

## 2 Porters, 2 Soldiers Killed In Gulmarg Terror Attack

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Two porters and two Army soldiers were killed in a terror attack near Nagin area of Botapathri along the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir's Gulmarg in Baramulla district on Thursday evening.

An official said that the attack occurred on Thursday evening when the terrorists targeted an Army party.

In the attack, two porters

and two army personnel were killed, while three others were injured, who have been shifted to the hospital for treatment.

Following the attack, a massive search operation has been launched by security forces to locate the attackers.

Notably, this is the second major terror attack in Kashmir in the last five days. Earlier on Sunday, seven people including a Doctor were killed at Gagangir, Sonamarg.



### Non-Local Labourer Shot In Tral

Terrorists shot at and injured a labourer from Uttar Pradesh in the Tral area of Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir Thursday morning, officials said. Shubam Kumar, a resident of Bijmore, received a gunshot injury in the arm when the terrorists fired at him at Batagund village, the officials said. They said Kumar has been rushed to a hospital.

### Matter Of Serious Concern: CM

The Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Omar Abdullah condemned the terrorist attack on an Army vehicle in Baramulla on Thursday in which a civilian porter was killed and four soldiers were injured and raised concern over a "recent spate of attacks" in Kashmir. In a post on X, he wrote, "Very



## Omar Abdullah Meets PM Modi In Delhi

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday during his first visit to the national capital after assuming office last week, officials said. This was also Omar Abdullah's first meeting with PM Modi after abrogation of Art 370 in 2019.

National Conference won 42 of the 90 assembly seats in the recent assembly

polls in the union territory, the first in 10 years.

In its first cabinet meeting, the new government passed a resolution urging the central government to restore the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir.

This restoration, according to the officials, is seen as a crucial step towards initiating a healing process, reinstating constitutional rights and safeguarding the unique identity of the region's

residents.

The chief minister has been authorised by the cabinet to engage with the prime minister and the central government to advocate for the reinstatement of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood.

This resolution was also approved by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Omar Abdullah's meeting with Modi comes four days after

### Process To Restore Statehood May Begin Soon: Sources

The centre is likely to initiate the process of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir over five years after the region was stripped of its statehood and special status, sources said. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah held a 30-minute meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday evening in New Delhi, where Shah assured full support to the elected government and discussed the restoration of statehood, sources said.

They said that the dialogue between the CM and HM was focused on

### Centre To Support NC Govt Except On Art 370: Reddy



Central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will extend full support to recently elected National Conference government in Jammu & Kashmir, said G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Coal and

## Grenade Goes Off In Baramulla Court Room

Srinagar: A policeman was injured in an explosion in the evidence room of a court in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said on Thursday.

"A grenade (collected as evidence in a case) exploded inside the 'malkhana (evidence room)' of a court in Baramulla town on Thursday," a police official said. The explosion took place around 1:05pm inside the 'malkhana' (evidence room) of the Baramulla court.

One policeman was injured in the explosion and he was taken to a hospital, he said.

The district police assured the public that the situation is under control and urged people not to spread or believe rumors.

## Go Tough On Terrorist Sympathisers: LG To Security Grid

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday chaired a crucial Unified Headquarters (UHQ) meeting in Srinagar to devise a fresh strategy to combat fresh threats, especially attacks on the vital infrastructure projects and non-J&K workforce.

The LG directed the security grid of J&K to go all out against the terrorism and its ecosystem in the UT so that peace remains intact.

Sources said that the heads of all security agencies were seen in a huddle at Rajbhawan this morning



as LG chaired a crucial UHQ meeting. Among those who attended the meeting were Director General of Police J&K Nalin Prabhat, Northern Army Commander M V Suchindera Kumar, GoC of Srinagar based 15 Corps Lt General Prashant Srivastava, ADGP J&K Vijay

Kumar, ADGP Jammu Anand Jain, IGP Kashmir V K Bhirdi, IG BSF, IGs of CRF and the Director Intelligence Bureau. From the administration Chief Secretary Atal Duloo and Principal Secretary Home also participated in the meeting. LG took

### 'Power Of Writers' Ideas Fuels Society's Progress'

Power of knowledge, ideas and imagination of writers provides fresh perspective and contributes to the prosperity and well-being of the society, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Wednesday. Sinha was addressing the 'Akhil Bhartiya Kavi Sammelan' at Raj Bhawan. The event marked the culmination of three-day long literary

## Violation Of Solid & Liquid Waste Management Rules Rs. 41.47 Cr Levied As Environmental Compensation On SMC

KO Correspondent

Srinagar: The J&K Pollution Control Committee (JKPCC) has levied over Rs. 41.47 crore upon Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation Srinagar, as Environmental Compensation for its failure to comply with for violation of Solid and Liquid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

The Environmental Compensation has been levied in compliance to the directions of National Green Tribunal order on July 10 this year, according to an order issued on 19 October by the J&K Pollution Control Committee.

The NGT had directed

assessment of environmental compensation under Polluter Pays Principle -PPP in the case of Raja Muzaffar Bhat v/s J&K Govt and



others. Pertinently the Srinagar Municipal Corporation had set up at least 6 to 8 pumping stations post 2014 floods after getting World Bank funds on Doodh Ganga at Chanapora, Natipora, Barzulla, Bulbul Bagh and Tengpora for flood water mitigation but these pumps

houses, according to the petitioner, were flushing all the "untreated" liquid waste into Doodh Ganga in clear violation of Water Prevention and Control of Pollution Act - 1974.

The tribunal initially imposed Rs one crore interim compensation on SMC. In addition, Rs one crore was imposed on MC Chadoora and MC Budgam each while District Mineral Officer Budgam was asked to pay Rs one crore for his failing to curb illegal riverbed mining in Doodh Ganga. Later on Rs 32 Crores penalty was imposed on the government again, the petitioner says. This entire amount is supposed to be used for

## Aharbal Waterfall: The Next Bollywood Sensation?

Agencies

Srinagar: The scenic beauty of Aharbal waterfall in south Kashmir's Kulgam district is set to shine on the big screen as two major Bollywood film production companies have received permission from the local administration to shoot at this breathtaking location.

Known as the 'Niagara Falls of Kashmir', Aharbal is becoming a coveted destination for filmmakers, boosting its already growing popularity among tourists.

One of the two productions, Yash Raj Films' much-anticipated spy-thriller, tentatively titled 'Alpha', has already wrapped up its shoot at the famed waterfall. Starring Bollywood icons like Alia Bhatt, Anil Kapoor,



Sharwari Wagh and Bobby Deol, the film is directed by Shiv Rawail.

Khawar Jamsheed, the line producer for Alpha, said the team was captivated by the sheer beauty of Aharbal, making it the perfect backdrop for the film's aesthetic.

"We have | More on P6

## Separate Budget For JKP Aligned With Reorganisation Act: MHA

Agencies

Srinagar: The Government of India has revealed that the proposal of separate budget provisions for Jammu & Kashmir Police is in consonance with the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act-2019.

In response to an application filed under the Right to Information Act-2019, the Union Home Ministry has disclosed that the proposal of separate budget provisions for Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) is in consonance with Section 32 of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

Under section 32 of The Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act, the Legislative Assembly can legislate on all matters in the State List except "public order" and "police". Both these subjects fall under the purview of the

Central Government.

For the first time after reorganization of J&K, J&K Police's budget for the ongoing financial year figured in the grants of the Ministry of the Home Affairs (MHA) in the Union Budget unveiled by Nirmala Sitharaman.

Even after bifurcation of J&K into two UTs, J&K Police's allocations were part of the Union Territory's own budget.

It is worthwhile to mention that Union Finance Nirmala Sitharaman had announced in July 2024 that the Centre has agreed to take the entire budget of J&K Police from UT. "It is observed that around 11% of the budget of Jammu and Kashmir is used for the Police. Such expenses on policing being unavoidable, leaves limited space for spending on development and welfare projects. I am happy | More on P6

## Justice Sanjiv Khanna Is New CJ



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Justice Sanjiv Khanna was on Thursday appointed the 51st Chief Justice of India.

He will take oath on November 11, a day after incumbent Justice D Y Chandrachud demits office on attaining the age of 65.

Justice Chandrachud took over as the CJ on November 8, 2022.

Justice Khanna will have a tenure of a little over six months as CJ and would demit office on May 13, 2025.

"In exercise of the power conferred by the Constitution of India, Hon'ble President, after consultation with Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge of the Supreme Court of India as Chief Justice of India with effect from 11th November, 2024," Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal posted on X.

Who is Justice Sanjiv Khanna? Justice Khanna enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi in 1983. He practised at the district courts at the Tis Hazari complex and later at the High Court of Delhi and tribunals.

He also served as the Senior Standing Counsel for the Income Tax Department and became the Standing Counsel (Civil) for the National Capital Territory of Delhi in 2004.

He was appointed as an additional judge of the Delhi High Court in 2005 and as a permanent judge in 2006.

During his tenure, he also contributed to | More on P6

## 'Rogue Editors In J&K Running Blackmail Rings' JKPC Missive To PM

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu Kashmir Press Corps (JKPC), the region's only registered media association, has expressed grave concern over the resurgence of unethical practices within a section of the media fraternity in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a press statement, the JKPC has called upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take immediate and decisive action against individuals it accuses of operating blackmail rings under the guise of journalism.

According to the JKPC, certain editors and journalists, described as "black sheep" within the newspaper community, are allegedly engaging in blackmailing tactics, pressuring government officials, particularly those within the J&K Information Department. | More on P6

## J&K BJP Chief Cautions New Govt On Security & Statehood

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Ravinder Raina on Thursday emphasised the "significant" improvements made in the security situation of the region over the past decade, and said the newly-elected government and the Centre must approach the sensitive matters with careful deliberation to ensure lasting peace and prosperity in the Union Territory.

Highlighting the challenges J&K has faced over the past 35 years, Raina noted the "devastation" and "turmoil" it endured and said any hasty decision could prove disastrous for its future.

