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International  
**GITA**  
**Mahotsav**  
 28 November-15 December  
 Kurukshetra, Haryana  
**2024**



**Programs**

Time	Venue	Program
<b>Thursday, 5 December</b>		
09:00 am	Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar	Gita Yajna and Gita Pujan
11:15 am	Purushottampura Baag	Inauguration of the Pavilions of Haryana , Partner State Odisha and Partner Country Tanzania
12:30 pm	Srimad Bhagavadgita Sadan, Kurukshetra University	Inauguration of International Gita Seminar
05:00 pm	Purushottampura Baag , Brahma Sarovar	Bhajan Sandhya and Maha Aarti
06:00 pm	Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar	Cultural Evening
<b>Monday, 9 December</b>		
02:00 pm	Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar	Congregation of Saints (Sant Sammelan)
<b>Tuesday, 10 December</b>		
02:00 pm	Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar	All India Devasthanam Conference
<b>Wednesday, 11 December</b>		
9:00 am	Jyotisar-The Birthplace of Gita and Sannihit Sarovar	Complete recitation of Srimad Bhagavadgita and Gita Yajna
10:00 am	Theme Park	Global Gita Chanting by 18000 students
11:00 am	Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar	Cultural programs in Haryana and Odisha Pavilions
02:00 pm	Srimad Bhagavadgita Sadan, Kurukshetra University	48 Kos Tirtha Sammelan
03:00 pm	In front of Kurukshetra Development Board office	Departure of Gita Shobha Yatra
05:30 pm	Brahma Sarovar, Sannihit Sarovar & Jyotisar	Deepotsav
05:30 pm	48 Kos Kurukshetra region	Deepotsav at Tirthas
06:00 pm	Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar	Gita Maha Aarti and Deep Daan
06:30 pm	Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar	Cultural Evening
<b>28 November - 15 December</b>		
09:00 am	Brahma Sarovar	Crafts and Saras Fair - A confluence of renowned craftsmen
<b>5 - 11 December</b>		
09:00 am	Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar	State level exhibition by Information, Public Relations & Languages Department, Haryana
09:00 am	Brahma Sarovar	Gita Book Fair by Haryana Granth Academy
11:00 am	Purushottampura Baag & Mahila Ghats	Cultural Programs of Haryana & Odisha
06:00 pm	Purushottampura Baag, Brahma Sarovar	Cultural Evening



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## Constitution Fully Implemented Now In J&K: PM



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday said that it was the energy given by the Indian constitution that Jammu and Kashmir witnessed implementation of Dr B R Ambedkar's constitution. He said it was for the first time

today, J&K observed constitution day. "India is going through a major transformation. We are marching ahead with our goals. The Indian constitution is our torch bearer. It was because of this constitution that every citizen of the country is chasing their dreams. This constitution has become our guiding | More on P10

## LG Leads Constitution Day Celebrations In J&K

Constitution Day was celebrated in Jammu and Kashmir with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha leading the officers in reading the preamble to the Constitution of India. "The Union Territory (UT) of Jammu & Kashmir celebrated the Constitution Day today to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November, 1949," an official spokesman said. | More on P10

### WORLD CRAFT COUNCIL MEET

## Connecting J&K Artisans With Global Market Top Priority: LG

Says Integration of Crafts and Tourism Vital For J&K's Growth

'Handicrafts & Handloom Key To J&K's Global Identity'

Nazir Ganaie

Srinagar: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday said that in the past few years, his administration has ensured that the J&K artisans are connected with the global community to promote their best crafts.

He said inclusion of Srinagar into World Craft City was a milestone achievement.

Speaking at the 60th World Craft Council (WCC) meeting at SKICC here, Sinha outlined the various initiatives that have been implemented to turn Srinagar into a smart city, stating that the massive infrastructure upgrades and the introduction of smart solutions designed to improve the living standards of



its citizens and enhance the city's global appeal.

"The city has rapidly evolved into a beacon of hope and opportunity, with the last 50 months being a period of significant progress and

transformation, offering a platform for new dreams and possibilities," the LG said.

Sinha warmly welcomed the global guests attending the WCC's 60th anniversary celebrations and

acknowledged the invaluable role the event plays in fostering a global exchange of ideas.

"This gathering presents a unique opportunity for craftsmen, industry experts, and government officials to collaborate, share knowledge, and explore innovative solutions to challenges facing the craft sector," he said.

