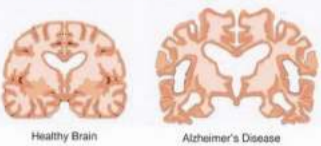


Symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease



Healthy Brain Alzheimer's Disease

- Symptoms of Alzheimer's disease may differ individually, depending on the affected brain areas. The following are the common symptoms that may be noticed in this condition:
- Poor judgment
 - Asking repeated questions
 - Having trouble thinking
 - Misplacing items
 - Forgetting past events or names of places and objects.



1 Out Of 10 Elderly Person Suffer From Alzheimer's In J&K

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Amina Khan, a vibrant 62-year-old woman from the bustling town of Anantnag, has always been the heart of her family. Known for her culinary skills and warmth, she dedicated her life to caring for her three children and nurturing close ties with her extended family. However, over the past two years, her

family has witnessed a troubling change. Initially, Amina began misplacing items—her glasses, keys, and even her favorite cookbook. "We thought it was just forgetfulness," her son, Ali, recalls. "But then, she started repeating questions and forgetting conversations we had just moments before."

The family grew increasingly alarmed as Amina's condition worsened, leading them to seek medical advice. Amina was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease six months ago. The news hit her family hard. "It felt like we were losing her little by little," Ali explains, tears welling in his eyes. The once lively discussions over family meals turned into moments of silence as Amina struggled to remember names and faces. Alzheimer's disease affects 11 percent of the elderly population in Jammu and Kashmir, a rate significantly higher than the

national average of 7.4 percent. According to a recent study, the prevalence of Alzheimer's in J&K is among the highest in the country.

In comparison, Delhi reports the lowest rate at 4.5 percent, while Odisha and West Bengal report 9.9 percent and 9.2 percent respectively. Alzheimer's, a progressive neurodegenerative disorder, primarily impacts individuals over the age of 60 and is the most

prevalent among the elderly population in the region.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder, primarily impacting individuals over the age of 60 and is the most

Israel Claims Killing Yahya Sinwar in Gaza



Trans Asia News

Beirut: Yahya Sinwar, the Hamas leader who stunned Israel and the world as a mastermind of the 2023 raid on Israel that set off the devastating Gaza war was killed by Israel's military on Thursday. He was 61.

The Israeli military had long targeted Sinwar, referring to him as a "dead man walking."

According to the leaked photos - Sinwar was wearing his military uniform, armed, and perhaps engaged in a fight when he was targeted, media reports said.

His death, if confirmed, would be a significant moment in Israel's yearlong offensive against Hamas and could complicate efforts to reach a ceasefire in the year-long war that has left thousands dead.

"He was very clever, he was very tough, very serious all the time," Michael | [More on P10](#)

No Tussle Expected With New Govt: LG

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has alleviated concerns of a potential power struggle between his office and the new government in Jammu and Kashmir, drawing parallels to the contentious relationship between the Delhi government and Lieutenant Governor.

In an interview, Sinha emphasized his commitment to collaboration, ensuring a harmonious relationship.

Sinha urged the newly elected representatives to prioritize the well-being of J&K residents, focusing on peace, prosperity, and development. He pledged his support to the new government, stating, "My message is that now that the people have given the mandate, the elected representatives should fulfill their promises to the people of J&K."

Notably, Omar Abdullah took the oath as the first Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, a significant political development that has sparked a fresh debate on the extent of power his government will wield.

There are apprehensions over whether real authority will lie with the Chief Minister or the Lieutenant Governor (LG) administration and whether the promises made during the elections will ever see the light of day.

On July 12, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs extended the administrative authority of the LG by amending the Transaction of Business Rules through an executive notification.

Under the new rules, the LG will now have | [More on P10](#)



MY MESSAGE IS THAT NOW THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN THE MANDATE, the elected representatives should fulfill their promises to the people of J&K."



Tourists parasailing over Dal Lake, Srinagar, with the majestic Hari Parbat Fort in the background. KO Photo By Abid Bhat

Dalai Lama Congratulates Omar

Agencies

Himachal Pradesh: Dalai Lama wrote to congratulate Omar Abdullah on his coalition's success in the recent Assembly Polls and his appointment as the Chief Minister of Jammu Kashmir in the Assembly polls.

"As I have mentioned before, I have had the privilege of knowing three generations of your family from the days of Sheikh Abdullah to you. I treasure our friendship. I wish you every success in meeting whatever challenges may lie ahead and the opportunities arise to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people of Jammu & Kashmir," he wrote.

On Wednesday, Abdullah took oath as | [More on P10](#)

CM Omar Pledges Relief For Marwan Fire Victims

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday visited the fire-ravaged village in Kishtwar district where dozens of houses were gutted in a massive blaze, and pledged more relief for the rehabilitation of the devastated families.

Omar advocated Prime Ministers' Relief Fund and PM's Awajaz Yojna for over 80 families whose homes were razed to rubble by the deadly blaze.

Omar also said that the J&K government has increased the assistance to the affected families. The Chief Minister, along



with deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, visited Marwan area earlier today, where almost 80 structures were razed to rubble due to

the deadly blaze on October 16. Addressing the fire affected people, Omar said what was the fun of going for DG recruitment when there are | [More on P10](#)

Rs 80 Lakh Raised In Just 3 Days

After a devastating fire damaged 77 houses and a mosque in Mulwaran village of Kishtwar, the philanthropic group 'Ababeel' has stepped in to lead the rebuilding efforts

as in three days, it has collected Rs 80 lakh in donations to help the affected families. The fire, which erupted on Monday, spread rapidly due to the predominance of wooden | [More on P10](#)

Light Snow Likely In J&K's Higher Reaches

Agencies

Srinagar: The Meteorological Department in Srinagar has announced the forecast of light snow over the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir beginning October 23.

The MeT has advised farmers to proceed with harvesting and ensure the safe storage of their crops, while also encouraging other farm operations. At the same time, tourists and trekkers are urged | [More on P10](#)

CM Chairs First Cabinet Meeting

Omar Abdullah, who was sworn in as the first Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, chaired his government's inaugural cabinet meeting today. Omar Abdullah, leader of the National Conference (NC), took his oath on Tuesday in a ceremony overseen by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. During the cabinet meeting, key administrative issues were discussed, and the government's immediate priorities were outlined. The newly-formed cabinet reviewed significant governance challenges, focusing on | [More on P10](#)



'Terrorism-Affected Families Deserve Rehabilitation'

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday met the family members of victims of terrorism from across North, Central and South Kashmir, at Raj Bhawan. The family members whose loved ones | [More on P10](#)

INSTEAD OF COMPASSION AND SUPPORT, THE TERRORISM-AFFECTED FAMILIES were marginalized, and their voices went unheard. I will try my best to ensure justice, welfare and rehabilitation of these families."

SC To Consider Hearing Plea For J&K Statehood

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday said it will consider listing a plea seeking time-bound restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for applicants, urged a bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra that the plea needed an urgent hearing. "There is an MA (Miscellaneous

Application) for conferring statehood. It was noted (in last year's judgement) that it has to be time-bound," the senior lawyer said.

"I will deal with it," the CJI said. The fresh application was filed by Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, an academician, and Khurshaid Ahmad Malik, a socio-political activist, in Jammu and Kashmir.

On December 11, 2023, the Supreme Court had unanimously upheld the revocation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which accorded a | [More on P10](#)

CM's Oath Ceremony Omar Abdullah's 'Achkan' Sparks Debate

Farzana Nisar

Srinagar: Omar Abdullah was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir on October 16, but it wasn't just his political role that drew attention. Observers noted his choice of attire prompting discussions on social media regarding his fashion sense.

Among those commenting was Hakeem Sameer Hamdani, an architect, who called it an 'ill-proportioned' sherwani worn at the ceremony.

Samiya Lateef, a journalist, linked Omar's outfit to his new political powers. "As is public knowledge that not many things are in his control (UT and all) despite being a CM now, couldn't help but notice



Omar Abdullah's ill-fitted and odd looking sherwani or achkan, which was in his control," she posted on X.

"The designer truly missed

the mark here. This could have been significantly improved. A Karkuli instead of the cap would have brought a touch of elegance. | [More on P10](#)

LG's Powers To Nominate 5 MLAs HC's Bench To Hear Plea Next Week

Observer News Service

Jammu: A special division bench of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court will hear next week a plea challenging the power vested in the J&K lieutenant governor to nominate five members to the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory.

Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan agreed to constitute a special division bench on Monday to hear the public interest litigation (PIL) with regard to nomination of the five MLAs, petitioner Ravinder

Sharma said. On October 14, the Supreme Court refused to entertain the plea and asked the petitioner to approach the high court. As Sharma's counsel

D K Khajuria moved the high court and sought early listing of the petition, Chief Justice Rabstan agreed to constitute a special bench for Monday to hear the matter.

Sharma, a former member of legislative council and senior vice president of Pradesh Congress Committee, was also present in the court. | [More on P10](#)

'Constitutional Misdemeanour', Says Sibal

Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Thursday said it was a "constitutional misdemeanour" to have reduced Jammu and Kashmir to a Union Territory and asserted that it was time | [More on P10](#)



PUBLIC NOTICE

I, No. 10329951W Lnk Harkesh Gurjar of 125 Inf Bn (TA) THE GUARDS, hereby declare that an error exists in my service documents regarding the details of my brother.

It is stated that:

Brother's Name:
Erroneously mentioned as **Om Prakash**
Date of Birth (DoB):
Erroneously recorded as **01-07-2008**
However, as per civil documents, the correct details are:

Brother's Name: **Omprakash Singh**
Date of Birth (DoB): **11-07-2006**
Therefore, it is requested that the name of my brother be corrected from **Om Prakash to Omprakash Singh, and his Date of Birth from 01-07-2008 to 11-07-2006** in the service records.

'High BP Affects Breathing Capacity But Physical Activity Can Help'

Press Trust Of India

High blood pressure impairs one's breathing capacity by hardening the airways in the respiratory system, thereby increasing resistance, a study has found. However, being physically active can help by improving the functioning of respiratory muscles, resulting in better coordination between ventilation and blood flow in the lungs, researchers from the Federal University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, found. Hypertension, in which one's blood pressure remains unusually high, is known to thicken the blood vessels and harden the arteries. The researchers said that something similar happens with the bronchi -- branches of the main windpipe (trachea) -- in the respiratory system as well. "This is very important as the more hardened the bronchi becomes,

the more difficult it becomes for air to enter and leave the lungs. In the long run, this accelerated process of hardening of the bronchi makes breathing difficult for older people. Worse still, it's a cycle: lower oxygen saturation accelerates the aging process throughout the organism," last author Rodolfo de Paula Vieira, an invited professor at the Federal University of Sao Paulo, said. However, performing physical activity was found to partly protect the airways from hardening due to increased blood pressure. "We conclude that systemic arterial hypertension compromises lung function and mechanics in older adults and that a physically active lifestyle seems to partially attenuate these impairments. Thus, having a physically active lifestyle can mitigate these hypertension-induced pulmonary alterations in older adults," the authors wrote in the study published in the journal



Advances in Respiratory Medicine. While hypertension has been known to impair lung function, the mechanism involved was not clearly understood until now, Vieira said. For the study, the researchers

gauged the respiratory function of over 700 men and women aged 60 years or more, with or without high blood pressure, along with air resistance. Muscle strength was assessed by

looking at hand grip, while respiratory muscle strength was assessed by measuring air pressure as the participants inhaled and exhaled. They also responded to questionnaires regarding their physical activity habits and quality of life. The findings highlighted the need to look at lung function in patients having high blood pressure, Vieira said. "Our findings show that physicians should refer patients diagnosed with high blood pressure to a specialist for tests to assess lung function and mechanics, especially older patients," Vieira said. While changes to lung function are expected as one ages, the study showed that physical exercise can partly protect the lungs from the effects of hypertension, the researcher added. Therefore, older patients "should also be given guidance on the importance of an active lifestyle to avoid loss of lung function due to high blood pressure," Vieira said.

The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education
New Campus Bemina Srinagar

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 10th) under Roll No.: 332288 Session: Annual Year 1998 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent/Board against my name and caste as Rafat Ara D/o Gh Mohd Pala instead of Rifat Ara D/o Gh Mohd Pala



Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bemina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained.

Name: **Rifat Ara**
F/N: **Gh Mohd Pala**
M/N: **Syeeda Begum**
DOB: **09-02-1983**
Residence: **Mundji Sopore**

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office Of The Child Development Project Officer, Breng

Subject: Engagement of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi centre of poshan project breng on Honorarium Basis.

- Reference: 1. Government order No 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 Dated:30.11.2022
- 2 Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023
- 3. Communication no SWD-ICDS/43/2022 Dated 14-08-2023 of Social Welfare Department

Re-advertisement Notice 03 of 2024
Dated 14.10.2024

Opening date of receipt of application forms:16-10-2024
Closing date of receipt of application forms: 26-10-2024.

Whereas vide Advertisement No 01 2024 Dated 28.02.2024 and re-advertisement No. 01 of 2024 Dated 25.07.2024 and re-advertisement No.02 of 2024 dated 09.08.2024 .applications forms were invited for the engagement as Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of various AWCs from designated wards of notified Panchayat Halgas.

Whereas in view of aforesaid advertisement and re-advertisement no eligible application for the posts of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of various AWCs has been received In view of the above, applications on prescribed performa are hereby invited from the 8th pass and above candidates of the panch ward shown against the below mentioned panchayat Halqa for the engagement of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) for the Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Breng on Honorarium basis

Detail of Vacant Posts Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper) along with name and location of Anganwadi Centre.

S.No	Name of Panchayat Halqa	Name of Anganwadi Centre	Ward NO	Name of Post	NO.OF POSTS
1.	Wangam-A	Wangam-A	03	Anganwadi Helper	01
2.	Sundbrarai-A	Sundbrara-B	08	Anganwadi Helper	01
3.	Loher	Loher-B Gainandar	03	Anganwadi Helper	01

Format of application

- Name of POSHAN Project 2' Name of Anganwadi Centre
- Post applied for
3. Post applied for
4. Name of the Candidate
5. Father's Name
6. Husband's Name
7. Residence
8. Ward No.
9. Address for correspondence
10. Contact No.
11. Date of Birth
12. Age as on 01.01.2024
13. Academic Qualification:

Sr.No.	Examination passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Total Marks	Percentage

14. Do the candidate belong to Retiring AWW/AWH (YES/NO)
15. Document Attached:-
Signature of the candidate
Date: -

Eligibility for Anganwadi Helpers (Sahayika)

1. The selection of Helpers Sahayikas shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre is located.
2. Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.
3. The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.
4. Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper (Sahayika) shall be matriculation.
5. In case no matriculation candidate available in the ward, candidates with qualification not less than 8th standard shall be considered.
6. The selection shall be made on the basis of merit in 10th among married candidates on the basis of social welfare department Civil secretariat letter No. SWD-ICDS/43/2022 dated 14/08/2023. In case no married candidate is available in the ward unmarried candidate may be considered who fulfill the qualification criteria.

Document Verification

- 1) Applicants must submit the following documents along with application form.
 - a) Matric/10th Marks card./8th marks card
 - b) Date of Birth
 - c) Voter list/Ward Certificate
 - d) Domicile Certificate (d) Domicile certificate
 - e) Unmarried Certificate (where required)
2. Candidates have to bring two passport size recent color photographs and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be
 - i) Aadhaar Card
 - ii) Voter ID card.
 - 3) The candidate, who is supposed to furnish various certificates issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final

Note:

- All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:
1. All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
 2. The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK (SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection Anganwadi Helpers Sahayikas and Social welfare Department Civil secretariat letter No. SWD-ICDS/43/2022 Dated 14.08.2023

No.: CDPO/poshan/Breng/24-25/686-693
DIPK-6242/24 Date: 17-10-2024
Child Development Project Officer
Poshan Project Breng

KASHMIR POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD

Office of the Chief Executive Officer

IT & Communication Division, KPDCCL

PDD Complex Bemina E-mail: ceo.rapdrp.a@gmail.com

NIT NO: CEO/IT&C/11 of 2024

Dated: 15-10-2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of U.T of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders (in two cover sets) are invited by Chief Executive Officer, IT & C Division KPDCCL for Providing Services of "Housekeeping, Cleaning and Maintenance of Data Centre Building along with its premises, IT Office along with its premises, SCADA Building along with its premises, Single Floor Electric Sub-Station Building at PDD Complex, Bemina, Srinagar".

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications by the bidder.
2. The tender document is available on website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online upto the date and time mentioned in the table below:

A	Date of issue of Tender Notice	15/10/2024
B	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	17/10/2024 : 4:00 PM
C	Clarifications start date	17/10/2024 : 04:30 PM
D	Clarifications end date	21/10/2024 : 02:00 PM
E	e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS)	21/10/2024 : 02:30 PM
F	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee ,EMD and other supporting documents in PDF / XLS)	04/11/2024 :04:00 PM
G	Online Technical e-Bid Opening date and Time	05/11/2024:02:00 PM
H	Venue of opening of technical Bids	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IT & C Division , KPDCCL, Bemina.
I	Online Financial e-Bid Opening date and Time	Will be separately communicated to the technically eligible bidders
J	Estimated Cost	Rs7,75,000/=
K	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 1,000.00 (Rupees One Thousand only, Non-refundable)
L	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	EMD amounting for Rs 15,500/=
M	Last Date for Submission of Hard Copies	05/11/2024 01:30 PM
N	Address for submission of Hard Copies	Office of the CEO IT & C Division, KPDCCL (Data Center) PDD Complex Bemina Kashmir
O	MSME Exemption allowed.	

