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World Stroke Day: Uncontrolled BP Primary Cause, Say Experts

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Stroke remains a leading global cause of death, with its prevalence increasing, particularly in developing countries, according to medical professionals

Doctors called for early in-tervention in preventing longterm disabilities associated with strokes. They urged individuals to act swiftly at the first signs of a stroke.

Dr Irfan Ahmad Bhat, a noted cardiologist at SMHS Srinagar, said there is an increase in hemorrhagic strokes, which occur when a blood vessel in

the brain ruptures. He explained, "Uncontrolled blood pressure is a primary cause, as the brain can adapt to high blood pressure-a process known as autoregulationleading patients to become asymptomatic and discontinue their medication, ultimately increasing their risk of stroke." He said elderly individuals are particularly at risk for this type of stroke and require care-

ful monitoring. Dr Irfan also discussed ischemic strokes, which are typically caused by a blood clot blocking a blood vessel in the brain. Key risk factors for



ischemic strokes include uncontrolled blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, high cholesterol, a sedentary lifestyle, smoking and stress. He recommended managing conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and **STROKE SYMPTOMS**

- Facial drooping
- Limb weakness
- Speech difficulties Numbness
- Confusion
- Vision problems
- Trouble walking
- Severe headaches

cholesterol, as well as avoiding a sedentary lifestyle, quitting smoking, reducing stress, and maintaining a vegetable-rich

diet. Regular exercise and healthy weight management can lower the risk of heart attacks and strokes, he added.

The cardiologist expressed concern over the trend of individuals relying on others and avoiding personal responsibility, exacerbated by the rise of online delivery services and remote work culture. He highlighted the connection between increased stress and the consumption of fast foods and urged people to avoid unhealthy eating habits.

Similarly, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad said the rise in stroke cases can be attributed | More on P10

Maiden Session Of J&K Assembly On November 4

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Legislative Assembly secretariat on Tuesday issued the provisional calendar for the first session of the House, set to begin on November 4. According to the provisional calendar, the five-day session will begin with the election of the Speaker and the Lieutenant Governor's address to the House.

According to the calendar issued by Pro-tem Speaker Mubarak Gul, the session of November 5 will have obituary references. The discussion on motion of thanks on Lieutenant Governor's address will be held on November 6 and 7. The session for response to the motion of thanks on the LG's address will be conducted on November 8, an official spokesman said.

The Legislative Assembly will be meeting after a gap of more **SESSION SCHEDULE**

- Nov 4: Election of Speaker; LG's address
- Nov 5: Obituary references for former MLAs
- Nov 6-7: Discussion on Motion of Thanks on LG's address
- Nov 8: Continued discussion & reply on Motion of Thanks

than six years with last session held in early 2018, a year before reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories. The five-day inaugural session is expected | More on P10





A fisherman navigates through a dense carpe of lotus leaves in Srinagar. KO Photo By Abid Bhat.

'Lead With Justice': **Ruhullah Writes To CM Omar** Presses Omar To Facilitate Release Of Prisoners

Ayushman Vaya Vandana Card **Free Hospital Treatment** For Seniors Over 70: PM

2 More Terrorists **Killed In Akhnoor** Encounter **Press Trust Of India**

Jammu: Security forces on Tuesday morning gunned down two terrorists holed up in a forest area near a village in the Akhnoor sector in Jammu and Kashmir, taking the number of militants killed in the 27-hour gunfight near the Line of Control (LoC) to three, officials said.

One of the three terrorists who fired at an ambulance that was part of an army convoy moving near the LoC on Monday morning was killed by evening in the operation that also witnessed action by special forces and NSG commandos and the use of BMP-II infantry combat vehicles.

The other two terrorists were killed on Tuesday in a span of two hours after joint teams of the army and the police launched the final assault near Assan temple in Jogwan village in the Battal-Khour area, the officials said.

After overnight surveillance, 'an intense firefight unfolded today morning resulting in a significant victory for our forces. Relentless operations and tactical excellence have led to the elimination of three terrorists.

"The operation also saw the successful recovery of war-like stores, marking a critical step in maintaining security in the region," Army's Jammu-based White Knight | More on P10

Army Used AI To Neutralise Terrorists

he Indian Army on Tuesday said it used unmanned vehicles and artificial intelligence (AI) in the counter-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir's Akhnoor.

' We have used unmanned vehicles, artificial intelligence that gave us a quick and successful result... We lost one Army Dog - | More on P10

J&K Higher Reaches Receive Fresh Snowfall

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Under the influence of feeble Western Disturbance, the higher reaches of north Kashmir have received snowfall on Monday while the plains including Srinagar-the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir have received light rainfall, bringing down the mercury across the Valley. weather The cloudy

conditions prevailed since the morning today as the higher reaches were experiencing the snowfall under the influence of the weak Western Disturbance. The snowfall has occurred

in higher areas of Bandipora-Kilshay Top in Gurez, Kupwara district, phase-2 in Gulmarg and a few areas of Pir Panjal range, situated in Baramulla district. The snowfall has also been recorded | More on P10

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Member of Parliament from central Kashmir's Srinagar and National Conference (NC) senior leader Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi Tuesday urged Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to facilitate the release of prisoners "who have been held without trial" to ensure justice.

In a letter to chief minister Omar Abdullah, he extended his congratulations to the newly-appointed Chief Minister, expressing hope for an administration committed to justice, fairness, and respect for the people's mandate.

"Congratulations on assuming the office of Chief Minister. This is a significant opportunity to lead with



vision and integrity, and I wish you success in fulfilling the responsibilities that come with this esteemed position,' the letter reads.

"As you embark on this journey, it is crucial to respect the people's mandate and to align your government's actions with the aspirations of the citizens. In this regard, while I am sure that you will address the political issue through the legislature/assembly. I would like to suggest some priorities which may come through the decisions of your government that could greatly impact the welfare of the society.

Ruhullah outlined a series of priorities he believes the CM should consider to enhance public welfare, including the release of detainees, reform of reservation policies, prompt filling of government vacancies, adjustments to electricity tariffs, and a fairer verification process for citizens.

He emphasized the plight of prisoners held without trial, calling for swift action that reflects the principles of due process. " This urgent matter is the plight of prisoners who are held without trial. Your government should prioritize efforts | More on P10

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday launched development projects worth nearly Rs 12,850 crore and extended his government's flagship health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above. The major push in the health sector was unveiled on the occasion of the ninth Ayurveda Day and the birth anniversary

of Dhanvantari, the Hindu god of medicine. According to the PIB's social media account on X, "Prime Minister @narendramodi launches the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) to extend healthcare coverage to all citizens aged 70 years and above, regardless of socio-economic status. This ensures accessible



and affordable care for all senior citizens. With coverage of up to 5 lakh annually for free treatment, the scheme sets new standards in healthcare accessibility and inclusivity for our elders.'

What is the Ayushman Vaya Vandana Card?

"Now, every senior citizen above the age of 70 will receive free treatment | More on P10

Over 100 Flights Get Bomb Threats On Tuesday

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: More than 100 flights operated by various Indian airlines received bomb threats on Tuesday, according to sources.

In 16 days, over 510 domestic and international flights have got the threats that later turned out to be hoaxes. The threats were issued mostly through social media.

Air India received threats for around 36 flights and IndiGo for about 35 flights. Vistara received the threats for 32 flights, the sources in the know said.

"A number of Air India flights were subject to security threats received on social media on 29 October 2024.

"Following the laid down protocols, relevant authorities were immediately alerted, and all security | More on P10

J&K Govt Approves 575 Lecturer Posts: Itoo

Observer News Service

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Agencies'

Srinagar: The Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare, and Education, Sakeena Masood, has announced the approval of advertisements for 575 lecturer positions in various streams within the School Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir.

This initiative aims to fulfill the commitment to provide jobs to unemployed youth in the region. The posts will be referred to the Jammu



and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) for the recruitment process. "We have | More on P10

inister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare, Education, Sakeena Masood Vacant Posts instructed the officers to ensure that to Recruiting the existing healthcare facilities are upgraded at all hospitals to meet the aspirations of people. | More on P10

Class 6 Student Attempts Suicide Over Unpaid School Fee

Family Appeals For Help Amid Poverty

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: In a heartbreaking incident that highlights the poverty faced by downtrodden families in Kashmir, a fourteen year old schoolgirl from Tirgam, Sonawari allegedly attempted suicide by taking multiple pills after her family struggled to pay her school fees.

After her suicide attempt, she was rushed to the JVC Hospital in Bemina, where doctors performed a stomach wash and provided intensive care. The girl was admitted for two days and fortunately, survived.

The girl, whose identity has been withheld, reportedly took around 20 random pills, the prescription from JVC



reveals, a copy of which lies with Kashmir Öbserver.

Medical prescription states on October 14, she had taken random tablets, a stomach wash was done and was managed conservatively, after she was stabilized, she was discharged on October 16.

Her family says the only reason she attempted suicide the unavailibility of her family to pay her school fees.

Mohammad Her uncle, Hussain, spoke to Kashmir Observer about the family's situation. He explained how her father had tried various businesses, only to face repeated failures

"He tried every business he could, but each attempt ended in loss. In the end, he even sold all his land to start a livestock business and bought cattle from Punjab. But soon after, all of the cattle died, plunging the family further into poverty," Hussain said. | More on P10

HC Seeks 'Validity' Of Gulmarg Master Plan

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of [&K and Ladakh has directed the government among others to disclose the validity of the Master Plan for Gulmarg.

Hearing a Public Interest Litigation, a division bench of Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Puneet Gupta directed the government as well as parties in the PIL to disclose the validity of the Master Plan by or before the next date of hearing on November 26.

The court also directed the counsel for the parties to file a brief written synopsis reflecting all the rules and regulations regarding the matters involved in the PIL which was filed in 2012 by one Mohammad Rafiq Zargar, seeking directions for protection of fragile environment of Gulmarg, the | More on P10





Social Isolation Deprives Older People Of Key Nutrients In Diet: Study

lder people who are socially isolated are more likely to have an insufficient intake of key micronutrients such as vitamin C and vitamin B6, increasing their risk of health problems, according to a new study.

The researchers from University College London (UCL) found that people who were more socially isolated were more likely to have a lower than recommended intake of five micronutrients that are essential for health: magnesium, potassium, vitamin C, folate and vitamin B6.

These micronutrients are typically found in small quantities in fruit, vegetables, legumes (such as peas,



beans and lentils) and fish, suggesting a diet lacking in these food sources.

"This is important as inadequate intake of these micronutrients puts people at greater risk of health problems as they get older," said professor Andrew Steptoe from UCL Behavioural Science and Health in the study published in the journal

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Age and Ageing.

One explanation for this link is that if people are more isolated, they might not have others around them to provide information about what is healthy and encourage a more varied diet. Older people also tend to stick to diets they know and might not vary

their foods as much as they used to, said the authors. Researchers used data from the

English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA), in which a nationally representative population sample in England answers a wide range of questions every two years. The respondents were scored on how socially isolated they were, based on whether they lived alone, how frequently they saw friends and rel-

atives outside their household, and whether they took part in any clubs or organisations.

The team found that a one-point increase in participants' social isolation score was linked to a higher likelihood of inadequate intake of five out of nine key micronutrients two years later.

Social isolation was not linked to a higher likelihood of inadequate calcium, iron and vitamin B12, micronutrients largely derived from meat, eggs and dairy. This suggested that people who were less socially connected in the study may be more likely to have a more traditional diet with fewer vegetables (such as dark leafy greens), fruit, nuts, seeds and legumes.

NOTICE

I have changed my name

from Rumysa Amin to

Rumysa. In future I will

be known as Rumysa. If

anybody is having any

objection he/she may

contact passport office

Srinagar within 7 days.

After 7 days no objection

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GOVERNMENT OF UT JAMMU AND KASHMIR Office Of The Executive Engineer PCD(PHQ) J&K Jammu/ Srinagar

INVITING E-TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No/EE-PCD/PHQ/64/2024-25 Dated: - 24-10-2024

Executive Engineer PCD PHQJ&K JAMMU/SRINAGARon behalf of The President of India invites tenders by e-tendering on Percentage rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt. / CPWD / Railways and other State / Central Governments for the following works.

S. No		Name of Division			Money (In	lowed for	Date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
-	of New Border	PCD (PHQ) J&K, Jmu/ Sgr	14.25lacs	1000/-	28500/-	60 work- ing days		"A", "B", "C" & "D"

Date of Publishing 25-10-2024 at 1600 hours.

The Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website http://iktenders.gov. infrom 1630 hours on 25-10-2024.

i. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website http://jktenders.gov.infrom 26-10-2024 to 04-11-2024 upto1600 Hrs. The bids received will be opened at 1100 hours on 05-11-2024 on line.

The complete bidding process will be on line.

Technical bids of bidders shall be opened on line in the office of ExecutiveEngineer iii PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar on 05-11-2024 at 1100 Hrs.

The lowest bidder i. e. L1 shall be intimated to deposit the original copy of required iv. earnest money in shape of CDR/ FDR and hard copies of all relevant documents as mentioned in clause 2 of general instructions to the bidders within five days from opening of financial bids.

In light of Govt. Notification issued by Finance Department Civil Secretariat Vide No. A/24(2017)-651 dated:-07-06-2018, the bidder must upload the copy of challan / receipt on account of cost of tender documents remitted in the treasury concerned for that the bidders must write an application to be addressed to treasury officer concerned requesting therein for remittance of amount as cost of tender documents towards M. H. 0055/ Revenue (others).

The cost of tender documents should be submitted by the bidder in shape of treasury vi. challan / receipt and upload the same.

Earnest Money:- The earnest money deposit (EMD @ 2% of advertised cost) in the 3. shape

of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar of the successful bidder (L1) shall be released, only after defect liability period, the DLP shall be calculated from the date of successful completion of the work to the satisfaction report of Engineer incharge

Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders. 4. gov.inBid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details.

The site for the work is available. The intending bidders are strongly advised to in-5. spect the site of work before bidding.

Financial Bids will be opened on line in the office of the Executive Engineer, PCD PHO J&K Jammu/Srinagar. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids 7.

as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from 8. the date of opening of bids. If any bidder / tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.

No Engineer of Gazetted rank or other Gazetted Officer employed in Engineering or 9. Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the Government is allowed to work as a Contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from Government service, without permission of the Government. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor or any of his employees is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as aforesaid before submission of the tender or engagement in the Contractor's Service

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Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Pattan **Executive Magistrate 1st Class**

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Lolpora) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth/death of Ab Rehman Shah S/o Late Mohd Yaseen Shah R/o Iqbal Colony Pattan Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla with vertified date of event (death) as 15-10-2023 occurred at Home In this connection, if anybody having any objection to the issuance of said registration may contact this office within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained

> **Executive Magistrate 1st Class** Naib Tehsildar Pattan

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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This is to notify all that my name has been wrongly mentioned as Amjed Ahmad Chowhan S/O Farooq Ahmad Bakerwal R/O Shergund Anantnag in my adhaar card. Now i want to apply for a new adhaar card with the following corrections. My new name is Amjed Ahmad Bakerwal S/O Farooq Ahmad Bakerwal R/O Shergund Anantnag . If anybody has any objections in this regard he/she may kindly approach the concerned office within seven days. No objection will be entertained after the said time period.

Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Pattan **Executive Magistrate 1st Class**

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/Block Development Officer Lolpora) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth/death of Mohammad Fahad Liloo S/o Asif Tarig Liloo R/o Sadig Colony Sopore Tehsil Sopore District Baramulla with birth 13-03-2006 at Home

In this connection, if anybody having any objection to the issuance of said registration may contact this office within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.

> **Executive Magistrate 1st Class** Naib Tehsildar Pattan

Government of Jammu & Kashmir Office Of The Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag

NITNO560F R&B/Anantnag/2024-25/E-TENDERING/7358-67DATED 25-10-2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory of J&K e-tenders are invited on %age basis fromapprovedandeligibleContractorsregisteredwithJ&KGovt.CPWD,RailwaysandotherState/Central-Governmentsfor each of the followingworks:

S. No		Estimated Cost (RsinLacs)	Cost of T/ Doc.(inRs)			Major Head of Account	
	Development of Carrier Counselling Center at Shaheed Himayun Muz- zamil Memorial College (GDC Boys), Anantnag,	Price exclusive of GST: 4.06 + (18%	200	9580/-	Days		DEE Class& MSME's Only
	Minor Repairs for Lava- tory Block at Rani Bagh Garden/Anantnag Park .	Price exclusive of	200	5540/-	Days	nance &	DEE Class& MSME's Only

ProjectAuthority: 1. District Development Commissioner Anantnag.