"These are sensitive issues, and any quick decision could have serious consequences for

the region's future. The newly-elected government and the Centre must engage in thorough discussions and consultations before making any major policy moves," Raina told mediapersons on the sidelines of an event here.

Replying to a volley of questions on statehood and the current security situation in the wake of the recent terror attack in Ganderbal four days after government formation in J&K, Raina said any crucial decision, especially regarding statehood or the UT status of Jammu and Kashmir, should not be made hastily.

"Since the formation of the government at the Centre led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014, the region has witnessed marked improvement due to the | More on P6



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Dated: 14.10.2024
Present: Nusrat Ali Hakak
In the case of: J&K Bank Ltd BU: Khanyar Srinagar through Attorney Holder Javeed Ahmad Shera V/S
1. M/S Asalm Jewellers Aquilmen, Khanyar, Proprietor Abdul Hamid Anchari
2. Abdul Hamid Anchari S/o Late Abdul Khaliq Anchari R/o, Dagga Mohalla Baghi Jogi Lankar, Rainawari, Srinagar (Borrower)
3. Abdul Qadir Anchari S/o Mohd Shaban Anchari R/o Dagga Mohalla Baghi Jogi Lankar, Rainawari, Srinagar (Guarantor)
4. Noor Mohammad Malik S/o Ghulam Hassan Khan R/o Dagga Mohalla Baghi Jogi Lankar, Rainawari, Srinagar
In the matter of Substitute service through Publication / Advertisement
Whereas, applicant Bank has filed application before this authority in terms of Section 12-A of Act and Commercial Courts.
Whereas, number of notices were issued against non-applicants on many occasions but services could not be effective due to insufficient/incomplete address.
Whereas, it has been shown to the satisfaction of the undersigned that service of non-applicants could not be effective in ordinary mode.
Therefore, the non-applicants through the medium of this notice are directed to appear in person or their attorney by or before the next date of hearing i.e. 07.11.2024
Sd/- Secretary (Sub Judge) District Legal Services Authority Srinagar

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY SRINAGAR
Dated: 14.10.2024
Present: Nusrat Ali Hakak
In the case of: J&K Bank Ltd BU: Nawa Kadal Srinagar through Attorney Holder Javeed Ahmad Shera V/S
1. M/S Ever Choice Arts & Craft Arampora, Nawa Kadal, Proprietor Farooq Ahmad Bhat
2. Farooq Ahmad Bhat S/o Ghulam Mohammad Bhat R/o: Arampora, Nawa Kadal, Srinagar (Borrower)
3. Shabir Ahmad Yaqoob S/o Ali Mohammad Yaqoob R/o Arampora, Nawa Kadal, Srinagar (Guarantor)
4. Mohammad Rafiq Zargar S/o Mohammad Amin Zargar R/o Gralabal, Nawa Kadal Srinagar
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Sd/- Secretary (Sub Judge) District Legal Services Authority Srinagar

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY SRINAGAR
Dated: 14.10.2024
Present: Nusrat Ali Hakak
In the case of: J&K Bank Ltd BU: Lal Bazar Srinagar through Attorney Holder Javeed Ahmad Shera V/S
1. M/S Sahil Traders Mala Bagh, Baghati Shoor Srinagar, through its sale Proprietor Ghulam Hassan Sofi S/o: Abdul Rahim Sofi R/o: R.P School, Srinagar (Borrower)
2. Reyaz Ahmad Lone S/o Ghulam Mohammad Lone R/o Nagbal Ganderbal (Guarantor)
In the matter of Substitute service through Publication / Advertisement
Whereas, applicant Bank has filed application before this authority in terms of Section 12-A of Act and Commercial Courts.
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Sd/- Secretary (Sub Judge) District Legal Services Authority Srinagar

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY SRINAGAR
Dated: 14.10.2024
Present: Nusrat Ali Hakak
In the case of: J&K Bank Ltd BU: Lal Bazar Srinagar through Attorney Holder Javeed Ahmad Shera V/S
1. M/S Auto Sense through its sale Proprietor. Khalid Mustafa S/o Ghulam Mustafa R/o Naidyar Near J&K Bank Rainawari Srinagar (Borrower)
2. Tahira Khan W/o Ghulam Mustafa Khan R/o Dara Harwan Srinagar (Guarantor)
In the matter of Substitute service through Publication / Advertisement
Whereas, applicant Bank has filed application before this authority in terms of Section 12-A of Act and Commercial Courts.
Whereas, number of notices were issued against non-applicants on many occasions but services could not be effective due to insufficient/incomplete address.
Whereas, it has been shown to the satisfaction of the undersigned that service of non-applicants could not be effective in ordinary mode.
Therefore, the non-applicants through the medium of this notice are directed to appear in person or their attorney by or before the next date of hearing i.e. 11.11.2024
Sd/- Secretary (Sub Judge) District Legal Services Authority Srinagar

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is to inform general public that Mohammad Hussain Mir S/O Mohammad Subhan Mir R/O Urichersoo Pulwama died on 15-2-2024 due to CA related illness. Now we want to issue a dependence certificate from the office of ACR Pulwama. If anybody has any objection in this regard he may kindly approach the ACR Pulwama office within seven days. Thanks
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice My name has been inadvertently recorded in my aadhaar card as Rubaba while my correct name is Rubena Begum which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his / her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Rubena Begum
W/o Mohammad Yousuf Reshi
R/o Hanjiwera Tehsil Pattan
fko

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice My name has been inadvertently recorded in my aadhaar card as Mohd Ishaq Tantray while my correct name is Mohamad Ishaq Tantry which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his / her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
Mohamad Ishaq Tantry
S/o Ghulam Hassan Tantry
R/o Palhallan
FKO

PUBLIC NOTICE
I want to change the name on Shikara License bearing no: REG/1700/9/1592/33/168-2 from NAZIR AHMAD LONE S/O:- ALI MOHAMMAD LONE To Parvez Ahmad Lone S/o Nazir Ahmad Lone. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.
NAZIR AHMAD LONE
S/O:- ALI MOHAMMAD LONE
R/O:- BAGHI ROOP SINGH. SRINAGAR
fko

Office of the Executive Magistrate
1st Class Narbal Budgam
Tele Fax 01951-260-276 Pin Code 193401
Notice For General Public
It is hereby notified that the applicant namely Zubair Ahmad Najar S/o Abdul Gani Najar R/o Arath tehsil Narbal District Budgam had applied for the issuance of Birth Certificate in his favour. The applicant intends to register the DOB of self as per school record as 14-06-2007
In this connection, if anybody having any objection regarding the same he/she may contact office of the undersigned within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.
Executive Magistrate 1st Class Narbal
bmg
Dated: 23-10-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
I have changed my name from (TABISH FAYAZ) to (TABISH FAYAZ JAN) in future I will be known as (TABISH FAYAZ JAN) if anyone has any objection he/she may contact passport office Srinagar. After 7 days no objection will be accepted
TABISH FAYAZ JAN
S/O-FAYAZ AHMAD JAN
R/O-ALHABIB COLONEY RANGEPORA ILLAHI BAGH BUCHPORA 190020
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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE, PARKS & GARDENS, JAMMU
HAR-KI-POUDI BAGH-E-BAHU ROAD JAMMU
E-MAIL:- FLORICULTUREJAMMU@GMAIL.COM Tele- 0191-2435121
Cancellation of e-NIT
Sub:- Outsourcing of Cafeteria at Bagh-e-Bhour Garden, Jammu.
Ref:- This office e-NIT No.07/2024-25/Floriculture Department Jammu Dated: 31.07.2024 issued under Endt. No DFJ/GS/1928-40 Dated: 31.07.2024.
Due to poor response from tenderers, the tender invited vide e-NIT referred to above is hereby cancelled. The fresh tender for the same shall be invited separately.
Member Secretary (DLPC) Directorate of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens, Jammu.
No:- DFJ/GS/ 3379-82
DIPK-6790/24
Dated: 24.10.2024

Government of Jammu & Kashmir (U T)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MECHANICAL & HOSPITALS DIVISION HANDWARA
MECHANICAL & HOSPITALS ENGINEERING DIRECTORATE, KASHMIR.
email: xenmhdhandwara@gmail.com
Corrigendum 01
Extension of Critical Dates
Name of work:- Repairs and maintenance of Departmental Snow Clearance Machines of MH SD-II stationed at Ganderbal
Reference: 1) e-NIT No:- M&H/DH/TS/2024-25/20 W. No. 01 (Tender ID: 2024\_PWDJK\_260203\_1)
Due to poor response, the critical dates of the above referred NIT issued for the subject work are extended as under:
1. Bid Submission Start Date From 23/10/2024
2. Bid Submission End Date 29/10/2024 (1400 HRS)
3. Date and time for opening of the Technical Bids online 29/10/2024 at 1600 Hrs in the office of Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara.
All other terms, conditions and specifications of the NIT shall remain unchanged.
DIPK-6811/24 dated: 24-10-2024
Sd/- Executive Engineer Mechanical & Hospitals Division Handwara
No: M&H/TS/2434-37 Date: 23/10/2024.