Highlighting the government's commitment to connecting local artisans to international markets, the LG discussed the strategic efforts being made to revitalize Jammu and Kashmir's centuries-old crafts.

"The region's handicrafts and handlooms represent a rich cultural legacy and the government's goal is not only to preserve | More on P10

## WCC Planning Seal Authenticity For J&K Crafts

The World Craft Council (WCC) Tuesday said it is planning to introduce the seal of authenticity of crafts - an initiative aimed at addressing the "pressing need" for globally-recognised certification for handmade crafts of Jammu and Kashmir. WCC president Saad Al-Qaddumi made the announcement at the 60th jubilee celebration of the council here. J-K Lieutenant Governor presided over an award ceremony to confer the UT-Level Craft Awards, recognising outstanding contributions by local artisans to the craft sector. Addressing the gathering, Al-Qaddumi said he is proud to introduce the council's new flagship programme - "the seal of authenticity of crafts - | More on P10

## J&K To Roll Out RTI Online Portal On Dec 10

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir General Administration Department has announced the possible roll-out of the RTI Online Portal on December 10, 2024, marking a significant step towards improving transparency and governance in the Union Territory.

The portal, developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), will provide citizens with a seamless platform to file, track, and receive responses to Right to Information (RTI) applications digitally.

Quoting the official circular (No. 28-JK(GAD) of 2024, dated November 26, 2024) which lies with KNS:

"The RTI Portal aims to provide citizens with the convenience of submitting RTI requests, checking the status, and receiving responses electronically, without the need to visit government offices in person. This digital shift will make the entire RTI process more streamlined, transparent, and user-friendly. The initiative will contribute to greater transparency, accountability, and effective governance within the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir."

The platform, accessible at <https://rtionline.gov.in>, will act as a centralized database for all RTI applications and appeals received by Central Public Information Officers (CPIOs) and First | More on P10

## US Team Visit To Kashmir Puts Spotlight On Cold Weather Operations

KO Web Desk

Srinagar: The recent visit by a US Army delegation to the Indian Army's High Altitude Warfare School (HAWS) in Sonamarg, Jammu and Kashmir, highlights the growing emphasis on operations in extreme cold environments, as both nations focus on adapting to shifting geopolitical dynamics.

This visit underscores India's longstanding expertise in high-altitude warfare, forged by its strategic deployments along the Himalayan frontier against



FILE PHOTO

Pakistan and China.

The focus has intensified following the 2020 standoff with China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), prompting the Indian military to increase its preparedness for

prolonged deployments in 'super high altitude' areas, the tribune reported.

In recent years, the Indian Army has adapted its strategies to permanent station troops at extreme | More on P10

## 'EVMs Not Tampered When You Win?'

## SC Says No To Paper Ballots

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a plea seeking to revert to paper ballot voting in elections in the country, saying allegations of tampering with electronic voting machine (EVM) raked up only when people lost polls.

"What happens is, when you win the election, EVMs are not tampered with. When you lose the election, EVMs are tampered (with)," remarked a bench of Justices Vikram Nath | More on P10

## Expert Panel To Address Black Spots On Highway: RTO

Agencies

Srinagar: In wake of recent road accidents, the Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir on Tuesday said that an expert committee has been formed to identify and address black spot concerns on the National Highway.

"A road safety committee has been constituted by DM Srinagar to inspect black spots on the National Highway. Today, we conducted a thorough inspection from Pantha Chowk to Narbal, identifying and documenting areas requiring

urgent attention," the RTO Kashmir said.

Notably, the road safety committee is headed by the RTO Kashmir.

Accompanied by other senior officials from the transport department including senior city traffic officials, RTO Kashmir Syed Shah Nawaz Bukhari, during his surprise inspection reviewed the ongoing traffic operations in the City, directing the mini bus operators to ply as per the allocated routes.

The team headed by RTO Kashmir also inspected the highway from Pantha Chowk to Narbal, | More on P10

## Drug Traffickers Endanger Public Safety: HC

Upholds Detention Order Against Anantnag Resident Under PITNDPS Act

M Ahmad

Srinagar: Observing that drug traffickers by ensuring a continuous supply of narcotics endangers public safety and well-being, the High Court of J&K and Ladakh dismissed a petition challenging detention order under Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1988 (PITNDPS Act) against a 30-year-old person from Anantnag.