2. Directorate of Floriculture Emporium Garden, Srinagar

PositionofAAA: 1. Accorded Vide Order No. 216- DDCA of 2024, Dated 23.10.2024.

2. Accorded Vide Order No. 264- Flori of 2024-25, Dated 17.10.2024.

Position of TS : Accorded.

The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms-andconditionsofcontractandotherdetailscanbeseen/downloadedfrom the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in asperschedule of dates given below:

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify all that my name, and my fathers name has been wrongly mentioned as Ali Mohd Kathu S/O Mohd Sadig R/O Morinder bagh Bariee Harwan in my passport. Now i want to apply for a new passport with the following corrections. My new name is Ali Mohd Kuthoo S/O Mohd Sadig Kuthoo R/O Morinder bagh Bariee harwan Passport Number K6917024 If anybody has any objections in this regard he may kindly approach the concerned office within seven days. No objection will be entertained after the said time period.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my original Discharge Certificate Somewhere. Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection In the office of the Govt. Girls High School Pattan within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Lubna Kabii D/o Abdul Kabir Mir **Buchoo Pattan**

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ازعدالت ایکزیکیٹومجسٹریٹ درجہاول نارہ بل ضلع بڈگام	
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S. No.	Particulars	Dated		
1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice		25-10-2024	
	PeriodofDownloadingof bidder documents	From	26-10-2024	(10:00AM)
		То	31-10-2024	(04:30PM)
3	BidsubmissionStart Date	From	26-10-2024	(10:00AM)
4	BidSubmissionEnd Date	То	31-10-2024	(04:30PM)
5	Date andtime		01-11-2024	(11:00AM)
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Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt (Under MH-0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag[Tender Inviting Authority] (NIT No. Name of Work/Item No. to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt) (Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag(Tender receiving Authority).(The Date of EMD{CDR/FDR/BG} should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date and validity of EMD at the time of opening of Bids shall be a period of 45 Days beyond Bid Validity of 120 Days)

All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/ FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as No-responsive.

The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag (Tender receiving authority) within 07 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released 60 days after successful completion of Defect Liability Period(DLP) of the work. The date of Performance Security (CDR/FDR/BG) should be after the date of issuance of letter/LOI to deposit the performance security Failure to produce Performance Security shall render the L1 as non-responsive and case for debarring of the Contractor be forwarded to Higher Authorities for a period of 01 Year.

The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released 60 Days after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.iktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Anantnag

- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bid Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Ianual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

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

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

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

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with bid.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents including tender document fee in terms of soft copies with technical bid.

Note: - Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.

Scanned copy of cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt in favour of Executive Enginee PWD(R&B) Division Anantnag(The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date)and EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Anantnagmust be uploaded vith the documents of the bid. The Original Treasury Challan (Cost of Tender Document), EMD and other relevant bid documents hall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of the Contract.

Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt o create similar BOO manually.

Price escalation and taxes: The %age quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees, shall be deemed to include price escalation upto completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on pross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents

as are requ All other terms and conditions are as same as laid in PWD Form 25.

> DIPK-6931/24 dated: 29-10-2024

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

The interested bidder can download the NIT/bidding document from the website http://jktenders.gov.in.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get (DSC) "Digital Signature Certificate" as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. This certificate will be required for digitally signing the bid. Bidders can get above mentioned digital certificate from any approved vendors. The Bidders, who already possess valid (DSC) Digital Signature Certificates, need not to procure new Digital Signature Certificate.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signaiii. ture. The bids cannot be uploaded without Digital Signature. No Proposal will be accepted in physical form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para 2(III).

Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the ٧. necessary documents have been attached with bid.

vi. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids whatsoever reasons may be.

All the required information for bid must be filled and submitted online.

Bidders can contact the undersigned for any guidance for getting DSC or any other viii. relevant details in respect of e-tendering process.

Original Registration certificate of GST No. shall be uploaded on line.

12. The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in

13. No construction material shall be supplied by Police Construction Division, PHQ. However; the brands of the material will be approved by Engineer In-charge of the concerned site in consultation with Executive Engineer, PCD PHQ J&K.

14. In case of any typographical error, if found in the rates or units etc. the same shall be corrected and paid as per sanctioned schedule of rates /LMR with contractor's Tender appreciation/depreciation.

15.Any item of work not advertised in the rate list but found necessary during execution of work should be got approved by the competent authority before proceeding further beyond the allotment and payment for the same shall be made on sanctioned schedule of rates / LMR with contractor's overall appreciation/depreciation.

In case of delay in completion of the work beyond scheduled period of completion (as per allotment), a penalty at the rate of 1% per week (on pro-rata basis) on the amount of allotted work shall be imposed on the contractors subject to a maximum of 10% of the contract value.

> Sd/-(Er. Neeraj Gupta) **Executive Engineer** PCD (PHQ) J&K Jmu/ Sgr.

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CEO Srinagar Seeks Constituency-Wise Feedback Of Works Executed

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Chief Education Officer (CEO) of Srihas sought a nagar feedba sembly Constituency wise

Srinagar with regard to the matter has held a review meeting with all executing agencies-directing to furort of the As-, pish feedback report of past five y

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furnish a feedback report as per the contents of the DDC Srinagar's communiqué. In a communiqué to the

concerned officials, the CEO said, "You are requested to furnish year wise details of works completed under different schemes for the last five years from 2019-20 to 2023-24."

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Protecting Architectural Heritage Pivotal For Cultural Continuity: DC Srinagar Observer News Service



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Srinagar Police Cautions Public Against 'Digital Arrest' Scam'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Srinagar police have cautioned people of a new scam, where fraudsters pose as officials from securi-

tion within 12 hours or provide a statement via a WhatsApp video call. Many victims choose the

latter, where the scammers, often dressed in unifo



"They often cite fabricated accusations, including alleged involvement in drug trafficking or money laundering, to intimidate their targets," it said.

The police said that the scam unfolds as victims are presented with two options:

SKIMS Commemorates World Stroke Day

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Neurology SKIMS today commemorated World Stroke Day, a pivotal event dedicated to raising awareness about stroke prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Director SKIMS / EOSG Prof. M Ashraf Ganie who was the chief guest on the occasion emphasized about the preventive measures of stroke and advised to further strengthen the Save brain initiative started by the department of Neurology along with Directorate of health services. He wished the conference for grand success. HOD & Organizing Chairman Professor Ravouf P. Asmi in his address highlighted the importance of the event; he explained the risk factors and Importance of Early treatment and Prevention of Stroke. He raised the awareness of the importance of Comprehensive Stroke centre at Skims to give state of art treatment to people of Jammu and Kashmir.

follow these safety measures like confirm the legitimacy of calls from any authority, avoid sharing personal or financial details over calls, and immediately report the incident by dialing 1930 or visiting [cybercrime.gov.in]

SRINAGAR: A student was injured during a scuffle between two groups near Shri Pratap (SP) College in Srinagar on Tuesday, officials said. While police, after investigating the case, revealed a "Love Triangle" as the motive, which stemmed from (https://cybercrime.gov.in/). estranged love, saying that the ac-

cused has been apprehended. The youth, according to officials, sustained injuries after being attacked with a sharp-edged weapon near SP College. The injured has been identified as Momin Riyaz, son of Riyaz Ahmad Dar of Anantnag was later taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Observer News Service

In the meantime, a police spokesperson, in a statement said, at about 1300 hrs, reliable information was received at Police Station Koti Bagh that a stabbing incident had occurred at SP College ground and that the victim was taken to SMHS Hosnital Srinagar



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Girlfriend's Ex Stabs Youth In Srinagar, Arrested

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mad Dar, son of Riyaz Ahmad Dar, resident of Anantnag, A/P Basant Bagh Habba Kadal, stated that he was stabbed by his girlfriend's exboyfriend Arslan Aijaz, son of Aijaz Ahmad Bhat, resident of Barbarshah, who is a Swiggy Delivery Boy, with the motive being estranged love," reads the statement.

It states that he was stabbed in the left abdomen and head and is presently stable. Accordingly, a case under FIR number 62/2024 under relevant sections of law has been



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SRINAGAR: A man, who was injured in a road accident near Noora Hospital in Srinagar last night, succumbed to his injuries, today morning, officials said.

An official said that a person was injured after a vehicle collided with a passenger bus near HMT, following which he was shifted to JVC Bemina, where he succumbed to injuries today morning

The deceased has been identified as Syed Mustafa of Handwara.

Notably, in the incident, a man had died on spot, and two were injured, of whom one succumbed to injuries today morning, while the third injured person is being



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- Roger II of Sicily. 1470 - Wars of the Roses: Henry VI of England returns to
- the English throne after Earl of Warwick defeats Yorkists in battle
- 1502 Vasco da Gama returns to Calicut, India for the second time.
- 1697 Germany signs French/English/Spanish/Dutch/ Brandenburgs peace treaty ending Nine Year War.
- 1739 Great Britain declares war on Spain: War of Jenkin's Ear [NS=Oct 19]
- 1883 Austria-Hungary, Germany and Romania sign military treaty
- 1886 Great Britain and Germany agree boundaries in East Africa
- 1899 Battle of Ladysmith, Natal: Boers defeat the British, leading to the Siege of Ladysmith
- 1918 Slovakia asks for creation of Czechoslovakian state 1918 - WWI: Turkey signs an armistice with the Allies,
- agreeing to end hostilities at noon on 31 October.
- 1922 Benito Mussolini forms government in Italy
- 1930 Turkey & Greece sign a treaty of friendship
- 1939 USSR & Germany agree on partitioning Poland,
- Adolf Hitler deports Jews 1944 - Sweden announces intention to stay neutral &
- refuse sanctuary in WW II
- 1944 Tholen Island (Netherlands) freed during WWII
- 1956 Israel captures Egyptian military post at El-Thamad
- 1957 Soviet Union launches Sputnik II, carrying a dog

public, healthcare professionals, and the media to join in spreading the message that every second counts in stroke management. They urged all that together the stakeholders can work towards a future with fewer strokes and improved outcomes for those affected.

Various experts including

Prof. M. Maqbool Wani de-

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The experts appealed to

early treatment of stroke.

World Stroke Day serves as a reminder of the substantial impact strokes have on individuals and society. Through educational seminars, interactive sessions, and public outreach, our department and supporting teams are committed to improving understanding of stroke symptoms, risk factors, and emergency responses that can save lives and reduce longterm disabilities.



With profound grief we announce the sad demise of Aijaz Ahmad Shah S/O late Ghulam Hassan Shah of Sheikh Musa Ghat, Zaina Kadal, Srinagar (presently Alamdar Colony, Gopalpora- Chadoora) on Monday, Oct 28, 2024 after brief spell of illness.

Congregational Fateha Khwani shall be observed at our ancestral graveyard Malkha 🕏 near Nowhatta police station on Wednesday 30th October 2024 at 10.30 A.M.

Bereaved Shah & Pandit Families



If you or some one you know is experiencing symptoms of OCD, seeking professional help is crucial.

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1961 - Soviet Union tests a 58 megaton hydrogen bomb named Tsar Bomba, the most powerful nuclear weapon ever detonated

From KO Archives

IAS Officer, Others Face **Prosecution For Fraud**

Observer News Service

RINAGAR: Kashmiri officialdom was never very particular about how contemptibly low it stoops to plunder public funds, but it must have required an unusual degree of meanness to cheat backward Gujjars and Bakarwaals of their paltry government compensation for losses suffered due to hailstorms and heavy rain . In this 7-year-old case, the then deputy commissioner Pulwama -incidentally, a se¬nior IAS officer - S. D. Lone: another deputy commissioner, Muhammed Akram Hajam; the then assistant commission-er, revenue, and presently director, land records, Srinagar, Muhammed Afzal Bhat and the then tehsildar Pulwama, Habibullah Mir, along with nearly half-a-dozen petty of-ficials of the district DCs office have been challaned by the vigilance) organisation misappropriating Rs 15 lakh which the state had santioned as relief to the nomads for livestock losses during natural calamities in the hilly areas of Shopy-an and Pulwama. The entire amount had been placed at the disposal of the then DC, who had been charged with the responsibility of disbursing it to the deserving members of the community after proper verification.

Vigilance investigations revealed that the officers named m the case, in collusion with four private persons (who have asked been charge sheeted had manipulated records to show that Rs 14,80,940 had been distributed among 652 members of the Gujjjar and bakarwaal community.

Sixty-two persons among the supposed beneficiaries selected at random by the VO, denied having recieved any relief, and the finger impressions on acquitance rolls did not tally with the fingerprints. Expert established that thumb impressions supposed to be the marks of 181 different recipients were in fact the thumbprints of only a few people repeated over and over on the rolls. The VO also found that recepients who were shown belonging to the Udhampur and Rajoun districts were only fictitious names and that Rs 3,75,090 were deposited with Reshi Gas Agency lather than going to a sufferer.

Having prima-facie established the officers involve¬ment in the fraud; the VO has pressed charges against them under relevant laws before the special anti corruption court in Srinagar.

(Kashmir Observer, October 30, 2000)

NEWS

Sheikh Naim Qassem Elected As New Hezbollah Chief

Trans Asia News

Beirut- Hezbollah's Deputy Secretary General Sheikh Naim Qassem has been elected as the new chief of the Lebanese movement after his predecessor Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah was assassinated by Israel in Beirut last month.

Based on faith in Allah Almighty..., adherence to Hezbollah's principles and goals, and following the established procedure for the election of the Secretary-General, Hezbollah's Shura Council has elected His Eminence

for long.

Speaking in front of curtains from an undisclosed location on October 8, 60 year old Qassem said the conflict between Hezbollah and Israel was a war about who cries first, and Hezbollah would not cry first. The group's capabilities were intact despite "painful blows" from Israel.

His 30-minute televised address came just days after senior Hezbollah figure Hashem Safieddine was thought to have been the target of an Israeli strike and 11 days after the killing of Hezbol-



Hassan Nasrallah

with foreign media.

firmed by Hezbollah on Oct. 23.

chief in 1991 by the then-secretary

general Abbas al-Musawi, who

was assassinated by Israel in a he-

licopter attack the following year.

of Hezbollah's leading spokes-

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Qassem has long been one

Sheikh Naim Qassem as Secretary-General of Hezbollah, entrusting him with the blessed banner on this journey. We pray to the Almighty to grant him success in this honorable mission of leading Hezbollah and its Islamic resistance," the council said in a statement on Tuesday.

Israel's Defence Minister Yoav Gallant shared a photo of Naim Qassem on X, saying: "Temporary appointment. Not

India Sends 30 Tonnes Of Essential Medical Supplies To Palestine

Agencies

New Delhi: Indian government reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the people of Palestine with a recent shipment of 30 tonnes of medi-

Last week, India sent its first tranche of assistance for the people of Palestine through UNRWA, which includes 30 tonnes of medicine and food items.

"India sends humanitar ian assistance for the people

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Trump & Harris Trade Barbs As US Presidential Race Nears Climax

Press Trust Of India

Washington: As the US presidential race enters the last leg, Vice President Kamala Harris and lah's secretary general Sayyed former President Donald Trump traded bitter attacks while racing Safieddine's killing was conto woo the voters in key battleground states that could decide the Qassem was appointed deputy

outcome of the razor-tight contest. On Monday, Trump, the Republican nominee addressed a rally at the McCamish Pavilion on the campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta where he rejected attempts by Democrats to compare him with the Nazis.

'The newest line from Kamala and her campaign is that anyone who isn't voting for her is a Nazi," he said at the capital city of Georgia.

Georgia is one of the seven key battleground states that could decisively swing the November 5 election in favour of either candidate

'I am not a Nazi ... I am the opposite of a Nazi," the former Republican President said.

Trump also slammed Harris for calling him a fascist. "She

is a fascist." Following Trump's per cent of likely voters support Sunday rally at Madison Square Harris and an equal 47 would en-Garden in New York, Harris's camdorse Trump in the elections. paign team likened it to a 1939 Nazi gathering at the venue. Siena College national poll from

In that rally, Trump also announced a slew of major policies, including on tax.

"I am announcing a new policv today that I will support a tax credit for family caregivers who take care of a parent or a loved one," he said.

Harris on Monday campaigned in Michigan, another battleground state.

