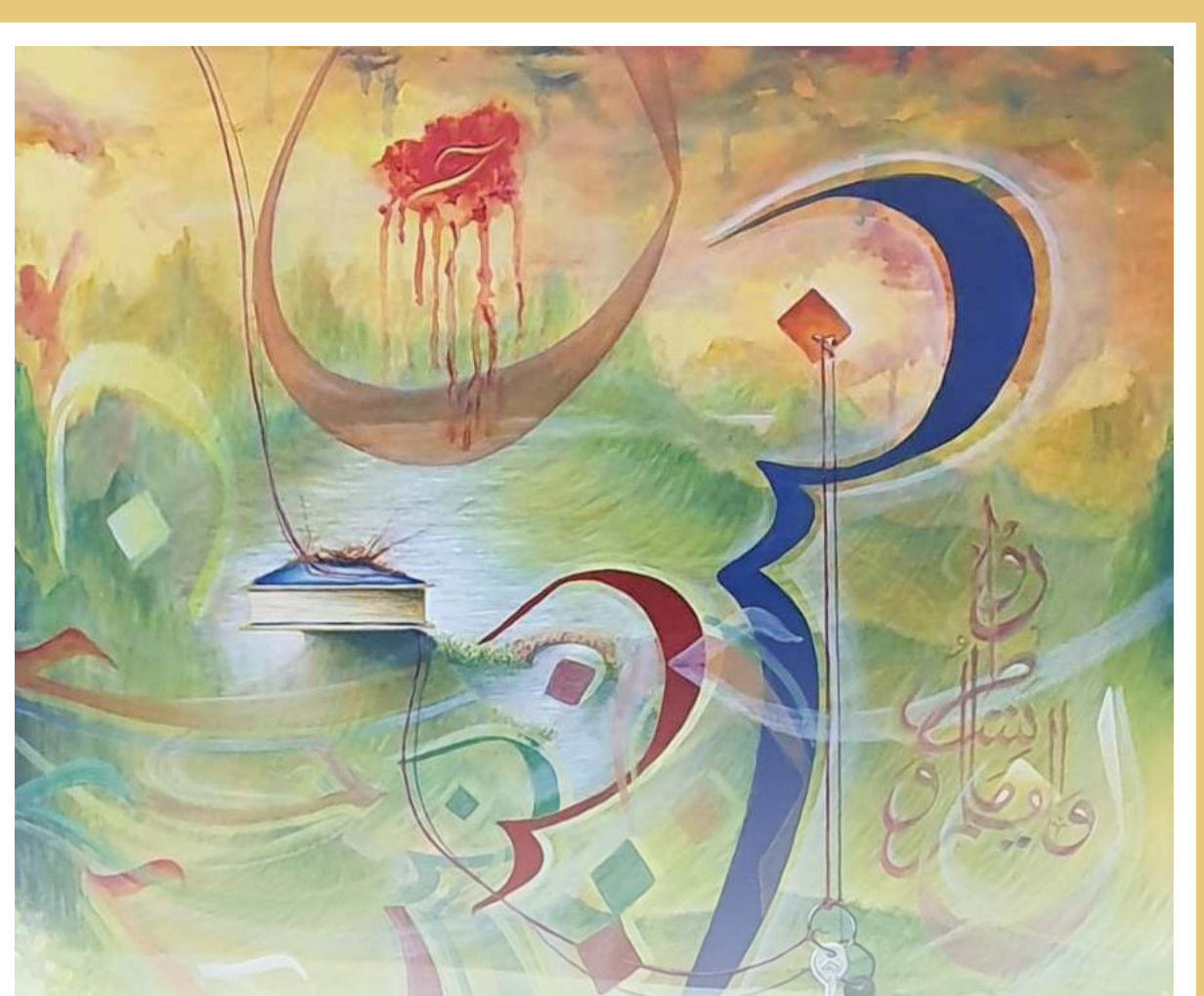
Hema Budaraju, Senior Director, Product Management, Search, said as part of the testing, "we've seen that Indian users listen to AI Overviews responses more often than other countries".

"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.



# Mashq e Arba'een ... Dar'ke Azadari !

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Registration Opens: Monday, 5th August, 2024 (12.01AM).

Registration Closes: Monday, 12th August, 2024 (11.30PM).

Submission of Works: Saturday, 17th August, 2024 (4.00PM).

For Registration & Further details Call/ WhatsApp: 0091 9469037182.

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