3. The bidders need to submit the proof /cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through non-refundable Demand Draft (Any Nationalized Bank or Scheduled Commercial Banks) pledged to Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IT & C division (KPDCCL) and payable at Srinagar. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be enclosed with e-Bids but the original Demand Draft should reach the office of Chief Executive Officer, IT & Communication Division Kashmir (Data Center), PDD Complex Bemina upto 01:30 PM on 05/11/2024.

- a. All the e-Bids must be accompanied by EMD as stated in the above table, hard Copy of which shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer, IT & Communication Division Kashmir (Data Center), PDD Complex Bemina up to 05/11/2024 01:30 PM.
- b. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site http://jktenders.gov.in. This shall be conveyed to the qualified bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial bid shall be opened according to the date and time of opening of Financial-Bids at the office of the Chief Executive Officer, IT & C Division (KPDCCL).
5. The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the identified venue on indicated date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder's representative will be required to be produced.
6. The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding.
7. In the event of dates specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday/closed day for department's office then the date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.
8. All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.
9. To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' class III (b) as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.
10. Other details can be found in the standard bidding document.

No: CEO/IT & C/1607-09
DIPK-NB-1770/24 Dated: 17-10-2024

S/d-
Chief Executive Officer
IT & C Division
KPDCCL

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of general public that I Ruben Bano D/o Gh Hussain Malla R/o Matipora have been married to Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar R/o Duslipora Pattan due to my marriage with Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar my address has changed from Matipora to Dusli pora pattan . Now I want to update my husband's name and Address in my bank account details. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the concerned J&K Bank within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Ruben Bano
W/o Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar
R/o Dusli pora pattan

bmg

از نیابت تلگام
درخواست منجانب بلال احمد راتر ولد دی محمد راتر ساکن تلگام تحصیل پٹن بھڑشول لیگل ہے
سرٹیفکیٹ تک متوتی دی محمد راتر
اشتیہار برادر آگاہی بر خاص وعام۔
معاہد مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں ساکن ان نے ایک درخواست بھڑشول لیگل ہے سرٹیفکیٹ دفتر پٹن
میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ ریکارڈی ہے۔ اس بارے میں پٹناری حلقہ سے پورٹ طلب کی گئی جس
سے نمایاں ہے کہ ساکن تلگام میں رہائش پذیر ہے اور ساکن کا والد دی محمد راتر مورخ
28-05-2013 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے۔ ساکن کا کزنہ دی محمد راتر پٹن پٹن ہے
بلال احمد راتر 40 سال پر متوتی شادی شدہ
بلال احمد راتر 52 سال -- --
اس طور سے متوتی کے 22 وارث جائز ہے۔ لہذا سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی
اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر ہی اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض پیش کرے۔
معیار کرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔
نائب تحصیلدار۔ fko

از نیابت سرکل پھوہارہ سر نیگر تحصیل خانانیر
عنوان: درخواست از جانب محمد رومان ولد محمد طارق احمد ساکن دیگ کلاونی برین
نسبت ایرانی لیگل ہے سرٹیفکیٹ
اشتیہار برادر آگاہی
معاہد عنوان الصدر میں درخواست ساکن ہے کہ اس کا والد متوتی طارق احمد بٹ ولد محمد
سبحان بٹ مورخ 20/08/2018 کو فوت ہو چکا ہے اس نسبت ساکن خواہاں ہے کہ
اسکے تین میں لیگل ہے سرٹیفکیٹ اجراء فرمائی جائے۔ برو پورٹ پٹناری حلقہ متوتی
کنندہ بذیل افراد پر مشتمل ہے
نام عمر رشتہ پیشہ
نصرت جنین 51 سال بیوہ گھریلو کام
محمد رومان بٹ 18 سال پسر تعلیم
قبل اسکے درخواست ساکن پٹن پٹن دیگ کلاونی میں لائی جائے۔ ہر خاص وعام کو مطلع
کیا جاتا ہے کہ اگر کسی شخص کو سرٹیفکیٹ حذرا اجراء کرنے میں کوئی عذر یا اعتراض ہو تو وہ
ایک ہفتہ کے اندر اندر دفتر پٹن پٹن میں پیش کریں۔ معیار کرنے بعد کوئی عذر یا اعتراض
قابل قبول نہ ہوگا۔
نائب تحصیلدار mcl

Chief Secy Inaugurates 3-Day Kashmir Marathon Expo



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a run-up to the Marathon event scheduled for 20th of this month, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Thursday inaugurated a 3 day 'Kashmir Marathon Expo' organized by the Tourism Department at Polo Ground here.

The Chief Secretary was accompanied by Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Commissioner Secretary, Tourism; Director Tourism, Kashmir besides other concerned officers.

While speaking in the inaugural session of the event, the Chief Secretary expressed hope that this mega event, in which more than 2000 runners are participating from all over the country including some overseas athletes, would be made an annual feature. He said that such events reinvigorates commitment of the government towards promoting adventure tourism along with eco-tourism, leisure and niche tourism in the UT.

Dulloo maintained that this Expo would provide a platform to our entrepreneurs to display and sell their products. Besides, they will get an opportunity to promote our niche crops and unique handicrafts and handloom items prepared by our versatile artists. He stated that promotion of tourism of any sort is directly associated with boosting trade, which ultimately accrues into creation of livelihood opportunities for our youth.

Commissioner Secretary, Tourism, Yasha Mudgal,

while speaking about the Expo, said that it has been organized on the sidelines of the Kashmir Marathon scheduled to be held at the end of this 3-day event.

She elucidated that this Expo offers an incredible opportunity to the visitors to get a real feel about the rich and diverse heritage of Kashmir. In addition, the expo is featuring a delightful showcase of the region's cuisine, culture and handicrafts, providing an enriching experience for all who attend it, she remarked.

Moreover, it was noted that during these 3 day participants of the marathon can collect their race kits containing their bib numbers and timing chips besides the relevant informational material about this race from 10:00 am to 05:00 pm daily upto 19th of this month.

It is noteworthy to mention that the marathon is going to be first of its kind as attractive prizes have been announced for both Full and Half Marathon events to be held for both men and women separately. Besides, the first prize for Full Marathon is a cash reward of Rs 25,00,000 followed by Rs 20,00,000 (2nd), Rs 18,00,000 (3rd), Rs 15,00,000 (4th), and Rs 12,00,000 (5th prize) for both men and women.

Similarly, in the Half Marathon event the cash rewards are Rs 15,00,000 followed by Rs 12,00,000 (2nd), Rs 9,00,000 (3rd), Rs 6,00,000 (4th), and Rs 3,00,000 as reward money for 5th prize winner respectively.

CJ Inaugurates Court Of Special Judge NDPS In Srinagar

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief J&K Legal Services Authority, Justice Tashi Rabstan, today inaugurated the newly created Court of Special Judge (NDPS), in District Court Complex Srinagar.

The dignitaries were warmly welcomed by Jaffer Hussain Beg, Principal District & Sessions Judge Srinagar and other judicial officers of the District Court, Srinagar. Jaffer Hussain Beg expressed sincere gratitude to the Chief Justice for his exceptional leadership.

The Chief Justice inaugurated the facility in presence of Jaffer Hussain Beg, Registry officers including Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General High Court of J&K and Ladakh; M.K. Sharma, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice; Abdul Bari, Joint Registrar Judicial Srinagar and other judicial officers of District Court Srinagar.

The Chief Justice interacted with the undertrials in NDPS Cases lodged at Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Central Jail Agra and District Jail Poonch through virtual mode and enquired about their whereabouts. He directed the District Legal Services Authority Srinagar to provide free Legal Aid Defense Counsel to those who are in need of the same.

This new court marks a significant step towards strengthening the legal infrastructure in the district, ensuring efficient and effective handling of cases related to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

Following the inauguration, the Chief Justice engaged in a productive interaction with Judicial Officers and members of the Bar. The discussions focused on key strategies to further bolster the legal infrastructure in the district. This session provided a platform for discussing challenges and exploring collaborative strategies to improve the efficiency and accessibility of justice.

The event concluded with a plantation drive conducted by District Legal Services Authority Srinagar in collaboration with Kashmir Concern (NGO) which was held under the guidance of Jaffer Hussain Beg and under the supervision of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Srinagar.

Justice Tashi Rabstan planted the first sapling and the plantation drive



PD&SJ Srinagar Chairs 3rd Quarterly UTRC Meeting

SRINAGAR: As per the UTRC meeting schedule issued by National Legal Services Authority for the year 2024, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar, under the aegis of the Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, held its third quarterly Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) meeting on Thursday in the office chamber of the Principal District & Session Judge (Chairman DLSA) Srinagar.

The meeting, chaired by Jaffer Hussain Beg, Principal District & Session Judge (Chairman DLSA) Srinagar, brought together key stakeholders from the judiciary, administration, police and medical fraternity to address the crucial issue of ensuring fair and expedited trials for under trial prisoners.

The committee meticulously reviewed nine cases, engaging in thorough discussions and deliberations to understand the specific circumstances of each individual. Through thoughtful consideration, the committee formulated tailored recommendations aimed at expediting the judicial process and upholding the principles of equity and justice.

The event was enthusiastically participated in by all dignitaries, including Jaffer Hussain Beg, Chairman DLSA Srinagar and other judicial officers, fostering a spirit of collective responsibility towards the environment.

Justice Tashi Rabstan emphasized the vital role of strengthening the legal infrastructure to ensure a robust and accessible justice system for all. He high-

lighted the importance of collaborative efforts between the judiciary, the bar and the community to ensure that legal services reach every corner of society.

This event serves as a testament to the commitment of the judiciary to provide efficient and accessible justice to all citizens, while also acknowledging the importance of environmental stewardship.

Dead Body Recovered From Jhelum In Safa Kadal

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The body of a man hailing from Ali Kadal area of Srinagar was found floating in the water near Safa Kadal area of Central Kashmir's Srinagar district on Thursday afternoon, officials said.

An official told KNO that the body was spotted by locals, who then retrieved it.

He said soon police promptly reached the scene,

and the body was taken to the hospital for medico-legal formalities.

The official added the deceased has been identified as Nadeem Fayaz Bhat, son of Fayaz Ahmad, a resident of Badgeer Ali Kadal, while cognizance of the matter has been taken.

He added that the body will be handed over to the family after the completion of legal proceedings.

SKIMS Celebrates 'SKIMS RESEARCH DAY 2024'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences celebrates 'SKIMS Research Day' on Thursday. The event was organized by the Department of Community Medicine, holding a huge significance in the academic calendar of the institute as it provides an opportunity for the medical fraternity of SKIMS & SKIMS Medical College to showcase their

cutting-edge research and exchange the scientific knowledge for the optimal patient care. The event was a huge success with around forty-five oral scientific presentations by the faculty from the diverse disciplines.

The day-long event spanned over several parallel scientific sessions consisting of thought-provoking innovative sessions and case reports. The various scientific ses-

sions were presided over by a body of distinguished chairpersons which included the senior faculty of SKIMS besides the former Deans & former Heads of SKIMS.

The eminent guests on the occasion were Prof. Kaushal K Verma (Dean Academics AIIMS, New Delhi) as the Chief Guest; Dr. G N Qazi (CEO HIMSAR, New Delhi) as Guest of Honour.

The inaugural session started with the welcome

address delivered by organizing Chairperson Prof. Anjum Bashir Fazili who underscored the need for robust research in the field of medicine and highlighted the importance of SKIMS Research Day.

Director SKIMS & EOSG Prof. Mohammad Ashraf Ganie (Chief host) while greeting the guests on the occasion also accentuated the need for quality research as a significant pillar of patient care.

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER GOVT HIGH SCHOOL BANDERPORA PULWAMA.

Ref. No. HSB/2024/748; Dated: 17-10-2024

ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION

Subject: Vacancy for Cook-cum-Helper under PM POSHAN Scheme. Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the post of Cook-cum-Helper under the PM POSHAN Scheme at High School Banderpora, Pulwama on a temporary basis.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a resident of the village of Banderpora Shaheera.
- Age : 18 Years and more.
- The engagement will be temporary, subject to the continuation of the school's enrollment (minimum 40 students).
- Preference will be given to candidates from economically weaker sections and fulfilling the scheme's criteria.

Instructions:

- Interested candidates may submit their applications with relevant documents (proof of residence, age, educational qualifications, etc.) to the Headmaster's Office, High School Banderpora.
- Selection will be done in consultation with the Village Education Committee (VEC) to ensure transparency.
- The last date for submission of applications is 23 October 2024 upto 4: 00 PM. For further details, contact the school office during working hours.

DIPK-6250-24 Issued by: Headmaster, DT: 17/10/2024 Govt. High School Banderpora

Email ID: rbddivisionawantipora@gmail.com Government of Jammu & Kashmir Ph.....

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION AWANTIPORA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Single Cover System

E-NIT No.60/EEA/R&B of 2024-25/5166-76 Dated: 14/10/2024

SNo.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (incl. GST) (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of completion (days)	M.H OF Account	Class Of Contactor
1	Upgradation of Hurdmir Lariyar road Km Ist	9.60	600/-	2% of Adv cost	25 Working Days	District Capex 2024-25	CEE, DEE

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

Position of AAA: Accorded- vide No: 177-DDCP of 2024 dated: 10.08.2024

Position of funds: - Available

Position of TS: - Sanctioned

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

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	14/10/2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	15/10/2024
3	Bid submission Start Date	15/10/2024
4	Bid Submission End Date	28/10/2024 upto 4.00 PM.
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	29/10/2024 at 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan (deposited in MH: 0059) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora (tender inviting authority) and Earnest money / Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora (tender receiving authority).

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

- The 1st lowest bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora within 07 (Seven) days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of DLP. The Bank Guarantee (bid security) should be valid for 45 days beyond bid validity.
- At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security equal to 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e., Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora. Besides that, the successful bidder will have to provide Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG @ 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 allotted cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP/Maintenance Period.
- All Bidders shall to quote the rates in BOQ including GST. GST @ 18% or as admissible will be added separately at the time of issuance of Allotment by the allotting authority.

Sd/- Draftsman DIPK-6165-24 DT: 17/10/2024 Sd/- Technical Officer Sd/- Executive Engineer R&B Division Awantipora

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092, 2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488, 2452222, 2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081
- Ambulance: Kashmir EMS Service: +91 94841 00200

AIRPORTS
SHIEKH UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311 ✈️

RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BIJBERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS

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

HIJRI CALENDAR
14 Rabi-ul-Sani
1446

PRAYERS

FAJR 5:16
ZUHR 12:16
ASR 4:17
Magrib 6:00
ISHA 7:18

This Day In History

- 707- John VII ends his reign as Catholic Pope
- 1009- The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem is destroyed by the Fatimid caliph Al-Hakim bi-Amr Allah, who hacks the Church's foundations down to bedrock
- 1016- Danes defeat Saxons at Battle of Assandun (Ashingdon)
- 1081- Battle of Dyrhachium: Southern Italian Normans under Robert Guiscard defeat Byzantine army under Alexios I Komnenos (modern Durres, Albania)
- 1267- Battle at Marienholz: Henry III, Otto II van Gelre beat Keuls archbishop Engelbert III
- 1561- Fourth Battle of Kawanakajima -- Takeda Shingen defeats Uesugi Kenshin in the climax of their ongoing conflict
- 1572- Spanish troops attack Maastrecht
- 1622- French King Louis XIII & Huguenots sign Treaty of Montpellier
- 1648 1st labor organization forms in North American colonies (Boston Shoemakers)
- 1667 English fleet plunders Suriname plantations
- 1672- Poland & Turkey sign Peace of Buczacz
- 1685- French King Louis XIV revokes Edict of Nantes cancelling rights of French Protestants
- 1748- Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle signed, ending War of Austrian Succession
- 1767- Boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania, the Mason-Dixon line is agreed upon
- 1775- African-American poet Phillis Wheatley freed from slavery
- 1776- Battle of Pelham: Colonel John Glover & Marblehead regiment meet British Forces in Bronx
- 1860- The Second Opium War finally ends at the Convention of Peking with the ratification of the Treaty of Tientsin, an unequal treaty.
- 1863- Battle of Charlestown, WV
- 1867- Alaska Purchase: US takes formal possession of Alaska from Russia, having paid \$7.2 million
- 1873- Columbia Princeton Rutgers & Yale set rules for collegiate football
- 1878- Anti-socialist laws are ratified in Germany
- 1878- Edison makes electricity available for household use
- 1892- 1st commercial long-distance phone line opens (Chicago-NY)
- 1900- Count Bernard von Bulow becomes Chancellor of Germany, famous for first referring to Germany's need for 'place in the sun' and global empire
- 1901- Belgium's Louise of den Plas begins activities towards women rights
- 1910- E. M. Forster publishes novel "Howards End"
- 1912- The Treaty of Lausanne ends the Tripolitan War between Turkey and Italy
- 1912- The First Balkan War breaks out, with Bulgaria, Serbia, and Greece opposed to Turkey
- 1921- Bidding its time, Soviet Russia agrees to independence for the Crimea.
- 1942- Hitler orders captured allied commandos to be killed
- 1944- Soviet troops invade Czechoslovakia during WW II
- 1954- Texas Instruments Inc. announces the first transistor radio.
- 1955- University of California discovers anti-proton
- 1960 - In Britain, News Chronicle & Daily Mail merge and London Evening Star merges with Evening News
- 1961- Emergency crisis proclaimed in South Vietnam due to communist attack
- 1962- US launches Ranger 5 for lunar impact; misses Moon
- 1962 - James Watson (US), Francis Crick (UK) & Maurice Wilkins (UK) win the Nobel Prize for their work in determining the structure of DNA
- 1967 - Nobel prize for physics awarded to Hans A Bethe
- 1967 - Soviet Venera 4 becomes 1st probe to send data back from Venus
- 1969 - Soyuz 8 returns to Earth
- 1973 - Nobel prize for Economic Sciences awarded to American Wassily Leontief
- 1976 - Nobel prize for chemistry awarded to American William Lipscomb
- 1979 - Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini orders mass executions to stop
- 1984 - Discovery moves to Vandenberg AFB for mating of STS 51A mission
- 1984 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/Semipalinsk USSR
- 1993 - STS-58 (Columbia) launches into orbit
- 2007 - After 8 years in exile, Benazir Bhutto returns to Pakistan. The same night, suicide attackers blow themselves up near Bhutto's convoy, killing over 100, including 20 police officers. Bhutto escapes unharmed.
- 2011 - Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit is released by Hamas
- 2012 - Syrian military airstrikes kill 40 people in Maaret al-Numan
- 2013 - Saudi Arabia becomes the first country to turn down a seat on the UN Security Council in protest over Syria
- 2016 - US White Houses says it is "confident" Russia behind recent email hacking and attempts to influence US election

345,000 Gazans face 'catastrophic' hunger this winter: UN

Agencies

ROME: Some 345,000 Gazans face "catastrophic" levels of hunger this winter after aid deliveries fell, a UN-backed assessment said Thursday, warning of the persistent risk of famine across the Palestinian territory.