JAMMU & KASHMIR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (SICOP)
(A J&K Government Undertaking)
2nd floor, Sanat Ghar building Bemina Srinagar
Short tender NOTICE No:03-PEK of 2023-24 dated:23-10-2024
For and on behalf of the Managing Director of Jammu & Kashmir Small Scale Industries Cooperation Limited, online tenders are invited from reputed contractors who are registered with CPWD/MES/PWD of appropriate class in India.
Name of work Adv. Cost. Earnest money Class of contract Cost of tender document Time of completion Position of AA
Re-Construction of cement concrete drain at Silk Tech Park Zakura ₹15.34 lacs ₹ 0.3068 "Bee" & "Cee" Class civil 1000.00 30 days Accorded
Terms and Conditions:
1. The tender documents for the above job can be seen on the website www.jktenders.gov.in from 23-10-2024 (1200Hrs)
2. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website from 23-10-2024 (1200Hrs) onwards.
3. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on website www.jktenders.gov.in from 23-10-2024 1200Hrs upto 31-10-2024 (1630Hrs) only.
4. The uploaded Pre-Qualification bids in the first instance on the website will be opened on 01-11-2024 (1200Hrs). In case of holiday on the date of opening of bid, bids will be opened on the next working day. The financial bids of only those firms shall be opened who qualify in pre-qualification bid, intimation in respect of opening of financial bids shall be notified separately.
5. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Bank Receipt with seal and signature of bank official in favor of Project Engineer (K) SICOP Srinagar Kashmir in Account No CC-0148020100001980, JFSC Code JAKAOKARRAN, J&K Bank Branch Karan Nagar Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The Date of bank receipt should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Project Engineer (K) SICOP Srinagar Kashmir. (tender receiving authority) and EMD 2% of advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Project Engineer, SICOP Kashmir.
6. 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 Project Engineer, SICOP Kashmir) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.
7. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @3% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect liability period (DLP) of the work.
8. The advertised cost shown above is inclusive of 10% SICOP service charges and other taxes as admissible.
9. Complete bidding process will be online (price bid not to be submitted in physical form).
DIPK-NB-1978/24 dated: 24-10-2024
Project Engineer SICOP Kashmir

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MECHANICAL AND HOSPITAL DIVISION ANANTNAG
GIST of short term e-NIT No MHA/TS/30 of 2024-25 DATED: 22-10-2024
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT Short Term e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from Registered Mechanical contractors (Registered on JKPWDOMS) for the below mentioned works:
S. No. Name of the Work Estimated Cost (In Rs) Cost of Tender Doc. (In Rs) EMD in Rs Time of completion (Days) Technical Sanction.
1 Preventive/ Corrective Maintenance of various Snow Cats ( 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 11th and 12th) of Mechanical and Hospital Sub Division 2nd (HQ Putwama) Control Room Shopian. 133900 200 2680 07 Accorded
Position of Administrative Approval: Accorded
Position of Funds: Available
1. Downloading of Bids: The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in from 22-10-2024 (16:00Hrs)
2. Submission of Bids: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website from 23-10-2024 (10:00Hrs) to 31-10-2024 (14:00Hrs) in two covers.
3. Opening of Bids: The bid uploaded on the Web Site up to due date and time will be opened on 02-11-2024 (14:00Hrs) in Office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Executive Engineer Mechanical and Hospital Division Anantnag
No: MHA/ TS- 186 /1775-76 Dated: 22-10-2024 DIPK-6756/24 dated: 24-10-2024

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
JAL-SHAKTI (I& F.C.) DIVISION, BARAMULLA
e-NIT No.08-IFCD.Bla.Of.2024-25
Dated: 23/10/2024
For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory J&K, e-tenders on percentage basis (in Single Cover System) are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with UT of J&K Government, for the following nature of works as shown hereunder:-
S. No. Name of the work Advt. Cost (In Lacs) Earnest Money CDR (In Rs.) Time for completion Class of Contract Tender Document (In Rs) M.H. of Account Tender ID
1. Construction of Flood channel at Kumar Mohalla at Chanam 2.90 5800.00 10 Days DEE 300/- 5475 DDC Grants 2024\_IFC\_261727\_1 a/-
Position of fund = Assured under budget estimates of 2024-25.
Position of A.A.A. = Accorded.
Position of TS = Sanctioned.
The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), set of terms and condition of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in.
1. Date of Publishing 23-10-2024 from 1800Hours
2. Start of downloading 23-10-2024 from 1800Hours
3. Bid submission start date 23-10-2024 from 1800Hours
4. Bid Submission end date 31-10-2024 upto 1800Hours
5. Date of opening of Tender 02-11-2024 at 1400 Hours
Terms & Conditions
1. The tenders shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in.
2. The tenders uploaded on the website up to due date will be opened on date mentioned above, in the office of the Tender Receiving Authority, i.e., Executive Engineer Jal-Shakti (I&FC) Division Baramulla.
3. The complete bidding process will be online.
4. Tenderers must be accompanied with Earnest Money Deposit in the shape of CDR, cost of Tender Document in the shape of treasury challan/receipt under M.H. 0702 (mentioning therein NIT No., S. No. & Name of work), in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation & F.C. Division, Baramulla. The tender for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 (Ninety) days from the date of opening of tenders.
5. The penalty as per rules and as mentioned in Bid Security declaration will be imposed if:-
a. Any Tenderer withdraws his tender during the period of tender validity or makes any modification in terms and conditions of the tender.
b. The contractor fails to execute the agreement within 10 days after fixation of contract.
6. Instructions to bidder regarding e-tendering process: Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the Downloads option as well as from Bidder Manual Kit on website www.jktenders.gov.in as per information Technology Act 2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from approved vendor
7. Bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
8. Bids will be opened online as per time scheduled mentioned in para 3.
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## Fire Incident Sparks Demand For Local Fire Station In Baghwanpora

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: A fire broke out in the Baghwanpora area of Lal Bazar, Srinagar, early Thursday morning, devastating a local medical shop.

According to shop owner Sheikh Rafiq the fire occurred at around 9:45 am causing significant financial losses. Rafiq said the fire services arrived 15 minutes after the blaze started. "My shop caught fire around 9:45 a.m., and the fire service came at around 10:30 a.m.," he said.

"The lanes in the locality are very narrow, so, a fire service station should be established in this locality at the earliest to prevent such incidents from escalating."

Local residents of Baghwanpora also voiced similar views. Hakim Suhail Abbas, a resident of Baghwanpora, expressed frustration over the recurring issue. "This is not the first time a fire has broken out in this area," Abbas said.

"We have repeatedly asked authorities to widen the lanes, but our pleas have fallen

on deaf ears. The fire trucks could not reach the spot on time due to the narrow lanes. There is plenty of government land available in Bahrar and Nawabagh where a fire station could be built. We urge the government to act quickly so this doesn't happen again," he said.

In response to the incident, Hakim Shoaib Sajad, Chairman of Idara Auqaf Islamia and Masjid Abu Turab (a.s) in Baghwanpora, wrote a letter to the local Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Zadibal, Tanvir Sadiq, urging him to take immediate action. In his letter, Sajad highlighted the urgency of establishing a fire station and providing compensation for the affected shop owner. "The absence of a fire station near Baghwanpora leaves us vulnerable to these types of tragedies," he wrote.

"We respectfully request the installation of a fire service station in the interior of Baghwanpora to improve emergency response times. I also appeal for appropriate compensation for Rafiq, who has lost his livelihood."



**Burn Hall School secured first position in the interschool self-written poetry competition organized by Vadis Hindi Shiksha Samiti.** The event, featuring schools like Tyndale Biscoe, Malison, Leeds International, Kashmir Valley, and Linton Hall, showcased the creative talents of young poets. Burn Hall students' exceptional performances led them to victory, and they were felicitated by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha during a ceremony at Raj Bhawan. The competition aimed to encourage literary creativity and language skills among students.

## DC Srinagar Chairs Security Coordination Meeting

Meeting Aimed To Strengthen Coordination Among Civil, Police Admin

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) District Magistrate Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a security coordination meeting here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex aimed to strengthen coordination among the Civil Administration and the Police across the District.

Besides, Senior Superintendent of Police Srinagar, Imtiyaz Hussain, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Ahmad Kataria and Additional Deputy Commis-

sioner, Dr. Khalid Hussain Malik the meeting was attended by SDM East, SDM West and other senior Officers of Police and Administration.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the importance of seamless coordination between Police and District Administration to ensure safety of people & to ensure a peaceful environment for all. He also stressed on security audits of the ongoing key infrastructural projects in the District and round the clock nakas at specific check points and night patrolling.

During the meeting, the Officers of the District from both Administration and Police side discussed extant security measures in place and measures to enhance the security arrangements in Srinagar District. The meeting focused on devising strategies ensuring public safety and a peaceful environment.

Earlier, the participating Officers briefed the District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioner about the overall security scenario to provide insights into the existing security challenges so as to devise effective mitigation strategies.

## Man Found Dead On Srinagar Outskirts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: A non-local resident, hailing from West Bengal was found dead at Ganbugh Tengpora area of Central Kashmir's Srinagar district this morning, officials said.

The body of a non-local man from West Bengal, according to officials, was recovered at Ganbugh area of Tengpora, Srinagar this morning.

He said the man was later identified as MD Jahud from West Bengal.

Additionally, pictures accessed by KNO revealed "injury marks" on his face, while

the body has been sent for a post-mortem, and the cause of these marks is not yet known.

Meanwhile, an official said the locals saw the body and informed the police, who took it into custody and sent it for a post-mortem.

A police spokesperson, in a statement, said police received telephonic information that the dead body of an unidentified male was lying in the fields in the Ganbugh area of Srinagar. Upon receiving this information, a police team from Police Station Batamalo reached the spot and conducted a preliminary inquiry.