While dismissing the plea filed by Dilawar Javid Bhat of Anantnag through

his mother, a bench of Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal observed that the drug abuse not only harms individuals but also erodes the socioeconomic structure of communities.

"The interrelation of these crimes indicates a larger issue affecting both national security and public health," the court said, adding, "The worldwide drug crisis aggravates challenges for societies, especially as younger generations fall victim to addiction."

Traffickers take advantage of vulnerabilities, ensuring a continuous supply of narcotics that further endangers public safety and well-being, the court said. In his petition, Bhat had called in | More on P10


## 'No Compromise On Road Safety Now'

Sibt Hassan

The Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir, Syed Shah Nawaz Bukhari, said on Tuesday that the government is | More on P10

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## Khamenei: Netanyahu Must be Sentenced to Death

Trans Asia News

TEHRAN: Days after the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued arrest warrants against Benjamin Netanyahu and others for war crimes, Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei demanded the death sentence for the Israeli Prime Minister.

"They issued an arrest warrant, that's not enough... Death sentences must be issued for these criminal leaders", Khamenei told a gathering of paramilitary Baseej

bore criminal responsibility for actions including murder, persecution and using starvation as a weapon of war.

"What the Zionists did is a war crime. They issued an arrest warrant for him [Netanyahu]. This is not enough. Death sentence for Netanyahu must be issued. Death sentence for these criminal leaders must be issued," said Khamenei in Persian, according to Tasnim news agency.

Iran considers Israel along with the United States to be a fun-



force in Tehran.

Iran leaders remarks come days after the ICC issued arrest warrant for Netanyahu and former Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant over the Israeli actions in the Gaza Strip. They are charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The ICC judges determined there were reasonable grounds to believe Netanyahu and Gallant

damental enemy. It is committed to the liberation of Palestine and supports a vast network of anti-Israel armed groups across the region which it calls the 'Axis of Resistance'. These groups include Gaza-based Hamas and Jihad, Lebanon-based Hezbollah, and Yemen-based Ansarallah (Houthis), among others, which are at war with Israel at the moment.

## Blood-Like Liquid Floods Streets In Hyderabad, Sparks Panic

Agencies

Hyderabad: Panic gripped people in the Venkatadri Nagar area near the Jeedimetla Industrial Estate in Hyderabad as red-coloured liquid resembling blood flooded the streets.

The liquid gushing out from a manhole caused concern among the residents.

Foul stench and difficulty in breathing worried them further.

Alarmed over this, the locals approached the municipal authorities and heaved a sigh of relief after they were informed that the gushing, noxious liquid was not blood.

The officials told the residents that it was a red-coloured chemical that was apparently discharged from the nearby industrial units.

Venkatadri Nagar in Subhash Nagar division is adjacent to the industrial area.

According to owners of some warehouses in the area, few industrial units directly discharge the chemicals into the drainage system. They said the municipal authorities were not taking any action.

As the manhole was overflowing, the red-coloured liquid flooded the streets, causing panic. The residents were concerned over the impact of the chemical effluent on their health and demanded immediate action.

The Telangana Pollution Control Board officials visited the area to take stock of the situation and assured the residents that steps would be taken to check the discharge of chemicals

**Alarmed over this, the locals approached the municipal authorities and heaved a sigh of relief after they were informed that the gushing, noxious liquid was not blood.**

by the industries.

In another incident, people foiled an attempt to dump toxic chemicals into the Musi River in the waste.

A truck driver tried to dump chemical industrial waste into the Musi River at Bapughat. The incident, which occurred under the jurisdiction of the Rajendranagar Police Station of Cyberabad Commissionerate, sparked outrage among locals. The alert residents stopped the driver from offloading industrial waste. He escaped before police could reach the scene, leaving the truck behind. The police registered a case and took up an investigation.

Local people say that this was not the first time such an attempt was made. According to them, some industrial units have been dumping waste into the river, which is already highly polluted. They appealed to the government to check the illegal dumping, which undermines the efforts to rejuvenate the river. The state government is making big plans to revive the river with the Musi Riverfront Development Project.



## Six Security Personnel Killed During Protests By Khan's Party In Pakistan

Agencies

Islamabad: Four paramilitary personnel and two policemen have been killed and over 100 security personnel injured as the protest by supporters of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan turned violent prompting the federal government to deploy the army in the national capital along with shoot at sight orders on Tuesday, state-run media said.