At a rally in Warren, she highlighted how the Biden administration focused on creating more jobs in the state

"He (Trump) is not working for or concerned about working people, middle-class people," she said, training her guns on the Republican leader

The US presidential race remained very tight with both Harris and Trump locked in a dead heat for the popular votes in most swing states. The final nationwide CNN poll found this week that 47

After Election Loss, BJP Plans 'Historic Diwali' in Ayodhya

Press Trust Of India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said Diwali would be historic this year as after a 500-year wait, thousands of lamps would be lit on

in Ayodhya, Monday, Jan. 22, 2024. PTI

"Such an opportunity has come after 500 years...when thousands of lamps will be lit in the temple of Ram Lalla built at his birthplace in 'Pran Pratishtha' rituals at the Ram Mandir, in Ayodhya, Monday, Jan. 22, 2024. PTI

"The current generation is extremely fortunate to witness and become a part of such celebrations," he said.

In the final New York Times

October 20 to 23, the two aspirants

are tied at 48 per cent. The remain-

ing four per cent are yet to decide

the Financial Times and the Uni-

versity of Michigan's Ross School

of Business, showed that 44 per

cent of respondents trust Trump to

handle the economy as opposed to

slight edge over Trump with 1.7

House, the successful candidate

will have to secure 270 of the 538

which are seen to be crucial to

determine the election results are

Georgia, Michigan, Arizona, Penn-

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A separate poll conducted by

on their preference.

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Iran Moves To Triple Military Budget Amid Israel Tensions

Agencies

TEHRAN: Iran's government has proposed to triple its military budget, its spokeswoman said Tuesday, as tensions with arch-rival Israel rise following recent tit-for-tat missile strikes.

Government spokeswoman Fatemeh MoHajjerani outlined the move that would see "a significant increase of more than 200 percent in the country's military budget" at a news conference in Tehran.

She did not elaborate and Tehran has not disclosed any figures. but according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute think tank, Iran's military spending in 2023 was about \$10.3 billion.

The proposed budget will be debated, with lawmakers expected ried out strikes on Iran in response to an October 1 missile barrage that the Islamic republic launched against Israel.

The Iranian army reported four soldiers killed and damage to 'radar systems.'

Iran's October 1 strike, involving 200 missiles, was in retaliation for attacks that killed the leaders of the Iran-backed groups Hamas and Hezbollah, as well as one of its own commanders.

"All efforts have been made to meet the country's defense needs and special attention has been paid to this issue," the government spokeswoman MoHajjerani said.

The regional tensions flared after Israel launched a military offensive in the Gaza Strip to eliminate the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas in response to the



to finalize it in March.

An analysis by FiveThir-Iran and Israel on Monday actyEight poll tracker, however, showed that Harris is having a

change at a UN meeting.

cused each other of endangering Middle East peace in a heated ex-

It came days after Israel car-

unprecedented October 7, 2023 at

also been battling Lebanon's Hez-

Security Tightened Across Delhi Markets, Railway Stations Amid Diwali Rush

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Delhi Police has beefed up security across city markets teeming with shoppers ahead of Diwali and other festivals.

The city has already been on a high alert since October 20 when a blast ripped through a wall of CRPF school in Rohini's Prashant Vihar area.

"We are keeping strict vigil from maachan and morcha, The blast hurt no one but damaged hoardings of nearby drones have been deployed to keep an eye on the markets. shops and window panes of

tacks on Israel. Since last month, Israel has

bollah movement.

wholesale market.

"All preventive measures are being taken by police staff to ensure smooth festival celebrations," DCP of north district Raja Banthia said. Police are also keeping an eye on the movements in border areas.

Southeast DCP Ravi Kumar Singh said foot patrol has been increased across markets.



cal supplies amid the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

This consignment includes essential medicines and anti-cancer drugs.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhitr Jaiswal shared a post on X and stated, "India's support to the people of Palestine continues. Extending humanitarian assistance to the people of Palestine sends 30 tonnes of medical supplies comprising essential life-saving and anticancer drugs to Palestine."

of Palestine through the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA),' Mr Jaiswal said on X.

"The first tranche of assistance, comprising 30 tons of medicine and food items has departed today. The consignment includes a wide range of essential medicines and surgical supplies, dental products, general medical items and high-energy biscuits," the post added.

the festival in the temple built at the birthplace of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya.

The prime minister made the remarks after launching development projects worth nearly Rs 12.850 crore and extending his government's health insurance flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat to all senior citizens aged 70 vears and above.

"Many of us have seen many Diwalis, but this Diwali is historic," Modi said. Prime minister Narendra

Modi and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat offer prayers before the idol of Ram Lalla during the 'Pran Pratishtha' rituals at the Ram Mandir,

would make changes to "re-

duce the likelihood of encoun-

The lawsuit also targets

Ayodhya...This will be such a Deepawali when our Ram has returned to his home once again. And this time the wait has not been of 14 years, but of 500 years." he added.

Earlier, Modi addressed a 'Rozgar Mela' and distributed appointment letters for government jobs to more than 51,000 people.

There, he said, this would be the first Diwali when Lord Ram is seated in his grand temple in Ayodhya.

He said that several generations waited for this Diwali, while many "sacrificed their lives"

Prime minister Narendra Modi prostrates before the idol of Ram Lalla during the

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NEWS

Preparations for the eighth edition of Deepotsav in Ayodhya are in their final stages with plans afoot to illuminate the city with 28 lakh earthen lamps on October 30. officials said Tuesday.

The event this year holds special significance since this is the first Deepotsav since the consecration of the Ram Lalla idol at the temple.

An idol of Ram Lalla was consecrated at the Ayodhya temple in January this year, a landmark event led by Modi, who had also given a clarion call to go beyond the grand temple's construction to build the foundation of a "strong, capable and divine" India of the next 1,000 years.

parked vehicles. Prominent markets, in-

especially on the radar of the

police as many from outside

rangements have been made

especially in markets, malls,

vital installations and crowd-

ed places. Police visibility

has been enhanced through

intensified patrolling and de-

ployments of extra pickets.

All staff are on high alert to

thwart any untoward inci-

dent," Deputy Commissioner

of Police (East) Apoorva Gup-

will be barred from 12 pm to

8 pm in Sadar Bazar, a major

Loading and unloading

ta said.

"Elaborate security ar-

Delhi visit them frequently.

No one will be allowed to breach law and order," DCP cluding Chandni Chowk, Singh said. Azadpur and Ghazipur, are

A tight vigil is being kept on each railway and metro station and additional force deployment will be made to check any suspicious activities, another officer said.

Patrolling teams consisting of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Government Railway Police (GRP) have been directed to immediately inform their seniors if they see any suspicious activities, the officer said.

"Anti-sabotage checks are being conducted regularly along the railway tracks, markets with the help of dog squads and bomb disposal teams," the person said.

Florida mother has sued artificial intelligence chatbot start-up Character. AI accusing it of causing her 14-year-old son's suicide in February, saying he became addicted to the company's service and deeply attached to a chatbot it created.

In a lawsuit filed on Tuesday in Orlando, Florida federal court, Megan Garcia said Character.AI targeted her son, Sewell Setzer, with "anthropomorphic, hypersexualised, and frighteningly realistic experiences".

She said the company programmed its chatbot to "misrepresent itself as a real person, a licensed psychotherapist, and an adult lover, ultimately resulting in Sewell's desire to no longer live outside" of the world created by the service.

"We are heartbroken by the tragic loss of one of our users and want to express our



Mother Sues AI Chatbot Start-Up Over Son's Suicide

deepest condolences to the family," Character.AI said.

It said it had introduced tering sensitive or suggestive new safety features includcontent" for users under 18. ing pop-ups directing users to the National Suicide Preven-Google, where Character. tion Lifeline if they express AI's founders worked before thoughts of self-harm, and launching their product.

We are heartbroken by the tragic loss of one of our users and want to express our deepest condolences to the family

Google re-hired the founders in August as part of a deal granting it a non-exclusive licence to Character.AI's technology. She said Google had contributed to the development of Character.AI's technology so extensively it could be considered a "co-creator".

Akshay Kumar Donates Rs 1 Crore To Feed Monkeys In Ayodhya

ew Delhi: Bollywood star Akshay Kumar has joined the initiative to feed monkey population in Ayodhya, the place associated with Lord Ram.

As per the information shared by Akshay's team, Akshay not only donated 1 crore to feed the monkeys in Ayodhya, the land of Lord Ram, ahead of Diwali but also paid tribute to his parents and his father-inlaw. late veteran star Rajesh Khanna by having their names written on the feeding van.

This initiative is spearheaded by the Anjaneya Sewa Trust under the guidance of Jagatguru Swami Raghavacharya Ji Maharaj.

Founder-trustee of Anjaneya Sewa Trust, Priya Gupta, said they will ensure that



people are not inconvenienced.

"I have always known Akshay Kumar to be an extremely kind and generous man be it his staff, his crew or co-actors that work with him or each of his family members. He not only donated instantly and generously, but also he dedicated this great sewa in the name of both his parents Hari Om and Aruna Bhatia and his father-inlaw Rajesh Khanna. Akshay is not just a generous donor but also an equally socially conscious citizen of India. He was equally concerned about the citizens and city of Ayodhya and thus we will ensure that no citizen gets inconvenienced while we feed the monkeys and there is no littering on the streets of Ayodhya as a result of feeding the monkeys."

Meanwhile, on the acting front, Akshay will be seen sharing screen space with Ajay Devgn, Ranveer Singh, Tiger Shroff, Deepika Padukone and Kareena Kapoor Khan in 'Singham Again', which will hit the theatres this Diwali. The cop drama is directed by Rohit Shetty and also stars Arjun Kapoor and Jackie Shroff.

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Awareness Program On Substance Abuse Held At Budgam

Syed Mohammad Burhan

BUDGAM: Government Polytechnic College Budgam, in collaboration with the Kashmir American Society of Healthcare, Medical Education & Research (KASHMER), hosted an awareness program titled "Substance Abuse – Our Col-lective Responsibility & Mental Health at the Workplace." The event aimed to raise awareness about substance abuse prevention and mental health support in professional environments.

Dr. Nasir Ahmad, Additional Director in the Department of Science and Technology, J&K Govt highlighted the importance of collective action against substance abuse and the role of educational institutions in fostering healthier communities. He further emphasized the importance of expanding awareness programs to different institutions to ensure enhanced awareness among youth. Dr. Muhammad Muzaffar

Khan, Consultant Psychologist, emphasized the need for collective responsibility in combating substance abuse.

Arifat Rashid and Arbeena Iqbal, Counseling Psychologists at Happy & Healthy Minds, focused in detail on different aspects of mental health, resource utilization, collective impact of substance abuse, and prevention strategies.

Dr. Shafaqat Ara, Principal of Government Polytechnic College Budgam, expressed gratitude to KASHMER & HPVT, the speakers, and attendees.

Additionally, academic excellence awards were presented to the top students of the MJ24 session, celebrating their achievements in the presence of the Chief Guest.

FCIK Proposes Plan To Boost Industry & Create Jobs To CM



Chief Minister about its poten-

He assured the Chief Min-

ister that, upon approval and

addressing of the genuine de-

mands presented by the orga-

nization, FCIK commits to gen-

erating 300,000 employment

opportunities over the next five

years, equating to 60,000 jobs

Former FCIK President Sha-

keel Qalander presented the

challenges facing industrial op-

erations, highlighting the need

for a unified industrial policy

for both new and established

units, as the current three-

policies approach has caused

confusion. The discussion also

covered insufficient market-

ing support and delayed pay-

ments, which have left many

local manufacturers struggling.

The Chief Minister was urged

to focus on reviving and scaling

up existing units through mod-

ernization and technological

sluggish credit flow to MSMEs

and non-performing assets

Concerns were raised about

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Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) presented a detailed 10-point plan to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, designed to revitalize the region's struggling industries, which are currently facing significant challenges, FCIK in a statement said. In exchange for the necessary support from the government, the chamber has committed to generating 60,000 jobs annually. A meeting of the apex indus-

trial chamber led by President FCIK Shahid Kamili was held on Tuesday with the Chief Minister, which was also participated by the Deputy Chief Minister on virtual mode. Also in attendance were the Advisor to CM, Chief Secretary, ACS to the CM, Principal Secretaries of Power and Finance, Commissioner Secretary of Industries and Commerce, the M.D. of KPDCL, and other key officials. The delegation of FCIK included Advisorv Committee members M. D Qureshi, Shakeel Qalander, Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, Ovees Jami, Altaf Ahmad besides estate and district presidents from across the valley.

The meeting thoroughly examined the current status and challenges facing the industry and presented a memorandum

addressing ten essential initia-(NPAs), with proposals made tives required to help the sector for their effective resolution. navigate its current challenges. FCIK also addressed infrastruc-While advocating for the tural deficiencies in the valley. implementation of the Central requesting the establishment of industrial scheme of ₹28,400 additional large-scale industrial crores for existing industrial estates and improvements to existing ones. units without any conditions, the FCIK President informed the

In response to the demands raised by the Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK), the Chief Minister assured the attendees that all genuine concerns would be addressed promptly, the statement added

"The Chief Minister expressed a strong commitment to reviving the industrial sector, recognizing its importance for overall economic development and increased government revenue. He acknowledged the necessity for a unified industrial policy and assured that immediate steps would be taken in this direction. Additionally, he agreed that any orders not implemented in Jammu would also be withdrawn in Kashmir, reinforcing his dedication to ensuring equitable treatment across the region."

Recognizing the challenges posed by composite tenders issued by various departments, which often exclude local businesses due to lower turnover requirements, the Chief Minister assured that these issues would be addressed.

Anti-Corruption Court Baramulla Rejects Bail Of Accused AEE custody. An application was **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: The Anti-Corruption Court Baramulla has rejected a bail application of an Assistant Executive Engineer -AEE R&B (PWD) who was accused of taking bribe red handed and a formal case was registered by ACB on October 16th 2024.

Details reveal that the corruption case has been registered against AEE Mubarak Ahmad Ganie on 16-10-2024 for demanding commission @ 2% as bribe from contractor complainant for processing his bill. The contractor / complainant approached Police Station ACB Baramulla with a written complaint and requested for legal action against AEE.

Accordingly a case under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018) was registered by ACB against the accused AEE & during investigation the accused officer was caught red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs. 25000/- from contractor at PWD (R&B) office Sopore District Baramulla on 16-10-2024.

As mandated under law, the accused AEE was presented before Hon'ble court of special iudge Anti-corruption court Baramulla from time to time and is presently under judicial

moved by the accused through his wife before the Hon'ble Anti-Corruption Court Baramulla for seeking bail. The said application was forwarded by the Hon'ble Court to P/S ACB Baramulla for report.

Accordingly, a report was submitted before the Hon'ble Court and upon hearing the arguments the Hon'ble Court rejected the bail application of the accused AEE with the following observations:

"There is prima facie evidence regarding involvement of accused in the offence alleged. Other factors like character of evidence collected during investigation, nature and gravity of offence involved, minimum punishment prescribed for said offence, character, position and standing of accused, gravity of accusation and larger public interest - also heavily tilt against accused at this stage. The application of the accused has no merit and the same is therefore dismissed".

The case is under investigation, recently ACB has registered several cases against corrupt public servants and many were also caught red handed while demanding and accepting bribe. General public has appreciated the active approach of the ACB in dealing with complaints of corruption.

Man Killed After Hit By Moving Train At Mazhama

Agencies

BUDGAM: A man was killed after being hit by a moving train Budgam-Mazhama between sections in central Kashmir on Tuesday

An official said that the man

between Budgam section to Mazhama on Tuesday morning. He said that man received critical injuries and succumbed before being taken to hospital adding that his identification is being ascertained. Police have taken cognizance of the incident-(KNO)

getting hit by a moving train

was crushed to death after **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

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CORRIGENDUM/ADDENDUM

Subject :- NIT No: Fresh24/ZNP/RnB/e-Tendering/2024-25 Dated:- 28-10-2024

- It is for the information of all the intending bidders that the last date for submission of online bids for the work at S No. 3 namely "Construction of Sub-Centre at Handew" on the website https://jktenders.gov.in/ has been extended upto 01/11/2024 upto 1800 Hrs instead of 25-102024 upto 1800 Hrs. 2.
 - The bids received shall be opened online on 02-11-2024(11:30 Hrs) in the office of the Executive Engineer R&B

Appointment Of Advocate General In J&K Faces Delays

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The process of appointing a new Advocate General for the Jammu and Kashmir remains in progress, with consultations underway between key stakeholders to finalize a suitable candidate.

The post has remained vacant since October 18, following the resignation of senior advocate DC Raina, who served with distinction for over a decade. While temporary delays in such appointments are not uncommon, officials are optimistic that the matter will be resolved soon.