This is up from the 133,000 people currently categorised as experiencing "catastrophic food insecurity", according to a classification compiled by UN agencies and NGOs.

A surge in humanitarian assistance this summer had brought some relief to Gazans, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report said, but September saw the lowest volume of commercial and humanitarian supplies entering Gaza since March.

As a result, it projected that the number of people experiencing catastrophic food insecurity -- IPC Phase 5 -- between November 2024 and April 2025 to reach 345,000, or 16 percent of the population.

The recent "sharp decline" in aid "will profoundly limit the ability of families to feed themselves and access essential goods and services in the coming months, unless reversed", the report said.

Tears that the world wants to see less of...

Economic toll of Israel's widening war The United States warned Israel on Tuesday that it could withhold some of its billions of dollars in military assistance unless it improves aid delivery to the Gaza Strip within 30 days.

The head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, Philippe Lazzarini, also



warned Wednesday of the risk of famine in the territory, where vast areas have been devastated by Israel's retaliatory as-

sault launched after the October 7 attack last year by Hamas.

"The risk of famine between November 2024 and April 2025 persists as long as conflict continues, and humanitarian access is restricted," the IPC report said.

"The extreme concentration of population in an ever-shrinking area, living in improvised shelters with intermittent access to humanitarian supplies and services, elevates the risk of epidemic outbreaks and deterioration into a catastrophe of unprecedented magnitude.

"Likelihood of worst-case scenario occurring increasing"

Intensified Israeli attacks and fresh evacuation orders were "already increasing the likelihood of this worst-case scenario occurring", the report added.

An estimated 60,000 cases of acute

malnutrition among children aged between six months and four years old are expected between November and April.

"To curb acute hunger and malnutrition, we must act now," said Beth Bechdol, deputy director-general of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization.

Tears that the world wants to see less of... The economics of attrition changing wars

She said it was necessary to "immediately cease hostilities, restore humanitarian access to deliver critical and essential food aid and agricultural inputs in time for the upcoming winter crop planting season... to allow them to grow food".

Israel's ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, had said Wednesday that a lack of aid was not the problem, blaming Hamas for hijacking and stealing deliveries.

Marital Rape

SC to Decide on Laws Granting Immunity to Husbands

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday said it will decide the constitutional validity of penal provisions in the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) which grant immunity from prosecution to a husband for the offence of rape if he forces his wife, who is not a minor, to have sex with him.

A bench of Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra sought views of the petitioners on Centre's contention that making such acts punishable would severely impact the conjugal relationship and cause serious disturbances in the institution of marriage.

Senior advocate Karuna Nundy, appearing for one of the petitioners, opened the arguments and referred to the provisions of the IPC and BNS on marital rape.

"It is a constitutional question. There are two judgments before us and we have to decide. The core issue is of the constitutional validity (of the penal provisions)," the CJI said.

Nundy said the court must

strike down a provision, which was unconstitutional.

"You are saying it (penal provision) violates Article 14 (right to equality), Article 19, Article 21 (life and personal liberty)... The Parliament intended when it enacted the exception clause that when a man engages in a sexual act with wife above 18 years of age it cannot be constituted as rape," the top court remarked.

The bench wondered if it struck down the immunity clause in the penal codes then the offence will be covered under the main provision on rape or "can the court create a separate offence or adjudicate the validity of the exception (clause)".

The hearing is currently underway.

Under the exception clause of Section 375 of the IPC, now replaced by the BNS, sexual intercourse or sexual acts by a man with his wife, the wife not being minor, is not rape.

Even under the new law, Exception 2 to Section 63 (rape) says that "sexual intercourse or sexual acts by a man with his own wife, the wife not being under eighteen years of age, is not rape".

US, UK Target Yemeni Capital With 'Stealth Bombers' For First Time

Agencies

Sanna: Yemen's al-Masirah television network said the US-British aggression targeted the al-Hafa and Jirban areas in the north and south of the capital with six airstrikes on Thursday morning.

The television network also said the warplanes struck the northwestern Yemeni city of Sa'ada as well as the Kahlan and al-Abla areas east of the city.

The US military has used "B-2 stealth bombers for the 1st time in airstrikes on Yemen," the television network said.

Yemen's official Saba Net news agency reported that US-British aggression aircraft launched 15 raids on the capital Sana'a and the Sa'ada province.

The agency cited a security source as saying that the aircraft targeted with six raids the areas in the north and south of the capital, and launched nine raids in Sa'ada.

A US defense official confirmed that the strikes were conducted using the B-2 bomber, which is usually deployed to strike areas heavily defended by air defense systems.

A Yemeni military source told the Lebanese Al-Mayadeen



TV channel that the airstrikes did not hit weapons depots belonging to Yemen's Ansarullah, and did not affect their capabilities as claimed by the Pentagon.

The source said the use of B-2 stealth bombers in the attacks indicates "panic" in the US military over the possibility of its drones being shot down in Yemeni airspace, after several MQ-9 drones were shot down by the Houthis movement in recent months.

Any American-British aircraft or weapon used to strike Yemen "cannot neutralize the strategic weapons that the Yemeni army has prepared and continues to prepare and develop," the source said.

He added that attacks on Yemen will not succeed in forcing the Ansarullah movement to stop its support of Gaza and Lebanon.

Nasreddin Amer, Deputy Minister of Information in the Sana'a-based administration, condemned the American and British aggression, saying, "The position of the Yemeni nation toward Palestine and Lebanon will not change with these attacks."

Amer stressed that the United States will "pay the price" of the dawn aggression against Yemen.

"We confirm that the American aggression will not pass without a response," said a statement from Ansarullah's political bureau.

NDA Stages Show of Strength

Nayab Saini Takes Oath As Haryana CM

Press Trust Of India

Chandigarh: Nayab Singh Saini, the proverbial dark horse who became star of the BJP's victory in the Haryana assembly elections, was sworn in as chief minister of the state on Thursday in a grand ceremony attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a galaxy of NDA leaders.

Thousands of people packed into the Dussehra Ground to watch Governor Bandaru Dattatreya administer the oath of office to the low profile OBC leader and 13 others. For the BJP, the messaging was not just in its show of strength with a power packed dais seating its chief ministers, ministers and NDA partners but also in its choice of the day - Valmiki Jayanti.

Sage-poet Valmiki is the author of the Hindu epic Ramayana and a revered figure, especially among Dalits.

The prime minister congratulated Saini and his ministerial colleagues on their swearing-in and described the team as a wonderful mix of good governance and experience.

"This government will realise



the dreams of people and take the state's development to a new high," he said in a post on X in Hindi.

"I am confident that the double engine government will leave no stone unturned in serving the poor, farmers, youths and women besides all other sections of society," Modi said.

Saini also thanked 2.8 crore people of Haryana for their mandate and the prime minister for his "inspirational leadership".

"For the third time with full majority, the BJP government will work with full energy for good governance, equality and welfare of the poor," Saini said in a post on X after being sworn in for the second time as chief minister.

Bangladeshi Tribunal Issues Arrest Warrant For Hasina

Agencies

DHAKA: A special tribunal in Dhaka issued an arrest warrant on Thursday for former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and began trial procedures in cases related to the killings of hundreds of people during recent student protests that forced her to step down and flee.

Initially peaceful student demonstrations started in Bangladesh in early July, triggered by the reinstatement of a quota system for the allocation of civil service positions.

Two weeks later, they were



met with a violent crackdown by security forces, which according to UN estimates left more than 600 people dead. The deaths led to a nationwide uprising, which in early August forced Hasina to resign and leave for neighboring India, ending her 15 years in power.

What does the Section 6A of Citizenship Act say? Origin, issue, SC verdict, explained

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Section 6A, which was incorporated in the Citizenship Act 1955 following the signing of the 1985 Assam Accord, was upheld by the Supreme Court. The following explains the special provision of the law and its possible ramifications.

What is Section 6A of the Citizenship Act 1955?

Section 6A was inserted into the Citizenship Act as a special provision to deal with the citizenship of people covered under the 1985 Assam Accord signed by the then Rajiv Gandhi government with the All Assam Students

Union (AASU), then headed by Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, who later twice became chief minister of Assam.

It is referred to in the law as "special provisions as to the citizenship of persons covered by the Assam Accord".

The provision provides that those who came to Assam on or after January 1, 1966, but before March 25, 1971, from specified territories, including Bangladesh, and since then are residents of Assam, must register themselves under Section 18 for citizenship.

These people were barred from registering as citizens of India for 10 years from the day of

their detection as per the provision of the Assam Accord.

As per the Assam Accord, those who had come after March 25, 1971, were bound to be deported from India. As a result, Section 6A fixes March 25, 1971, as the cut-off date for granting citizenship to migrants, particularly the ones from Bangladesh, residing in Assam.

Why the validity of Section 6A was challenged in the Supreme Court?

The Assam Sammilita Mahasangha and many other petitioners challenged the provision, saying that it singles out Assam and has facilitated mass immigration. They claimed that Assam's

demography has changed drastically due to the citizenship being granted to immigrants who claim that they entered Assam before March 25, 1971. They wanted 1951 as the cut-off year for the detection and deportation of illegal immigrants from Assam.

The petitioners had challenged Section 6A first in 2012 while arguing that Section 6A was discriminatory, arbitrary, and illegal so far as it provides for different cut-off dates for regularising illegal migrants who entered Assam and the rest of India.

What Supreme Court held? In a majority verdict, the

Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the constitutional validity of Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, 1955. Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud, writing for himself, upheld the validity and said the magnitude of influx of migrants in Assam was higher as compared to other states considering the smaller land size and the detection of foreigners is an elaborate process.

Besides, Justice Surya Kant, who wrote for himself and Justices M M Sundresh and Manoj Misra, concurred with the CJI and held that Parliament had the legislative competence to enact such a provision.

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Office of the Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE, Mechanical Rural Division, Sgr.

Abstract of E-Tender.
E-N.I.T. No: - PHE/MRD/TS/ 49 of 10/2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, E-tenders are invited in two cover system from approved and eligible Contractors having GST registration/registered with J&K Govt., Railway and other State/Central Government Organizations for the following work:-

Sr.	Nature of Work	Location	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Tender Doc.	Time of Completion	Programme
A	P/F/T/C of Switch Gear Protection panel, 200KVA HT/LT Transformer with allied accessories at WSS	Zoorigund (Ompora) Stage 1st	9.30	500/=	21 days	UT Capex


AAA: Accorded
Technical Sanction: Granted Critical Dates/Information;

1.	Publishing Date	15-10-2024 (5:00 PM)			
2.	Period of Downloading of Bids	15-10-2024 (5:00 PM)	to	23-10-2024 (11.00 A.M.)	
3.	Period of Submission of bids	15-10-2024 (5:00 PM)	to	23-10-2024 (11.00 A.M.)	
4.	Date of opening of Tender/Timing	23-10-2024 at (12:00 P.M.)			
5.	Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar				
6.	Document Cost: Non-Refundable in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt shall be deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Mechanical Rural Division Srinagar (The firm shall specify the e-NIT No. & name of work for which applied)				
7.	Bid Validity Period: 180 Days				
8.	The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on www.jktenders.gov.in				
09	Instead of EMD the firm has to furnish "Bid Security Declaration", format of the declaration is mentioned in the Bid Document				

Note:- The tenderer who is declared as LI after opening of price bid will deposit 5% of the Estimated cost of the work in shape of CDR/FDR before allotment is issued in his favour.

No: -PHE/MRD/TS/3171-75
DIPK-6145/24
DT: -17/10/2024.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Rural
Division Srinagar.

 **FEDERATION OF CHAMBERS OF INDUSTRIES KASHMIR**

FCIK Optimistic About Revitalizing of MSME Sector By New Govt

While extending heartfelt congratulations to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his newly appointed cabinet ministers on assuming office, the Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has expressed optimism that the new administration will bring much-needed revitalization to the industrial sector in Jammu and Kashmir, which has faced significant challenges for over a decade.

In an Advisory Committee meeting chaired by FCIK President Shahid Kamili, members voiced concerns over the precarious state of local industries, emphasizing that many enterprises were on the brink of collapse due to neglect and indifference. The formation of the new government has rekindled optimism among industrial stakeholders, who believe that prioritizing the revival and empowerment of the industrial landscape was now essential for fostering growth and sustainability.

The FCIK has called on the government to engage in urgent consultations with stakeholders to tackle pressing issues affecting local industries. Members recalled that many critical challenges faced by various industrial segments were successfully resolved during Omar Abdullah's first tenure from 2009 to 2014.

"Thousands of wood-based industrial units in J&K, located within 8 kilometers of designated forests, faced closure due to orders from the Honorable Supreme Court. However, thanks to the prudent planning and decisions of Omar Abdullah, these units were subsequently regularized, reflecting the government's commitment and the successful resolution of the case in their favour," recalled the members, adding that the resolution was sought with the active involvement of FCIK.

The members also highlighted how, during that period, the inclusion of the FCIK President in two Prime Ministerial Committees helped address the issues of MSMEs and rising unemployment.

While hailing the decision of Omar Abdullah government to involve stakeholders in crucial decision making process, the members expressed concern that local chambers had now been largely excluded from important boards and committees.

FCIK members have also informed the new government that the industrial sector was currently contending with multiple challenges that needed immediate attention. The confusion stemming from the simultaneous application of three different industrial policies was highlighted, with members calling for a unified, comprehensive policy that consolidated all incentives from central and UT government schemes.

While emphasizing the immediate need for a public procurement policy supporting local enterprises, the members lamented the historical oversight of local industries in government purchases.

FCIK has also urged the new administration to prioritize the revival of struggling industries and address the growing issue of non-performing assets (NPAs), which was crucial for the sector's recovery.

Endorsing the issues highlighted in the meeting, President FCIK Shahid Kamili showed his optimism on collaborative discussions with the Chief Minister and his cabinet to address these and other critical issues. While offering all services and cooperation of FCIK to the new government, he asserted that together we could create a thriving industrial environment that benefited all stakeholders and revitalizes the economy of Jammu and Kashmir.

ss

Publicity Secretary

Fisheries Deptt. Raids Mining Site In Sukhnag River



Observer News Service

BUDGAM: After the National Green Tribunal -NGT constituted a high level enquiry committee to visit Sukhnag River in Beerwah Budgam for accessing damages caused to it due to illegal Riverbed Mining, the J&K Fisheries Department raided some locations in Beerwah area of Budgam on Wednesday and halted the illegal work. The team headed by Assistant Director Fisheries Budgam Mushtaq Ahmad also directed the workers of NKC Construction Company to take out their JCB & L&T cranes from the site. The action has been appreciated by locals but they say the same should have been done two years back as illegal Riverbed Mining has massively destroyed Sukhnag river which is a designated trout fish stream of Kashmir.

On Friday October 4th 2024 the NGT's Principal Bench of Justice Prakash Srivastava (Chairperson), Justice A K Tyagi and Dr Senthil A Veil (Expert Member) heard a petition filed by filed by Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat noted social and environmental activist against the riverbed mining in Sukhnag that causing environmental disaster plus destroying the aquatic life especially the trout fish population.

Advocate Saurabh Sharma the counsel for the petitioner in this case apprised the NGT principal bench with factual details and produced geotagged pictures of the heavy machines and dumpers extracting boulders from the Sukhnag Nallah in violation of J&K's Minor Mineral Concession Rules 2016. The counsel for the

petitioner also argued that due to halting of water flow in May this year more than 2000 fishes were dead in a nearby Trout Fish Farm owned by a local entrepreneur Peerzada Rayees, but Govt failed to even register an FIR against the illegal miners and contractors.