Pakistan deployed the army amid a tense stand-off with Khan's supporters from his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) pushing forward by removing hurdles on their way to Islamabad's D-Chowk venue as the government vowed to foil their attempt "even if a curfew needs to be imposed".

Radio Pakistan said a vehicle rammed into Pakistan Rangers personnel killing four Rangers officials on the Srinagar highway in Islamabad late on Monday night.

Five other Rangers personnel and several police officials too sustained severe injuries.

About five kilometres from this spot, a bunch of miscreants, equipped with weapons and ammunition, pelted stones on the Rangers personnel and carried out indiscriminate firing on the security personnel at Chungi No 26 in Rawalpindi, Radio Pakistan said.

It also reported that two policemen were killed but didn't provide any details.

According to Punjab police, one policeman was killed at Hakla interchange on Islamabad outskirt during clashes with the PTI protesters on Monday but it also did not give details about the second policeman.

Separately, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi said, at a late night media interaction, that more than 100 security personnel, mostly from police, were injured and added, "One senior police officer

was critically injured. He suffered a severe head injury due to stone-pelting by protesters."

Radio Pakistan further reported that the Pakistan Army was called in "to deal with the miscreants with an iron hand" and "clear orders have also been issued to shoot miscreants and troublemakers on sight".

Strongly condemning the attack on Rangers and police personnel by protesters, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, in a statement, directed to immediately identify those involved in the incident and ensure they are brought to justice.

"Attacks on police and Rangers, under the guise of a so-called peaceful protest, are condemnable," he said, adding, the anarchist group seeks bloodshed and "Pakistan cannot afford any form of chaos or bloodshed. Bloodshed for nefarious political agenda is unacceptable and highly condemnable."

## Why Has Israel Increased Its Attacks On Syria?



Agencies

BEIRUT: Last week Israel launched its deadliest strikes on Iran-backed groups in Syria, killing more than 100 fighters in the latest escalation since two months of full-blown Israel-Hezbollah war spilled over.

What are the reasons for this escalation, and what exactly is Israel targeting in Lebanon's neighbor Syria?

Israel intensified its strikes against Syria from September 26, days after launching an intense bombing campaign mainly targeting Hezbollah strongholds

in Lebanon.

Since then, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights war monitor has recorded at least 86 Israeli attacks, with 199 Iran-backed fighters, Syrian soldiers and 39 civilians killed.

On November 20, Israeli strikes on the city of Palmyra killed 106 Tehran-backed fighters, with one raid targeting a meeting of commanders.

It was the deadliest Israeli attack on Iran-backed groups since Syria's war erupted in 2011, said the Britain-based Observatory which has a network of sources inside the country.

The casualties included 73 pro-Iran Syrian fighters, 11 of whom worked for Hezbollah which also lost four Lebanese members. The remaining 29 casualties were mostly from Iraq's Al-Nujaba group.

On Monday, Israel struck again, this time at a crossing on the Syria-Lebanon border, the latest in a wave of attacks targeting such routes since September.

Observatory head Rami Abdel Rahman said Israel has mainly hit border crossings, Damascus apartments, and the positions of Iran-backed groups, including Hezbollah weapons and ammunition depots.

"Syria today has become a de facto part of Israel's battlefield," he said.

On November 19, Syrian Foreign Minister Bassam Sabbagh visited ally Tehran and condemned "more than 130" Israeli attacks on his country since the Gaza war started in October 2023.

These included an April 1 attack on an Iranian diplomatic building in Damascus that killed seven Islamic Republic Guard Corps members including two generals, triggering Iran's first ever attack on Israel.

Since 2011, Israel has carried out hundreds of strikes in Syria, mainly targeting the army and Iran-backed groups.

## Centre Okays PAN 2.0 Project; Here Are The Details

Vijay C Roy  
Tribune News Service

New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has given its approval for the PAN 2.0 project of the Income Tax Department. The financial implications for the PAN 2.0 Project will be Rs 1,435 crore.

The project aims to streamline and modernise the process of issuing and managing PAN and TAN, making it more user-friendly and efficient.

With existing PAN database of 78 crore Permanent Account Number (PAN) and 73.28 lakh Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number (TAN), the project addresses the requirements of taxpayers, focusing on consolidation of multiple platforms, portals and efficient services to PAN and TAN holders.

Currently, PAN-related services are spread across three different platforms: the eFiling Portal, UTITSL Portal, and Protean e-Gov Portal. The new project will be an upgrade of the current PAN and TAN 1.0 eco-system.