The Advocate General holds a pivotal role, representing the administration in legal matters before the High Court.

Traditionally, governments aligned their legal teams with Traditionally, their administrative priorities, ensuring that legal strategies reflected policy objectives. However, since Jammu and Kashmir's reorganization into a Union Territory in 2019, the Lieutenant Governor's office has taken on greater responsibilities in appointing the Advocate General under the provisions of the **I&K Reorganization Act.** Sources revealed that consultations are ongoing to find a candidate acceptable to all parties. Both the administration, led by the Lieutenant Governor, and political leaders, including those from the National Con-

ference, are working towards a balanced solution that reflects the need for an experienced legal hand to handle the region's evolving legal landscape.

While several names are being discussed informally, officials have emphasized that the focus remains on appointing someone with expertise, neutrality, and the ability to navigate legal complexities without political overtones. Some candidates in consideration have extensive experience in constitutional and public law, ensuring that the eventual selection will bring competence and stability to the administration's legal affairs.

Officials remain confident that a consensus will be reached soon, with an announcement expected in the coming days. The aim, they say, is to ensure the appointment strengthens Jammu and Kashmir's legal apparatus, reflecting both continuity and professionalism.

the Lieutenant With both Governor's office and political leaders committed to finding common ground, the focus remains on ensuring the selection process aligns with the region's broader legal and administrative needs. The appointment of the next Advocate General will play a crucial role in supporting the administration through key legal challenges while maintaining the confidence of all stakeholders-(KNO)

Anniversary of Aga Syed Abul Hassan Zaigam Al Moosvi (RA) Commemorated

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: To honor the legacy of Zakir-e-Ahlul Bait, Aga Syed Abul Hassan Zaigam Al Moosvi (AR), a congregational Naatiya Mushairah was held on the night of October 29, 2024, at Moosvi Manzil, Gulshan Abad, Bota Kadal, Srinagar. The program witnessed a large gathering of attendees who came together to pay tribute to this renowned lar, writer, poet, and Zakir-e-



dasir Hussain, Hakim Suhail Abbas, Zakir Aga Syed Mushtaq Moosvi, Aga Syed Mujahid Hussain Moosy and many others

Aga Syed Abul Hassan Zaigam Al Moosvi's prolific work, consisting of hundreds of written works, has left a lasting impa

3 Drug Trafficking Networks Busted In North Kashmir

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: At least three drug trafficking networks have been busted in north Kashmir on Tuesday with police stating that the narcotics worth Rs 43 crores have been seized and eight persons have been arrested in this regard.

Drug addiction has become a worldwide problem and unfortunately Kashmir is no exception due to the prolonged turmoil and militancy, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to Kashmir Observer.

As per the reports of the parliamentary standing committee on social justice and empowerment approximately 1.35 million drug users are estimated to be in the UT of J&K, the statement said, adding that the illegal drugs and narcotics remains a pressing issue with far reaching consequences that affect individuals, families and community on the larger extent.

In the ongoing efforts against the drug abuse, Police said that in three separate incidents across the north Kashmir recovered around six kgs of Heroine and Brown Sugar having net worth of Rs 43 crores and detained eight persons in various coordinated efforts in district Baramulla, Kupwara and PD Handwara.

Three FIRs under relevant

In PS Baramulla, a case under FIR number 243/2024 under section 8/21,29 NDPS act stands registered in which 2.695 kgs of heroine(like substance) recovered and three persons arrested.

At PS Karnah, a case under FIR number 58/2024 under section 8/21, 29 NDPS Act stands registered in which 2.884 kgs of heroine (like substance) recovered and four persons stands arrested while in PS Handwara, a case under FIR number 193/2024 under section 8/21 NDPS act stands registered in which 465 gms of Brown Sugar (like substance) was recovered and one person has been arrested.

The arrested persons include Nazim Din Tass, son of Alamdin Tass of Zamboor Pattan Uri, Waqar Ahmad Khawaja, son of Abdul Rouf Khawaja of Tangdhar Kupwara, Manzoor Ahmad of Handwara, Sajad Ahmad Gorsi, son of Wali ur Rehman of Amrohi, Mohd Ismail Gorsi, son of Faqeer Mohd of Amrohi, Majid Ahmad Sheikh, son of Mohd Yousuf of Tangdar Bakhayan, Nisar Ahmad Badan, son of Mohd Suliaman of Amrohi Karnah and Javid Ahmad Sofi, son of Ab Razaq Sofi of Khunbal Handwara.

Moula Imam Hussain (AS). Prominent personalities

30 Injured In

present included Aga Syed Mehdi Moosvi, Syed Ahmad Rizvi, Muntazir Maqbool, Mu-

Udhampur Accident

Agencies

UDHAMPUR: At least 30 persons, including 26

nursing students were injured after a passenger vehicle met with an accident in Farna Magjote area of Udhampur district on Tuesday, officials said.

An official said that the bus lost control due

He said that 30 people, including 26 nursing

to overspeeding and fell into a roadside ditch.

students were injured, who have been shifted

to GMC Udhampur. The official said that two among the injured are said to be critical.

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai

told KNO that soon after getting the information

a rescue operation was launched and all injured were evacuated to GMC Udhampur-(KNO)

Terror Associate

associate along with 10 grenades.

Arrested In Pulwama

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police in Pul-

wama on Tuesday said to have arrested a terror

A police spokesman in a statement issued to

Kashmir Observer said that on 29th October,

based on inputs about an imminent terror at-

tack in Pulwama town, a joint naka of Pulwa-

ma SOG, 55RR and CRPF 182Bn, was laid in the

During the checking, police said that one per-

son namely Danish Bashir, son of Bashir Ahmad of

Dangerpora, Pulwama, who was travelling on his

Scooty, was asked to stop at the circular road and

search was made. Upon checking, police said that

10 live grenades and 05 batteries were found to be

in his possession which were carefully wrapped

Cognizance of the said recovery has been tak-

en and a case hnder FIR number 224/2024 under

section 18, 39 UAPA, 34 Explosives Act, and the

said suspect was arrested, police said, adding

that further investigation into this matter is go-

ing on and more arrests are likely to take place.

and kept in the under seat of the two wheeler.

evening hours at the Circular road, Pulwama.

Speakers highlighted Aga Syed Abul Hassan Zaigam Al Moosvi's contributions to literature, spirituality, and the promotion of Ahlul Bait's teachings.

Calls were made to include his writings in the educational curriculum, a step that would serve as a fitting tribute to his intellectual legacy.

Division Zainpora. No: R&B/ZNP/DIV/3308-13 Sd/-Dt: 28-10-2024 **Executive Engineer** DIPK-6952-24 **R&B** Division Zainpora DT: 29/10/2024

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION RAFIABAD, WATERGAM,

NOTICE INVITING TENDER Fresh e-NIT No. EE/R&B/Rafiabad/30 of 2024-25, Dated 28.10.2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir , e-tenders are invited by Executive Engineer R&B Div.Rafiabad (watergam) on (Aggregate Percentage Basis) from approved and eligible Civil Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt., PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. for the following work:-

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1	Upgradation of watergam thakgund road.	4.80	200	9600	20 days	DEE	(District Capex Budget)
2	Improvement of inner links and fencing of Eidgah Alsafa Colony Doabhga .	7.11	300	14220	25 days	CEE/DEE	PRI Grants)
3	Upgradadtion of Innner links at ladoora	7.81	300	15620	25 days	CEE/DEE	PRI Grants)
4	Co Drain from Masjid Abu Bakr to Nallah Kade via GovtHr Sec School Behrampora-A.	4.29	200	8580	20 days	DEE	PRI Grants)
5	Co Drain with Rwall near Ho Mohd Ramzan Lone and Co Drain from Ho Irshad Ah Shah to Ho Farooq Ah Sheikh at Dangiwacha.	3.30	200	6600	15 days	CEE/DEE	PRI Grants)
6	Construction of drain near Ho Gh. Ahmad Bhat via orchard of Farooq Ahmad Sheikh Phase 1st at Anwarabad Ward No. 7 at MC Watergam.	3.79	200	7580	15 days	DEE	UDS
7	Upgradation of road from Bakhipora to Panzala P2.	5.50	300	11000	20 days	CEE/ DEEDEE	PRI Grants
8	Upgd of inner links at Drusso.	2.60	200	5200	10 days	DEE	Distric capex budge
9	Upgradation of markazi mohalla braman road	14.56	29120	600	20days	BEE/CEE/ DEE	UT Road Sector (Capex Budget)

Date of Issue of Tender Notice	28/10/2024
Period of downloading of bidding documents	28/10/2024
Bid submission Start Date	28/10/2024
Bid Submission End Date	11/11/2024 4.00 P.M
Date & time of opening of Bids(Online)	12/11/2024at 11.00 P.M in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Div.Rafiabad (watergam)

Position of AAA/:Accorded

Position of TS /Accorded

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.O). Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.iktenders.gov.inas per schedule of dates given below: Special conditions:

- The intending tenderers must have sufficient skilled /unskilled labour force.
- All intending Bidders have to upload Scanned copy of Earnest money @ 2% as per the circular issued by Chief Engineer PW(R&B) De partment Kashmir, vide No. CE/RBK/HD/32857-92, Dated: 01-01-2022.
- Intending bidders shall upload scanned copies of documents of valid Registration card (2023-24) PAN / GST registration with clear-III. ance of August/September 2024 or 1st Quarter/2nd Quarter2024-25 (, Treasury Receipt (Dated between the bid start date and the bid submission end date) deposited in MH 0059and CDR ,BG or FDR pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Div. Rafiabad (watergam). However successful bidder shall produce the original copies of same within 3 days after opening of tenders

44. Schedule of payments:

- The payment schedule shall be fixed as per standard norms in accordance with specification, terms and conditions of award of contract accordingly the claim shall be prepared and processed further for technical check. Payment shall only be released as & when funds are available with DDO.
- 46. The tenderer should study all the terms and conditions of e-NIT in carefully and fill up the tender accordingly

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L	DIPK-6995-24			Executive Engineer
	DT: 29/10/2024			R&B Div. Rafiabad (watergam)
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sections of NDPS act were registered in the concerned Police Stations of Range NKR Baramulla, police said.

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Madness in Middle East

In the latest Israeli strike in Gaza in the continuing genocide in the Palestinian territory. The toll is now well past 43000 people, mostly civilians and children. Israel now visits so much death and destruction on Gaza daily that it has become a routine. Appalling enough, the world goes on regardless. The war has now expanded into Lebanon and threatens to drag Iran into it as well. The UN too has sounded a grave warning. On Tuesday, its special coordinator for Middle East peace said that the region was at its "most dangerous juncture" in decades. The war, he said, risks a serious escalation. But the world remains indifferent. Not just the US-led west but also the major powers on this side of the globe. It is a horrific state of affairs.

In March, even the United Nations passed a resolution, overwhelmingly supported by 14 out of 15 members, underlining the urgent need for peace and the cessation of hostilities that have ravaged the region. It was a call for humanity, compassion, and the protection of innocent lives in Gaza. But Israel has refused to listen. After degrading Hamas, Israel has changed its focus to Lebanon, where in the past two weeks, it has wrought havoc, killing not just civilians but also several top leaders of Hezbollah, including Hassan Nasrallah, the biggest of them all. It has also killed two successive chiefs of Hamas, Ismail Haniyeh and Yahya Sinwar.

Although US Secretary of State Antony Blinken recently visited the region in an umpteenth US-led attempt to ensure a ceasefire, nothing has changed on the ground. Israel has rejected all such efforts, instead seeking a ceasefire on its maximalist terms whereby both Hamas and Hezbollah accept an abject surrender. So, the war is likely to go on.

But if the Israeli provocations continue, the region could very well be heading towards a big conflagration whose outcome would be catastrophic not just for the region but the world too. This is why, world needs to act and put an end to this madness. So far, the major western powers have just been making occasional right noises, calling on Israel to halt its operations but actually funding and arming it to lay waste to the region. It is time that the time world powers make a meaningful effort to stop Israel and pull the region back from Vigilance Awareness Week

No to Corruption!

"It starts with me", says CM Omar Abdullah



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

e was serious and the message seemed clear "No to Corruption". The Chief Minister of J&K, Omar Abdullah, while administering the integrity pledge to his cabinet colleagues and administrative secretaries, urged upon them to maintain integrity in public life. The CM during his clear and focussed speech said:

"We can only stop our subordinates from doing something wrong if we ourselves are honest in our conduct. I am dishonest in my conduct. I cannot expect my cabinet Ministers to be honest. If I can't expect them to be honest & they can't expect you (Administrative Secretaries) to be honest. If we can't expect you to be honest, we can't expect your subordinates. Therefore it starts with me. I am to lead by example, I intend my Hon'ble Cabinet colleagues to follow that example and inturn I expect you to follow the example and your subordinates follow your example."

Vigilance Awareness Week

In connection with Vigilance Awareness Week (Oct 28th to Nov 3rd) Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday Oct 28th 2024 administered the integrity pledge to his Cabinet colleagues and Administrative Secretaries. On the sidelines of this programme Omar Abdullah while addressing his cabinet colleagues and administrative secretaries, urged upon them to maintain integrity in public life. The message was strong and its video is circulating on social media. The Chief Minister said:

"As we mark Vigilance Awareness Week from October 28 to November 3, I take great pride in reaffirming our unwavering commitment to a corruption-free Jammu and Kashmir. Eradicating corruption is more than a priority; it is a mission that drives us to introduce bold reforms, strengthen oversight, and empower citizens," Chief Minister added . He emphasised the relevance of this year's theme — 'Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity'.

"Integrity is the cornerstone of any ful nation, and its impact on growth, welfare and progress is undeniable. Upon stepping into office, our newly elected government has made a firm pledge to create a governance system rooted in integrity, fairness, and honesty," the chief minister said. The officers stationed at Jammu Secretariat joined the ceremony through video conference while as Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Heads of Departments, and hundreds of schools participated from their respective district headquarters. The other Govt departments also organised similar pledge-taking ceremonies for their employees, further demonstrating their commitment to uphold integrity at all levels of public service. The Chief Minister said his mission is simple & yet profound which is to serve with honour and ensure that every decision benefits the people. He urged all participants to engage actively in the initiatives organised during this week.





accused officials were acquitted and 2 were convicted. Similarly, in Anantnag, six officials were acquitted and one Govt official was convicted in between 2010-2023. In Baramulla, Anti Corruption Court which includes cases from Kupwara and Bandipora as well, 11 Govt officials accused of corruption by ACB were acquitted and only one official was convicted. This year until October around 20 Govt officials have been arrested by ACB while accepting bribes and out of them 8 officials were arrested from North Kashmir.

Suggestion for CM

Govt departments celebrate and commemorate many international days related to children, health, environment and the likes of it but when it comes to commemorating the days like International Anti Corruption Day, the Govt officials are reluctant. A majority of Govt officers are unaware as to when the Vigilance Week is to be commemorated or when the Anti Corruption Day is to be held.

As Chief Minister Omar Abdullah seems serious about reducing corruption in J&K, I urge upon him to facilitate the creation of posts of Anti Corruption Judges so that corruption cases that are pending in courts are disposed of within a short span of time. Infact, the J&K Anti Corruption Bureau is doing its job efficiently but due to lack of designated Judges in eleven Anti Corruption Courts in J&K, the trial gets delayed. The government also needs to do a study by hiring young researchers/anti corruption fellows to know why there are so many acquittals vis a vis corruption cases in J&K. If there are loopholes on part of the prosecution, that also needs to be addressed. A strong CM's Grievance Cell should be set up which is accessible on all social media platforms & should be headed by a senior officer not below the rank of Secretary to Govt The Govt must also organise Anti Corruption workshops and seminars in schools and colleges and above all make laws like Right to Information Act and J&K Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) more efficient and workable. These laws will help bring down the graph of corruption and make Govt officials more accountable. In the past 5 years, the bureaucracy has kept these laws in suspended animation. It is ironic that under the Digital India programme people of J&K have been deprived of seeking information through an Online RTI platform. Poor citizens of J&K continue to seek information through obsolete ways by going to Govt offices or sending applications via post.



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Why You Shouldn't Lose Faith in the Stock Market: A Guide for Beginners

Irshad Mushtaq

nvesting in the stock market can be intimidating, especially when prices fluctuate due to factors like international conflicts or elections. However, these changes are usually temporary. It's important to view downturns as opportunities rather than losses. Here's why you should stay calm and informed:

1. Understand Market Nature: The stock market is inherently volatile. Prices can go up and down based on various factors, often beyond our control. This volatility should be expected, not feared.