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- 1932 - Benito Mussolini promises to remain dictator for 30 years
- 1935 - Hurricane-produced floods kill 2,000 in Jeremie & Jacmel Haiti
- 1938 - Japanese troops occupies Hankou & Wuhan
- 1944 - Battle at Cape Engano: 4 Japanese ships sink
- 1944 - Battle at Samar-island
- 1944 - Battle in Straits of Surigao: Japanese fleet destroyed
- 1951 - Peace talks aimed at ending Korean War resumed in Panmunjom
- 1952 - Nazar Mohammad scores Pakistan's 1st Test century 124\* v India
- 1955 - Austria resumed its sovereignty after departure of last Allied occupation forces, for 1st time since German occupation of 1938
- 1955 - Tappan sells 1st microwave oven
- 1960 - 1st electronic wrist watch placed on sale, NYC
- 1960 - Cuba nationalizes all remaining US businesses
- 1971 - Belgium & People's Republic of China establish diplomatic relations
- 1971 - General Meeting of UN agrees to admit People's Republic of China
- 1971 - United Nations votes to expel the Chinese Nationalist ruled Taiwan and admit the Communist People's Republic of China
- 1974 - US Air Force fires 1st ICBM
- 1975 - USSR's Venera 10 makes day-side Venus landing
- 1977 - Digital Equipment Corporation releases OpenVMS V1.0.
- 1978 - Israeli government approves "in principle", a draft compromise peace
- 1979 - USSR performs underground nuclear test
- 1981 - 200,000 demonstrate in Brussel against cruise missile
- 1983 - US invades Grenada, a country 1/2,000 its population (US Wins!)
- 1984 - USSR performs nuclear test at Novaya Zemlya USSR
- 1985 - Kosmos 1700 communications satellite placed in geostationary orbit
- 1986 - International Red Cross ousted from South Africa
- 1991 - Aaqib Javed takes 7-37 in 10 overs v India in cric 1-dayer at Sharjah
- 1992 - Lithuania holds a referendum on its first post-Soviet constitution.
- 1997 - After a brief civil war which has driven President Pascal Lissouba out of Brazzaville, Denis Sassou-Nguesso proclaims himself the President of the Republic of the Congo.
- 2000 - A team led by Brigitte Senut and Martin Pickford discover Orrorin tugenensis, one of the earliest species on the human family tree that lived about 6 million years ago, in the Tugen Hills, Kenya
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# The Bridge or the Abyss

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



Abhishek Jha

### KO VIEW

## E-Governance Over Darbar

In a signal that the new elected government is taking steps to restore Darbar Move, the General Administration Department has mandated that senior officers be present at the Civil Secretariat in Jammu starting November 11, 2024. While the order does not explicitly mention the revival of the Darbar Move—a practice scrapped after the abrogation of Article 370 in October 2019—it mentions that the purpose is to facilitate smooth official business in the Union Territory. Administrative Secretaries and heads of departments have been ordered to ensure their presence in Jammu, though they may travel to Srinagar as needed.

That said, one can't see a need for restoration of the Move in a day and age where advancements in communication technology have erased geographical barriers. The e-governance, an offshoot of this technology, has further made the need for the bureaucrats to work from different geographical locations redundant. This is why the Lieutenant Governor's administration had rightly done away with the practice without in any way impacting the efficiency of the governance.

Truth is that now the Move represents little more than a symbolic tradition; it serves as a privilege and a luxury for the ruling elite and their administrative subordinates, looking to escape the bitter winter of the Valley. In stark contrast, the ordinary population in the Valley is left behind to endure a bleak and challenging existence in winter, living in conditions that are only slightly better than those of the dark ages, with supply of electricity reducing to a trickle during the season. An elected government can hardly be expected to behave this way. The new ruling elite shouldn't abandon people at a time when the weather makes life challenging. If the LG administration could function smoothly without a Darbar Move, they could too. In 2020, the union territory administration had offered a rationale for ending the practice: One, that it will save Rs 200 crore per year, which will be used for the welfare of the deprived sections of the society. Second, the administration had transitioned to an e-office, following which the moving of Darbar was not needed.

It is true that people in the Jammu region, especially the traders, have strongly opposed the government decision to end the Move. According to them, the ending of the practice has detrimentally impacted the businesses, as people from the Valley stopped travelling to Jammu in large numbers that, in turn, helped the local economy. While their grievance is understandable, the travelling to Jammu by Kashmiris in winter has now by and large outgrown the need for the Darbar Move. In winter, Jammu has now become a second home for thousands of Kashmiris, who together adequately compensate for the absence of government employees. It is thus important that the newly elected legislators from the Valley stay put in their respective constituencies in winter and don't abandon their people in pursuit of their personal comfort.

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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-Istanbul 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 back-

drop 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 part-

ner 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.

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To navigate the complexities of modern finance, having a solid understanding of financial literacy from a young age is critical. Unfortunately, many people lack fundamental knowledge of how money works, leading to poor financial decisions, misunderstandings of investment strategies, and misconceptions about financial services. Ensuring that children receive early financial education can reshape this scenario.

Understanding the core of financial literacy includes a deep dive into several basic and advanced financial concepts. This starts from grasping simple principles of saving and budgeting, extending to more complex ideas such as comprehending the impact of compound interest, differentiating between good and bad debt, and effectively using credit. Another crucial area is recognizing the distinction between investing and gambling in financial markets, which is critical in protecting one's financial health and well-being.

Money management skills such as budgeting, setting financial goals, and understanding insurance policies as protection rather than investments are key skills needed for financial success. These skills empower individuals to make informed financial decisions, mitigating risks associated with poor financial understanding, and promoting long-term financial stability.

Including practical, real-world financial education within school curricula not only equips children with the tools needed to achieve financial independence but also fosters responsible financial behaviors. Teaching these principles early ensures children respect money as not only a means to an end but a tool for long-term security.

Encouraging financial literacy includes teaching about the various legitimate ways to grow wealth, the crucial role of patience and diligence in financial endeavors, and the importance of seeking advice from seasoned professionals when necessary. This holistic approach helps guide children towards a more informed and responsible financial future.

In summary, embedding financial literacy into education prepares and empowers future generations to manage money wisely, turning financial knowledge into a proactive, lifelong skill that leads to overall heightened financial security and success.

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## Plight of Migrants

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Migrant Immovable Property (Preservation, Protection and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act, 1997 which provides for preservation, protection and restraint on distress sales of the immovable property of the migrants. Under this Act, the District Magistrate has been designated as the Custodian of the migrants' properties. The information so provided is shared by the Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction with the Department of Revenue for necessary action for resolution of the grievance in a fixed time frame.

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relative Late Sh. Ram Pal Suri and his family. Mr. Ram Pal was patwari in Revenue Department, Jammu. Details in attachment. I am a senior citizen in my twilight years who has been constrained to live my entire life in this helplessness as authorities chose to do nothing over this illegal acquisition of our land by a government officer. Even after so much digital transformation and facilitation of refugees, this is the ground reality they are forced to live in. I have lived with this burden and helplessness throughout my life, I don't want to die with it.

Subhash Suri

## Mindful Fridays

## Resentment, Grudges, and the Journey of Individuation

Navigating the Path to Emotional Freedom

Wasim Kakroo

But if you pardon (them) and overlook, and forgive (their faults), then verily, Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful—Qur'an:—64:14

Resentment and grudges are like heavy chains that bind us to our past, hindering personal growth and obstructing the journey of individuation – the process of becoming one's true, authentic self. Individuation, a concept popularized by Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung, refers to the process of integrating unconscious aspects of the psyche to achieve a harmonious and balanced personality. In this article, we delve into the intricate relationship between resentment, grudges, and the journey of individuation, unraveling the psychological complexities that hinder personal development.

**The Roots of Resentment**

Resentment, a potent emotion, derives its strength from a complex interplay of unmet expectations, perceived injustices, and unresolved conflicts. This emotional undercurrent often takes root in the fertile soil of our psyche, gaining momentum as it feeds on negative emotions like anger, disappointment, and frustration. Its origins are multifaceted, reaching back into the recesses of childhood experiences, past traumas, and societal expectations that imprint themselves on our minds. Unaddressed, these resentments solidify into the formidable building blocks of grudges, erecting barriers that impede the path of self-discovery. As the unresolved emotions accumulate, they cast shadows on the journey of individuation, hindering the integration of conscious and unconscious aspects of the psyche. Recognizing and addressing these roots is an essential step towards breaking free from the chains of resentment, fostering emotional liberation and personal growth.

**The Weight of Grudges**

The weight of grudges is a burden that extends beyond the confines of the past, infiltrating the present and casting a shadow over the future. These lingering emotions, born from unresolved resentments, become a formidable force, shaping our perceptions and influencing our interactions. Unlike fleeting emotions such as anger or disappointment, grudges persist as emotional baggage, hindering the natural flow of personal growth and acting as obstacles on the path of individuation. The toll of harboring grudges is not only psychological; it seeps into the fabric of relationships, causing strains and fractures,



and takes a toll on mental well-being. The weight of a grudge is not just a memory but a palpable force that impedes the journey toward emotional freedom and self-discovery.

**The Shadow of the Self**

In the tapestry of analytical psychology, Carl Jung wove the intricate concept of the "shadow," an obscure realm within the psyche where dormant vulnerabilities, unacknowledged desires, and primal instincts reside. This concealed domain, often laden with resentment and grudges, clandestinely shapes our actions and interpersonal dynamics. Jung's theory of individuation illuminates a transformative journey, urging individuals to consciously embrace and assimilate their shadows. The integration of the shadow into the conscious self is a pivotal step in achieving a balanced and authentic existence. By acknowledging and reconciling with the concealed facets of our being, we embark on a path of self-discovery and acceptance, fostering a profound harmony within the intricate tapestry of our psyche. The shadow, therefore, stands as a mysterious silhouette cast upon the canvas of the self, awaiting recognition and integration for a more holistic and liberated existence.

**The Dance of Projection**

In the intricate dance of projection, Jungian psychology illuminates the subconscious mechanism by which individuals deflect their unresolved issues onto others. This psychological phenomenon becomes particularly pronounced in the context of resentment and grudges,



**To navigate this labyrinthine exploration, one must exhibit a profound willingness to plumb the emotional depths, unearthing the buried treasures and scars of the past. Facing these emotional relics head-on is a prerequisite for the metamorphosis towards a more complete and authentic self**

functioning as a defensive shield against confronting one's own shortcomings. Rather than engaging in the challenging task of self-reflection, individuals project their emotional baggage onto external sources, displacing responsibility and avoiding the uncomfortable truths lurking within.

The journey of individuation, a central theme in Jungian philosophy, demands a courageous confrontation with the shadow—the concealed and less palatable facets of the self. Yet, grudges disrupt this delicate dance of self-discovery by redirecting attention outward, perpetuating a cycle of blame and externalization. Instead of delving into the internal landscape, individuals find solace in attributing their

discontent to external circumstances, unwittingly prolonging the journey toward personal growth and emotional liberation. Recognizing and disentangling oneself from this intricate dance of projection becomes a pivotal step in breaking free from the chains of resentment and grudges, ultimately paving the way for a more profound and authentic individuation process.