With the implementation of PAN 2.0, all these services will be integrated into a single, unified portal. This one-stop

platform will handle comprehensively issues and matters related to PAN and TAN, including application, updates, corrections, Aadhaar-PAN linking, re-issuance requests, and even online PAN validation.

The project will enable upgradation of the 10-digit alphanumeric PAN with a QR Code incorporated in all new and old cards. It will also feature enhanced cybersecurity to protect user data.

By doing so, the Income Tax Department aims to simplify processes, eliminate delays, and improve grievance redressal mechanisms.

Key features of PAN 2.0

- A single portal for all PAN/TAN-related services to simplify access for users
- Eco-friendly paperless processes to reduce paperwork
- PAN will be issued free of cost, with quicker processing times
- Personal and demographic data will be protected through enhanced security measures, including a PAN Data Vault
- A dedicated call center and helpdesk to address user queries and issues

## Explained: What It Took To Frame India's Constitution



Press Trust of India

New Delhi: Debates over 167 days, 274 members, 36 lakh words – that's what it took before the Constituent Assembly adopted the world's longest written constitution on this day in 1949.

Every Article in the Constitution, which ran into 1.45 lakh words at the time, was debated by members of the Constituent Assembly. They sat for 11 sessions and 167 days over a period of two years, 11 months and 18 days to frame the Constitution.

BR Ambedkar, regarded as the chief architect of the Constitution, was assisted by members of the drafting committee he chaired.

India's first president Rajendra Prasad was the first person to sign the document 75 years ago.

It is the largest written constitution in the world and the first edition was neither printed nor typed – it was handwritten and calligraphed in both Hindi and English.

According to facts available on the Lok Sabha website and analysis of Constituent Assembly

debates by the think-tank PRS India, the Constitution's first copy was handwritten by Prem Behari Narain Raizada and published by him in Dehradun.

Every page was decorated by artists from Shantiniketan, including Beohar Rammanohar Sinha and Nandalal Bose.

It took two years, 11 months and 18 days to complete the final draft. At present, it contains 395 Articles and 12 Schedules. The Constitution has been amended 106 times so far.

Approximately 36 lakh words were spoken during debates in the Constituent Assembly and two-thirds of all deliberations were during the clause-by-clause discussions during the second reading.

From November 1948 to October 1949, the Constituent Assembly met for clause-by-clause discussions on the draft Constitution. The members met for 101 days during this period.

Fundamental Rights were included in Part III of the draft Constitution and discussed for 16 days.

As much as 14 per cent of the total clause-by-clause discussions was dedicated to Fundamental Rights.

## NEWS MAKERS

A few hours after the coronation ceremony of Nathdwara MLA Vishvaraj Singh, who is the scion of the erstwhile Mewar dynasty, the Rajasthan government on Tuesday, seized a part of the City Palace, which remains disputed among Mewar family members.

The officials had to act tough after the dispute between the erstwhile royals of the Mewar family turned ugly leaving many injured in stone pelting on Monday night. Eventually, Vishvaraj returned to his palace without performing some rituals at the palace which he wanted to do and asked his followers to return home.

Stone pelting started at this site on Monday night when two parties, one representing Vishvaraj camp and another from his uncle Arvind Singh Mewar came face-to-face.

Vishvaraj, after being anointed as the 'king', was to

## Royal Family Fights On Street, Rajasthan Govt Seizes Disputed Site



follow a ritual of visiting Udaipur City Palace for 'Dhuni Darshan' as per the tradition of the Mewar family. However, this place was owned by his uncle, who got the doors of the palace shut before his arrival. This left the latter's followers infuriated. They gathered in large numbers outside

Udaipur City Palace.

It was the first time on Monday that such a fight was witnessed among the descendants of Maharana Pratap. At the same time, around 1.30 am on Tuesday, the administration seized the disputed place and appointed a receiver.

This entire dispute arose

following the coronation of Vishvaraj post the death of Mahendra Singh Mewar, a member of the Udaipur royal family. Vishvaraj wanted to visit the Dhuni inside the City Palace after the coronation, however his uncle's family living there did not allow him to do so. This is where the entire dispute started.

After the death of a former member of the royal family of Daiyapur and former MP Mahendra Singh Mewar, the tradition of anointing his elder son Vishvaraj Singh Mewar on the throne was performed. Even though the monarchy ended after the advent of democracy, however, this ritual is still being performed symbolically in different erstwhile royal families. On Monday, the ritual of the coronation of Vishvaraj was performed during the Dastur (Rasm) programme at Fateh Prakash Palace of Chit-torgarh Fort.