"I wish this action was taken by the Fisheries Deptt earlier more than 2 years back. It was only after I moved to NGT and personally took up the matter with Director J&K Fisheries Deptt, he sent his team to the site at Sail Beerwah. The Department is also responsible for the destruction of this beautiful river which had a huge trout fish population many years back but that has perished now. The action taken should be sustainable and not cosmetic. The Fisheries Deptt must make sure no JCB or L&T machine is used in mining which violates all the laws including Minor Mineral Concession Rules 2016 "said Dr Raja Muzaffar bhat.

The Principal Bench headed by Justice Prakash Srivastava in its order directed for the constitution of a committee that will look into the facts and submit the report in eight weeks. The committee members include Member Secretary Central Pollution Control Board-CPCB New Delhi, representative from the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change-MoEFCC, Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee and Director Fisheries JK Govt. "The Member Secretary J&K Pollution Control Committee will act as Nodal Agency in this case" reads the order

Bad Roads Keep People Away From Tosamaidan

Syed Mohammad Burhan

SRINAGAR: Tosa Maidan, a historically significant meadow in the Budgam district of Kashmir, located at a distance of 45 kms from Srinagar city is becoming hard to reach for both locals and tourists because of bad roads.

Locals say the scenic spot has great potential for tourism, but the poor road infrastructure makes it difficult for anyone to visit.

Locals who tried to visit the meadow expressed their frustration with the road conditions when speaking to Kashmir Observer. Bashir Ahmad, a resident of Srinagar said the journey to Tosa Maidan is a nightmare.

"We have asked the authorities to fix the roads for years, but nothing has changed. Tourists want to come, but when they hear about the bad roads, they turn back halfway," Ahmad said.

Abdul Majid, another local who often travels with his family, also expressed his disappointment.

"Tosa Maidan has a beautiful meadow, but we can't enjoy it. Tourists struggle to reach the meadow and end up turning back due to the risky roads. It is sad to see such a great place being ignored," Majid said.

Tourists visiting Kashmir share the same feeling. Rajeev Sharma, a tourist from Delhi, said, "We planned to spend a day at Tosa Maidan, but the roads were so bad we had to cancel our trip. Government should focus on developing the tourist infrastructure there"

Pertinently, the Tosa Maidan holds great historical and cultural value and was once a strategic site used by the Mughals during their military expeditions. Later, the Indian Army used it as a firing range



until 2014. After the army left, locals hoped the area would become a popular tourist destination.

With its green fields and stunning views of the mountains, Tosa Maidan has always been admired for its natural beauty. But now, the bad condition of the roads makes it almost impossible for people to reach this hidden gem.

In recent years, the government has made many promises to fix the roads and make Tosa Maidan more accessible, but not much has been done. Ghulam Hassan, a shopkeeper in the nearby village of Arizal, said, "It's not just about tourists; it's about us locals too. The road is so bad that even emergency services can't reach us easily. In winter, we are completely cut off. The government has forgotten about us."

Pertinently it was in 1964, the Indian Army leased land in Tosa Maidan for artillery drills. For the next 50 years, the meadow echoed with the sounds of explosions from May to October. When the army fired rockets, grenades, and mortar shells, unexploded shells were left scattered across the area.

It was at the centre of a controversy when locals demanded the shifting out of the firing range following the expiry of the lease in April 2014

Following public outcry, in 2014, Lt Gen Subrata Saha, Corps Commander of the Srinagar-based Chinari Corps led the 83-day-long operation 'Falah' cleared the firing range in this famous meadow with the army saying that it had totally demined the 69-sq.km area.

However, despite government plans to turn Tosa Maidan into a major tourist destination, the bad road conditions remain a huge problem. Tourism players say with proper roads, Tosa Maidan could attract tourists for adventure sports, trekking, and eco-tourism.

Many locals, mainly shepherds and woodcutters, use the meadow for grazing and firewood. Over the years, rains and landslides have carried the shells down to nearby villages, putting even more people at risk but the Army cleared the meadow of shells.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, the Chief Engineer R&B Sajad Naqeeb said that work on the road is finally happening and is progressing well. However, the complete macadamization process will take time. "The 14-kilometer-long road is under construction, with seven kilometers already completed. Approved under NABARD in 2019, the project started only this year and will take another year to finish."

Pattan Traders Voice Discontent Over Disposal Of Waste

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: Pattan residents and traders running their business near and around the new matador stand have expressed their anguish against municipal committee officials for dropping the garbage at the matador stand which has miserably affected the livelihood of the business community there and the common people residing around the stand.

Pattan residents said that the MC pattan collects the garbage daily from the whole town and drops it in the stand and it remains there for weeks.

Locals say garbage has created a lot of health issues for the locals there, in addition stray dogs and wild birds are roosting there on the garbage and around the stand which is a great cause of

concern for these people. Abdul Majeed, a local resident said that the suffocation caused in the garbage there has badly affected our health although we requested an executive officer many times but nothing has been done.

Majeed further said that dozens of stray dogs feed on this garbage and they are a threat to the elderly people and children there.

Another local voiced similar concerns saying that action must be taken against those who are responsible officers who have failed to provide relief to the people in this regard.

When contacted Executive officer MC Pattan assured that on in future and the people and business community not be harmed in any case.

13 CRPF Troopers Injured In Budgam Accident



Agencies

BUDGAM: At least 13 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) troopers were injured in a road accident at Pakherpora area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district on Thursday morning, officials said.

An official said that a CRPF vehicle fell into a gorge at Khaygam crossing near Police Post Pakherpora this morning.

He said that several troopers were injured in the incident, who were evacuated to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Meanwhile several officials from CRPF and police including IG CRPF, SSP Budgam, DYSF Chararisharif and other officers reached the spot to assess the situation post accident.

An official from CRPF said that in the incident, several jawans were injured who were evacuated to the nearby hospital, among which few were shifted to Srinagar hospital for specialized treatment.

He said 12 of the troopers are stable while one other is in critical condition and is undergoing treatment—(KNO)

Justice Tashi Rabstan Felicitated On His Elevation As Chief Justice High Court Of J&K and Ladakh.



Observer News Service

PULWAMA: The Judicial Officers of District Pulwama called upon Hon'ble Justice Tashi Rabstan to honour him on his elevation as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The ceremony, marked by warmth and respect, celebrated the distinguished journey of the Chief Justice and his remarkable contributions to the judiciary.

The officers led by Naseer Ahmad Dar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Pulwama extended their heartfelt congratulations and expressed admiration for the exceptional leadership qualities demonstrated by Hon'ble the Chief Justice. The Judicial Officers collectively lauded Hon'ble the Chief Justice for his efforts in enhancing institutional efficiency and fostering professionalism within the judiciary. His proactive role in augmenting judicial infrastructure across the

UT of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh, especially in remote areas, has been instrumental in improving the quality and accessibility of justice. His tenure as Chief Justice promises to further consolidate these achievements, building a robust and responsive judicial system for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

On behalf of the entire judicial fraternity of Pulwama, Naseer Ahmad Dar conveyed profound gratitude and extended best wishes to Hon'ble Justice Tashi Rabstan. He expressed confidence that under his stewardship, the judiciary would continue to thrive, upholding the ideals of fairness, justice, and inclusiveness.

The event concluded with the officers reiterating their commitment to carrying forward the Chief Justice's vision, ensuring an efficient justice delivery system that remains accessible and responsive to the needs of the people.

Police Takes Cognizance Of MLA Sitting During National Anthem

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Police has taken cognizance of an incident where Hilal Akbar Lone, MLA Sonawari did not stand during playing of the National anthem during the oath ceremony of the new government of J&K UT.

Srinagar police tweeted that an individual did not stand up during the playing of the National Anthem. A preliminary Enquiry by an SP rank officer under section 173 (3) of the BNS has been initiated, and electronic evidence is being analysed for further course of legal action.

Drug Peddler Arrested In Budgam: Police

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Jammu and Kashmir police on Thursday said to have arrested a drug peddler in Budgam and recovered contraband substance.

Police Station Charar-e-Sharief received information through reliable sources that one person namely Khurshid Ahmad Ganie son of Abdullah Ganie resident of Bunhar Charawani has illegally dumped dried poppy straw and crushed cannabis in his residential house, a police spokesman said in a statement said.

Acting swiftly, a police party conducted a search of the said house along with Naib Tehsildar Charar-e-Sharief. During the search 6Kgs of poppy straw, 5Kgs of dried cannabis like substance and 1Kg of semi dried cannabis leaves was recovered and seized on spot. The accused was arrested on the spot and has been shifted to the police station where he remains in custody, police said.

Chota Bangus To Bada Bangus Road: Complaint Filed Against Beacon Authorities

Allegations Galore From Improper Material Acquisition To Compromising Safety Standards

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: A resident of Handwara has filed a complaint against Beacon authorities regarding Road Work from Chota Bangus to Bada Bangus.

In his complaint before the concerned authorities, the local resident

Manzoor Ahmad Tantary of Qalamabad Handwara has submitted among others that there is allegedly "improper acquisition of materials", stating that the Beacon authorities have sourced materials from a nearby forest, violating approved estimates. He has attached photographic evidence with the complaint.

He has also alleged non-compliance with material specifications, saying that required quantities—4885.00 cubic meters of sand, 5212.00 cubic meters of 6.70 mm stone chips, 3929.00 cubic meters of 13.2 mm stone

chips, and 6418.00 cubic meters of 26.5 mm stone metal have not been met. "The materials used do not meet strength and durability standards," he claimed.

He has also expressed concerns regarding quality, saying that the materials supplied are substandard and do not conform to the specifications outlined in paragraph 1.3 of the technical guidelines. "The use of clay instead of river sand has caused road deformities that hinder public access," he says.

There is also suspicion of collusion, he says. "There are concerns regarding po-

tential collusion between the Beacon and the concerned engineer, suggesting possible embezzlement of government funds."

He also alleged use of "unsuitable materials" for road widening, claiming that there is "improper reuse" of materials from road widening efforts and that road quality has been "compromised" during the process.

"I urge a thorough investigation into these matters and request necessary legal action against the Beacon authorities concerned to ensure accountability and justice," he says.



Government of Jammu & Kashmir

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE ZONAL EDUCATION OFFICER MAWAR

QALAMABAD MAWAR-T0302
Email: zeomawar@gmail.com

Sub:- Engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAYAs under support at Pre-Primary (ECCE) for the year 2024-25,
Ref: Edu/SPD/Sms/Quality/4296-4359/2023-24, Dated:- 08-08-2023 and Chief Education Officer Kupwaras No.:- CEO/Kup/Samagra/AAYA/566-579, Dated:-12/02/2024.

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE
(Notification No.1 of 2024, Dated:-16/10/2024)
TOTAL NO. OF POSTS: 2

Starting Date For Submission Of Forms: 17/10/2024
Last Date For Submission Of Forms: 25/10/2024

The Zonal Education Officer Mawar invites application forms from eligible Female Candidates for participation in the selection process of Engagement/Hiring of Helpers/AAYAs under Support at Pre-Primary (ECCE) for the year 2024-25 as per schools Annexure "A" enclosed. The Detailed Terms & Conditions with regard to eligibility, Education Qualification, Domicile etc are as under.

- 1. SELECTION PROCESS:-**
 - The Selection Process of Helper/AAYA shall be restricted to the Village in case of rural areas/ward in case of urban areas where approved School is located.
 - The Selection of the Helper/AAYA shall be made by Zonal Education Officer Mawar in consultation with concerned PRI.
- 2. NATURE OF DEPLOYMENT:**
 - The deployment of a Helper/AAYA shall be purely terminus and shall start from the date the Helper/AAYA's are Engaged/hired and shall conclude with the end of academic session. It may be extendable, subject to the performance and the availability of funds, from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in the particular Component. Affidavit from 1st Class Magistrate shall be submitted by the Selected Candidate at the time of Joining, for not Claiming for permanent absorption at any stage.
 - Decisions of the Samagra Shiksha J&K under the aegis of School Education Department shall be implemented in this regard.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF HELPERS/AAYA:**
 - Only Female Candidates are eligible for Engagement/Hiring of Helper/Aaya.
 - The Candidate must be domicile of the Village, where approved School is located
 - Candidate must be belonging to BPL (Below poverty Line) Category.
 - The candidate must be Physically/Mentally fit to carry out her job
- 4. QUALIFICATION/PREFERENCE/AGE/HONORARIUM:**
 - The minimum qualification of a Helper/Aaya: 8th class passed, in case there is no eligible candidate available, the candidate with lesser qualification will be considered.
 - Preference will be given to Candidate from BPL category in the below mention order of priority:-
 - Widow
 - Divorced
 - Orphan
 - Eldest among the empanelled candidates.
 - The age of a Candidate must be between 18-45 years as on 1st of January 2024.
 - The honorarium will be Rs 5000/= (Five Thousand only) per month which may vary as per the approval in the subsequent year in PAB of SAMAGRA Shiksha.
- 5. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:**
 - Application Form dully attested by Sarpanch concerned,
 - Certificate from sarpanch where approved school is located (Annexure B).
 - Domicile.
 - Qualification certificate.
 - Income Certificate.(Original) showing purpose "Engagement as AAYA"
 - BPL/AAY Ration E-Ticket dully signed by TSO/Store Keeper concerned.
 - Proof of widow/Divorced/orphan from sarpanch/lumberdar of village,
 - Medical Fitness Certificate from Medical Officer.
 - Non-marriage certificate in case of widow issued by concerned PRI members/lumberdar

NOTE: The applications complete in all respects must reach this office by or before 25th October 2024. No application will be accepted after the expiry of stipulated date.

OFFICE OF THE ZONAL EDUCATION OFFICER MAWAR
(ANNEXURE-A)
LIST OF SCHOOLS ADVERTISED FOR ENGAGEMENT/HIRING OF AAYA'S /HELPERS FOR THE YEAR 2024-25

SERIAL NO	SCHOOL NAME	UDISE CODE
1	UPS KHARPOORA	01011301302
2	UPS GUNDRAZAK	01011302701

No: ZEOM/1370-78/24
Date: 16/10/2024

DIPK-6220-24
DT: 17/10/2024

Zonal Education Officer
Mawar

KASHMIR OBSERVER®

Printed & Published by Sajjad Haider on behalf of Kashmir Observer LLP
Printed at: K.T Press Pvt. Ltd 120-Electronic Complex, Industrial Estate, Rangreth-Budgam
Published from: 5-Boulevard Srinagar J&K
Editor: Sajjad Haider
News Editor: Farzana Nisar
Opinion Editor: Tooba Towfiq
Online Editor: Syed Hamid
Head Layout & Design: Muntazir Yaseen,
Distribution & Advertising: Firdos Ali
RNI Registration No: 69503/98
Postal Registration No-L/159/KO/SK/2014-16
Legal Counsel: Tasaduq Khwaja
Switchboard: (0194) 2502327 | +91 1947969705
Editorial: (0194) 2502327
Email: editor@kashmirobsrver.net

The Bridge or the Abyss

Will India, Pakistan Finally Break the Ice at the SCO?



KO VIEW

Jaishankar's Pakistan visit

India's External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar visited Pakistan for the 2024 SCO Summit on Tuesday-Wednesday, marking the first trip by an Indian EAM in almost a decade. Following the visit, Jaishankar thanked Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the Pakistani government for their warm hospitality. At the summit, Jaishankar reaffirmed India's firm position against terrorism and extremism, while outlining key objectives for the SCO.

The foreign minister held two meetings with his Pakistani counterpart, Muhammad Ishaq Dar, who also serves as the country's Deputy Prime Minister, within a span of 24 hours. Media reports have said that the talks explored the possibility of reviving cricketing ties between the two nations. While still at a preliminary stage, these discussions signal a potential opening, with the Champions Trophy, set to be hosted by Pakistan next February, emerging as a possible first step.

But will Jaishankar's visit lead to thaw in the relations? Only time will tell. It, however, seems unlikely that this will help anytime soon. India, Pakistan relations have invariably been an unpredictable affair. Any engagement is aborted sooner than one expects. So, there isn't much that one can read into an odd meeting, even if it is between the foreign ministers of the two countries. For, any slight goodwill generated may not last long. In India, it would mean undoing a policy of the past decade during which the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has avoided any engagement with Pakistan. More so, after 2019 when erasure of Article 370 which also drew Pakistan away from seeking dialogue with India.

With Sharifs at the helm since 2022 - and more decisively so following the 2023 Pakistan election - there have been some tell-tale signs that the two countries might after all return to some engagement. That hasn't happened, in part, because it has been a deliberate policy of the BJP-led government at the centre not to engage Pakistan.

But it is about time that they do. Diplomatic gestures, no matter how small, can build trust and pave the way for more substantive negotiations. The leadership in both countries must recognize that peace and stability are in their mutual interest and work towards resolving contentious issues through dialogue rather than conflict. The steps, if followed by consistent diplomatic efforts, could lead to a significant reduction in tensions and the ushering in of a new era of peace and cooperation in South Asia. Both nations must seize this opportunity to foster a stable and prosperous future for their people and the region.

Abhishek Jha

“
Owing to the complexities of the bilateral ties between India and Pakistan, the SCO, a significant regional bloc comprising several major players, has long been overshadowed by the fraught relationship between the two nations.”