**The Individuation Process**

The transformative odyssey of individuation beckons individuals to traverse the intricate landscapes of their psyche, delving into the obscured realms where shadows reside. As one embarks on this profound journey, an invitation to confront the veiled complexities of the self emerges, demanding an unwavering gaze at the uncomfortable truths concealed beneath layers of resentment and grudges. According to Jungian philosophy, the individuation process becomes an alchemical fusion, a harmonious integration of the conscious and unconscious facets of the psyche.

To navigate this labyrinthine exploration, one must exhibit a profound willingness to plumb the emotional depths, unearthing the buried treasures and scars of the past. Facing these emotional relics head-on is a prerequisite for the metamorphosis towards a more complete and authentic self. The individuation journey is a testament to the transformative power inherent in self-discovery, wherein the individual not only acknowledges but embraces the multifaceted aspects of their being. In doing so, a synthesis of the fragmented self occurs, paving

the way for a richer, more harmonious existence grounded in a profound understanding of one's inner landscape.

**Forgiveness as a Catalyst for Individuation**

Forgiveness, an indispensable catalyst in the intricate process of individuation, transcends the mere act of excusing transgressions. Instead, it serves as a profound and deliberate choice to emancipate oneself from the clutches of resentment's emotional stranglehold. This transformative journey is not synonymous with endorsing or overlooking the actions that birthed resentment, but rather a conscious decision to unburden the soul. In releasing the grip of lingering grudges, forgiveness becomes the gateway to self-compassion and an avenue for profound emotional healing.

By embracing forgiveness, individuals unshackle themselves from the heavy burden of past grievances, paving the way for the integration of these experiences into the ongoing narrative of their lives. This pivotal step in the individuation process enables a profound reconciliation with the self, fostering personal growth and self-discovery. Through forgiveness, the individual transcends the limitations of resentment, attaining a heightened awareness that harmonizes the past with the present. This harmonious integration becomes the cornerstone for a more authentic and liberated self, marking forgiveness as not only a catalyst for individuation but a transformative force that propels the individual towards a more holistic and fulfilling existence.

**Acceptance and Self-Compassion as Antidote to Perfectionism**

Perfectionism, with its unrelenting pursuit of flawlessness, can be a stumbling block on the path of individuation. The rigid standards set by perfectionism often lead to self-criticism and an unwarranted fear of failure, hindering the acceptance of one's true self. The relentless pursuit of an idealized version of oneself can intensify resentment and grudges, as perceived shortcomings become magnified, deepening the emotional wounds.

In contrast, the cornerstone of acceptance and self-compassion serves as a transformative force in overcoming the shackles of perfectionism. Individuation thrives on a radical acceptance of imperfections, mistakes, and vulnerabilities, recognizing them as integral components of the human experience. Self-compassion becomes the antidote to the harsh judgments imposed by perfectionism, offering a gentle

embrace that encourages learning and growth.

Releasing the grip of resentment and grudges is inherently linked to cultivating self-acceptance and self-compassion. It involves letting go of the need for perfection and acknowledging that mistakes are stepping stones on the journey to self-discovery. This compassionate self-approach sets the stage for a genuine exploration of one's potential, fostering resilience and paving the way for a more authentic individuation process. In the tapestry of personal development, the threads of acceptance and self-compassion weave a narrative that dismantles the barriers to individuation, allowing individuals to embrace their true selves with grace and understanding.

**The Role of Mindfulness and Reflection**

Mindfulness practices, such as meditation and introspection, serve as transformative tools in the intricate tapestry of the individuation process. In the realm of self-discovery, these practices act as profound gateways, inviting individuals to embark on a journey of inner exploration. By creating a sacred space for contemplation, mindfulness allows individuals to detach from their thoughts and emotions, establishing a vantage point for objective observation. In this mental sanctuary, individuals gain a heightened sense of self-awareness, fostering a profound clarity that illuminates the recesses of their psyche.

Through the lens of mindfulness, the roots of resentment and grudges are unearthed and examined with a compassionate gaze. The regular practice of reflection becomes a steadfast compass, guiding individuals through the labyrinth of their own consciousness. As they navigate the twists and turns, mindfulness empowers individuals to confront and understand the complexities of their inner world, facilitating the integration of disparate aspects of the self. This intentional journey of self-discovery not only contributes to personal growth but also cultivates a more conscious and harmoniously integrated self, where the echoes of mindfulness resonate in the choices made and relationships formed on the path to a more authentic existence.

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## How to Get Better at Remembering to Remember

Seth J. Gillihan

Much of your memory is retrospective or trying to recall information that you learned: What is that guy's name? Who was president in 1958? What's my password?

Another crucial type of memory is prospective: remembering to remember. You rely on prospective memory when you remember to:

- Stop at the pharmacy on your way home
- Call your credit card during business hours
- Change over the laundry when it's done
- Grab your work keys on the way out of the house
- Take your medication at the right time

Failures of prospective memory can be especially frustrating facepalm moments because you did remember at one point. We've all told ourselves, "Don't forget \_\_\_!" only

to have it slip our minds at the crucial time. For example, we remember we need shampoo every time we're in the shower but forget it when we're at the store.

Fortunately, there are ways to boost prospective memory. The key is to give yourself cues that will activate the necessary memory at the right time. The techniques that have been shown to work fall into two categories: internal and external.

**Internal Techniques**

These approaches address your mental processes directly, helping the activity come to mind when you need it to.

**Implementation Intention:** Specify when and where you will do the intended activity. For example, say to yourself, "If I turn onto Lancaster Avenue from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., then I will pull into the CVS pharmacy and pick up my prescription" (Brom & Kliegel,



2014). For greater effect, write it down and say it aloud a few times. This exercise signals your brain that the intended task is important and builds an association between the if condition and the then that follows (Chen et al., 2015).  
Imaginal Action: Practice

seeing yourself completing the task at the time you'll need to. For example, you could imagine yourself walking to the stationery section of the store and picking out a card when you're trying to remember to buy a Mother's Day card (Insel et al., 2016).

**Performance Predictions:**

Ask yourself how likely you are to remember that you have a task to do, remember the specific task, and do the task at the opportune moment. As with implementation intention, performance predictions underscore the importance of the task, which leads to greater vigilance when it needs to be performed (Meier et al., 2011).

**Build a Routine:** For activities that are repeated, build a consistent routine. The consistency will create strong cues to trigger the intended action. For example, I always put in my eyedrops at night as I'm heading to bed; it feels like something is missing if I skip it.

**Repeated Encoding:** Remind yourself multiple times of the action you plan to take (Altgassen et al., 2017), such as telling yourself to get off the train at the stop before your normal one because you're

meeting a friend. As with other internal techniques, repeated encoding can strengthen the mental associations you have between an action and the appropriate time and place.

**External Techniques**

The beauty of external techniques is that they don't depend on your raw memory. As such, they can serve as essential support for when you would otherwise forget.

**Cues:** Place a reminder where you're sure to see it. For example, if you need to take medication in the morning, place the pill bottle on the table where you'll eat your breakfast (Zogg et al., 2012). Or, if you want to use a coupon at the grocery store, keep it with your method of payment so you won't miss it.

**Allies:** Ask a friend or loved one to prompt you if you forget. Take care not to get mad at them if it slips their mind, of course; it won't help the

relationship, and it's unfair to expect them to remember your thing if you yourself forget it!

**Apps:** Use technology to help you remember (Scullin et al., 2022). Set an alarm on your phone (with a label so you'll remember what it's for), or download an app specifically designed to assist your memory. Some even have geolocation features that will prompt an activity at a specific location, such as alerting you at Target to grab some dishwasher gel packs.

The most reliable approach is to use multiple systems in case one fails. If your alarm malfunctions, for example, your mental training will jog your memory; if you forget, an external trigger will remind you.

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## Media Delegation From J&K Visits NSTI, Interacts With Faculty & Students

Observer News Service

Hyderabad: A group of media professionals from Jammu & Kashmir on the third day of their stay in Hyderabad visited National Skill Training Institute (NSTI), Vidyanagar and interacted with faculty and the students there.

The delegation led by deputy director PIB, Srinagar Tariq Rathar was briefed about the institution by senior faculty who later took them around various sections.

Earlier upon their arrival at the institute the delegation was given a warm traditional reception by students and the faculty. Ms S. Priya, Principal of NSTI (Women) and Head of Office, along with N.S. Bannibagi, Principal of NSTI (Ramanthapur) received the delegation.

Both principals provided an insightful overview of the various courses offered by NSTI, including CITS, CTS, AVTS and additional initiatives conducted across the three institutes: NSTI (Vidyanagar), NSTI (Ramanthapur) and NSTI (Women). The presentation included a comprehensive PowerPoint demonstration highlighting the institutes' mission and achievements.

Briefing the delegation Ms Priya said the Regional Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (RDSDE) Telangana plays a pivotal role in promoting skill development and vocational training in the region. Established under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, RDSDE Telangana focuses on enhancing the employability of the workforce by implementing various skill training programs.

RDSDE oversees several National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) in Telangana, including



those in Vidyanagar and Ramanthapur, as well as specialized institutes for women. These institutions provide a range of courses under the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) and Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS), ensuring that students receive quality education and hands-on training in diverse trades.

The journalists toured several specialized labs at NSTI (Women) in Hyderabad, a new beacon of hope dedicated to empowering women through skill development.

She said NSTI (Women) is committed to fostering a culture of learning and growth, enabling passionate women to become market-ready professionals. The institute offers long-term training programs under the CTS and CITS schemes in trades such as:

- Fashion Designing & Technology
- Cosmetology
- Architectural Draughtsman
- Information Technology
- IoT (Smart Agriculture)

• AI - Programming Assistant  
In addition to comprehensive long-term courses, NSTI (Women) conducts high-demand short-term courses designed for aspiring girl trainees, working professionals, and housewives.

The delegation engaged in meaningful conversations with faculty and trainees, gaining insights into the practical training offered.