2. Long-Term Perspective: Investments, whether in the stock market, real estate, or any other area, tend to yield better returns over the long term. For most guaranteed plans, you need to invest your money for a minimum of five years to see significant returns. This applies to stocks as well.

3. Market Transparency: Stocks and mutual funds show frequent price changes, which can be confusing. Unlike holding gold or real estate, you can see these changes daily on your screen. This transparency shouldn't drive you to panic but should be seen as a key advantage.

4. Quality Investments: Focus on quality stocks or mutual funds. They have the potential to grow over time, even if they seem to underperform temporarily.

5. Cyclical Nature: Remember, markets go through cycles—bull markets (rising prices) and bear markets (falling prices). Each down-turn can serve as an opportunity for future gains if you invest wisely and hold long-term.

6. Stay Committed: It's common to feel uneasy when you see your investment's value drop. But remember, if you have a diversified portfolio with quality assets, you're likely to benefit in the long run. By understanding the nature of investments and maintaining patience, you can navigate the ups and downs of the stock market and secure your financial future. Conclusion Investing in the stock market can feel daunting, but downturns are often temporary opportunities! Embrace volatility, focus on quality investments, and adopt a long-term outlook. Patience and commitment can lead to a brighter financial future.

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Dearth of Anti Corruption Judges

There are more acquittals and less convictions when it comes to corruption related cases. In 2020, only one person was convicted by the Anti Corruption Court in J&K and was awarded punishment. Last year, this author had obtained some information under the RTI Act 2005 from J&K Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB). There are 11 Anti Corruption Courts in J&K but only two Special Anti Corruption Judges have been appointed in Srinagar and Jammu and rest of the nine courts don't have designated judges. The Anti Corruption cases in Rajouri,Doda,Udhampur, Kathua, Pulwama, Anantnag and Baramulla are looked after by the judges posted in local District and Sessions court who already have a lot of workload. Due to the absence of dedicated special anti-corruption judges, the corruption cases filed by ACB in these courts take years to get judgments. Very few convictions are made and even corrupt officers get acquitted in many cases. As per the information sought under RTI, there were only 78 Govt officials convicted in the last 13 years i.e between 2010 to 2023 in J&K. During the same time 156 Govt officials who were accused of corruption by ACB were acquitted by the respective Anti Corruption courts. This means the graph of acquittal is three times more than conviction ? In Special Anti Corruption Court Jammu, 75 accused Govt officials were acquitted and 55 were convicted; in Special Anti Corruption Court Srinagar which includes cases from Budgam and Ganderbal as well, 42



The Chief **Minister's office** needs to move beyond the **Integrity Pledge** and counter the menace of corruption at all levels. The Speaker of Assembly must also administer this pledge to all the **MLAs.** Corruption not only impacts people but also undermines merit and good governance

Govt officials were acquitted and only 18 were convicted between 2010-2023.

Ironically, in Rajouri Doda and Kathua, not even a single Govt official has been convicted in the last 13 years by Anti Corruption Judges whereas one each Govt official was acquitted by these three designated courts.

In Pulwama Anti Corruption Court, nine

Conclusion

It is heartening to see CM Omar Abdullah administering the integrity pledge to his cabinet Ministers and senior bureaucrats. The Chief Minister's office needs to move beyond the Integrity Pledge and counter the menace of corruption at all levels. The Speaker of Assembly must also administer this pledge to all the MLAs. Corruption not only impacts people but also undermines merit and good governance. The corruption also wastes the taxpayers' money and citizens lose the confidence in democratically elected Governments. It is high time for the newly elected Govt to act against Corruption with an iron fist.

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Emergence of Cloud Computing and Digital Transformation in Automotive Industries

Khalid Mustafa

The 1970s saw the beginning of the development of automobile software. During this

period, cars began to use computers with sophisticated electronics and software-controlled basic engine operations entering the automotive sector. Software started to regulate entertainment, climate control, safety, and driving assistance in the 1990s and early 2000s. The emergence of cloud computing and digital transformation have put the automotive sector on the verge of a technological revolution. The need for intelligent, sustainable and efficient transportation solutions is growing as the world gets more interconnected.

Along with the growing trend of AI use in the automobile sector, the idea of a digital twin is also gaining popularity. By 2027, 30% of software-defined vehicles will have a Digital Twin 2.0 of at least one vehicle system, compared to less than 1% today. By 2030, the average automaker will use AI in 80% of its high-value processes, up from 20% today.

Solutions are growing as the world gets more interconnected. Autonomous driving, connectivity, electrification, and shared mobility are four well-known technological trends that have become important forces behind innovation in the automotive sector.

Tech giants and startups are fiercely competing with traditional automakers, upending the market with their creative business strategies and state-of-the-art technologies. Furthermore, cars' unquenchable desire for data creation will only grow as their level of autonomy rises. In addition to pushing global networks to their breaking point, this new normal will require a strong, worldwide network of cloud data centers in order to efficiently and conscientiously handle the influx. In order to satisfy the constantly changing needs of contemporary customers in this globally interconnected society, cloud computing has become essential rather than a luxury.

Let's discuss some top technologies used in cloud for the automotive industry:

Over-the-Air (OTA) Updates: Without forcing customers to visit a service center, car businesses can now provide software upgrades and new features to vehicles over-the-air (OTA) thanks to the cloud.



Manufacturers can remotely update the software and firmware of cars using cloud-based software and APIs, enhancing security and guaranteeing that cars are running the most recent software versions in the automotive sector.

Connected Vehicles: The cloud enables the creation of linked cars, or autos that are connected to other devices and the internet. Connectivity enables a number of extra features and services, including over-the-air updates, remote diagnostics, and real-time traffic data.

Autonomous Mobility-as-a-Service (AMaaS): By offering scalable processing power and real-time data processing capabilities for effective ridesharing and logistical services, the cloud can facilitate the smooth integration and orchestration of fleets of autonomous vehicles.

Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS): With capabilities like adaptive cruise control, intelligent traffic signal recognition, and predictive collision avoidance, cloud-connected ADAS will improve driver safety by utilizing real-

e time data from infrastructure, traffic, and automobiles. - Automated Vehicle Cybersecurity: To

protect linked cars from online attacks, cloud-based cybersecurity solutions use machine learning and advanced analytics. By offering ongoing threat detection, protection, and monitoring, these technologies protect automated cars from changing cybersecurity threats.

Generative Al for Vehicle Design and Manufacturing: Rapid iteration, optimization, and customisation based on realtime data and customer preferences are made possible by cloud-based generative Al models, which are revolutionizing the design and manufacturing processes for automobiles.

Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X): Communication: Real-time communication between automobiles, infrastructure, and other linked devices will be made possible by cloud-based platforms, promoting intelligent traffic control, accident avoidance, and improved navigation.

In-Vehicle Infotainment: Through

over-the-air updates, real-time data integration, and smooth content streaming, cloud computing makes it possible to give customized infotainment, navigation, and telematics services to connected cars, improving the driving experience.

Connected EV Charging Networks: Utilize real-time data processing and analytics to optimize charging schedules, control energy consumption, and notify users about charging station availability and costs in order to facilitate the management and optimization of cloud-based systems and electric vehicle charging networks.

Self-Driving Vehicles: Full Self-Driving (FSD) in autonomous vehicles relies on the cloud to collect and analyse massive volumes of sensor data, mapping data, and real-time traffic data. The creation, training, and implementation of autonomous driving systems are powered by cloud solutions, which also enable decision-making and over-the-air software updates enabling fleet-wide self-driving capabilities.

Automated Manufacturing: By facilitating tasks like automated car assembly, maintenance, and logistical operations, the integration of robots and automation in vehicle manufacturing processes made possible by cloud solutions—improves the productivity, accuracy, and safety of automotive production processes.

Navigation Systems: Navigations or in simpler terms we are aware about like google Maps shows you directions and uses real-time traffic information to find the best route to your destination. With voice navigation, you can hear traffic alerts, where to turn, which lane to use, and if there's a better route.

Let's highlight a few words about the Hyundai OEM for which I am currently a part of at an automobile dealership. The Connected Car Service Platform (ccSP) of the Hyundai Motor Group, which was unveiled at the Seoul Motor Show 2017, was what enabled a variety of services by interlinking vehicles, smart devices and transportation infrastructure altogether. Hyundai Motor Group has since gained valuable experience in cloud system management. Hyundai Motor Group plans to establish additional big data centers in key global markets and to link them for more efficient analysis, so that we can ultimately create better connected car services.

Connected Car Operation System (ccOS) is a proprietary infotainment operating system developed by Hyundai Motor Group for the efficient operation of their high-performance connected car systems. The ccOS consists of an automotive framework that provides vehicle networks and control functions, an infotainment framework that provides navigation, multimedia and customizable UX functions, and a connectivity framework that provides server-based data processing functions.

To put it briefly, cloud computing promotes effective performance, data-driven insights, and seamless communication. Automotive firms may meet their migration and modernization objectives, as well as optimal resource use and regulatory compliance, particularly by utilizing private cloud or hybrid cloud platforms.

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Autumn's Inspiration

Aubaid Akhoon

Setting aside the hustle of everyday life, I recently embarked on a journey with friends to retreat to appreciate nature's splendor and gain deeper insight. Literature has long cherished the study of the universe as a favored theme, drawing writers for ages, and for me, this fascination intertwines with a spiritual quest. Allah's magnificent creation invites reflection, offering a pathway to recognizing His presence in every element. Through observation and contemplation, we find ourselves closer to Him, experiencing the harmony of His design.

In the Quran, Allah calls us to reflect: "He is the One who sends down water from the sky, which nourishes you and creates fodder for your animals. And with it, He brings forth crops, olives, date palms, grapes, and every type of fruit. In this, there are indeed signs for those who reflect" (An-Nahl 16:10-11).

The Holy Quran extends this invitation with such intensity because it underscores the importance of reflection in human life. Delving into nature opens doors to profound knowledge, allowing us to immerse ourselves in a boundless sea of wisdom. Through this, we understand that Quranic teachings encourage knowledge and research for all humanity. This call holds special significance for Muslims, urging them to harness their potential and expand their understanding of the universe, finding purpose through exploration and learning.

The concept above is beautifully articulated by the poet Mirza Mohammad Rafi Sauda (1713-1781), a renowned Persian and Urdu poet, in the following couplet:

Har sang mein sharar hai tere zuhoor ka Musa nahi ke sair karun koh-e-Toor ka "Every stone bears the spark of Your manifestation:

I am not Moses to traverse the Mount of Sinai."

This couplet beautifully captures the essence of experiencing divine presence in the world around us. It emphasizes that every element of nature, every stone, radiates the spark of Allah's existence, making His presence felt in every nook of creation. The poet reflects on the profound connection between



the divine and the natural world, suggesting that one does not need extraordinary experiences, like those of Prophet Moses at Mount Sinai, to witness the beauty and wonder of Allah's design. Instead, the mundane, everyday elements of life are filled with signs and symbols of His existence.

This reflection speaks to a universal truth: that the divine is not confined to grand miracles or sacred sites; rather, it permeates all aspects of existence. By recognizing the divine spark within nature, we cultivate a sense of spirituality that invites us to appreciate the intricate tapestry of life. Each stone, tree, and breeze serves as a reminder of Allah's creative power, urging us to engage in contemplation and appreciation of the world around us. Such reflections deepen our understanding of our purpose and connection to the universe, fostering a sense of harmony with creation and, ultimately, with the Creator.

During our journey, we encountered an array of scenic views. Amidst it all, my attention was drawn to bare, leafless trees standing exposed, devoid of leaves, and dried by the cold. To many, they might seem unimpressive, yet these trees held a unique beauty in their quiet strength, free from vanity or regret. They did not mourn their lost leaves, nor did they indulge in the narcissism of their "bare" appearance, and there was no desire to cover themselves artificially. As the poet aptly expresses:

"Bhale hi chhaon na de, aasra to deta hai, Yeh arzo ka shajar hai, khizan raseeda sahi." "Though it may not provide shade, it still offers support;

This is the tree of desires, weathered by autumn, yet still standing."

Our lives mirror nature's seasons, filled with moments of beauty and joy, as well as phases of loss and simplicity. Life's golden chapters can lead us to complacency and even pride. During such times, if we neglect balance, there is a real risk of straying from the path. We may allow arrogance to cloud our judgment, placing ourselves above others and losing the humility that keeps us grounded.

True humility means acknowledging our place without elevating ourselves above others, a trait that earns Allah's favor. However, when we view others as inferior, we risk falling into arrogance. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) warned against this pride, saying that on the Day of Judgment, the proud will be raised as tiny ants in human form, cloaked in disgrace, and driven to the prison of Hell called "Boulas." A great fire will consume them, and they will be given the filth of Hell's dwellers to drink.

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (凝) as saying (Sahih Muslim 2564 a):

"Don't harbor grudges and don't manipulate prices against one another. Do not allow hatred or enmity to develop among you, and do not interfere with a transaction once others have entered into it. Instead, be like brothers and servants of Allah. A Muslim is the brother of another Muslim. He neither oppresses him, humiliates him, nor looks down upon him. Piety resides here," and he pointed to his chest three times.

"It is a serious evil for a Muslim to look down upon his Muslim brother. All aspects of a Muslim's life are sacred to his fellow Muslim: his blood, his wealth, and his honor."

This hadith serves as a poignant reminder that pride distances us from the truth. Arrogance clouds our vision, leading us to deny what is right. As we navigate life, humility and acceptance of impermanence become our guides. Embracing life's inevitable changes as natural brings peace, helping us appreciate that time is in a constant state of flow, never lingering in one place.

With each rise comes a fall, just as autumn's fading leaves remind us. They stand as silent testimonies to nature's eternal cycles, encouraging us to accept life's turns with grace. This reminder was autumn's gift to me, one I carry forward with gratitude.

As I eagerly await another journey, filled with inspiration and curiosity, I bid farewell to these autumn vistas with a heart full of wisdom:

"Mein loatne ke iradey se ja raha hoon, Magar safar safar hai, mera intezar mat karna."

"I leave with the intent to return, Yet, a journey is a journey—do not wait for

my return."

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'About A Third Of 2019's Asthma Cases Related To Prolonged Exposure To PM2.5'

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bout a third of global asthma cases reported in 2019 were related to prolonged exposure to pollution due to PM2.5 or fine particulate matter, a finding that researchers said provided "sufficient evidence" on the link between air pollution and asthma.

The review of 68 studies conducted from 2019-2023 across 22 countries, including South Asian ones, showed that for every 10 micrograms per cubic metre increase in PM2.5, the risk of developing childhood or adult asthma increases by over 21 per cent.

The respiratory condition is marked by recurring symptoms of wheezing, coughing and breathlessness and can severely impair quality of life.

"We estimate that globally in 2019, almost a third of asthma cases are attributable to long-term PM2.5 exposure, corresponding to 63.5 million existing cases and 11.4 million new cases," first author Ruijing

Ni, from the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry, said.

While evidence has suggested longterm exposure to fine particulate matter pollution to be a risk factor for developing asthma, the researchers said that inconsistencies in earlier studies left potential health risk of this exposure to debate.

However, their analysis, published in the journal One Earth, found that "longterm exposure to PM2.5 significantly increases asthma risk in both children and adults and is associated with (nearly) 30 per cent asthma cases globally"

There is now sufficient evidence and a high level of confidence in the link between long-term exposure to ambient PM2.5 and asthma, the researchers said.

Children formed majority of the affected -- over 60 per cent, the study found. Lungs and immune function are known to fully mature until early adulthood, which is why children are considered more vulnerable to air pollution, as exposure to it can lead to inflammation and over-reactiv-



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populations are typically exposed to higher levels of air pollution and bear a greater burden of PM2.5, the researchers said.

Using epidemiological models, the team estimated that about 0.12 million excess deaths were due to asthma. These deaths were found to exclusively occur in adults, most of them in India and China, followed by those in countries in Southeast Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

The authors noted that despite relatively lower levels of PM2.5 exposure, Northern America and Western Europe also contributed significantly to asthma prevalence and incidence.

"Our findings highlight the urgent need for policymakers to enforce stringent legislation to continuously combat air pollution, while personal protective measures, such as wearing masks, can also help reduce individual exposure and mitigate the risk of asthma," said corresponding author Yafang Cheng, the director of the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry.

'Attention Problems Could Be 'Middleman' Between Genetic Risk For Experiencing Psychosis'

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ttention problems in childhood could act as a "middleman", or an intermediary, between a genetic risk for mental illness and experiencing psychosis-like symptoms -- a feature of mental conditions such as schizophrenia and mania phase of bipolar disorder, according to a study.