About a dozen Indian journalists crossed over to Pakistan on foot via Atari-Wagah border on Monday afternoon ahead of the much-anticipated Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit hosted by Pakistan. This was no ordinary visit as it was only the second time in about a decade that a handful of Indian journalists were allowed to visit Pakistan to cover major news event. The last one being in 2015 when erstwhile foreign minister Sushma Swaraj had visited Islamabad to attend the Hearts of Asia summit. Subsequently, Rajnath Singh had visited Pakistan in December 2016, which was primarily for the Heart of Asia-Isntanbul Process conference.

On Tuesday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar landed in Nur Khan airbase of Islamabad around 4 PM local time to represent the Indian government at the high table of the SCO summit. The visit is important for more than one reason. Given the political unrest in Pakistan and India's steadfast stance on terrorism, the workings of the summit will be keenly followed by those in India and Pakistan.

Owing to the complexities of the bilateral ties between India and Pakistan, the SCO, a significant regional bloc comprising several major players, has long been overshadowed by the fraught relationship between the two nations.

In the lead-up to Jaishankar's visit, the Indian government has reiterated its uncompromising stance on cross-border terrorism. Jaishankar has been vocal about Pakistan being the "epicentre of terrorism", and his previous statements, such as the refusal to accept "terrorism by night and trade by day", reflect a zero-tolerance policy that has shaped India's diplomatic posture in recent years. This

backdrop casts a long shadow over any potential bilateral dialogue, leaving little room for optimism.

This is the first time in decades that Pakistan is holding a major multilateral meeting where head of states, prime ministers and senior ministers are gathering to discuss the regional issue. For a country which has been in the quagmire of internal unrest and financial crisis for years now, the SCO provides an apt opportunity to showcase its strength and resilience. The Shabebaz Sharif-led coalition government does not want to leave any stone unturned to make it look like a major successful event that may lift its stature, if not globally, then at least in the region and its immediate neighbourhood.

The Pakistani political landscape is equally charged. Amid the ongoing unrest in major cities called by PTI workers in support of their leader Imran Khan and others languishing in jails, a few Pakistani politicians, including ministers in the current government, have tried to deflect blame towards India, claiming that New Delhi aims to sabotage the SCO's objectives. Such rhetoric to shore up support among the domestic audience undermines the optimism, if any left, for potential bilateral engagements between the visiting Minister of External Affairs of India and his Pakistani counterpart.

The regional bloc of SCO has expanded in recent years and now boasts India, Iran, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan as full members. Three countries — Afghanistan, Belarus, and Mongolia — have an observer status with the SCO, and fourteen countries — Azerbaijan, Armenia, Bahrain, Cambodia, Egypt, Kuwait, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia,

Sri Lanka, Türkiye and UAE — have a dialogue partner status. The bloc's members host about 40% of the global population, and 32% of the world's GDP. However, the persistent animosity between its two most influential members continues to undermine its efficacy.

Jaishankar's visit comes at a critical juncture. While he is expected to engage with other SCO members on pressing regional issues, the lack of an agenda for bilateral discussions with Pakistan is glaring. Both sides have been unequivocal in their denial of any planned engagement, with Jaishankar himself stating, "I will go for the SCO". This statement, devoid of optimism for dialogue with Pakistan, reinforces the perception that the visit will be more about managing differences than fostering cooperation.

The stagnation of SAARC is emblematic of the broader challenges that regional groupings face when their key members are at odds. The question looms: can the SCO break this cycle, or will it too fall victim to the historical animosity that defines the subcontinent's geopolitical landscape?

Despite Jaishankar's high-profile visit, there's an undercurrent of doubt, as expectations for progress in India-Pakistan relations remain low. Yet, diplomacy is a long game, where outcomes often defy the odds. Journalists stationed on either side of the Attari-Wagah border hold on, anticipating a potential story that could finally reward their watchful wait.

Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer. The article was originally published by Financial Express



Did you know?

Understanding Investment Options: A Quick Guide

Irshad Mushtaq

Investing globally in mutual funds and ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds) is often viewed as a smart long-term strategy. However, many people hesitate to invest in these options, preferring assured income products with guaranteed returns, which usually offer around 8%. While these provide a sense of security, they limit long-term growth potential. For example, a 5 lakh investment today with an 8% return will grow to about 23 lakh in 20 years. In contrast, investments in mutual funds or ETFs with an Annualized Compound Growth Rate (CAGR) of 12% to 20% can grow the same initial amount to anywhere between 40 lakh and 1.38 crore. The allure of assured returns can be misleading. An assured income product offering 6% to 8% likely invests your money at double those rates elsewhere. This demonstrates that those opting for fixed returns are missing out on lucrative growth opportunities.

Here's a simple breakdown: when banks lend at 12% interest and offer only 8% on fixed deposits, saving accounts 3%, they're capitalizing on the difference. By becoming more informed investors, individuals can harness the power and benefits of mutual funds and ETFs managed by seasoned professionals, diversifying risk and enhancing returns. Mutual funds and ETFs offer diversified portfolios managed by expert fund managers. Backed by SEBI regulation, they ensure that your investments are secure, transparent, and well-managed. They're also a great option for new investors due to their diversified nature, spreading risk across different asset classes. Digitally accessible platforms and local advisors further ease the process of creating robust portfolios tailored to individual financial goals. These investments not only provide exposure to equity markets but also offer potential returns exceeding other asset classes over time.

Investing in mutual funds and ETFs should be viewed as an opportunity to benefit from equity markets without needing comprehensive stock market expertise. They provide a strategic path to grow wealth with the right balance of risk and return, all while remaining in control of your financial journey.

Learn from the insights of @Irshad Mushtaq, Writer, Investor, Entrepreneur & Founder of M I Securities! Connect for valuable financial advice at misecurities@bp.sharekhan.com



OBSERVER
MAIL

All letters intended for publication must include the writer's name and address, even if a pseudonym is used. Letters are edited as clarity, space and accuracy of expression require. Our publishing a letter does not mean we agree with everything or even anything in it. -EDITOR

MAIL YOUR LETTERS

P.O. Box # 337, GPO, Srinagar-190 001
email: editpage.ko@gmail.com

Cultivating Charitable Behaviour in Children

As we navigate the complexities of modern life, it's easy to overlook the importance of instilling values of compassion and kindness in our children. However, I strongly believe that inculcating charitable behaviour in children from a young age is crucial for building a more empathetic and

responsible society. By teaching children the value of giving and sharing, we can help them develop a sense of social responsibility and understanding of the needs of others. This can be achieved through simple acts such as: - Encouraging children to donate toys or clothes to those in need - Participating in family volunteer

work - Teaching children about different social causes and their impact - Inculcating charitable behaviour in children has numerous benefits, including: - Developing empathy and compassion - Building self-esteem and confidence - Fostering a sense of community and social connection - Shaping responsible and caring in-

dividuals I urge parents, educators, and caregivers to prioritize instilling charitable values in children. Together, we can raise a generation of kind-hearted individuals who will make a positive impact on our world.

Fazil Khan

Mindful Fridays

Why Childhood Shame Creates Perfectionists and People-Pleasers in Adulthood

Wasim Kakroo

Like many other emotional responses, shame has its origin usually in the childhood. Studying the origins of shame can help us contextualize why some adults struggle with self-esteem, perfectionism or intimacy in relationships. In contrast to guilt, which conveys regret over one's actions, shame tells someone that they are not good enough. Shame, when experienced during childhood in a chronic way, shape how the affected person views themselves interact with others in adulthood.

Childhood Origins of Shame

Generally speaking, shame usually originates during interactions involving parents, caregivers, peers, and authority figures. Parents may plant the seeds of shame in the minds of their children by constant criticism, over-praise, or comparisons to rectify conduct. They might do it without realizing what they are doing. For instance, a child who is continually 'encouraged' to constantly strive for perfection in behaving in a certain manner and is often scolded for falling short of expectations, is likely to grow up thinking that they are not good enough. Rather than correcting a child's behavior, the terms "lazy" or "stupid" label the child and become part of the child's identity. Likewise, verbal or physical abuse or neglect can lead children to feel ashamed because they may think that they are not worthy of love or attention.

In some families, shame might be used to control children. Whenever children in such families express negative emotions, such as anger, sadness, irritability etc, they may be made to feel humiliated and ashamed of such inner experiences, which might force them to suppress their emotions. This suppression of emotions out of fear of judgement, and a fear of disapproval from the outside can be very serious. Even parents who mean well and wish to prepare their children for the realities of life may unwittingly generate feelings of shame by ignoring the children's feelings or demanding perfection from them.

Impact of Shame on Sense of Self

The shame that a child might start to experience during childhood greatly affects how they view themselves across



their whole life. A person who develops a shame-based identity will suffer from self-doubt for the rest of their lives. For example, thoughts like "I am not good enough" or "There is something wrong with me" are common among such individuals. Once shame is established, a sense of low self-worth and the constant craving for external validation may develop.

One of the natural outcomes of childhood shame is perfectionism. Adult children of a depressed or narcissistic parent(s), who believed that they were never good enough for their parent(s), may engage in relentless striving to achieve perfection in academics, work, or relationships. However, none of their achievements make them feel satisfied unless the underlying shame is not resolved. One more outcome of the unattended and unresolved shame is the development of people pleasing tendencies in the affected individuals. Such people

develop such tendencies to avoid rejection, perpetually placing others' needs above their own. This behavior reflects a belief that their worth depends on how well they meet others' expectations.

Some individuals fall on the opposite end of the spectrum in terms of how they deal with the experiences of childhood shame. They avoid all opportunities and interpersonal relationships. They may not take risks due to the fear of failure, or shy away from close relationships due to fear of rejection. These avoidance techniques may help in coping with shame in the short run, but, more often than not, result in isolation, inactivity, and additional damage to self-esteem.

Impact on Adult Relationships

The feelings of shame during childhood if left unattended can also influence how such an individual will interact with other

individuals in adulthood. They may have difficulty in forming healthy relationships because of fear of vulnerability and rejection. Even in romantic attachments, such individuals may avoid emotional intimacy because they believe that such closeness will expose their true selves, which will sooner or later result in harsh judgments or complete abandonment. Thus, for them, a fear of intimacy tends to make them pull away emotionally or even try to cut off connections with people, should any emotional ties begin developing.

Additionally, individuals with unresolved childhood shame can be hypersensitive to criticism in relationships. An innocent observation by one partner to the other, "You haven't done the dishes," may provoke disproportionate self-abasement and a sense of inadequacy. These emotional over reactions have their origin in the old wounds of childhood shame being reopened. Conse-

quently, such situations end up in escalation of conflicts, and either of the partners, or friends of such affected individuals for that matter, may not be able to grasp what the overreaction was all about.

Sometimes, internal feelings of unresolved shame can manifest in defensiveness or hostility. An adult with a history of shame from childhood may seek to hide that shame by attacking someone when they feel criticized. This defensiveness shields their fragile sense of self from the risk of further injury. But sadly such behavior drives people away and contributes to the feeling of inadequacy, which they are actually trying to escape.

Healing from Childhood Shame

Breaking free from the grip of childhood shame requires such individuals to develop self-awareness, self-compassion, and intentional healing. Therapy can help such individuals explore the roots of their shame and challenge the internalized beliefs that they have internalized but are no longer useful. Other practices such as mindfulness training help such individuals develop self-awareness by teaching them to observe their thoughts without judgment, helping them to recognize shame-based patterns. It is important for such affected individuals to practice Self-compassion (treating oneself with kindness the way one would treat their dear friend) when going through tough times as it plays a crucial role in healing, replacing harsh self-criticism with understanding.

In relationships, healing begins with practicing vulnerability. Disclosing fears, insecurities, or even mistakes to a reliable confidante or loved one can mitigate the adverse effect of rejection making emotional intimacy more achievable. Setting boundaries also help such affected individuals to re-establish self-worth reinforcing that their feelings and needs matter. With time and effort, those who grew up with shame can learn to rewrite their stories, replacing narratives of inadequacy with ones of resilience, acceptance, and self-love.

The author is a licensed clinical psychologist (alumni of Govt. Medical College Srinagar) and works as a Child, Adolescent and Family therapist at Centre for Mental Health Services (CMHS) at Rambagh Srinagar. He can be reached at 8825067196

Why Listening Is Vital to Caring

Connie Carpenter Phinney

"How are you doing?"

Waiting for my friend to reply, I think the only wrong answer is "fine." If I answer in that way, it's meant as a conversation non-starter and means I don't feel comfortable or have the energy to discuss how I really am. But we had agreed to meet because she was seeking a mentor, someone like me who had experience with caring for their partner with chronic illness.

"Fine" was not my friend Ann's answer. "This morning, I told my friends it was all crap," she says, adding that she didn't want to elaborate with them because she wanted to simply get on with the regular weekly group run in the hills and trails near her town and not discuss recent challenges.

I asked, "How was the run?"

"Great, absolutely came home trashed," she said, grinning. Ann liked being fit and lived for this weekly thrashing with her like-minded running group. Running was an outlet for exercise but also let her be in the moment, which helped to clear her mind. I understood because spending time in nature and endurance exercises are what I rely on most for my own therapy.

In just a few minutes, she demonstrated some key rules for self-care: setting boundaries, being honest but knowing her capacity, taking care of herself by showing up for the run, and, importantly, allowing herself to enjoy it.

But she had asked to meet for a reason: to discuss strategies for the long haul. Her partner had not been well, and she wasn't sure how long the latest episode would last. They had enjoyed a period of good health last winter, but his bout with pneumonia turned everything upside down, and recovery had been slow. Planning and everyday life is difficult when confronted with chronic illness. It had been six months since he'd taken a turn for the worst, requiring more energy from her and forcing them to be more isolated.



We gathered to talk about sustainability. What could she be doing better? What could she ask of her friends? What more did she need for herself? Strong, smart, and able at 40, she owns and runs her own small business and has built a community thousands of miles from her family and homeland.

Caregiving for chronic disease for many of us is an unpredictable endurance event with no rulebook. I related to her situation because my husband had been diagnosed at age 40 with young-onset Parkinson's. My

mom had multiple sclerosis, a disease that dictated the flow of my childhood.

I've learned many lessons on the undulating road of my life. Despite being strong and resilient, I still find myself caught out and periodically in an emotional spiral, especially if my health also requires attention. Recently, back pain, which had been intermittent, has become more intrusive. Working to get better through physical therapy is key for management, but letting my husband know when the pain is causing me to be moody is also important.

His struggles are more obvious to me, but it helps when we share so we can better understand our unique challenges. When he listens and I feel heard, we feel more like partners, and it releases me from feeling like I carry all of the burden.

Listening is often the biggest gift we can offer.

As concerned friends and partners, too often, we try to find solutions when what is needed is just to be heard. As I listened, I began to wonder if she knew what she

needed from her friends and how they could help when she was in crisis because there are times when action is required. I switched into a more active listening mode and asked, "What would help you most?"

Ann said she didn't want or need the usual offerings like prepared food or groceries. Her partner was on a specific diet, and if necessary, groceries could be ordered for delivery. After listening for a while, I sensed that what she really needed was connection during times when illness required them to be more isolated.

Could she arrange to meet her friends in a spare room in their home or virtually? Or ask them to hold her accountable so she shows up for her group runs? Could she ask a friend to stay at the house while she took time to get her exercise or get her work done? Often, I tell care partners for people with Parkinson's to start early to build a team and to train the person they are caring for to accept help. Asking for help is sometimes as hard as accepting it.

Strategizing for an unknown future is hard, and sometimes baby steps are needed. My friend told me she'd recently started journaling in the mornings to clear her mind and document her feelings. Written words on the page are another way to be heard and, importantly, another path to release some of the weight of caring. I encouraged her to keep writing, knowing she might also discover hidden needs that might lead her to find better resources.

Over the two-hour conversation, it became obvious that my active listening gave her the chance to not only be heard but also to voice her concerns and start to see the way forward. As she spoke, she began to listen more to herself and her needs. It turns out we were both listening.

In the long run, her now well-informed intuition, combined with her abiding patience and love for her partner, will ease the hard times. But she'll be stronger with a care team and more able to reach their simple goal of a more full and happy life.

The article was originally published by Psychology Today

Gold Jumps Rs 450 To Breach ₹79k-Mark; Silver Remains Flat

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Gold prices advanced Rs 450 to hit another record of Rs 79,350 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday on the back of continued buying by jewellers and stockists, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at Rs 78,900 per 10 grams in the previous session on Wednesday. Rallying for the second straight day, gold of 99.5 per cent purity climbed Rs 450 to hit another fresh high of Rs 78,950 per 10 grams. It had finished at Rs 78,500 per 10 grams.

However, silver remained flat at Rs 93,500 per kg.

Traders said increased buying by local jewellers to meet festive demand and a rally in the precious metal rates in the global markets mainly lifted gold prices to record high levels.

In futures trade on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for December delivery rose Rs 355 or 0.46 per cent to hit a lifetime high of Rs 77,019 per 10 grams.

"Gold prices extended their rally, with gains in MCX, marking all-time highs once again. This rally is being driven by



growing uncertainty in the returns of risky assets, making gold an attractive allocation for investors," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst - Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, said.

However, silver contracts for December delivery depreciated Rs 181 or 0.2 per cent to Rs 92,002 per kg on the bourse.

In the Asian market hours, Comex gold futures rose 0.43 per cent to USD 2,703 per ounce.