## 'Fully drunk': SC judge shares flight ordeal in 'pee-gate' case hearing

Supreme Court judge Justice K V Viswanathan on Tuesday said he and another SC judge Justice Surya Kant recently witnessed an unpleasant experience on a flight that also had two drunk co-passengers.

Justice Viswanathan narrated the event during a hearing on a plea seeking measures to deal with unruly flyers.

"We had a recent experience during air travel. Two male passengers were fully drunk. One went to the washroom and slept off. The other one, who was outside and had a bag to vomit. The crew was all women. For 30 to 35 minutes no one could open the door. The crew then requested my co-passenger to open the door and take him out to the seat. It was a

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Justice Viswanathan, who was on a bench with Justice B R Gavai, told Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhat that authorities should find a "creative" solution to address the issue of unruly air passengers and a strategic seating plan for flyers was required to be put in place.

The top court was hearing a plea filed by a 73-year-old woman, on whom a male co-passenger allegedly urinated in an inebriated condition on board an Air India flight in November, 2022.

Shankar Mishra was accused of urinating on the woman co-passenger on the Air India flight from New York to Delhi.

The incident occurred in the business class of the Air India flight on November 26, 2023.



## Police Arrests 2 Drug Peddlers In City

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested two drug peddlers in Srinagar and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

Today, during naka checking at 90 Feet Road near Mator Steel, two vehicles (Scooty) bearing registration No JK01AN-6945 and (Zen) bearing registration No. JK01H-5675 were intercepted which were coming simultaneously from Awantabawan and moving towards Elahibagh. During the search of the vehicle (Zen Car), 10 grams of Brown Sugar was recovered from the driver of said car. He has been identified as Shabir Ahmed Mir son of Gh. Qadir is a resident of Bilal Colony Soura. Similarly, during the search of Scooty rider 6 grams of Brown Sugar like substance was recovered from his possession.

The accused rider has been identified as Shah Murtaza Iqbal son of Mohd Iqbal Shah resident of Bilal Colony Soura. They have been arrested and shifted to a police station where they remain in custody. Vehicles used in the commission of crime have also been seized. During questioning, it came to fore that both the accused individuals are chronic drug peddlers and are actively involved in selling illegal drugs among the youth of District Srinagar especially among the youth of Soura area.

In this regard, a case vide FIR No. 90/2024 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Soura and further investigation is going on.

Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding drug peddling in their neighbourhood. Persons found indulging in drug peddling will be dealt as per law.(KINS)

## Srinagar Municipal Corporation Observes 'Constitution Day'



### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) celebrated Constitution Day today with a special event held at its headquarters in Karan Nagar.

The special day, observed annually to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution, serves as a reminder of the core values and principles that uphold the country's democracy.

The event saw active participation from SMC officials and highlighted the

Constitution's pivotal role in safeguarding citizens' rights while promoting civic duties.

Dr. Owais Ahmed, Commissioner SMC, addressed the gathering, underscoring the need for continued education about the Constitution's significance.

In his speech, Dr. Owais urged the officials to engage more actively in the democratic process, stating, "Our Constitution is not merely a legal document; it is the foundation of our Nation, empowering us to advocate for justice, equality, and freedom."

## High Court Observes 75th Constitution Day

### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In an inspiring celebration of democratic principles and constitutional values, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Srinagar Wing on 26th November 2024 celebrated the 75th Constitution Day also known as also known as Samvidhan Divas in the Conference Hall of the High Court Complex, Srinagar.

The sanctity of the auspicious occasion necessitates the rightful duty of the citizens to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution. On the occasion, Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, led the reading of the preamble to the Constitution, in the presence of Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal and Justice Rajesh Sekhri.

The event was also attended by Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, Tasleem Arief, Registrar Vigilance, Farooq Ahmad Bhat, Registrar (Judicial) and

Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi, CPC (e-Court) besides other officers/officials of the Registry of the High Court.

Meanwhile, the Constitution Day was also observed today across all District Courts of the division, marked by reading of the Preamble of Indian Constitution by Principal District and Sessions Judges to uphold its ideology.

This symbolic act aimed to reinforce and promote the core values enshrined in the Indian Constitution, emphasizing justice, equality, fraternity and the rule of law.

Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Divas, holds great significance as it highlights the establishment of India as a sovereign, socialist, secular, and democratic republic. It serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility and commitment towards upholding the constitutional principles that strengthen our nation.

## Kashmiri Crafts Reflect Region's History, Heritage, Says WCC President

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Prof Aftab Ganda, the president of the World Crafts Council (WCC), Europe Region, on Tuesday hailed Kashmiri crafts, saying they have an integral connection to the region's heritage and history. He praised the rich legacy of Srinagar's art and craft during his visit to the city.

Prof Aftab interacted with local artisans and conveyed deep appreciation for their work during a two-day conference on promoting Kashmir's crafts here.

"I love the crafts we see here. They are integral to the region's heritage and history. We are very keen to explore how we can provide even more support to the artisans," he said while speaking about the ongoing 60th-anniversary celebrations of the WCC at Srinagar's SKICC.

The WCC (Europe) president acknowledged Srinagar's designation as a World Craft City, a status conferred by the WCC, and highlighted its importance in preserving traditional craftsmanship.



Srinagar, known for its exquisite Pashmina shawls, world-famous carpets, and unique papier-mâché art, joined the prestigious list of cities acknowledged by the WCC for their dedication to traditional crafts.

With today's event, valley marks a milestone for the WCC which has been promoting the preservation and growth of crafts worldwide since its establishment in 1964. The 60th-anniversary celebrations provided a platform to celebrate the diverse craftsmanship of member regions—(KNO)

## 'Kashmir's Craftsmanship Has Potential To Shine On Global Stage'

### Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** The international delegates attending the World Craft Council (WCC) Kashmir Conclave on Tuesday said the valley's craftsmanship has the potential to shine on a global stage.

Dr Kevin Murray, WCC vice president, speaking during the sidelines of the inauguration of an event at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) here, said he had a "remarkable" experience in Kashmir. He heaped praise on the region's "stunning craftsmanship" and "warm hospitality".

"During my visit, I saw such amazing craftsmanship, warm hospitality and beautiful works of heritage and architecture," Dr Murray said. "It has only been one day, and I already feel full."

He said that WCC plays a role in helping local artisans achieve international recognition and market access through product certification.

Nadia Meer, the vice president of WCC Africa, recalled her first visit to the valley in 1980. "That was a wonderful time. I lived on houseboats, swam in Dal Lake, and completely fell in love with Kashmir," she said.

Meer highlighted the importance of initiatives like the World Craft City award in bringing global attention to Kashmir's handicrafts. "Putting the spotlight on Kashmiri handicrafts is crucial. The award is just the first step in joining a network of over 100 cities worldwide, recognised by WCC," she added.

Nadia called for greater collaboration among artisans, businesses and marketing platforms. "Collaboration and product diversification will inspire and uplift the people here," she said, calling for more opportunities to showcase Kashmir's unique artistry on the global stage.

Meanwhile, the WCC Kashmir Conclave is seen as a pivotal event in connecting Kashmir's craftsmanship with the world, paving the way for future growth and recognition.

The Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Manoj Sinha also attended the WCC 60th Jubilee celebration in Srinagar. The World Crafts Council AISBL (WCC-International), an international non-profit organisation, is dedicated to fostering the preservation, promotion and advancement of global craftsmanship and traditional crafts—(KNO)

## Autumn Bliss: Naseem Bagh Welcomes Visitors With Chinar Magic

### Syed Mohammad Burhan

**SRINAGAR:** As November ends and Kashmir gets ready for the cold winter months, Naseem Bagh in Kashmir University has become a favorite place for students and locals. The calm surroundings and the golden Chinar trees make it a wonderful spot to enjoy the beauty of autumn. Observers say social media has played a big role in attracting people to this garden during autumn.

Talking about Chinars in Srinagar city Danish Iqbal, a visitor said that the Chinars in Kashmir have started turning into fierce fire and drew parallels between changing colors of chinar trees and different human emotions.

"The air is fresh and the rain has brought the city into a certain calm. But look at the Chinar. Yesterday's kingdom of green today burning in its own flame! Much like our heart that often burns in its own emotions" Iqbal said.

"The large Chinar trees, with their golden and red leaves falling gracefully, are a major attraction. I wish I could visit this place more often" said Shadab Abbas.

Students from nearby areas, including those from NIT nearby Departments love spending time here. Many use their phones and cameras to capture the beauty and share it on social media.