Psychosis is a mental state in which one loses touch with reality. Symptoms include harbouring delusions and experiencing hallucinations

Problems with one's ability to concentrate, or one's attention span, are known to be one of the earliest preceding stages of psychosis.

However, researchers at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Health, US, have found that having attention issues as a child explained about 4-16 per cent of the link between one's genetic risk for psychiatric disorders and experiencing psychosis-like symptoms.

"If attention completely explained the relationship between genetic predisposition and psychotic-like experiences, that percentage would be 100 per cent," Sarah Chang, a neuroscience graduate student at the UCLA Health and co-first author of the study published in the journal Nature Mental Health, said.

'While there are many risk factors for psychosis, the mechanisms through which these risk factors operate, particularly during this developmental risk period for psychosis, are not well understood - and that's where our paper comes in," Chang said. The researchers also found that a higher genetic risk for mental and



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cognitive disorders was related with more severe psychotic experiences and greater attention issues.

For their analysis, the team used cognitive, brain and genetic data from more than 10,000 participants from the ongoing Adolescent Brain and Cognitive Development (ABCD) study in the US, which is examining brain development in nearly 12,000 youth starting at age of nine and following them into early adulthood.

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"We have known for a very long time that attention problems are some the earliest precursors of psychosis," lead author Carrie Bearden, a professor at UCLA Health.

"Taking a different approach of looking at this large, typically developing youth cohort we find a really strong association with broad neurodevelopmental risk that was most strongly linked to psychotic Attentional symptoms appears to be a mediator that links the genetic liability and those symptoms," Bearden said.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ELECTRICAL DIVISION ANANTNAG KPDCL.

Notice Inviting Tenders

e-NIT No: - EDA/ 65 of 2024-25

Dated: 21-10-2024

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited, e-Tenders, (In Two Cover System) are hereby invited from reputed Contractors having Valid A-Class Electrical Contractor License or equivalent license issued by Chief Electrical Inspector of J&KPDD/Relevant issuing authority/ registered Firms/Bidders enlisted with CPWD/MES/Railways/GEM, for works, as details below:

S. No	Name of the Work/AA Cost		Adv. Cost (Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document	EMD	Completion Period	Status of AA
1.	Installation of transformer 63 kv for ward no 1 and 2	6.826					Admin Approval
2.	Chahad mode 63kv along with H T line wire	7.166	21.301	Rs 1000/=	2% of Adv	25 Davs	accorded vide 157-
3.	100 KV Transformer at Cheki Trahpoo	7.309	21.501		Cost	20 Days	DDCA of 2024 D: 14-08- 2024

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The tender document is available on website <u>http://jktenders.gov.in</u>. 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 below:

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	The standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 21-10-2024; 4:00 PM
В	Sale of Bid Document (Start)	21-10-2024; 4:00 PM
С	Sale of Bid Document (End)	01-11-2024; 3:00 PM
D	Clarification start date	21-10-2024; 4:00 AM
Е	Clarification End date	31-10-2024; 3:00PM
F	e-Bid submission (start) date and time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	21-10-2024; 5:00PM
G	e-Bid submission (End) date and time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	02-11-2024; 3:00PM
Н	Hard Copy of e-tender fee and EMD Instrument & Affidavit that the Firm/Contractor is not Black listed by any of the Govt. Offices.	Up-to 04-11-2024; 03:00 PM in office of the Executive Engineer ED- Anantnag
Ι	Online commercial and technical e-bid opening date and time	04-11-2024; 11:00 AM
J	Online financial e-bid opening date & time (only of the technically qualified bidders)	Will be communicated to the technically qualified bidders
Κ	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-bids	office of the Executive Engineer ED-Anantnag

dated: 29-10-2024

Executive Engineer ED Anantnag (KPDCL)

No: EDA/7<mark>91-800</mark> Dated: 21-10-2024 No. 3740-42

DIPK-6937/24 dated: 29-10-2024

Sd/-**Executive Engineer,** PWD(R&B) Division Qazigund.

Date:28-10-2024

PWD (R&B) DIVISION QAZIGUND Corrigendum

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

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Reference:- NIT No. 28 Of R&B/QAZIGUND/ 2024-25/E-TENDERING/3522-36 DATED:15-10-2024

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BUSINESS

KASHMIR OBSERVER Srinagar | Wednesday | 30-10-2024

Saudi 'Davos In The Desert' Opens **Amid Conflict In Middle East**



AFP

RIYADH- Global business leaders meet in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday for a glitzy investor forum as conflict shakes the region and scepticism mounts over the Gulf kingdom's most ambitious development projects. The Future Investment Initiative (FII) debuted in 2017 as a showcase for de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's dream of diversifying the economy of the world's largest crude exporter away from oil.

This year's three-day event is expected to draw more than 7,000 delegates including Tik-Tok CEO Shou Zi Chew and the chief executives of Citigroup and Goldman Sachs.

For the second year in a row, conflict in the Middle East is likely to shape panel discussions and side meetings.

Last year's FII took place just weeks after Hamas's unprecedented attack on southern Israel triggered the war in Gaza, with high-level speakers warning about economic turmoil should the fighting draw in other countries.

A year later those fears have been realised, as Israel presses operations against Hezbollah in Lebanon and carries out titfor-tat strikes with Iran.

"I suspect attendees will reflect seriously on the grinding nature of the Israel-Gaza war, a new invasion in Lebanon, and ongoing concerns over region-

wide conflict escalations," said Robert Mogielnicki of the Arab Gulf States Institute in Wash-

tive in shielding their country from the worst effects of regional conflict for now, but it's very difficult to find a silver lining in this manner of conflict raging across the Middle East

FII Institute CEO Richard Attias told a press conference in Rivadh this month that the gathering is not meant to focus on "politics" and should in-stead tackle big-picture invest-ments "to build a better world". "We are an independent platform and we don't want to be, forgive me for the word, polluted by any political events," said Attias, former producer of the World Economic Forum in

"I am curating events for 35 years now, and I learned one thing: The show must go on." 'Doubters beware'

This year's FII, sometimes referred to as "Davos in the Desert", also comes as Saudi officials try to demonstrate progress on signature elements of Prince Mohammed's Vision 2030 reform agenda.

Authorities have reportedly scaled back 2030 size and population targets for NEOM, a planned futuristic megacity in northwest Saudi Arabia meant to feature a ski resort and twin skyscrapers 170 kilometres

J&K Bank Organizes Seminar-**Cum-Awareness Camp On High-Density Plantation Scheme**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR- In line with its commitment to fostering sustainable agricultural growth and supporting the farming community, J&K Bank Tuesday organized a seminar-cum-awareness camp in collaboration with Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) and the Horticulture Department, Held at the District Horticulture Office in Budgam, the seminar focused on promoting the High-Density Plantation Scheme, drawing a large gathering of farmers eager to explore the scheme's potential benefits. Speaking on the occasion, the Bank's Deputy General Manager (DGM) Rakesh Magotra explained in detail the purpose, process and features of the High-Density Plantation Scheme. Addressing the assembled farmers, he outlined various avenues available under the scheme, emphasizing the financial benefits that could be accessed through credit linkage with J&K Bank. He also highlighted the Bank's initiatives to support the farming sector, particularly through government-backed schemes aimed at enhancing productivity and profitability in horticulture.

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J&K Bank

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The event was attended by

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Serving To Empower

India Fastest Growing Major Economy, Likely To Become Third Largest Soon: President Murmu

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Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- India is the fastest growing major economy and is likely to become the third largest economy soon, President Droupadi Murmu said on Tuesday. Addressing an event in Del-

hi, she said the Indian economy had been demonstrating resilience in the face of geopolitical challenges and the country's economy was likely to grow tenfold by 2047. "India is the fastest growing

major economy and is likely to become the third largest economy soon," Murmu said. According to the latest World Bank estimate, India contributed 16 per cent to global economic growth in 2023

"Our economy is likely to grow tenfold by 2047," the president said, addressing probationers of the Indian Trade Service and the Indian Cost Accounts Service who had called on Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

With a rapid economic growth of 8.2 per cent in 2023-24, the Indian economy has been demonstrating resilience in the face of geopolitical challenges, she said. India needs to attract pri-

vate investment to increase per capita income levels and get to continued high levels of growth, even amid a turbulent global environment, Murmu said.

The Indian government has an investor-friendly policy, where most sectors are open for 100 per cent FDI (foreign direct investment) under the automatic route, she said.

"Several initiatives of the government of India are creating an enabling ecosys-



"it will be your responsibility to facilitate the creation of an enabling environment and infrastructure for increasing trade across borders"

up new dimensions in trade negotiation, create innovative policies and provide new impetus to boost India's trade. I know that you will live up to the expectations of the country," the president told the officers.

Murmu said that in the implementation of the GST system, "audits undertaken by you have been instrumental in detecting revenue leakages and enhancing compliance measures".

for excellence. Be aware of the fact that whatever you do has an ultimate impact on the welfare of underprivileged and deprived sections," she said.

The president said the officers joined service at a time they could contribute to mak-

'The story of a new, rising role," she added.

Govt Asks Manufacturers To Cut Price Of Three Anti-Cancer Drugs

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Murmu said that with the

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Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- The government has asked the companies to reduce prices of three anticancer ugs to pass on the benefit of customs duty exemption and GST reduction to the consumers.



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diPhone 16 Pro l **Apple Launches iPhone Into AI**

Era With Free Software Update Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO- Apple is releasing a free software update that will inject its first dose of artificial intelligence into its iPhone 16 lineup as the trendsetting company tries to catch up with technology's latest craze.

The upgrade to the iOS 18 operating system on Monday arrives more than a month after four iPhone 16 models equipped with the special computer chip needed to power the AI features went on sale at prices ranging from \$800 to \$1,200. Last year's premium models – the iPhone 15 Pro and iPhone 15 Pro Max also possess a processor that will enable the AI technology after the software update is installed.

Recent versions of Apple's iPad and Mac computer also can be updated with the software.

Countries outside the U.S. won't be getting the AI software for their iPhones until next year at a date still to be determined. Apple spent the past five weeks testing the AI software among an audience of iPhone owners who signed up to help the company fine tune the technology.

The AI infusion is supposed to transform Apple's often bumbling virtual assistant Siri into a more conversational, versatile and colorful companion whose presence will be denoted by a glowing light that circles the iPhone's screen as requests are being handled.

While Apple is promising Siri will be able to perform more tasks and be less prone to becoming confused, it won't be able to interact with other apps installed on the iPhone until another software update comes out at a still-unspecified date

Other AI features included in this software update will handle a variety of writing and proofreading tasks, summarize the content of emails and other documents. The AI also will provide a variety of editing tools to alter the appearance of photos and make it easier to find old pictures.

Other AI tricks still to come in future software updates will include the ability to create customized emojis on the fly or conjure other fanciful imagery upon request. Apple also plans to eventually enable its AI suite to get a helping hand from OpenAI's ChatGPT when users want it.

Most of the AI features Apple introduced Monday are already available on Androidpowered smartphones that Samsung and Google released earlier this year.

In an effort to distinguish its approach from the early leaders in AI, the iPhone's suite of new technology is being marketed as "Apple Intelligence." Apple is also promising its AI features will do a far better job protecting the privacy of iPhone owners by either running the technology on device or corralled in a fortress-like data center when some requests have to be processed remotely

Apple Ships \$6 Billion Of iPhones From India In Big Shift From China

Sankalp Phartiyal, Bloomberg

NEW DELHI- Apple Inc.'s iPhone exports from India jumped by a third in the six months through September, underscoring its push to expand manufacturing in the country and reduce dependence on China

ern India. Foxconn's local unit, based on the outskirts of Chennai, is the top supplier in India and accounts for half of the country's iPhone exports.

Salt-to-software conglomerate Tata Group's electronics manufacturing arm exported about \$1.7 billion in iPhones from its actory in Karnataka state from



on boosting manufacturing, "Our economy is likely "You are expected to bring

(Budgam), and Branch Managers from neighboring areas, who engaged with farmers and discussed the Bank's diverse financial offerings. J&K Bank's Facilitator (FLCC) further informed the attendees about various Social Security Schemes available to the farming community, which serve as additional support measures.

The interactive session allowed participants to voice their concerns, which were addressed by Bank representatives, ensuring clarity and support for those interested in the scheme.

Present on the occasion, District Horticulture Specialist Masarat Jabeen and Dr. Oroosa Khalil, Associate Professor from SKUAST-K, also added valuable insights from the horticulture sector to the discussion and addressing farmers' specific queries.

In line with the government's commitment to ensure the availability of drugs at affordable prices, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has issued an office memorandum directing the concerned manufacturers to reduce the MRP on three anti-cancer drugs, Osimertinib Trastuzumab, and Durvalumab.

This is in pursuance to the announcement made in the Union Budget for the year 2024-25 exempting these three anti-cancer medicines from customs duty, the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers said in a statement. The Department of Rev-

enue, Ministry of Finance, issued a notification dated July

23, this year reducing the customs duty to nil on the three drugs

"Accordingly, there should be a reduction in MRP of these drugs in the market and benefits of reduced taxes and duties should be passed on to the consumers," the ministry said. Hence, NPPA has directed all the manufacturers of above-mentioned drugs to reduce their MRP, it added

The manufacturers are required to issue a price list or supplementary price list to the dealers, state drugs controllers and the government indicating changes and to submit information regarding price changes to NPPA, the ministry said.

While presenting the Union Budget for 2024-25 in the Lok Sabha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed to cut customs duties on Trastuzumab, Osimertinib and Durvalumab from 10 per cent to nil.

bilities. India is a crucial part of

the company's effort to lessen

its reliance on China, where

risks have grown along with

Three of Apple's suppliers -

Beijing's tensions with the US.

Taiwan's Foxconn Technology

Group and Pegatron Corp., and

homegrown Tata Electronics

- assemble iPhones in south-

The US company exported nearly \$6 billion of India-made iPhones, an increase of a third in value terms from a year earlier, people familiar with the matter said, asking not to be named as the information is private. That puts annual exports on track to surpass the about \$10 billion of fiscal 2024. Apple is expanding its manufacturing network in India at a rapid clip, taking advantage of local subsidies, a skilled workforce and advances in the country's technological capa-

April to September, the people said. Tata acquired this unit from Wistron Corp. last year, becoming the first Indian assembler of Apple's bestselling product.

The dollar figure refers to the devices' estimated factory gate value, not the retail price. Representatives for Apple declined to comment. Pegatron also declined to comment, while Foxconn and Tata spokespersons didn't respond to requests for comment.

iPhones account for the bulk of India's smartphone exports and helped the product category become the top export to the US at \$2.88 billion in the first five months of this fiscal year, according to federal trade ministry data. Five years ago, before Apple expanded manufacturing in India, the country's annual smartphone exports to the US were a meager \$5.2 million.

Medical Device Industry Opposes Import **Of Refurbished Medical Devices**

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- Medical device industry associations on Tuesday attacked the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change for allowing the import of refurbished and pre-owned medical devices into the country saying it is against the interests of the companies investing in local manufacturing.

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and the Association of Indian Medical Devices (AiMed), in alliance with the Manufacturers of Imaging, Therapy and Radiology Devices Association (MITRA), the Association of Diagnostic Manufacturers of India (ADMI), and other key stakeholders from the MedTech industry

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AiMeD Forum Coordinator

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Rajiv Nath stated.

"The Office Memorandum "Not only are many proj-(OM) issued by the MoEFCC ects recently initiated for undermines the National high-end medical equip-Medical Devices Policy 2023, ment now jeopardised, but which was launched by the patient safety is also at risk," Prime Minister last year. The Nath said. OM allows the import of India is being treated as a pre-owned medical equipdumping ground for e-waste, ment into India, putting the with obsolete equipment beinvestments made by Indian ing resold in the country and overseas manufacturwhile overseas manufactur-

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their sales - once through re-

placement sales to hospitals

in the Western world and

again through second sales

of pre-owned equipment to

"This severely harms the

domestic industry, which is

still in its nascent stage. India

must not become a dumping

India. he stated.

ground for obsolete medical equipment," Nath said.

Healthcare Innvolution Co-Founder Atul Sharma said India's self-reliant healthcare vision relies on fostering local innovation.

to prioritise domestic manufacturers and consult CD-SCO's data to prevent unnecessary imports that hinder industry growth," he added. Echoing similar sentiments, Sequoia Healthcare CEO & MD Viswanathan Santhanagopalan said hospitals and diagnostic centres charge patients the same fees, regardless of whether they use new or refurbished equipment, meaning no cost benefit is passed on to pa-

"We urge the government

tients while outdated technology is employed.