"Gold advanced towards record highs as gains in non-yielding bullion were bolstered by weakness in US bond yields and expected rate cuts by major central banks, with additional safe-haven support from ongoing geopolitical conflicts," Manav Modi, Senior Analyst, Commodity Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said.

The European Central Bank looks set to deliver another rate cut later on Thursday, while a drop in inflation was indicated a rate cut next month by the Bank of England.

Bomb Threats: Govt Plans Strict Norms, No-Fly List Option Against Perpetrators

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- The civil aviation ministry plans to put in place strict norms to prevent incidents of hoax bomb threats to airlines, including placing the perpetrators on the no-fly list, a senior official said on Thursday.

Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said on Thursday said the ministry is looking at amending civil aviation regulations to ensure strict action is taken against incidents of bomb threats to airlines.

In four days, at least 25 flights of various Indian airlines received bomb threats, including international flights, and some of them were diverted. Most of the threats have turned out to be hoaxes.

"We are taking things seriously... we will take action," Naidu said about the bomb threats.

He also emphasised that there needs to be changes in civil aviation rules and regulations to ensure strict action with respect to bomb threats to airlines.

To a query on whether there is a conspiracy behind the bomb threats, the minister said, "whatever we know now are that of individuals and minors..." He spoke on



the sidelines of a function for the inauguration of a civil aviation park on the premises of the civil aviation ministry in the national capital.

The ministry is looking at amending existing rules, including those related to the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), in order to ensure stringent punishments are in place for the culprits, the official said.

Placing individuals making hoax bomb threats in the airlines' no-fly list is one of the proposals being looked at, the official added.

The official also said legal opinions are being sought with respect to making the changes in the rules.

The provisions being followed in foreign countries to deal with hoax bomb threats are also being examined by the ministry.

Further, the official said that if necessary, legislative amendments will be explored for having a strong deterrent to prevent people from making hoax bomb threats to airlines.

Currently, there are strict norms against unruly passenger behaviour onboard flights but there are no specific provisions under the aviation regulations to deal with instances where a bomb threat has come from outside sources such as social media.

At present, the actions against hoax bomb threat incidents are taken by the police under criminal laws.

The official also said that discussions are going on with home and law ministries while inputs are being gathered from airlines.

"We want rules that can act as a deterrent," the official said.

Jammu Industrialists Seek CM's Intervention In Revival Of Ailing MSME Sector

Press Trust Of India

JAMMU- A body of industrialists on Thursday sought the intervention of Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to ensure revival of the MSME (micro, small and medium enterprise) sector of the Union Territory.

Jammu-based Federation of Industries (FOI) hailed the formation of the National Conference-led government in Jammu and Kashmir and congratulated Abdullah and his cabinet colleagues.

FOI chairman Lalit Mahajan said the industrial fraternity of Jammu has a lot of expectations from the new government and hopes it will ensure revival and strengthening of the MSME sector.

He said the existing MSMEs, mostly run by the sons of the soil, are suffering due to dilution of fiscal incentives and stiff competition from new units being established under the New Central Sector Scheme (NCSS).

In his meeting with the chief



minister, Mahajan highlighted long-pending issues related to the existing MSME units, and asked for fiscal incentives for the next 10 years.

He also urged the government to ensure reimbursement of SGST, CGST and IGST on the basis of each unit's turnover and demanded marketing support in terms of giving preference to local units in procurement of goods and services by various government departments.

"It is the need of the hour to resolve the issues on priority basis to regain the confidence of existing industrial units which are suffering due to dilution of fiscal incentives and facing stiff competition from the new units being established under the NCSS.

Investors' Wealth Erode By ₹6 Lakh Cr As Mkts Slump



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Investors' wealth slumped Rs 6 lakh crore on Thursday as markets fell sharply amid unabated foreign fund outflows.

Falling for the third day running, the BSE Sensex tanked 494.75 points or 0.61 per cent to settle at 81,006.61. During the day, it tumbled 595.72 points or 0.73 per cent to 80,905.64.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms tanked Rs 6,03,862.06 crore to Rs 4,57,25,183.01 crore (USD 5.44 trillion).

"Rising domestic inflation data released this week and continued FII selling weighed on the market sentiments. This along with disappointing Q2 earnings from major companies added to the pressure," Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Research, Khemka Management at Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said.

From the 30 Sensex firms, Nestle declined over 3 per cent after the FMCG major reported a decline of 0.94 per cent in its net profit at Rs 899.49 crore for

the second quarter that ended September 2024, as some of its key brands faced softer consumer demand and high commodity prices.

Mahindra & Mahindra, Ultra-Tech Cement, Bajaj Finserv, Titan, Tata Steel, Maruti and Axis Bank were among the other big laggards.

However, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Power Grid, Larsen & Toubro and State Bank of India were among the biggest gainers.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,435.94 crore on Wednesday, according to exchange data.

The BSE midcap gauge declined 1.65 per cent and smallcap index fell 1.42 per cent.

Among the indices, realty tumbled 3.76 per cent, auto (3.48 per cent), consumer discretionary (2.45 per cent), consumer durables (2.28 per cent), commodities (1.77 per cent), oil & gas (1.54 per cent) and power (1.48 per cent).

Tomato Prices To Cool Down Soon: Consumer Affairs Secy

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Relief may be in sight for Delhi-NCR residents reeling under soaring tomato prices, which have crossed Rs 100 per kg mark, with increased supplies expected from Maharashtra in the coming days, Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare said on Thursday.

The government will continue selling tomatoes at a subsidised rate of Rs 65 per kg in Delhi-NCR and Mumbai through the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF), Khare told reporters.

The price surge comes as supplies from key southern states Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have been disrupted due to retreating monsoon rains causing crop damage and pest infestation. This supply crunch, coupled with festive season demand, has pushed prices northward.

"While weekly arrivals have been impacted, we expect supplies from Maharashtra to improve shortly, which should help stabilise prices in the national capital," Khare said, adding that the government is maintaining strict vigilance on price movements.

Since October 7, NCCF has sold around 10,000 kg of tomatoes through mobile vans and outlets in Delhi and Mumbai at a subsidised rate.

"The retail intervention will continue until we see a meaningful impact on prices," Khare said, noting that similar measures had helped control prices last year.



Indian Airlines Will Operate 25,007 Weekly Flights In Winter Schedule

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Indian airlines will operate 25,007 flights every week to and from 124 airports in the winter schedule starting October 27, according to aviation regulator DGCA.

The number of flights is three per cent higher than 24,275 departures per week from 125 airports in the current summer schedule.

In comparison to the winter schedule 2023, the number of flights has increased by 5.37 per cent. The winter schedule is from October 27, 2024 till March 29, 2025.

"Out of these 124 airports, Pondicherry airport is proposed by the scheduled airlines whereas operations from Pakyong and Tezpur airport were suspended in the winter schedule 2024," the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said in a release on Thursday.



More than half of the total 25,007 domestic departures per week during the winter schedule will be handled by IndiGo.

The Gurugram-headquartered airline will see 13,691 departures per week, up 4.91 per cent from 13,050 departures per week in the on-going summer schedule.

Also, Tata Group, which currently has three airlines -- Air India, its subsidiary Air India Express and, its JV airline with SIA Vistara -- will have a total of

7,611 departures per week during this winter, as per the DGCA.

Of this, Air India will handle 2,586 departures per week, 13.52 per cent more compared to 2,278 departures per week in the summer schedule of this year, while Air India Express (which saw the merger of AIX connect with it this month) will see 2,832 departures per week during the winter schedule, up 16.21 per cent from 2,437 departures per week in the summer schedule of 2024.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION ZAINPORA
Email: xenrandzainpora@gmail.com

CANCELLATION

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the work advertised Vide this Office NIT No: -16/ZN/P/RnB/e-Tendering/2024-25 Dated: 13-08-2024 figuring at S.No:4 namely "Construction of Sub Centre at Handew" is hereby cancelled due to Poor Response.

No: R&B/ZN/DIV/2944-49 Sd/-
Dt: 15-10-2024 Executive Engineer
DIPK-6209-24 R&B Division Zainpora
DT: 17/10/2024

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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

Subject: - Annual Maintenance of central Heating System, 62.5KVA DG set and engagement of operational staff for central Heating System at IMPARD for the year 2024-25

Ref: - This office e- NIT no: M&HDS/TS/2024-25/96/e-tendering Dated 14.10.2024

CORRIGENDUM

In addition to documents mentioned in cover Ist of e-Nit the bidder shall also upload EPF Certificate and the risk insurance of all outsourced personnel shall be the responsibility of the contractor for the complete period of validity of the contract.

All other Terms and Conditions of the NIT shall remain the same.

No: M&HDS/TS/4802-05 Sd/-
Dated: 15.10.2024 Executive Engineer,
DIPK-6169-24 Mechanical & Hospitals Division,
DT: 17/10/2024 Srinagar

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JSD PHE DIVISION BARAMULLA

E - Tender Notice No. 12 of 10/2024
Dated 16.10.2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir (UT), e-tender [in Two cover system] is invited from eligible bidders/contractors/agencies/firms for the works mentioned hereunder:

S. No.	Name of work	Estt. Cost (Rs in lacs)	Class of Contractor	Cost of EMD	Cost of T. doc. (in Rs)	Time of completion
1	Construction of Motor Operating Room, Chowkidar Quarter and Chain Link Fencing/ Protection works for WSS Vadderabad under UT CAPEX	40.413	Eligible Bidders	80820.00	700.00	60 days
2	Construction of Chowkidar Quarter at R.S.F.P and Chain Link Fencing around various structures for WSS Hafeezabad under CAPEX.	35.793	Eligible Bidders	71586.00	500.00	45 days
3	Balance work for the construction of Chowkidar Quarter at WSS Karewa Astanpora, Providing/ fixing and Laying/ fitting of G.I pipes for WSS Karewa Astanpora under Capex	11.074	Eligible Bidders	22148.00	500.00	30 days

Instruction / Terms & Conditions:

- The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, technical specifications, bill of quantities [B.O.Q.] set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given hereunder:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	16-10-2024
2.	Date of Publishing	16-10-2024
3.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	16-10-2024 1:00PM
4.	Bid Submission Start date	16-10-2024 1:00PM
5.	Bid Submission End date	28-10-2024 4:00PM
6.	Date and time of opening of bids [online]	29-10-2024 11:00 PM
- Bid must be accompanied with cost of tender documents in shape of TREASURY CHALLAN against account No. 0215 favouring of Executive Engineer, PHE Div. Baramulla (tender inviting authority).
- All Bidders have to upload scanned copy of Earnest money deposit (EMD) in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PHE Division Baramulla.
- The date and time of opening of Financial Bid shall be notified on website 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 on-line in the office of Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Baramulla.
- The Executive Engineer, PHE Division, Baramulla reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- No conditional tenders shall be accepted and such tenders are liable to be rejected even if rates quoted are the lowest.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- For item providing, laying and fitting/ successful testing commissioning of various dia's of pipes, the pipe shall be buried underground as per trench norms laid in the book of specification and as per direction of Engineer incharge at Site.
- The pipe material shall be supplied from reputed manufacturers; the agency shall initially establish a store in the vicinity or at divisional store Khawajabagh, Baramulla whichever is approved by the Executive Engineer PHE Division Baramulla and will be binding upon the contractor before the same is issued to site after getting approved. The approval process shall be documented on material approval sheets duly signed by incharge engineer's quality control committee and contractor.
- The quantity of various dias of pipes as shown in the BOQ as available in the Divisional Store may vary (plus or minus) and the variation in the quantity of pipes shall have to be executed by the agency as the case may be.
- No payment on account of supply of pipes will be made to the contractor until the same are laid in the trench and proportional back filling.
- The contractor will be responsible for any prefillage in the quantity of pipe and pipe specials and sufficient watch and ward has to be provided at his cost.

No. PHE/Adm/Bl/ 4186-4201
Dated: 16/10/2024
DIPK-6203-24
DT: 17/10/2024

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
P.H.E Division
Baramulla

SKUAST-K scientist bags prestigious IPSA fellowships

Srinagar, Oct 17: Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir scientist Prof Azmat Alam Khan has been chosen as the fellow of the Indian Poultry Sciences Association (IPSA) for 2024.

Prof Khan, a chief scientist, presently working as Associate Director Research and OSD to Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K, was awarded the IPISA fellowship for 2024 at the 39th Annual Conference and National Symposium of Indian Poultry Sciences Association at Maharashtra Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (MAFSU), Nagpur. The conference was themed 'Shaping the Indian Poultry Sector for Sustainable Growth'. The medal and citation of the fellowship was presented by Chief guest, Bahadur Ali, managing director of Indian Broiler Group, in presence of Guest of honour, GL Jain, Principal Advisor of Venkys Group.

The fellowship has been awarded to Prof Khan in recognition of his outstanding contribution to poultry science research and promotion of the poultry sector in Jammu

and Kashmir.

As the founding head and team leader of the Centre for Research on Poultry at SKUAST-K, Dr Azmat has been instrumental in transforming poultry research at the University. He established critical infrastructure including breeder farms, hatcheries and rearing spaces, laying the foundation for advanced poultry research and teaching in the University. Dr Azmat is currently spearheading efforts to create a dedicated Department of Poultry Science at SKUAST-K.

Dr Khan B.V.Sc & AH from SKUAST-K has earned Masters and Doctorate from Indian Veterinary Research Institute Izatnagar.

He qualified JKAS in 2001 but chose Academic and Research Career to administration. He has handled prestigious externally funded projects, guided 12 Masters and PhD students and has more than 500 publications to his credit which include more than 150 Peer reviewed research publications in national and international journals of repute.



International Conference on AYUSH for Good Life Inaugurated at IUST



Awantipora, October 17: The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) inaugurated the International Conference on "AYUSH for Good Life: Integrating Indian and Modern Systems of Medicine" today. The three-day event brings together experts and medical professionals from around the world to discuss and explore the fusion of traditional AYUSH sciences with modern healthcare practices.

The chief guest of the inaugural session was Dr. N. Zaheer Ahmed, Director CCRUM and Prof. Ashraf Ganaie, Director SKIMS Srinagar was the Guest of Honour. Prof. Shakil A. Romshoo, Vice Chancellor, IUST, called for a collective effort in making AYUSH more accessible through modern technology. He said that we must leverage technological advancements to promote AYUSH sciences widely, and urged on creating a consortium of medical professionals from diverse fields to work towards this goal.

In his address, Dr. Zaheer Ahmed, discussed the expanding influence of AYUSH both nationally and internationally.

He said that AYUSH is not only gaining recognition in India but also gaining traction across the globe as an effective system for holistic health. He also noted that the AYUSH Centre at IUST has already served over 3,000 individuals, underlining its impact on community health.

Prof. Ashraf Ganie, praised IUST for establishing centres of excellence like the Centre for AYUSH Sciences. He said that combining the strengths of allopathic and Unani medicine is crucial in tackling widespread diseases like diabetes, which is on the rise in Kashmir. Prof. A. H. Moon, Dean of Academics, reiterated IUST's commitment to bridging the gap between traditional and contemporary medicine. He said that the university is dedicated to finding practical solutions to societal problems and by integrating the strengths of both traditional and modern medical systems, the university aim to elevate the region's health standards.

Dr. Hakim Mousin Dehlvi, General Secretary of UDMA, who was a special invitee of the program highlighted the importance of promoting

AYUSH for a healthier life. Such conferences are vital for raising awareness and showcasing the potential of AYUSH in offering holistic solutions to modern health challenges, he said. Earlier, in his welcome address, Prof. Ayub Qadri emphasized the importance of AYUSH in enhancing overall health and well-being. He further said that AYUSH sciences have a deep-rooted connection to our heritage, and their relevance in today's healthcare landscape is more crucial than ever.

Adding to the conference's agenda, a health mela is being organized, providing free medical consultations and healthcare services to the public, reinforcing the practical benefits of AYUSH in community health. A poster session and panel discussions were also held as a part of the three-days event. The conference is being coordinated by Dr. Arsheed Ahmad Ganaie, Coordinator of the Centre for AYUSH Science, IUST. The inaugural session was moderated by Dr. Aanis Nazir, faculty member at the Centre for Vocational Studies.

Secretary RDD reviews progress on IWMP in J&K

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, on Thursday chaired a meeting to evaluate progress on the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP).

The IWMP, now operating under the Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-WDC 2.0), aims to improve the productive potential of rainfed and degraded lands through integrated watershed management.

The meeting was attended by Secretary in RDD, Rachna Sharma, Director, RDD, Kashmir, Shabir Hussain Bhat, Director Rural Development Jammu, Mumtaz Ali, Director Finance, Umar Khan, CEO IWMP, Rajnish Kumar, Additional Secretary, Kartar Singh and OSD to Secretary RD&PR, Shafeeq Wani.

The Secretary reviewed the status of projects and assessed implementation of tendering processes for the works/activities under WDC-PMKSY 2.0. He emphasized the need for a futuristic approach to boost watershed management, enhance agricultural productivity and improve the livelihoods of rural communities.

The Secretary said that the department remains committed towards ensuring that the work continues in a timely and efficient manner. He asked the officials to accelerate implementation of ongoing projects and ensure that the benefits of IWMP reach the most remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir, contributing to overall growth

of the region.

He reiterated the department's commitment towards sustainable watershed management and rural development in Jammu and Kashmir.