The interaction between trainees and journalists fostered a vibrant exchange of ideas, providing trainees with valuable opportunities to build and develop their skills, a faculty member said.

Queries regarding the medium of instruction and placement opportunities post-course completion were met with informative responses, demonstrating the institutes' dedication to student success.

NSTI Telangana has achieved several pioneering initiatives, including the introduction of a free mid-day meal program for trainees through CSR by ECIL, Hyderabad. It was the

first institute to start training under the MoU made with the Directorate General of Resettlement to train retiring and retired Armed Forces personnel in fields like Automobile Technology and Drone Pilot courses. Additionally, NSTI launched an Interior Decorative Painting course in collaboration with Nippon Paints, established a Centre of Excellence in Modular Furniture with the Furniture & Fitting Skill Council, and initiated training in Painting & Denting of Automobiles under CSR by Asian Paints. These efforts underscore NSTI Telangana's commitment to innovative skill development and enhancing employability.

Through RDSDE Telangana, NSTI continues to play a crucial role in shaping the future of skill development in the region, making it a cornerstone of the nation's efforts toward a skilled and self-reliant workforce.

Varganti Gayathri, media communication officer from PIB Hyderabad was also accompanying the media team.

## CUKashmir VC inaugurates conference on 'Indian Ethos in English Writings'

Ganderbal, Oct 24: Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir) Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A Ravinder Nath Thursday inaugurated the two-day National Conference on "Indian Ethos in English Writings (IEEW2024)," organised by the Department of English, School of Languages, in a hybrid mode (online and offline).

Prof. S.P. Bansal, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP) was the Chief Guest and Shri. Guntha Laxmanji, a distinguished figure from IKS and ABRSM, was the Guest of Honour. Prof. Sandhya Tiwari, Chairperson of the Conference and Dean, School of Languages, Prof. Syed Zahoor Ahmad Geelani, Dean School of Education, faculty members, research scholars and students were present on the occasion.

Addressing the participants, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A Ravinder Nath, said, "the presence of Indian ethos in English writings is not only a testament to the adaptability of India's culture, but also a symbol of how profoundly Indian thought and sensibilities have influenced global narratives." Emphasising the importance and necessity of English writings in conveying the Indian ethos to the global audience, Prof. A Ravinder Nath, said, "Indian ethos embodies the core principles, traditions, and philosophies that have been passed down through generations, which include values like familial bonds, spiritual consciousness, the pursuit of knowledge, and respect for diversity in religion and language."

Prof. A Ravinder Nath further revealed that the

university is signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the CUHP for holding joint academic activities including seminars, conferences and workshops and sharing teaching-learning resources.

In his address, CUHP, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S.P. Bansal, lauded the School of Languages for organising the conference and said, the event provides a platform to engage and reflect on how Indian ethos shapes not only the literature, but also our understanding of ourselves. "Today, Indian English literature stands at the intersection of postcolonial discourse and global literature. Our writers have used the English language to reflect on the legacies of colonialism, explore the struggles of independence, and engage with the rapid modernization and globalization that India continues to experience." He added: "Writers like R.K. Narayan, Kamala Das, and Mulk Raj Anand led the way in portraying Indian life—its rhythms, its struggles, and its beauty—through stories that are quintessentially Indian, even though they were penned in English." CUHP Vice Chancellor also expressed his desire in collaborating with the CUKashmir in research, and journal publications.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri. Guntha Laxmanji, praised the organisers for the conference stating that it guides the students and scholars to carry out their research properly and make it productive. He highlighted the essence of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, The World is One Family." Highlighting the importance of English writings

to carry the Indian ethos to the English-knowing world, he said, "When we speak of Indian ethos, we refer to the philosophical, cultural, and moral values that define us as a civilization. These values, deeply rooted in our ancient traditions, continue to shape our society today."

Earlier, in her welcome address, Professor Sandhya Tiwari, thanked the scholars, faculty, and administration, with special appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor's unwavering support and encouragement in facilitating the conference. Prof. Sandhya introduced the conference theme, underscoring the profound significance of Indian ethos, not only within Indian literature in English but also in its broader impact on world literature. She said that over the course of two days, the conference will feature paper presentations, and interactive sessions covering several related topics. "The event provides a platform for both emerging and established scholars to exchange ideas and contribute to the academic discourse on Indian literary traditions in English." She commended the university's dedication to the implementation of NEP 2020. In the technical sessions held in the online mode, two plenary talks were held and six technical sessions conducted in which 50 papers were presented from across the country.

Mr. Sunil Kumar, Asst Prof started the inaugural session. Ms Aimen, research scholar conducted the programme proceedings and Mr. Calvin, research scholar, proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Junaid ul Islam was the rapporteur.

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#### Non-Local Labourer

hospital for treatment.

This is the third attack on non-local labourers in Kashmir in the past one week.

Six non-local labourers and a local doctor were killed in a terror attack on a construction site in Ganderbal district on Sunday, while a labourer from Bihar was shot dead by terrorists in Shopian district on October 18.

#### Matter Of Serious

unfortunate news about the attack on the army vehicles in the Boota Pathri area of North Kashmir which has resulted in some casualties & injuries. This recent spate of attacks in Kashmir is a matter of serious concern. I condemn this attack in the strongest possible terms & send my condolences to the loved ones of the people who lost their lives. I also pray that the injured make a complete & swift recovery."

Earlier, CM Omar Abdullah expressed the need for the security forces and police to remain alert after the recent terrorist attack in Ganderbal which resulted in the deaths of seven people, including a doctor and migrant labourers. "Now the administration, especially the police and security forces, will have to maintain their alert level even more and ensure that such attacks do not take place," said the J&K CM.

Meanwhile, Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti also condemned the terrorist attack and prayed for the swift recovery of the injured soldiers.

"Shocked & deeply saddened by the militant attack on an army convoy in Baramulla in which a civilian porter has been killed. Condemn it unequivocally & pray for the swift recovery of the injured soldiers," Mufti said in a post on X. Earlier today, terrorists shot at and injured a labourer in Batgund Tral area of Pulwama district. The injured labourer has been identified as Pritam Singh, a resident of Uttar Pradesh. Security personnel reached the area after receiving information about the incident. On October 20, a doctor and six construction workers were killed when terrorists attacked a tunnel construction site on the Srinagar-Leh national highway in the Ganderbal district.

#### Omar Abdullah Meets

seven people -- a local doctor and six non-local labourers were gunned down in Ganderbal district's Gagangir area.

Earlier in the day, Omar met Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari at his office.

During the meeting, Abdullah apprised Gadkari about the road connectivity projects in Jammu and Kashmir, the officials said.

The chief minister presented Gadkari with a traditional Kashmiri shawl.

Abdullah had met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday and the meeting lasted nearly 30 minutes

#### Centre To Support

Mines here on Thursday. He however said BJP led government will not support any move to take J&K back into the era of unrest and mayhem.

Union Minister said this during his meeting with a

delegation of media persons from Jammu & Kashmir who called on him here on Thursday.

J&K media persons are currently on a five day familiarisation tour of Telangana.

G Kishan Reddy, who was in charge of BJP election campaign in J&K said he was satisfied with the recent election results which saw saffron party getting biggest vote share and largest number of seats since independence in J&K.

Minister assured the pace of development will continue in J&K as development agenda remains BJP governments core agenda.

Reddy however said BJP has been from its inception votary of abrogation of Art 370 will never allow its restoration.

"We are committed to help local government to maintain atmosphere of peace and tranquility and keep up the pace of development for the benefit of the people of Jammu and Kashmir", he said adding BJP government will not allow any such move that will revive terrorism and derail pace of development in J&K.

He said if NC government decides to bring a resolution for restoration of Art 370 in J&K Assembly BJP will oppose that.

On Durbar Move he said if NC government decides to revoke LG administrations order BJP will take a favourable view in the interest of people of Jammu.

#### Process To Restore

key governance matters.

Sources also said that CM Omar Abdullah discussed the electricity supply in Jammu and Kashmir for winters. The power supply, which has been a recurring challenge, particularly during harsh winters was discussed in detail during the meeting, they said.

The resolution for restoring statehood was passed by the Jammu and Kashmir cabinet on October 19 and subsequently cleared by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The move to restore statehood has been a long-standing demand after it was revoked in August 2019 when Jammu and Kashmir was re-organized into two Union Territories, following the abrogation of Article 370.

In its first meeting last week, the J&K cabinet had passed a resolution demanding the restoration of statehood.

"The restoration of statehood will be the beginning of the healing process, reclaiming constitutional rights and protecting the identity of people of Jammu and Kashmir," said the resolution, which Lt Governor Manoj Sinha cleared.

Besides statehood, the resolution also emphasises on the J&K government's commitment to protect the identity and constitutional rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"Protection of Jammu and Kashmir's unique identity and the constitutional rights of the people remain the cornerstone of the newly elected government's policy," according to the resolution.

Under the scrapped Articles 370 and 35A, the people of Jammu and Kashmir had exclusive land ownership and job privileges. After the formation of the new government following over six years of President's rule in J&K, there is a yearning for the restoration of statehood and constitutional safeguards on land and job rights for the locals.

Abdullah's upcoming meeting with the Prime Minister is being seen as a major step in ensuring a smooth functioning of the J&K government as the LG retains the powers to decide on key matters related to the police and law and order.

#### Justice Sanjiv

the Delhi Judicial Academy, Delhi International Arbitration Centre and District

Court Mediation Centres.

On January 18, 2019, he was elevated as a Judge of the Supreme Court, even before becoming a Chief Justice of any High Court.

He is presently the Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority, and a member of the Governing Council of the National Judicial Academy, Bhopal.

In the Supreme Court, Justice Khanna has made landmark contributions. Notably, he granted interim bail to former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, allowing him to campaign during the Lok Sabha elections, underscoring the significance of democratic participation.

In another critical ruling involving Delhi's former deputy CM Manish Sisodia, he emphasised that delays in cases could be a valid ground for bail under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Justice Khanna currently presides over a bench reviewing various PMLA provisions, an indication of his ongoing influence on matters of significant public interest.