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

S.No	Particulars	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)
1	Installation of dedicated essential feeder along with Creation of Electric Substation for WSS Regional Parihaspora-RETENDER.	88.52

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

i)	Date and Time of downloading/ Sale (Start) of Tender Document	24.10.2024; 16:00 Hrs				
ii)	Date & Time of Download/ Sale (End) of Tender Document	31.10.2024; 16:00 Hrs				
iii)	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/End)	24.10.2024; 16:00 Hrs to 31.10.2024; 16:00 Hrs				
iv)	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	02.11.2024 at 12:00 Hrs				
v)	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders				
vi)	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Electronically on J&K Government e-Procurement System website <u>http://jktenders.gov.in</u>				
vii)	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.2000.00 (Rupees Two Thousand Only) (Non-refundable) [Treasury Receipt/Demand Draft]				
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News

NIT Srinagar hosts 5-day STC on 'Recent Advancements in Wastewater Treatment Techniques'

Srinagar, Oct 29: A 5-day online Short-Term Course (STC) on 'Recent Advancements in Wastewater Treatment Techniques (RAWTT-2024)' was hosted by the Department of Chemical Engineering, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar from 21st to 25th October 2024.

The valedictory program was presided over by Incharge Director NIT Srinagar Prof. Roohie Naaz Mir, who was Chief Guest on the occasion, while as Institute's Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman, Prof. Anand Kishore Kola (NIT Warangal), Prof. M. N. S. Khan, were the Guests of Honour on the occasion. In her keynote speech, Prof. Naaz highlighted the importance and relevance of such STCs in contemporary fields. She congratulated the coordinators on the course's success and encouraged them to organize more programs in the future. Prof. Naaz

also assured them of full support from the administration. Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Bonasi Krishna Srihari, Convener of the STC on RAWTT-2024, followed by Dr. Brajesh Kumar, Coordinator of the STC, who provided an overview of the program, including a summary WASTEWATER TREATMENT ATION OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY through EMBRANE TECHNOLOGIES

Prof. S. Prabhakar met Professor, Dept. of Chem. Engg. SRM IST Head, Separation Technology Section, BARC and ad Nuclear Devalination Demonstration Division BARCF Kalpakkam sixaprahhaSog gmail.com

of expert lectures and course outcomes, along with participants' feedback. On this occasion, the Guest

of Honour—Prof. Anand Kishore Kola (NIT Warangal), the keynote



speaker; Prof. M. N. S. Khan, Chairman of the course; and Prof. Atikur Rehman, Patron of the STC and In-Charge Registrar, NIT Srinagar, also shared their views on the course and congratulated

the organizing team.

Meanwhile, Dr. Brajesh Kumar delivered the vote of thanks to the Chief Guest, Guests of Honour, the Chairman, and the participants. Following this, Dr. Bonasi Krishna Srihari officially announced the closure of the STC on RAWTT-2024.

On October 21. STC commenced with an inaugural ceremony, and Dr. Bonasi Krishna Srihari, Convener of the course, delivered the welcome speech, and Prof. M. N. S. Khan, Chairman of the course, introduced the course details. The guest of honour, institute registrar, Prof. Atikur Rehman,

and in-charge registrar of NIT Srinagar also shared motivating words with the participants and organizers.

Dr. Brajesh Kumar, Coordinator of the course, offered a vote of thanks to conclude the inaugural session.

The course spanned five days and was organized into six sessions by distinguished keynote speakers. These included Dr. Mahendra Chinthala (NIT Rourkela), Prof. S. Prabhakar (Ex-Head, Desalination Division, BARC, and Adjunct Prof., SRMIST, Chennai), Prof. Ashish Kapoor (HBTU Kanpur), Dr. Lovjeet Singh (MNIT Jaipur), Dr. E.

Poonguzhali (SRMIST, Chennai), and Prof. Anand Kishore Kola (NIT Warangal). These lectures covered various techniques in the field of wastewater treatment, highlighting their applications, advantages, limitations, and recent technological advancements.

Meanwhile, the STC received an overwhelming response, with 54 participants registered from across the country representing diverse fields of Science and Engineering, which includes faculty members, research scholars, undergraduate engineering students, and industry professionals.

CONTD. FROM FRONT PAGE

World Stroke Day:

to the prevalence of junk food, which has largely supplanted home-cooked meals, alongside a sedentary lifestyle. He stressed the need to encourage healthy eating and physical activity to reduce the community's stroke burden.

To raise awareness, Dr Mushtaq called for recognising stroke symptoms, which include facial drooping, limb weakness, speech difficulties, numbness, confusion, vision problems, trouble walking and severe headaches. He said that a lack of awareness often leads patients to ignore these symptoms and delay seeking medical attention, which results in poor outcomes.

"Time is of the essence when it comes to stroke. The sooner patients receive treatment, the better their chances of survival," Dr Mushtaq said.

2 More Terrorists

Corps said in a post on X.

The officials said the slain terrorists are believed to have infiltrated from across the border on Sunday night before appearing outside a temple and targeting the army convoy.

"After a night-long lull, the security forces pushed for a final assault against the holedup terrorists at around 7 am, leading to a fresh gunfight," an official said.

A couple of deafening explosions followed by intense firing continued for over an hour before the second terrorist was killed, the officials said, adding intermittent exchange of fire continued for another hour before the third trapped ultra was eliminated.

A four-year-old valiant Army dog, Phantom, died in the operation after being hit by a bullet.

In a first, the Army deployed its four BMP-II infantry combat vehicles for surveillance and strengthening the cordon around the attack site, while helicopters and drones were also deployed to locate the hiding terrorists.

The latest encounter in the Jammu region comes amid a surge in terrorist activities in Kashmir where seven attacks have occurred in the past two weeks, resulting in 13 fatalities, including two soldiers.

Army Used AI To

he was ahead when we were doing search perations and militants fired upon the Dog It's due to his sacrifice, many of the lives could be saved," Major General Sameer Shrivastava, GoC 10 Infantry Division, said in a briefing. The Indian Årmy's four-year-old sniffer dog Phantom was killed in action during counterterror operations. According to officials, the canine sustained fatal bullet injuries while trying to protect the troops from terrorists' assault. "After this operation, such information was spreading that the Army had used BMP - we had used that kind of vehicle because the area was tough - with a gradient of 30 degrees and dense forest - we used those vehicles after locating militants to reach there," the senior Army official added. Over 50 terrorists are likely present on the launching pads across the border to sneak into Jammu region, a senior Army officer said, asserting that the forces are fully alert to the challenge and will foil any infiltration attempt, which change especially during the winter months. Speaking to reporters after the successful elimination of three terrorists in Akhnoor sector near here, General Officer Commanding of 10 Infantry Division, Major General Sameer Srivastava said the Army will not allow the terrorists a free run to harm civilians.

Maj Gen Srivastava said, "This was a group which was present in the hinterland and we were tracking them for some time. They came here and got exposed."

"The area (Akhnoor) will be kept under strict surveillance even as ground reports suggest that there were only three terrorists," he added. He said the counter-infiltration grid has been strengthened and "no infiltration had taken place in this area".

The terrorists present in the hinterland are moving in small groups and had moved to this area for a direct action, he said.

Maj Gen Srivastava said there is no permanent presence of terrorists in Akhnoor, adding, "We will not let our guard down. The area has seen no infiltration for a long time."

On a question about the recovery of sophisticated M-4 carbine from the slain terrorists and the possibility of Pakistan army directly providing arms to the terrorists, he said, "The source (of providing arms) can be many and it is very difficult to speculate."

Asked whether the terrorists were planning a similar attack as the one in Gulmarg ahead of Diwali in Jammu, he quipped "that is what it appears", adding, "Any other reason to be there is very unlikely. Even if it was there, it (Jammu) was a wrong selection."

Responding to another question about the attire of the slain terrorists, he said the types of combat uniforms are easily available in the market.

The senior Army officer said a huge cache of arms, ammunition and IEDs were recovered from the dead terrorists but denied having recovered an explosive vest during the operation.

"No belt IED was found even as all of them had personal weapons and ammunition," he said, adding 'fidayeen' (suicide) action is something very difficult to be carried out in this area."

On terrorists targeting peaceful areas, he said terrorism is all about sensationalising things and "I think they came here (Akhnoor) to make sensational news".

Maiden Session

to be stormy with a divided opposition set to corner the National Conference-led government on a host of issues including the promises made in the ruling party's manifesto. "Thereafter, the dry weather is expected till 08 November," he said.

Moreover, he stated that further fall in water of river Jhelum and other streams are expected amidst the dry weather conditions.

Furthermore, the Meteorological department (MeT) in its advisory has advised the farmers to continue harvesting, safe storage of harvested crops and other farm operations.

There is a possibility of mist and shallow fog over plains of Kashmir during morning hours from 1st November onwards," it added. (KNO)

'Lead With Justice

to facilitate their release, ensuring justice and upholding the rule of law. This action would resonate deeply with those who value fairness and due process," the letter reads.

He called for a balanced approach to reservation policies, suggesting that revisiting recent changes would foster both social equity and uphold merit. "It is essential to revisit the recent reservation policies. A balanced approach that supports deserving sections of society while maintaining open merit is necessary to foster an inclusive environment. Rationalizing these policies can promote social equity without compromising the standards of excellence," Ruhullah said in the letter.

Addressing unemployment, Ruhullah urged the CM to prioritize filling government job vacancies. According to him, doing so would not only reduce unemployment but also stimulate economic growth in the region. "The swift filling of government vacancies should be a priority, as it will provide thousands of deserving candidates with employment opportunities, thereby bolstering the local economy and reducing unemployment."

With winter fast approaching, Ruhullah also raised concerns about high electricity tariffs, urging the administration to alleviate this burden for the public while ensuring a steady supply of power.

In closing, he called for a review of the stringent verification procedures that citizens face, noting that many are unfairly penalized.

"The existing verification process/procedure are overly harsh and often penalize individuals

for actions they did not commit," he said. This procedure, he argued, should be reconsidered to ensure they are fair and just for all applicants. "I hope you consider these suggestions as you work to meet the expectations of the people. Your leadership has the potential to pave the way for a progressive and just administration." benefit pregnant women and infants by fully digitising the vaccination process.

It will ensure timely administration of lifesaving vaccines to pregnant women and children (from birth to 16 years) against 12 vaccine-preventable diseases.

Further, the prime minister launched a portal for allied and healthcare professionals and institutes. It will act as a centralised database of existing healthcare professionals and institutes.

Modi also inaugurated three medical colleges at Mandsaur, Neemuch and Seoni in Madhya Pradesh, besides facility and service extensions at various AIIMS -- Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, Kalyani in West Bengal, Patna in Bihar, Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, Guwahati in Assam and in New Delhi, which also include a Jan Aushadhi Kendra.

Modi also inaugurated a Super Speciality Block in Government Medical College at Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh and a Critical Care Block in Bargarh, Odisha.

The prime minister laid the foundation stones of five nursing colleges in Shivpuri, Ratlam, Khandwa, Rajgarh and Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh, 21 critical care blocks at Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Manipur, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan under the Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, and several facilities and service extensions at AIIMS in New Delhi and Himachal Pradesh's Bilaspur.

Among other projects, Modi inaugurated an ESIC hospital at Indore in Madhya Pradesh and laid the foundation stone for such hospitals at Faridabad in Haryana, Bommasandra and Narasapur in Karnataka, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Meerut in Uttar Pradesh, and Atchutapuram in Andhra Pradesh.

These projects are expected to bring healthcare benefits to around 55 lakh ESI beneficiaries.

The other projects whose foundation stones were laid include a central research institute in yoga and naturopathy at Khordha in Odisha and Raipur in Chhattisgarh, centres of excellence at NIPER-Ahmedabad for medical devices, at NIPER-Hyderabad for bulk drugs, NIPER-Guwahati for phytopharmaceuticals, and NIPER-Mohali for anti-bacterial anti-viral drug discovery and development.

In a major boost to the Make in India initiaive in the healthcare sector, the prime minAddressing the officers, Sakeena Masood impressed upon the officers to ensure that healthcare facilities are upgraded as per the needs of people. She stressed upon the officers to maintain accountability and transparency within the department in order to meet the expectations of the people.

While reviewing the progress of works on various important projects, Sakeena Masood asked the officers to complete these projects timely as they will revolutionise the health sector here rather than starting any new projects. She instructed them to focus on maintaining quality of work as per the norms required in the medical sector.

"Health and well-being of our people is the top priority of our government", Sakeena Itoo said, adding that we must work together to build a robust healthcare system that is accessible, efficient and responsive to the needs of our people. She advised both the Directors to organise IEC activities regarding 102 and 108 ambulance services as well as 104 helpline service, especially in rural areas, in order to generate maximum awareness among people.

She urged all officers and other relevant stakeholders to remain focused on delivering quality healthcare and addressing any challenges that may arise. She also asked all the Principals and both the Directors to decrease routine referrals from district and sub-district hospitals to Srinagar. She directed them to fix accountability on hospital administration referring regular patients to Srinagar rather than emergency cases.

While reviewing other aspects of the health sector, the Minister called upon the officers to upgrade facilities at all District and Sub-district hospitals in order to reduce patient flow towards Srinagar hospitals. She called upon all the Principals and Directors to conduct audits of all testing facilities in their respective health institutions and also conduct routine check ups of private diagnostic and lab testing centres in order to address the issue of fixing rates.

She further directed them to establish a concrete mechanism in their respective healthcare facilities regarding checking of spurious drugs being sold there. She also asked them to conduct a prescription audit and submit a report of the same within weeks time.

While reviewing Human Resource issues of the department, the Minister called upon the officers to refer all vacant posts to recruiting agencies immediately so that we have required staff and medical professionals across all healthcare institutes of J&K. She directed the Secretary Health to frame a proper transfer policy and take stringent action against those seeking unjustified premature transfers. She also instructed the Secretary Health to cancel all attachments of doctors done in the last few years and adjust them in areas that have immediate need of doctors. During the meeting, Secretary Health and Medical Education, gave a detailed presentation on the performance and functioning of the department. Secretary H&ME, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah; Commissioner Food and Drugs Administration, CEO State Health Agency, Engineer in Chief J&K, Director SKIMS, Director Health Jammu/ Kashmir, Director Coordination New Medical Colleges, MD NHM, Director AYUSH, MD JKMSCL, Secretary Technical H&ME, Director Finance H&ME. Director Family Welfare, MCH and Immunization, State Drug Controller, Principals of all GMCs, Principal Dental College Srinagar, Principal Indira Gandhi Dental College Jammu and other senior officers of H&ME department attended the meeting.

Security forces on Tuesday morning gunned down two terrorists holed up in a forest area near a village in the Akhnoor sector, taking the number of militants killed in the 27-hour gunfight near the Line of Control (LoC) to three, officials said.

"The pattern of infiltration changes with each passing year, especially during snowfall and we are ready for the challenge," the officer said.

Flanked by Brigadier Kapil Taneja, commander of 28 infantry brigade and Deputy Inspector General of Police, Jammu-Kathua-Samba Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Maj Gen Srivastava said the challenges remain the same – counter the infiltration and terrorist actions.

"We are fully prepared as you have seen in the recent successful operations against terrorists. I am sure such successful operations will have an impact on terrorism," he said.

Asked about the number of terrorists likely present on the launching pads south of Pir Panjal, he said the inputs about the figure usually keeps varying with changing times.

"As per the joint intelligence reports, there are 50 to 60 terrorists present there," the senior Army officer said.

Describing the killing of three terrorists in Akhnoor as a major success for the security forces, he said they were not part of the fresh infiltration group. NC's veteran leader and former Finance Minister Abdul Rahim Rather is set to become the Speaker as the ruling combine enjoys support of 55 members in the House.

The Bharatiya Janata Party, which has 29 members in the House, is unlikely to contest for the post of the Speaker given that the ruling party is likely to concede Deputy Speaker's post to it.

During the session, the opposition parties are likely to corner the ruling National Conference party on a number of issues, especially the commitments made in their election manifesto.

All eyes would be on whether the National Conference-led government would bring a resolution against the scrapping of Article 370 and the downgrading of J&K to a Union Territory.

In its election manifesto, the NC promised that the Jammu and Kashmir assembly, in its first list of business after elections, will pass a resolution against the Union Government's decision to strip the region of its statehood and special status.

It also promised the restoration of Article 370 and Jammu and Kashmir's statehood as well as implementation of the autonomy resolution passed by the erstwhile assembly in 2000.