CEO IWMP, Rajnish Kumar, provided a comprehensive update on implementation of the Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY 2.0) in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Rajnish Kumar said that in February 2022, a total of 18 watershed projects were sanctioned for J&K under WDC-PMKSY 2.0, with a total budget of Rs 189.92 crore and additional 01 project was sanctioned in March 2023 with budget of Rs. 4.66 crore. These projects aim to treat 69493 hectares of land, and the implementation period is set to run until March 2026.

He said, out of the 19 projects, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for 17 have been prepared and approved, while the remaining two are currently under review by the Technical Committee. He also shared financial details, noting that since 2022-23, Rs 71.70 crore have been released under WDC-PMKSY 2.0, of which Rs 60.26 crore have been spent, marking a financial achievement of 84%.

The IWMP has also undertaken a major capacity-building initiative to empower Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Watershed Committee members, helping them understand the fundamental principles of the scheme.

CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

1 Out Of 10 Elderly

common form of dementia. It severely affects memory, cognitive abilities, and behavior, often leading to confusion, disorientation, and difficulty in decision-making. Over time, it impairs the person's ability to perform daily activities.

In another similar case, Hamida Bano, a 60-year-old woman from J&K, began showing signs of forgetfulness and difficulty in recognizing family members four years ago. "Within six months, her condition worsened, leading to a diagnosis of Alzheimer's," one of her family members said.

Her family recalls the gradual decline in her memory, reasoning, and personality, and she has been under treatment since then.

Dr. Mohammad Shafi, says that Alzheimer's leads to brain shrinkage and cell death. He describes it as a chronic, irreversible condition that progressively worsens, affecting memory, thinking, and behavior.

Doctors stress the importance of early intervention and emphasize the need to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease, especially in regions with higher prevalence like Jammu and Kashmir. (Inputs from KINS)

Israel Claims

Koubi, who spent more than 150 hours questioning Sinwar during his interrogation, recalled in an interview with The Washington Post.

Sinwar became the head of Hamas after Ismail Haniyeh was killed in Tehran in July in an apparent Israeli operation.

From refugee camp to Hamas militant

Yahya Ibrahim Hassan Sinwar was born into the Khan Yunis refugee camp in Gaza in 1962 after his family had been forced out of the Palestinian town of Majdal — now the Israeli city of Ashkelon during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War — an upbringing that heavily influenced his ideological commitment to resisting Israeli occupation.

Sinwar co-founded Majd, Hamas's security apparatus, in the late 1980s, which focused on finding and killing Palestinians who were suspected of collaborating with Israel.

He was arrested and jailed in Israel in 1988 and charged with killing two Israeli soldiers and four Palestinians he suspected of collaborating with them.

Sinwar was sentenced to four life terms but was released in 2011 after 23 years in a prisoner exchange deal for Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit. Shalit had been captured by his comrades who successfully got him freed in exchange along with 1000 other prisoners.

While imprisoned, Sinwar spent two decades learning Hebrew and devouring texts to understand Israeli society. He translated tens of thousands of pages of autobiographies written by the former Israeli spymasters from Hebrew to Arabic.

Sinwar once told an Italian journalist, "Prison builds you," allowing you the time to think about what you believe in "and the price you are willing to pay" for it.

He reportedly tried to escape prison several times, once digging a hole in the prison floor in the hopes of tunneling under the facility and escaping through the visitor center.

"They wanted prison to be a grave for us, a mill to grind our will, determination and bodies," Sinwar once told supporters. "But, thank God, with our belief in our cause, we turned

the prison into sanctuaries of worship and academies for study."

Sinwar wrote a novel while in prison, "The Thorn and the Carnation," a coming-of-age story that mirrored his own life.

After he was freed by the Israelis in 2011, he married and had children.

In 2017, Sinwar was chosen as the political leader of Hamas in Gaza, shifting the region to a more militant stance and strengthening alliances with Iran and Hezbollah.

According to the BBC, Yahya Sinwar's election as the leader of Hamas "signalled the end of an era and the beginning of a new, more extreme phase." As per Hamas officials, he was elected due to his considerable popularity in the Arab and Islamic worlds following the October 7 attacks and his strong connections with the "Axis of Resistance," a network of armed groups led by Iran.

According to The Wall Street Journal, his election suggests that the movement endorses his strategy of waging war against Israel in conjunction with Iran's allies, also noting that Sinwar has gained increasing popularity among Palestinians due to his approach in handling the conflict.

During the 2012 Israeli operation in the Gaza Strip, Sinwar met Iranian Revolutionary Guard commander General Qasem Soleimani several times.

After his 2017 election as the group's leader in Gaza he cultivated closer cooperation between Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran.

Sinwar's death, if confirmed, will be a major blow to Iran after the assassination of Hezbollah leader Sayyed Nasrallah.

It's unclear who would replace Sinwar, and what that might mean for the ongoing resistance in Gaza and ceasefire talks which sputtered to a halt in August after months of negotiations.

Hamas has hundreds of thousands of supporters in Gaza, the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Palestinian refugee camps across the region. Several of its top leaders are based in Qatar, which has served as a mediator between Israel and the militant group.

Israel has arrested and killed several top Hamas leaders and militant commanders over the years, and the group has quickly replaced them. But it has never fought a prolonged war against Israel, which says it has killed dozens of high-ranking commanders.

Light Snow

to plan their journeys carefully for October 24 and 25.

According to the MeT, generally dry weather is expected from October 17 to 22. On October 23, conditions will shift to generally cloudy weather with light rain, and isolated light snow in the higher reaches by evening or night.

From October 24 to 25, the forecast indicates continued cloudy conditions with the possibility of light to moderate rain, accompanied by light snow in the higher altitudes.

No Tussle

the final say on the functioning of the All India Services that includes the senior bureaucracy of the Union Territory. The new rules have also placed the Anti-Corruption Bureau, the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Prisons, and the Jammu and Kashmir Forensic Science Laboratory under the LG's control. The LG will also have the final approval over

the appointment of the Advocate General and other law officers.

The government will have to first seek the LG's approval for the grant or refusal of prosecution sanction or the filing of an appeal.

'Terrorism-Affected

were brutally killed by various terrorist groups in the past narrated the horrific incidents and sought the intervention of LG for resolution of their long pending issues. Paying homage to the martyred civilians, the LG assured every necessary support and assistance to the families who despite suffering immense personal loss, hardships and pain, were excluded from the mainstream of development for several decades.

"Instead of compassion and support, the terrorism-affected families were marginalized, and their voices went unheard. I will try my best to ensure justice, welfare and rehabilitation of these families," the LG said.

The LG said the security forces and J&K Police are determined to dismantle the terror ecosystem.

Our security forces and J&K police are committed to completely neutralise terror groups and the terror ecosystem sponsored by the neighbouring country. At the same time, we will ensure that families targeted by terrorists and who were left behind are provided with all the assistance, support and their rights are protected, he said.

Dalai Lama

the Jammu Kashmir CM and started his in-nings with a people-friendly gesture and conveyed that he has asked the police to not have a "green corridor" or traffic stoppage during his movement by road.

He also asked the police to make sure that minimum inconvenience was caused to the people.

The National Conference leader was administered the oath of office and secrecy by the LG Manoj Sinha at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar.

Surinder Kumar, MLA from Nowshera in Jammu, was sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir along with other ministers.

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and other leaders of the INDIA bloc were also present for the swearing-in ceremony.

After taking the oath, Omar Abdullah received a guard of honour at the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar and held his first maiden meeting with secretaries of various departments.

He also said that the use of stick or aggressive gestures during road movements is to be avoided. He said he has asked his cabinet colleagues to follow the same example.

Omar Abdullah, who is heading the National Conference-led government in the state, has the backing of other parties in the INDIA alliance and four independents. The NC-Congress alliance won a majority in the assembly polls.

Omar Abdullah had earlier served as Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir from 2009 and 2015.

CM Omar Pledges

no shelters on the head of people of Marwan. "We will ensure that at least two fire-stations

are set up in the area and also keep an ambulance ready here to meet challenges," Omar said.

The Chief Minister strongly advocated the PM Relief Fund and PM's Awas Yojna for over 80 fire affected families. "It's very unfortunate that my first visit was supposed to be like this. I believe all the affected families should be covered under PM's Awas Yojna. The J&K government had announced some assistance for the victims. I have raised the amount today," he said.

Omar said let the people of Marwan get their houses rebuilt after DG recruitment will be done in the area as promised by him in the election campaign. On Wednesday, a deadly blaze left almost over 80 families in the Marwan area of Kishtwar homeless. Even as the local administration has started investigations to ascertain the cause of fire and also announced relief for the affected families, the Chief Minister's visit along with deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary provided a relief of sorts to the people of Marwan. "We are happy to see the Chief Minister here. This gives a clear signal that there is someone who really cares for us," said a local of Marwan, whose house was turned into ashes in the blaze.

Rs 80 Lakh Raised

structures in the village, leaving 84 families homeless.

However, due to the village's isolation, fire services from nearby Kokernag in Anantnag, along with local administration and civilians, struggled to control the blaze as rugged terrain and limited access delayed the response.

Ababeel, a well-known charitable trust active in the Chenab Valley, immediately mobilized its teams. The organization, which has been involved in providing emergency relief and assistance for years, is now focused on helping the villagers rebuild their lives before winter sets in. They are known for providing disaster relief, food kits, and blood donations to the needy, regardless of caste or religion.

Hassan Babar, the head of the group, said that with the onset of winter, a massive fire reduced the entire village to rubble.

"The area has been devastated by this disaster. Every donation, big or small, is a step towards healing the wounds of affected families in Mulwarwan village," he said.

He said that they have witnessed an overwhelming response from the people across the region. "Humanity knows no boundaries, and rebuilding the entire village will require great effort, both financially and physically," he said.

Babar said that more than Rs 80 lakh has been collected over the last three days. "Our multiple teams are collecting donations in various parts of the region," he added—(KNO)

CM Chairs First

streamlining processes, addressing public grievances, and promoting transparency within the bureaucracy. The team also evaluated the progress of ongoing development projects.

Top priorities for the new government include bolstering infrastructure, healthcare, education, and employment opportunities across Jammu and Kashmir.

This cabinet meeting marks Abdullah's return to a leadership role after years of political uncertainty in the region. Prior to the meeting, he yesterday held consultations with secretaries and key officers at the Civil Secretariat to

ensure smooth coordination between the executive and bureaucracy, setting a decisive tone for his administration.

SC To Consider

special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, in 2019 and ordered that assembly elections be held there by September 2024. The court had also said that Jammu and Kashmir's statehood should be restored "at the earliest".

'Constitutional Misdemeanour

to restore its statehood. His remarks come a day after National Conference leader Omar Abdullah took oath as the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, heading the first elected government in the union territory since 2019 when its special status was revoked.

As Jammu and Kashmir turned another page in its troubled history, the 54-year-old Abdullah was sworn in along with five other ministers, three from Jammu region and two from the Kashmir Valley.

In a post on X, Sibal said, "It was a constitutional misdemeanour to have reduced the state of J&K to a Union Territory. It was wrong for the Supreme Court not to have decided that issue."

"Time to restore statehood. This is the constitutional right of the people of J&K," the former Union minister asserted.

LG Manoj Sinha administered the oath of office and secrecy to Abdullah and his ministers at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre along the banks of the Dal Lake.

Omar Abdullah's

The attempt to experiment with @OmarAbdullah was a complete failure," another X user, Zayd Umar, said.

Speculation also arose about the historical significance of Abdullah's attire, with some suggesting it could have belonged to his grandfather, Sheikh Abdullah.

"The achkan worn by Omar originally belonged to Sheikh Sahab. It carries significant historical value and specific details. I'll share the full story with you another time," a user commented on Sameer Hamdani's post.

"Maybe it was deliberate. He got a new achkan, and made it look like his Grandfather's, to give an heirloom vibe," another user wrote.

Beyond the digital chatter, the new J&K CM's attire has also become a focal point for discussions among various circles. "His choice of clothing reflected an air of accomplishment, as if he had already achieved significant milestones in his political journey. Keeping the current situation and his powers in view, he could have kept it low key," a political pundit said.

HC's Bench

The petition challenged the provisions of J&K Reorganisation Act, empowering the LG to make nominations of five MLAs.

The petition contended that the LG is supposed to seek the aid and advice of council of ministers before making nominations, otherwise the provisions are ultra-vires to the basic spirit and structure of the Constitution, Sharma said.

In the recently concluded J&K elections, the National Conference-Congress alliance got a majority with 48 seats in the 90-member assembly.

India 46 All Out In Bengaluru Test; Their Lowest Total At Home

Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: India were on Thursday bowled for just 46 runs in their first innings, their lowest total in a home Test on the second day of the rain-hit opening Test against New Zealand here.

India's previous lowest score at home was 75, recorded against West Indies in New Delhi in 1987.

The Indian batters struggled to negotiate the conditions, folding in 31.1 overs. As many as five Indian batters returned without bothering the scorer Rishabh Pant top-scored for the hosts with his 20 off 49 balls.

Yashasvi Jaiswal (13) was the only other batter to reach double digits.

Matt Henry (5/15), William O'Rourke (4/22), and Tim Southee (1/8) were in fine form, dominating the proceed-



ings as India lost six wickets for just 34 runs during a stunning first session.

In the second session, India could add only 12 runs, losing the remaining four wickets.

Brief Scores:
India 1st innings: 46 all out in 31.2 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 13, Rishabh Pant 20; Matt Henry 5/15, William O'Rourke 4/22, Tim Southee 1/8).

NZ 1st innings: 180/3 in 50 overs (Rachin Ravindra 22*, Daryl Mitchell 14*).

I Am Hurting To See This Score Of 46 All Out: Rohit Sharma

Sharma

India skipper Rohit Sharma admitted he was "hurting" after his team crashed to its lowest-ever total of 46 at home on the second day of the opening Test against New Zealand here on Thursday.

After Rohit opted to bat in overcast conditions, India's innings folded in just 31.2 overs with five home batters not even managing to open their account.

"I am hurting to see this score of 46 as a captain as it was my call to bat first. But one or two bad calls in a year is all right," Rohit said at the day-end press conference.

The 46 all-out was the first instance in which the team failed to cross the 50-run mark in a Test innings at home.

The previous Indian record of lowest Test innings total at home came nearly 37 years ago, against the West Indies in November, 1987 at Delhi.

'Kashmiri Youth Hungry For Opportunities': Konak Suryas Odisha COO



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Enakshi Priyam Srivastva, COO of Konak Suryas Odisha, a team owned by San Priya Group, praised the immense potential of Kashmiri youth in sports during a media interaction on Thursday here.

"Kashmiri youth are hungry for opportunities, just like in any other city in India," she said.

Speaking after Konak Suryas Odisha reached the finals of the Legends League Cricket tournament in Srinagar, Enakshi, along with Shrey Gupta, Director of Konak Suryas Odisha, outlined the group's vision to cultivate local talent from Kashmir and across India.

"Our vision is to find and polish talent that can compete on national and international stages," she said.

Shrey Gupta further highlighted the group's dedication to promoting sports beyond cricket.

San Priya Group's broader focus includes building a multi-sport center of excellence in Odisha and expanding infrastructure for sports development across tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

Jammu Seals 2-0 Lead In U-19 Inter-Division Cricket



Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: Jammu Division claimed their second consecutive victory in the ongoing Under-19 Inter-Division Cricket Tournament 2024, defeating Kashmir Division by 15 runs at the BHSS Ground, Bijbehara, on Thursday.

Batting first, Jammu Division set a target of 145 runs, with key contributions from Ashutosh (37), Arman Sharma (34) and Aryan Dassi (23). For Kashmir Division, Sualib Tariq led the bowling attack with 3 wickets,

while Shahid Saleem, Faisal Ayoub, and Faizan Khurshid chipped in with 2 wickets each.

In response, Kashmir Division struggled to chase the target, falling short by 15 runs. Rahil Mushtaq (24), Shahid Saleem (17) and Salman Khan (17) were the top scorers for Kashmir. On the bowling front, Waseem Zulfikar's impressive 4-wicket haul secured the win for Jammu.

Waseem Zulfikar was named Player of the Match for his match-winning performance. Jammu had earlier defeated Kashmir by two wickets.

LG Meets Winner & Runner-Up Teams Of Legends League Cricket



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday met the winner and runner-up teams of Legends League Cricket 2024. The final match was played on Wednesday at Bakshi Stadium

Srinagar between the Southern Super Stars and Konak Suryas Odisha, with Southern winning the title in the Super Over.

The teams were comprised of former international cricketers including Yusuf Pathan, Shahbaz Nadeem, Elton Chigumbura,

Hamilton Masakadza, Nikhil Chopra and others. Team owners and officials also met the LG.

The LG congratulated and extended his felicitations to the legendary cricketers for their remarkable performances during the international tournament.

Fit India Freedom Run Held In Srigufwara

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Zone Srigufwara organised a Fit India Swachhta Freedom Run on Thursday at Kharim. The event aimed to foster a sense of fitness, cleanliness and environmental awareness among the youth.

The program commenced with a ceremonial run from Kharim and culminated at Sirhama. Participants, including students from several local schools, covered a notable distance. A total of



212 students, both boys and girls, took part in the run.

"The event radiated energy and excitement as the participants showcased sports-

manship, unity, and a collective commitment to the dual goals of fitness and cleanliness," the department said in a press release.

Pakistan In Driver's Seat As England Batters Falter

Agencies

MULTAN: Pakistan set England a tricky victory target of 297 and then reduced the touring side to 36 for two on an eventful third day of the second Test to stay on course for a series-levelling victory in Multan, on Thursday.