#### Go Tough On

serious note of the recent attack at Gagangir, Ganderbal and sought feedback from the heads of security agencies as to how terrorists managed to reach the spot. "He called for a collective approach of security agencies to wipe out terrorism and its eco-system from J&K soil. The LG laid special emphasis on uprooting the terror network in Kashmir and directed the heads of security agencies to go tough on the terror sympathisers and Over Ground Workers (OGWs)," sources said.

The LG sought details from the army officers including northern army commanders about the successful infiltration attempts this year so far and the number of "foreign terrorists active in both regions." Sources said that the LG reiterated that innocents shouldn't be touched and culprits including terrorists shouldn't be spared.

"The LG asked the security officials to track down those involved in the Gagangir attack and punish them sternly," the source said, adding that he also called for the highest level of vigil on the LoC and International Border (IB) to prevent possible infiltration bids ahead of snowfall.

The LG also directed the security grid to deal effectively with the challenge of narco-terror and act swiftly against those involved in drug trade. Today's meeting came after two back-to-back security reviews taken by LG post Gagangir, Ganderbal attack.

The LG also stressed on the need of thorough security audits of all vital Infrastructure projects and security installations across the UT. The LG sources said, also asked the security heads to ensure solid security cover for non J&K workers working at various projects across J&K. "Enhancement of security at important developmental projects was also discussed and steps to be taken were fine tuned as well," he said. Present in the meeting, the heads of various security agencies vowed to maintain close synergy and coordination while dealing with the fresh challenges on terrorism front. (KNO)

#### 'Power Of Writers'

Festival 'Jashn-e-Sangam', organised by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages and Wadies Hindi Shiksha Samiti.

On the occasion, the LG extended his felicitations to the acclaimed litterateurs, poets

participating in the Kavi Sammelan and emphasised the vital role of writers in the progress of society and nation building.

The LG also lauded the important contribution of poets and writers in shaping ideas and promotion and preservation of rich artistic and cultural heritage.

Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Culture Department; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to LG; Harvinder Kour, Secretary, JKAACL; Kumar Manoj, Patron Wadies Hindi Shiksha Samiti; Nasreen Ali "Nidhi", National President and other members of Wadies Hindi Shiksha Samiti, literary personalities and youth in large number were present on the occasion.

#### Separate Budget

to inform this august House that the Union Government has agreed to take the entire burden of the budget of the police from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," she had said. (KNO)

#### 'Rogue Editors'

These individuals are said to have a history of involvement in such activities, which previously came under scrutiny before reforms were introduced post-2019.

"Prior to 2019, some media organizations in J&K, particularly a select few newspapers, had monopolized the journalistic fraternity and were involved in unethical practices, including blackmailing government departments," the JKPC stated. The association pointed out that reforms introduced under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi brought about much-needed transparency in the distribution of government advertisements, restoring fairness to the process.

However, the JKPC warns that there has been a resurgence of unethical practices, with certain editors and media owners allegedly using their influence to malign government officials and blackmail departments for personal gain. "These individuals, who have been involved in criminal cases and have been previously booked under the Public Safety Act (PSA), are now misusing their political connections with newly elected legislators to further their vested interests," the statement noted.

The JKPC also highlighted the disturbing trend of these so-called journalists using their newspapers, some of which reportedly print as few as 50-100 copies, as tools for defamation and personal vendettas. The association claims these actions have created a climate of fear among officials, who are being targeted with baseless accusations and personal attacks. "These rogue elements are tarnishing the reputation of the entire journalistic community in Kashmir," the JKPC emphasized, adding that it had resolved to send letters containing the names of the alleged blackmailer editors and fake media houses to the Prime Minister's Office, the Home Minister's Office, and the Press Council of India.

The JKPC urged the government to take stringent measures against these individuals, arguing that holding them accountable is necessary to preserve the credibility of the press in Jammu and Kashmir. "Only through strict action can we ensure that the media remains a force for truth and accountability, rather than a tool for personal vendettas and corrupt practices," the association concluded.

#### Violation Of Solid

Doodh Ganga restoration, he said. The

government, in compliance to NGT's order also gave administrative approval for Rs 140 Cr project to set up several Sewerage Treatment Plants -STPs on Doodh Ganga. The Executive Engineer UEED invited tenders for Rs 46 crores but the land was not provided to them by the Revenue Department and this was given in writing by Chief Engineer UEED Kashmir to NGT some days back, he says.

This year in April the NGT had asked the JKPC to impose environmental compensation -EC on SMC. This was followed by another order dated 10.07.2024.

While imposing Environmental Compensation -EC of Rs 41,47,61000 on Commissioner SMC, the Member Secretary JK Pollution Control Committee in his order dated October 19 directed the Commissioner SMC to deposit the amount within 30 days into JKPC EC fund account.

#### Aharbal Waterfall:

completed the beauty shoot of the movie Alpha at Aharbal. The mesmerising landscapes and waterfalls have added a magical touch to our scenes," Jamsheed said.

In addition to Alpha, White Lion Films has also been granted permission to shoot their upcoming film 'Autumn in Kashmir' at the same location.

Firdous Ahmad Shahzad, a representative of the company, expressed excitement about showcasing Kashmir's natural beauty on screen. The shooting is expected to begin shortly, Firdous said.

Aharbal, located 28 kilometres from Kulgam's main town, has become a tourist hotspot in recent years. Its majestic waterfall, lush surroundings and serene atmosphere have made it one of Kashmir's hidden gems.

The credit for Aharbal's recent rise goes largely to Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-din Bhat, the then Deputy Commissioner Kulgam (now DC Srinagar). His innovative initiatives, including introducing festivals and carnivals, have played a key role in promoting the location. Under his tenure as DC Kulgam, Aharbal has undergone development, further attracting tourists and now Bollywood. (KNO)

#### J&K BJP Chief

tireless efforts of Modi Ji and Home Minister Amit Shah," Raina said.

However, Raina pointed out that despite these improvements, enemies from across the border continue with their attempts to disrupt peace and harmony in the region.

"We saw how terrorists launched a fatal attack in Ganderbal district soon after the National Conference government took charge. It is clear that efforts are on to destabilise the region. That is why, in my opinion, the new government should not rush on certain issues. It is important to sit down and discuss before making any major decision. Any hasty move could prove disastrous for J&K's future," Raina said.

Stating that development and prosperity can flourish only in an environment of peace, the BJP leader said, "If separatism and terrorism are allowed to grow, the common people will suffer. Modi Ji and Amit Shah Ji have worked tirelessly to stabilise Jammu and Kashmir, and their efforts must not be undermined by making rash decisions."

Raina also called for maintaining the delicate balance of peace that has been achieved and ensuring that people's security remains a top priority.

## HADP Set To Revolutionise Agriculture Sector In J&K: Javed Dar

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Javed Ahmad Dar, Thursday said that successful implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) will revolutionise the agriculture and allied sectors in Jammu and Kashmir.

Chairing an introductory-cum-review meeting at Civil Secretariat, Dar emphasized HADP's potential to double farmers' income and achieve a sustainable Rs 100,000 crore agri-economy in the Union Territory in coming years. He said that the HADP aims to increase farmers' earnings through innovative and modern methodologies in agriculture, horticulture and allied sectors.

The Minister asserted that sustainable efforts would be made to establish a robust Rs 100,000 crore agri-economy, promoting economic growth and employment opportunities for the farmers.

He asked the concerned officials to deliver benefits of flagship programs and schemes directly to the farmers, enhancing crop production and productivity through Hybrid and Exotic Plantation. He also

directed them to intensify hybrid and exotic plantations, boosting economic growth and yield cultivation.

Addressing human resource gaps, the Minister instructed the concerned to fill vacant posts in agricultural, horticulture and animal husbandry sectors, both gazetted and non-gazetted.

The Minister emphasized the need for aggressive awareness campaigning regarding HADP, PM Fasal Bima Yojna, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna and other schemes to achieve self-sufficiency in planting materials, seed varieties and different crop varieties.

Javed Dar directed the officials to work together to ensure successful implementation of all schemes and flagship programs, prioritising farmer welfare and prosperity.

The Minister reviewed the status of allocations and expenditure under different sectors. He asked for ensuring seamless work execution on all ongoing projects, providing both mechanizations support, expertise in installation of innovative and modern methodologies for better production as well as economic opportunities.

## J&K Bank Announces First Fintech Partnership With Marg ERP



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In line with its digital mission to offer convenient, affordable, and secure digital banking solutions to MSMEs, J&K Bank today announced its first fintech partnership with Marg ERP Ltd, which is known for its expertise in providing tailored and cost-effective software solutions to business enterprises. The tie-up will benefit the common customers in MSME sector particularly pharmaceuticals, FMCG and retail by meeting their day-to-day business accounting needs and facilitating seamless banking and payment services.

MD & CEO Baldev Prakash today launched the collaborative product along with CMD Marg ERP Thakur Anup Singh and Bank's Executive Director Sudhir Gupta here at the Bank's corporate headquarters in presence of General Managers, DGMs and AGMs besides business leaders representing various MSMEs. The Bank's Divisional Heads also joined the event through VC Mode.

Commenting upon the importance of this partnership, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash said, "This tie-up with Marg ERP Ltd is essentially the first step in our digital market outreach towards businesses. It will address the growing demand for

digital solutions, ensuring that customers have access to more convenient, efficient, and personalized banking experiences. Our fintech strategy is all about adding to the convenience of customers in their business management and delivering value while expanding our market reach."

"At J&K Bank, we have always been guided by the vision that singularly focusses on people's economic wellbeing through financial empowerment while nurturing entrepreneurial spirit. Today, amid the fast-paced evolution of the business environment, technology has become an integral part of this vision. It is here, our partnership with MARG ERP marks an important milestone in enabling businesses to seamlessly adopt digital solutions that optimize their operations and enhance efficiency", he added.