Free 200 units of electricity, relief from power and water crisis, transfer of hydro-electric power projects to Jammu and Kashmir and providing 12 LPG cylinders to the economically weaker sections each year for free are among the other promises made by the party in its election document.

J&K Higher Reaches

in Sinthan Top, Razdan Pass and higher reaches of Pahalgam today.

An Independent Weather Forecaster, Faizan Arif Keng has informed that the light snow was also reported from Zojila-Minamarg axis.

However, in the afternoon, the light snowfall was reported from Srinagar areas as well amidst the cloudy weather conditions.

With the light wet spell in Kashmir parts, the maximum temperatures have plummeted in Srinagar and elsewhere today.

As per the details, Srinagar has recorded a maximum temperature of 19.2 degree Celsius against yesterday's 23.3 degree Celsius. Qazigund has, however, recorded the maximum temperature of 26.2 degree Celsius while Pahalgam recorded 17.8 degree Celsius.

Besides, Kupwara has recorded a day temperature of 18.3 degree Celsius while Kokernag and Gulmarg recorded 23.5 degree Celsius and 14.2 degree Celsius respectively.

Keng has also said that there is a forecast of improvement in the weather conditions from tonight or Wednesday morning onwards.

Free Hospital

in hospitals. These senior citizens will be issued the Ayushman Vaya Vandana Card. This scheme is expected to be a milestone. If an elderly person in the household has the Ayushman Vaya Vandana Card, family expenses will be reduced, and their worries will also diminish," stated another PIB tweet.

"Expressing satisfaction on the expansion of Ayushman Yojana, Shri Modi said that every elderly person was looking forward to it and the poll guarantee, if elected for the third term, of bringing all the elderly above 70 years of age under the ambit of Avushman Yojana was being fulfilled. He added that every elderly person above 70 years of age in the country will get free treatment in the hospital by a Ayushman Vaya Vandana Card. Shri Modi highlighted that the card was universal and there was no restriction on income, be it poor or middle class or upper class. Informing that the scheme would prove to be a milestone for its universal applicability, Shri Modi remarked that with a Ayushman Vaya Vandana card for an elderly in the house, the Out-of-Pocket expenditure will be reduced to a great extent. He congratulated all the countrymen for this scheme and also informed that the scheme was not implemented in Delhi and West Bengal," stated a PIB release issued on October 29.

Modi also inaugurated phase II of India's first All India Institute of Ayurveda in the national capital which includes a Panchakarma hospital, an Ayurvedic pharmacy for drug manufacturing, a sports medicine unit, a central library, an IT and startup incubation centre, and a 500seat auditorium among others.

In an innovative usage of drone technology to enhance service delivery and make healthcare more accessible, Modi launched drone services at 11 tertiary healthcare institutions.

These are AIIMS-Rishikesh in Uttarakhand, AIIMS-Bibinagar in Telangana, AIIMS-Guwahati in Assam, AIIMS-Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, AIIMS-Jodhpur in Rajasthan, AIIMS-Patna in Bihar, AIIMS-Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh, AIIMS-Raebareli in Uttar Pradesh, AIIMS-Raipur in Chhattisgarh, AIIMS-Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh and RIMS-Imphal in Manipur.

The prime minister also launched a helicopter emergency medical service from AIIMS Rishikesh, which will help deliver medical care speedily.

Modi launched a U-WIN portal that seeks to

ister also inaugurated five projects under the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for medical devices and bulk drugs at Vapi in Gujarat, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh and Nalagarh in Himachal Pradesh.

These units will manufacture high-end medical devices, such as body implants and critical care equipment, along with important bulk drugs.

Over 100 Flights

procedures strictly adhered to, as per guidance from the regulatory authorities," an airline spokesperson said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the Mumbai police have registered a case against an unidentified person after three airlines received bomb threats on their X handle, an official said on Tuesday.

IndiGo, Air India and Vistara had received the threats on Monday, and they turned out to be a hoax after verification, the official added.

The city police have registered 14 FIRs in October in connection with the bomb threats to airlines.

Amid a spate of hoax bomb threats to airlines, the IT Ministry has asked social media platforms to observe due diligence obligations and promptly remove or disable access to misinformation within the strict timelines prescribed under IT rules.

Besides, the civil aviation ministry is looking to take legislative actions to tackle the menace of the hoax bomb threats to airlines.

On Sunday, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said the Centre is mulling steps to ban perpetrators, who resort to hoax bomb threats, from flying.

J&K Govt Approves

started to fulfill the promise of Hon'ble CM @ OmarAbdullah regarding providing jobs to unemployed youth of J&K. I have approved the advertisement of 575 (+2) lecturers in different streams in the School Education Department. The posts are being referred to JKPSC," she stated in a post on X.

'Refer All Vacant

The Minister made these remarks while chairing a high level meeting to review the performance and functioning of Health and Medical Education (H&ME) department at Banquet Hall here.

During the meeting, the Minister had an indepth assessment of the department's performance on ongoing initiatives and infrastructure projects aimed at improving healthcare services across Jammu and Kashmir.

Class 6 Student

Hussain alleged that the family's financial troubles had put immense stress on the girl, ul-timately leading her to feel there was no way out.

"Poverty has brought her to such a state that she thought suicide was the only escape," said Hussain.

Interestingly, unlike many cases where school authorities might pressure students over unpaid fees, this girl's school was understanding and patient.

According to the fee receipt of the school at village Odina, where the girl studies in 6th standard, the school even offered a discount of 20,000 rupees on her fees. However, the remaining amount still stands at around 90,000 rupees, which is a huge sum for the struggling family.

This tragic incident has sparked a conversation about the impact of poverty on young people in Kashmir, highlighting the need for greater support for families facing financial difficulties, especially in accessing education.

Although it has been a few days since the girl has rejoined her studies, she desperately awaits someone who could pay her school fee.

HC Seeks 'Validity'

world famous skiing resort and tourist resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

SPORTS

Kohli Blocked Me On Instagram For Mocking His Injury: Maxwell

Press Trust of India

MELBOURNE: Australian allrounder Glenn Maxwell has revealed that Virat Kohli had blocked him on Instagram after he mocked the Indian batting maestro following his shoulder injury during the 2017 Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Kohli and Maxwell were not the best of friends until the Australian joined IPL franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru in 2021 for a whopping Rs 14.25 crore.

Maxwell said that he tried to follow Kohli on Instagram, only to discover that he had been blocked by the former India captain.

"When I knew I was going to RCB, Virat was the first guy to message me and welcome me to the team. When I turned up for the pre-IPL training camp, we obviously got chatting and spent a fair bit of time training together as you do," Maxwell said during the Willow Talk podcast on LiSTNR Sport.

"So, I go to his social media (to) follow him. Didn't even



think about it before that. Never really crossed my mind. I was like, 'I can't find him'.

"I'm sure he's on social media somewhere, so I didn't think anything of it. Not really that maybe he wasn't savvy with Instagram. "Didn't really understand why

he wasn't coming up, and then, someone mentioned that 'He might have blocked you. That is the only way you're not able to

find him.' I was like, 'Surely not'." During the 2017 Test series in India, Kohli suffered a shoulder injury while fielding during the Ranchi match. Later during the

Test, Maxwell imitated Kohli by clutching his right shoulder. Kohli, who missed the subsequent Dharamsala Test due

to injury, did not like it. "I went and asked him, 'Have you blocked me on Instagram?' And, he was like, 'Yeah, probably. It was when you mocked

me during that Test match. I think I decided to block you'," Maxwell continued.

"I was like, 'Yeah, that's fair enough'. So yeah, he (then) ended up unblocking me, and we became great friends after that."

'We've had quite a funny relationship'

Since then, the two have settled their differences, working together at RCB.

"It was a nice little story to have as a little side note, but we've had quite a funny relationship leading up to playing the IPL together. Sharing that dressing room and sharing experiences, becoming parents, suppose, around the same time," Maxwell said.

"From the days we were both young and brash and going hard at each other on the field. We were in the front and centre of all that as well, sort of being the orchestrator like 'Maxi, get into his face. Say some words to him and get the young guy to do the hard work." he added.

Short TAKES

IPL: Gill, Rashid & Sudharsan Set To Be Retained By Titans



ujarat Titans are set to retain their captain Shub-🖵 man Gill alongside star spinner Rashid Khan and left-handed batter Sai Sudharsan ahead of the IPL mega auction.

Uncapped hitters Rahul Tewatia and Shahrukh Khan are also expected to be retained by the franchise.

- "Shubman, Rashid and Sai will be retained by the franchise," said an IPL source.
- Gill, who is seen a future leader in the Indian cricket setup, had captained Titans for the first time

earlier this year when the side finished eighth out of 10 teams. Titans had won the IPL on debut in 2022 before

finishing runners-up the following year, both under Hardik Pandya's leadership.

Injured Kane Williamson To Miss Third Test Against India



Former New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson will miss the third Test against India starting in Mumbai on Friday in the hope that his groin strain clears up in time to face England next month, New Zealand Cricket said on Tuesday.

The Blacks Caps on Saturday managed a first ever Test series triumph in India without the master batsman, who has remained in New Zealand to work on his recovery from the injury he sustained in a recent series against Sri Lanka.

England's three-match tour of New Zealand begins at Christchurch's Hagley Oval on November 28 with further Tests following in Wellington and Hamilton in December.

Amorim Set To Be New Manchester United Boss: Report

D uben Amorim is set to Necome the next manager of Manchester United with the Premier League



CM Omar Flags Off 'Run For Unity'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today flagged off the 'Run for Unity' from the back lawns of the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Center (SKICC) here, marking the celebration of National Unity Day.

The event was attended by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Principal Secretary Home, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, and various civil and police officials.

The 'Run for Unity' attracted a diverse crowd, with participation from civil administration, police, CRPF,



and a significant number of people of Kashmir.

Prior to flagging off the Speaking at the event. run, the Chief Minister ad-Chief Minister Omar Abdulministered a unity pledge lah highlighted that the to the gathered participants. The run concluded at the 'Run for Unity' symbolizes the spirit of unity, a value deeply cherished by the scenic Botanical Gardens in Chashma Shahi.

Kashmir Sweeps Jammu, Lifts Inter **Division U-19 Girls Cricket Tourney**

Angel took 2 wickets.

local youth.

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: Kashmir Division emerged victorious in the three-match Inter Division UT Level Under-19 Girls Cricket Tournament by sweeping Jammu Division. Played at Sports Stadium in Wanpora, Qazigund, the tournament began on Monday and culminated on Tuesday. In the final match Kashmir division defeated Jammu Division by 34 runs and remained unbeaten in the tournament, organised by the Department of Youth Services & Sports and hosted



Meeting Of DYSS, JKSC



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Newly appointed Minister of Youth Services & Sports, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology and ARI & Training Satish Sharma chaired a meeting of the senior officers of YSS on Tuesday at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Secretary to Government DYSS Sarmad Hafeez, Director General DYSS Rajinder Singh Tara, Secretary J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gul, Special Secretary DYSS Jyoti Devi Salathia, Additional Secretary DYSS Narayan Dutt and other officers and officials from the DYSS and and JKSC.

Secretary DYSS Sarmad Hafeez informed the chair about the recently introduced J&K Sports Policy. He said that the policy outlines a structured approach to develop sports infrastructure, promoting sports education and creating a support system for athletes through scholarships and awards etc. He also shed light on the sports scholarships being awarded to the meritorious students in the category of Sports through DTP mode by DYSS. The Department apprised the minister about various sports activities being carried out throughout the year for engaging lakhs of school children and youth in sports, and recreational activities. Sports Minister Satish Sharma in his remarks directed the officers that ev-

ery possibility should be explored in reviewing the traditional sports in rural and border areas. He further said that our youth is highly capable and they should act as torchbearers in eradicating the social evils like drug addiction.

He further said that that the established business houses of J&K should help in building high class sports infra, sports excellence enters and sponsor meritorious sports persons under corporate social responsibility.

The meeting started with two presentations by DG YSS and Secretary JKSC. DG YSsS discussed the mass engagement of large number of youth in games and sports. He also highlighted the unprecedented growth of sports infrastructure by the department under Capex and JKIFDC projects in J&K during last four years. A detailed review was also presented about the

Sports Minister Chairs Maiden

by DYSSO Anantnag. Batting in the allotted overs. From first, Kashmir set a target of Kashmir Division, Shahista 91 runs in the allotted overs, and Sehreen took 2 wickets with Shaista Mehraj scoring each while Aneesha and Sa-16 runs and Anisa made 15. hiba had a wicket each. The tournament acted as

In reply, Jammu Division a selection trial to choose failed to chased down the the J&K Team for the Natarget, making only 57/6 tional Level championship.

infrastructure of the Department's Government College Of Physical Education Ganderbal, Sports infrastructure developed in the college campus and the courses offered by the college. He also informed the chair about the participation and achievements of the I&K youth in 67th National School Games.

DG YSS also threw light on the preparations in place for hosting 68th National School Games being organised under the aegis of School Games Federation Of India in four games viz Wushu, Judo, fencing and football from November 7 to December 10 in Jammu.

club prepared to pay Sporting the 10 million euros (\$10.79 million) release clause, the Portuguese club said on Tuesday. The news comes a day

after the team sacked Erik ten Hag with United languishing in 14th place in the Premier League standings. The Portuguese coach could be in place for Sunday's league game against Leicester City at Old Trafford.

The 39-year-old Amorim, who emerged as a frontrunner soon after Ten Hag's sacking, led Sporting to the Primeira Liga title in 2021, ending a 19-year league title drought, before winning a second last season.

Real's Vinicius Jr Says Fighting Racism Led To Ballon d'Or Loss

Agencies

Brazil and Real Madrid forward Vinicius Jr said on Monday that he will keep on fighting racism even if his activism is what led to him not winning the Ballon d'Or, sources close to the player told Reuters.

Vinicius took to social media after finishing second in the prestigious award voting behind Spain and Manchester City midfielder Rodri.

"I will do it 10 times if I have to. They're not ready," Vinicius said on X after his LaLiga side Real Madrid cancelled their plans to attend the ceremony in Paris, boycotting it in anticipation of the Brazilian not winning the men's award.

Asked what Vinicius meant with his post, his management staff told Reuters that he was referring to his fight against racism and that they believe it was what led to him not winning the award, saying that "the football world is



two convictions for racist not ready to accept a player who fights against the insults in pioneer cases in system." the country. Real also won the men's

The 24-year-old Brazil international has been club of the year award, and subjected to racial abuse their manager Carlo Anon several occasions in celotti was named men's Spain, leading to at least coach of the year after winning the European and Spanish league double in a near perfect campaign last season.

France Football, which organises the Ballon d'Or awards, was not immediately available for comment.

The awards are based on voting by a panel of journalists from the top 100 FIFA-ranked countries.

"FOOTBALL POLITICS X. My brother, you are the best player in the world and no award can say otherwise. Love you my bro," Real's Eduardo Camavinga said on X, while several other teammates shared messages with photos of Vinicius saying "You are the best".

Vinicius was instrumental in Real's Champions League-LaLiga double along with 21-year-old Jude Bellingham, who scored 19 goals in a sparkling debut campaign and helped England reach the Euro 2024 final, and came third in the Ballon d'Or ranking

Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir **OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECHANICAL DIVISION (NORTH) SOPORE**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Short term) e-NIT No. 38 of 2024-25

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UTof J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore, invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/ Railway sor any other state Government for "Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of electro-mechanical equipment at various water supply schemes of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore". The bidding process shall be completed online on https://jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. Cover 1St consisting of Pre-Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd shall consist of Financia Bid on item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S.No.	. Description of work	Estimated cost		Earnest money	Time of comple-
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1	Electro-mechanical works to be carried out at WSS Khojpora Zadipora under JJM	53.699	Rs 500.00	02% of the estimated cost of work	45 Days

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission(JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division North Sopore The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM)

Critical Dates:

1	Publish Date	26-10-2024 (10:00 am)
11	Bid submission start date	26-10-2024 (10:00 am)
111	Bid submission end date	31-10-2024 (06:55 pm)
IV	Date and time of Bid opening	01-11-2024 (11:00 am)

- Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website https://iktenders.gov.in
- 2. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal https://jktenders.gov.in. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal
- 3. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore
- 4. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document and shall be payable at Srinagar
- Earnest Money Depositshall be uploaded separately against each work instead. However, to ensure due performance of the contract, Perfor a. mance Security is to be obtained from the successful bidder.
- The cost of tender documents should be inform of Treasury Receipt in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Receipts, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant document b.
- 6. shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
- 7. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder/tenderer with draws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
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