Salman Agha, dropped twice early in his knock, smashed a belligerent 63 as Pakistan posted 221 all out in their second innings in the spin-dominated contest.

It left England substantial total to win the match and take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-Test series but their batters struggled against the turning ball on a track where spinners from both sides have done well.

England, still 261 runs behind their target, will expect vice captain Ollie Pope (21) and batting mainstay Joe Root (12) to put their chase back on track when play resumes on Friday. Post tea, Salman went on to add 65 runs with Sajid (22) for the ninth wicket before he was bowled out by Carse.

England stuttered early in their victory pursuit. Opener Ben Duckett, who smashed a rapid hundred in the first innings, fell for a two-ball duck fluffing his sweep shot against Sajid.

Zak Crawley (three) did not last long either and was stumped after left-arm spinner Noman Ali deceived him with a flighted delivery.

Root reverse-swept the final delivery of the day for a four to signal his intention of not letting the Pakistan spinners dictate terms.

Liverpool Host Chelsea In First Major Test As Premier League Returns

Agencies

MANCHESTER: Liverpool manager Arne Slot has enjoyed a record-breaking start to his tenure at Anfield but has been measured in his response as he says they have yet to face a top side, although that is all about to change with the visit of in-form Chelsea.

Dutchman Slot, the first Liverpool manager to win nine of his first 10 games in charge, must now steer the leaders through a tough schedule, with a gruelling run of 10 games in three competitions that could go a long way to shaping their season.

Liverpool have 18 points after seven games, having scored 13 goals and conceded two, to stand a point ahead of Manchester City and Arsenal, while Chelsea are fourth on 14.

"I looked at the league table and 'OK, which teams did we face until now and which position are they? Are they in the top half or the bottom?'" Slot said of the schedule so far.

"There are a lot of difficult teams we still have to face ... let's see where we are then when it comes to conceding goals because maybe the fixture schedule has been 'nice' to us when you see the league table."

Chelsea have won all three of their league games on the road this season by a combined score of 10-2.



Liverpool's gruelling stretch of matches, which includes a trip to Arsenal on Oct. 27 and the visit of Manchester City on Dec. 1, is lousy timing considering first-choice goalkeeper Alisson is expected to miss most of it. The Brazilian is set to be sidelined with a hamstring injury until the league game at Southampton on Nov. 24.

Slot, however, is confident his number two, Ireland international Caoimhin Kelleher, can fill in seamlessly.

"Alisson is our clear number one," the 46-year-old Dutchman said. "(He is) the best goalkeeper in the world so it's always a blow when he gets injured. But in almost every position we have a second option that is also really good."

"Caoimhin Kelleher has already shown that."

MUST-SEE GAME
In another must-see game, Manchester United host Brentford amid continued speculation around the future of manager Erik ten Hag. Many thought the beleaguered Dutchman might not last beyond the international break, with his team languishing in 14th.

United did, however, bounce back from a horrible 3-0 loss against Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford to draw 0-0 at high-flying Aston Villa to give him some respite before the break.

Arsenal visit Bournemouth on Saturday with questions around the fitness of Bukayo Saka, who started England's Nations League game against Greece on Thursday but suffered a hamstring injury which saw him taken off early in the second half.

The winger travelled back to London for further assessment, missing England's game away to Finland on Sunday. Manchester City hope to have Kevin De Bruyne back for their trip to Wolverhampton Wanderers on Sunday, with a hamstring problem having sidelined the midfielder for the past month.

Manager Pep Guardiola has said the injury was "not a big issue," although De Bruyne did not feature in Belgium's Nations League games after asking not to be called up.

At the other end of the table, Ipswich Town, Crystal Palace, Southampton and Wolves are still without a league win this season. Ipswich have the best chance of ending that streak on Saturday when they host Everton, who are a point above them.

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

e-mail, id, xenmhdbla@gmail.com

Tender Notice Inviting e-Tender

NIT No:	M&HDB/TS/2024-25/42/1577-82
Date:	15-10-2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla, invites online e-bids in Two Cover system on percentage wise basis from Authorized service providers of OEMs / Registered / Listed Contractors for the below mentioned Supply: -

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rupees)	Earnest Money Deposit	Time of Completion	Administrative Approval	Technical Sanction
01.	Supply of fast-moving spare parts for Escorts Hydra Crane (14ton) pertaining to M&HSD 1 st Baramulla	0.1764	200.00	353/-	10 days	M&HED/K/ Acctt /210 of 2024-25 Dt: - 03-10-2024	AEE/M&HSD-1 st /12 of 2024-25 Dated: - 09-10-2024

- Download of Bids: The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Qs), Set of Terms & Conditions of Contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from 15-10-2024 (06:15PM)
- Submission of Bids: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 15-10-2024 (06:30 PM) to 23-10-2024 (06:55 PM) in two covers.
- Opening of Bids: The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 24-10-2024 (13:00 Hrs) in the Office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla.
- The bidders are required to submit their offers in two (02) covers.

Cover-I shall contain: Scanned copies of following documents:

01.	Tender Fee	Rs. 200.00 (Rupees Two hundred only) in shape of e-Challan / e-receipt / online Bank transfer acknowledgement including m-Pay Delight [®] , to be uploaded with each online bid pledged to Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla. Tender ID to be written also on the voucher. Bank: J&K Bank Branch: T.P Baramulla. IFSC Code: JAKA0TESHIL Account No.: 0213010200000051.
02.	EMD	Scanned copy of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of CDR/ FDR equivalent to 2% of value of the advertised cost pledged to Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla. EMD of successful bidder shall be released on receipt of 5% Performance Guarantee from (L1) and execution of agreement with the Department. EMD of un-successful bidders shall be also released as per rules provided in J&K PWD Engineering Manual 2020.
03.	Terms & Conditions	Scanned copy of the Annexure- "A", "B" & "C" duly accepted by the bidder.
04.	Tax Clearance	Registration Certificate of Sales Tax Department quoting GST Number.
05.	GST	Scanned copies of PAN Card / GST Registration / Latest GST clearance certificate or acknowledgement of latest returns.
06.	Undertaking	Undertaking as per format at Annexure "C" that the bidder has not been blacklisted or debarred by any Govt./Semi Govt. Department.

Note: Successful Bidder (L1) needs to furnish original EMD and Fee Receipt to this Division / Department for obtaining Letter of Acceptance / L.O.I from this Division / Department.

- Cover II shall contain the price bid as per BOQ which shall be inclusive of all taxes under GST. The price bid is to be uploaded only.
- The complete bidding process shall be online.
- The Financial bid of only qualifying bidders shall be opened online in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division Baramulla after evaluation of the technical bid.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) content. 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.
- The cost of tender document is non-refundable and the tender shall in no case be accepted if submitted by any firm other than the purchaser.
- Any tender found to have been submitted by the firm by furnishing false information to the Department shall be cancelled and the firm shall be penalized as and when it comes to the notice of the Department even during the currency of the contract. The tenders should be addressed to the Executive Engineer, Mechanical & Hospitals Division Baramulla.
- The Department shall not be responsible for delay in submission of bids due to any reasons, whatsoever.
- The Department reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in part or in full without assigning any reason thereof.

No: - M&HDB/TS/e-tender-42/1577-82
Dated: - 15-10-2024
DIPK-6271-24
DT: 17/10/2024

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical & Hospitals Division
Baramulla

Mumbai Artist To Auction Ratan Tata's Diamond Portrait For Charity

Agenceis

Mumbai: The Mumbai-based artist who created a portrait of the late legend Ratan N. Tata with 12,000 big and small diamond pieces, has decided with a heavy heart to auction off his glittering creation for charitable purposes.

Shailesh Acharekar, the artist who shares his birthday with Ratan Tata, wanted to present the unique creation personally to the industrialist on his next birthday (December 28). Mumbai Artist To Auction Ratan Tata's Diamond Portrait For Charity

Mumbai-based artist created a portrait of late Ratan Tata with 12,000 diamond pieces.

Mumbai: The Mumbai-based artist who created a portrait of the late legend Ratan N. Tata with 12,000 big and small diamond pieces, has decided with a heavy heart to auction off his glittering creation for charitable purposes.

Shailesh Acharekar, the artist who shares his birthday with Ratan Tata, wanted to present the unique creation personally to the industrialist on his next birthday (December 28).

"I had specially created this for Ratan Tata Sir. I was hoping to meet, greet and gift it to him personally on his next birthday. Due to his sad passing, my dream has remained unfulfilled..." a downcast Acharekar said.

Early this year, he hit upon the idea of making something special in honour of the living 'gem' (Ratan) Tata and decided to make the diamond portrait. Accordingly, he embarked upon the huge task, using around 12,000 big and small diamonds of mixed variety for his shimmering masterpiece that blooms on a 3X4 feet matt blackboard (composite panel).

It took Acharekar some six months of toil, blood, sweat and tears to make the stunning diamond portrait and he harboured fond hopes of presenting it to Ratan Tata in person as a tribute to his sterling contributions to the country.

However, on October 9, the world was shattered by the demise of the giant of an industrialist and paid glowing tributes to his memory.

"Unfortunately, Ratan Tata is no longer with us. But to honour his noble ideas and as a tribute to his memory, we have decided to sell/auction off this painting. We plan to dedicate its proceeds for



some charitable cause dear to his heart, like the welfare of dogs, especially since I also love these faithful canines," said Acharekar.

Similarly, in Pune, a young woman Rajashri Nitin Bhagawat has become a social media rage for creating a huge 20X20 feet (400 sq feet) 'rangoli' depicting Ratan Tata in a map of India -- in just 3 hours -- at the at the Pimpri-Chinchwad Polytechnic College.

A self-learnt artist, Rajashri, 28 -- a full-time artist from the age of 13, which earned her an honorary doctorate -- now goes pillion on a scooter with her husband (Nitin) and their 3-year-old son Viraj, makes colourful 'rangolis' on the entire 250-kms long Alandi-Pandharpur route, for Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj's annual 'palkhi' (palanquin) procession (in June-July).

In Mumbai, Acharekar said that though he is planning to dispose of Ratan Tata's diamond portrait, "his personality, achievements and contributions are invaluable" to the country and society.

Nevertheless, New York-based NRI diamantaire Ketan R. Kakkad, while terming the creation as a "masterpiece," guardedly estimates that it could be worth over 3-5 crore, although an exact figure can be arrived at only after a proper study of the creation.

"Ratan Tata has left his imprint on the whole world, his contributions cannot be valued or measured, but the masses' love for him will remain forever, just like diamonds," Kakkad said.

Concurring, Acharekar, who had made a portrait of the late Balasaheb Thackeray with 27,000 diamonds in June 2024, said that Ratan Tata's simplicity, and generosity towards social causes will inspire millions for generations, and "we hope to make a small contribution as a tribute to his charitable initiatives" through the painting.

UN Report Says 1.1 Billion People In Acute Poverty

Agenceis

United Nations: More than one billion people are living in acute poverty across the globe, a UN Development Program report said Thursday, with children accounting for over half of those affected.

The paper published with the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) highlighted that poverty rates were three times higher in countries at war, as 2023 saw the most conflicts around the world since the Second World War.

The UNDP and the OPHI have published their Multidimensional Poverty Index annually since 2010, harvesting data from 112 countries with a combined population of 6.3 billion people.

It uses indicators such as a lack of adequate housing, sanitation, electricity, cooking fuel, nutrition and school attendance.

"The 2024 MPI paints a sobering picture: 1.1 billion people endure multidimensional poverty, of which 455 million live in the shadow of conflict," said Yanchun Zhang, chief statistician at the UNDP.

"For the poor in conflict-affected countries, the struggle for basic needs is a far harsher and more desperate battle,"



Zhang told AFP.

The report echoed last year's findings that 1.1 billion out of 6.1 billion people across 110 countries were facing extreme multidimensional poverty.

Thursday's paper showed that some 584 million people under 18 were experiencing extreme poverty, accounting for 27.9 percent of children worldwide, compared with 13.5 percent of adults.

It also showed that 83.2 percent of the world's poorest people live in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

Sabina Alkire, director of the OPHI, told AFP that conflicts were hindering efforts for poverty reduction.

"At some level, these findings are intuitive. But what

shocked us was the sheer magnitude of people who are struggling to live a decent life and at the same time fearing for their safety -- 455 million," she said.

"This points to a stark but unavoidable challenge to the international community to both zero in on poverty reduction and foster peace, so that any ensuing peace actually endures," Alkire added.

India was the country with the largest number of people in extreme poverty, which impacts 234 million of its 1.4 billion population.

It was followed by Pakistan, Ethiopia, Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The five countries accounted for nearly half of the 1.1 billion poor people.

MP Court To Pro Pak Accused 'Raise 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' Slogan 21 Times'

Agenceis

The Madhya Pradesh High Court has granted bail to a man accused of shouting a pro-Pakistan slogan and directed him to salute the national flag at a Bhopal police station 21 times and raise 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' slogan twice a month till the end of the trial.

Justice DK Paliwal, in the order on Tuesday, said the applicant may be released on bail by imposing some conditions which may enthrall him a sense of responsibility and pride for the country in which he was born and living.

"He is openly shouting slogans against the country in which he was born and brought up," the HC stated.

The court directed the accused to salute the national flag and chant 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' slogan on every first and fourth Tuesday of the month.

The accused, Faizal alias Faizan, was arrested after an FIR was registered against him at Bhopal's Misrod police station in May under section 153B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration) of the lapsed Indian Penal Code (IPC).

"It is directed that applicant - Faizal alias Faizan be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond of Rs

50,000 with one solvent surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial court, for his regular appearance before the trial court during the trial," the HC order said.

"It is further directed that he shall continuously mark his presence before police station Misrod, Bhopal every 1st and 4th Tuesday of the month till the conclusion of the trial and shall salute the National Flag unfurled on the building of the police station 21 times by raising 'Bharat Mata ki Jai'," the high court stated.

As per the prosecution, the accused had shouted a pro-Pakistan slogan which amounted to promoting enmity between different groups and his act was prejudicial to the maintenance of harmony and national integration.

"After investigation, a charge sheet has been filed," the court order noted.

The defence counsel submitted that the applicant had been falsely implicated.

However, the learned counsel (for the applicant) has fairly stated that in a video, the applicant is seen shouting the slogan hailing Pakistan and denouncing India, the order stated.

The state government's counsel opposed the bail, saying the applicant was a habitual offender and 14 criminal cases were registered against him.

US government imposes \$4 million fine on Lufthansa for stopping Jews from boarding flight

Agenceis

The transportation department fined Lufthansa \$4 million on Tuesday, after finding the airline had discriminated against 128 Jewish passengers travelling from New York to Hungary in 2022 by preventing them from making a connecting flight in Germany, according to an agency announcement. The passengers were en route to an annual memorial event to honour an Orthodox rabbi in Hungary.

The transportation department said the fine was the largest it had levied for a civil rights

violation, saying the German airline's behaviour constituted religious discrimination, violating multiple US statutes.

The agency's investigation began after it received more than 40 complaints from Jewish passengers traveling from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York to Budapest, via a scheduled stopover in Frankfurt, on May 3, 2022.

The transportation department said Lufthansa did not allow the passengers to embark on their connecting flight because of the misbehaviour of a small number of individuals on the first leg of their journey. Most of the affected passengers were Jew-

ish men in traditional Orthodox attire, who were treated as a single entity and penalised for the actions of a few, the department said.

The problem started when the captain of the first flight alerted Lufthansa security about some passengers not adhering to crew instructions, which were to wear face masks during the flight and not gather in the aisle or emergency exits. They were not considered security risks, however.

As a result of this alert, a hold was placed on the tickets of more than 100 passengers heading to Budapest, all of whom were Jewish, the department found. How-

ever, no specific individuals were identified as having violated crew instructions, contradicting Lufthansa's reasoning for the denied boarding, the announcement said.

In a legal order filed on Tuesday, the department wrote that "the denial of transport in Frankfurt was a continuation of a pattern of discriminatory behaviour that began on a flight that originated in the United States."

The airline has been ordered to cease further discriminatory practices and must pay \$2 million of the fine within 30 days. The remaining \$2 million was credited to Lufthansa for compensation already pro-

vided to the affected passengers.

"No one should face discrimination when they travel, and today's action sends a clear message to the airline industry that we are prepared to investigate and take action whenever passengers' civil rights are violated," transportation secretary Pete Buttigieg said in a statement.

Lufthansa did not immediately respond to a request for comment, but in a statement released in 2022 days after the incident, the airline said it "regrets the circumstances surrounding the decision to exclude the affected passengers from the flight, for which Lufthansa sincerely apologises."



27th year OF PUBLICATION

KASHMIR OBSERVER®

The methods used to consume news have changed over time from newspapers, to television, to the Internet on our computers to carrying the news around with us 24/7 on smartphones in our pockets.

Kashmir Observer, with 25 years of experience in news gathering is now available 24x7 on all digital platforms like laptops, cell phones or via Bluetooth on your smart TV's across the world.

Kashmir Observer is a one stop information bank for you. Watch live debates, talk shows and documentaries on critical issues facing Kashmir on KO youtube channel.

VISIT

<https://www.youtube.com/c/kobserver>

OR SCAN



OUR SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

THE OTHER SIDE

INKISHAF

VOX POP

UNRAVEL KASHMIR