While urging the operational heads to encourage its customers especially chemists to use Marg ERP for their accounting and inventory needs, MD & CEO said that the Bank will extend upto Rs 5 Lac as pre-approved loan to all such customers for renovation of their business establishments (shops/outlets)

## CJ Visits Baramulla; Inaugurates NDPS Court At District Court Complex

Observer News Service

**BARAMULLA:** Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Thursday visited Baramulla and inaugurated the newly created Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Court at District Court Complex here.

The Chief Justice inaugurated the NDPS court in presence of Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shukla Judge High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh who is also administrative Judge of Baramulla, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, M.K. Sharma, Principal District and Sessions Judge Baramulla, Jawad Ahmad, Deputy Commissioner Minga Sherpa, SSP Baramulla Mohammad Zaid Malik and other members of the bar and district administration officers.

The NDPS court will oversee and settle the cases that come under the NDPS Act, which prohibits the production, manufacturing, cultivation, posses-

sion, sale, purchase, transport, storage, and/or consumption of any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance to ensure that drug-dependent and non-violent offenders receive the necessary services while still being held accountable.

Speaking on the occasion, Justice Tashi Rabstan emphasized the crucial role that specialized courts like the NDPS Court play in the effective dispensation of justice. He commended the efforts of the judiciary and law enforcement in tackling the growing menace of narcotic drugs in the region.

The Chief Justice further said that the specialized court will serve as an instrumental platform for addressing cases involving drug trafficking and abuse in a swift and focused manner. He stated that through concentrating resources and judicial expertise, the NDPS Court will help to streamline proceedings and reduce delays in delivering judgements, ensuring justice is served in a timely fashion.



A SHIKARA ROWS across Dal Lake, bathed in the golden hues of a Kashmir sunset.

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## Advisor Nasir Aslam Visits Batpora Fire Victims In Kupwara



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**KUPWARA:** Advisor to Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, Thursday visited the fire victims of Behremdari Batpora in Hyhama block of Kupwara.

He expressed sorrow over the unfortunate fire incident that damaged several houses.

The Advisor was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan. During the visit, the Advisor shared sympathy with the fire affected families and assured every possible support from the administration.

The Advisor provided Rs.1 lakh to each family whose

houses got damaged in the blaze and Rs.40 thousand for each damaged shop under Chief Minister's Relief Fund. He also announced Rs.1.25 lakh under Disaster Management to each of the affected families. Besides, Rs.1.67 lakh to each family will be sanctioned under PMAY to these families and Rs.1.25 lakh to each household for construction of cow shed under MGNREGA.

Earlier on his arrival, the Advisor convened a meeting of officers at Dak Banglow Kupwara and received detailed feedback regarding the developmental scenario of district Kupwara.

DC Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan, ADC Kupwara, Mohammad Rouf Rehman and other concerned were present in the meeting.

The DC briefed the Advisor about the developmental profile including the current scenario of power, water supply, Health, Tourism, Urban Development, Sports development and Firewood position in the district.

Meanwhile, the Advisor also chaired a public darbar at Dak Banglow Kupwara in which various developmental issues were put forth by the people. He assured for time bound redressal of the same.

## Sakeena Masood Visits Gurez, Reviews Developmental Scenario



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**GUREZ:** Minister for Social Welfare, School Education, Higher Education, Health and Medical Education departments, Sakeena Masood, Thursday conducted an extensive tour of Gurez subdivision of Bandipora district and took first hand appraisal of its developmental scenario.

During the visit, the Minister inspected Government Degree College (GDC), Gurez, Community Health Centre (CHC) Gurez, Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS), Dawar and other utilities of public importance and took on spot assessment of their functioning.

While inspecting the Community Health Centre (CHC) Gurez, the Minister took in-depth review of all the medical facilities available at facility as well as inspected its wards and other units. She interacted with patients, attendants and sought feedback from them about the services being provided at the Centre.

Interacting with doctors and paramedics on the occasion, Sakeena Masood asked them to provide best and quality medical treatments to the patients owing to its distance from the main district headquarters. She directed them to keep the buffer stock of medicines and other life saving equipments available at the facility in view of the coming winters. She assured them of all possible support and assistance and advised them to approach her office directly in case of any urgent requirements for the health facility.

During her visit to Govern-

ment Degree College Gurez and Government Higher Secondary School Dawar, the Minister interacted with college administration, school staff as well as students. She sought feedback from the students about the quality of education provided in these institutions.

While interacting with the college administration and school staff on the occasion, the Minister advised them to provide best quality education to the students in line with the developing technological and digital world. She also asked the administration of both the institutions to organise counselling sessions for students in order to make them competitive about the present day world.

Later, the Minister also chaired meeting of senior officers of subdivisional administration and took stock of ongoing developmental and infrastructural projects in the area.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, the Minister stressed on them to complete works on all vital projects promptly in view of the onset of winters. She directed them to mobilise men and machinery at big projects and work in shifts so that they can be completed within weeks.

While taking stock of essential commodities in the sub-division, Sakeena Masood impressed upon the officers to store enough stock of commodities as the region faces road closure due to harsh winters. She advised them to keep buffer stock of cooking gas cylinders and other essential items available so that the general public does not face any inconvenience during the winter.

## Man Succumbs Day After Being Hit By Vehicle In Budgam

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**BUDGAM:** A man, who was injured on Wednesday evening after being hit by a tipper in Narbal area of central Kashmir's Budgam district, succumbed to his injuries at Srinagar's JVC hospital on Thursday.

An official said that the vehicle hit the man near Jawhar-

pura Narbal, leaving him grievously injured.

He said that the man was later shifted to Srinagar's JVC hospital for treatment, where he succumbed to his injuries today.

The deceased has been identified as Tariq Ahmad Mir (30) of Dalwash Qazigund. Police have taken cognisance of the incident—(KNO)

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For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDC), the Tender Floating Authority, as specified in clause 1 of BDS, invites e-bids from reputed Contractors having Valid A Class Electrical Contractor License or equivalent license issued by Chief Electrical Inspector of J&K/PDD/Relevant issuing authority/ registered Firms/Bidders enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/GEM, as per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules of SBD forming part of this document. The detail of works is as under

S. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (in Lakhs)
1.	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 100 KVA 33/0.433 KVA Sub Station for providing the Power Supply to WSS Sidiq Colony.	27.44 Lakhs
2.	Estimated Cost (in Lakhs)	27.44 Lakhs
3.	Cost of tender document in Rs. (Non-refundable)	1001/-
4.	Cost of EMD@2% in Rs.	54882/-

#### Time Schedule:

Letter	Description	Time/Date
A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document/Sale of Bid Document (Start) / Clarifications start date	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over <a href="http://jktenders.gov.in">http://jktenders.gov.in</a> from 23th October, 2024; 04:00 PM
B	Clarifications end date / e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	26th October, 2024; 04:00 PM
C	Sale of Bid Document (End)/ e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	12th November, 2024; 02:00 PM
D	Online Technical and Commercial e-Bid opening date & Time	13th November, 2024; 03:00 PM
E	Financial Bid opening	After completion of process of evaluation of Technical & commercial Bids
F	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER STD SOPORE

The interested bidders are requested to submit their offer along with terms, conditions, and annexures forming part of this tender document.

- The Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after site visit, careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.
- The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table.
- The bidders need to upload the proof/cost of e-Bid document and Earnest Money Deposit as stated in the above table through Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR respectively pledged to Executive Engineer Electric STD Sopore. The scanned copy of the Treasury Challan and CDR/FDR must be enclosed along with the e-Bids but the original instrument should be submitted by the L1 bidder in the office of Executive Engineer STD Sopore.
- In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday then the due date for opening of Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.
- The Executive Engineer STD Sopore reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of Executive STD Sopore will be final and binding.
- All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder

electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BQ sheet provided with the SBD.

- 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.
- The bidders should upload Contact detail document (e.g. Address, Mobile No, e-mail ID etc.) and other document as per the SBD.
- The contractor has to get the key material, to be provided by him inspected by the PMA and / or representative of the sub division and price quoted by the bidder will be inclusive of inspection expenses. No extra claim / charges will be paid. Test certificates are to be enclosed with the work done bill.
- Payments will be processed as per the availability of funds against the work done bills.
- The work has to be executed as per the approved GTP and Drawing available at <https://kpdcl.jkpcdd.net/> under "Standards and Specification".
- The contractor has to produce pre-execution, during execution & post-execution photographs (with GPS Coordinates i.e. longitude & Latitude) along-with SLD of the site.
- As per the Govt. Circular No-03-JK(PDD) of 2022, dated: 23-08-2022, all new electrical installations are to be cleared by the inspection Agency of JKPCDD and contractor has to process and follow-up for same.
- The contractor has to produce the test certificates of all the material for all kind of works.
- The contractor must follow all SOPs during execution of work. Any deviation in this regard the fine can be imposed and he shall be solely responsible for any un-towards or any accident at site. Besides he shall be responsible for taking all safety measures. In addition to it, he should have group insurance of his workers working at site.
- The contractor has to get the work executed under the supervision of qualified Engineer/supervisor as per the SBD conditions.
- The Bidder needs to upload scanned copy of following documents to avoid cancellation in Technical/Evaluation Process:
  - Cost of e-Bidding Document, amount specified in the table.
  - PAN Card.
  - Latest filled ITR.
  - Valid Registration Card with validity up to date.
  - GST Registration along with latest GST clearance certificate/receipt of GSTR-3B & GSTR-3R (2024-25).
  - Scanned copy of all pages of the tender document (SBD) must be signed by the bidders, in token of his/their understanding/acceptance.
  - Annual financial turnover certificate issued by CA last three years.
  - Earnest Money Deposit in the shape of DD/CDR/FDR/BG.
  - Affidavit as per Schedule E of SBD.
  - Checklist as per Schedule C of SBD.
  - Details of Bidder as per Annexure J of SBD.
  - Bid Securing Declaration as per Annexure N of SBD (in case of exemption from submitting EMD).

All other details viz. Eligibility Criteria, Terms & Conditions, Schedules are mentioned in the SBD forming part of the document.

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