KO photo: Syed Mohammad Burhan

Aneesa Mushtaq, (name changed) from Education Department described the place as a blessing for the Kashmir University

"The peaceful vibe here is unmatched. The pictures you take in Naseem Bagh are always stunning. It's the perfect spot to experience the beauty of autumn and the feel of local college life," she said.

"Naseem Bagh truly shines in autumn, offering a peaceful and picturesque escape for everyone," she added.

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### RE-TENDER CORRIGENDUM

Subject:- Installation of HDPE Floating Jetties at Various Locations Along Shoreline of Dal Lake (Khonkhan, Zabarwan, Nehru Park area, Makai Point, Cheshmashahi, Karpura and Hazratbal).  
Reference:- This office fresh NIT N04 of 2024-25, issued vide No.LD-1/2065-89 dt:08.11.2024.  
The above subject work is hereby re-tendered on same terms and conditions as are laid down in the fresh NIT No.04 of 2024-25 dt: 08.11.2024 with following online bidding schedule:-

01. Start date for downloading of bidding documents.	25.11.2024 (10.00AM)
02. Bid submission start date	25.11.2024 (10.00 A.M)
03. Bid submission end date	02.12.2024 (04.00 P.M)
04. Date and time of opening of bids (Technical & Financial) on line.	03.12.2024 (2.00 P.M)

- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in upto said bidding schedule.
  - The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in upto said bidding schedule.
  - The complete bidding process will be on line.
- All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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### HIGHWAY STATUS

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

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PRAYERS	
FAJR	5:45
ZUHR	12:16
ASR	3:46
Magrib	5:26
ISHA	6:50

## This Day In History

- 1868 - Battle at Washita River, Oklahoma. General George A. Custer attacks group of Native American Indians, their chief Black Kettle dies in the attack
- 1885 - 1st photograph of a meteor taken by Austro-Hungarian photographer Ladislaus Weinek in Prague, Austrian-Hungarian Empire
- 1895 - Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel's will establishes the Nobel Prize
- 1901 - Prince Ito of Japan comes to St Petersburg hoping to get the Russians to grant Japan concessions in Korea, but later drops this goal and decides to make an alliance with Britain
- 1912 - Spanish protectorate in Morocco forms
- 1914 - 1st British woman elected political agent (Grantham, Lincolnshire)
- 1919 - Peace of Neuilly-sur-Seine: Allies & Bulgaria
- 1941 - British 13th Army Corps reaches Tobruk
- 1942 - Tito appoints Anti-fascist Liberation board in Yugoslavia
- 1951 - Cease-fire & demarcation zone accord signed in Panmunjon, Korea
- 1971 - Soviet Mars 2 becomes 1st spacecraft to crash land on Mars
- 1973 - US Senate votes 92-3 to confirm Gerald Ford as Vice President
- 1973 - US President Richard Nixon signs the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act, authorizing petroleum price, production, allocation and marketing controls
- 1979 - 1st day-night one-day cricket international, Australia v WI at SCG
- 1980 - Soyuz T-3 carries 3 cosmonauts to Salyut 6 space station, launched
- 1982 - Yasuhiro Nakasone elected Prime Minister of Japan succeeding Zenko Suzuki
- 1982 - Davis Cup, Grenoble, France: US takes unassailable, 3-0 lead over France as John
- 1983 - Colombian jetliner Boeing 747 crashes in Madrid killing 181
- 1985 - Republic of Ireland gains consultative role in Northern Ireland
- 1989 - Colombian jetliner bombed killing 107
- 1991 - Undertaker beats Hulk Hogan to become new WWF champ
- 1993 - India defeat West Indies in Bengal Jubilee Cricket Final, Kumble 6-12
- 1994 - Julio Maria Sanguinetti elected president of Uruguay
- 1999 - New Zealand's Labour Party defeats the National-led government after 9 years in power, Helen Clark becomes the first elected female Prime Minister in New Zealand's history
- 2001 - A hydrogen atmosphere is discovered on the extrasolar planet Osiris by the Hubble Space Telescope, the first atmosphere detected on an extrasolar planet.
- 2004 - New Zealand's All Blacks thump Six Nations Rugby Union Champions France 45-6 in Paris
- 2005 - First partial human face transplant is completed for Isabelle Dinoire in Amiens, France.
- 2005 - President El Hadj Omar Bongo Ondimba of Gabon, in power since 1967 and the longest-serving head of state in the world, is re-elected to his third consecutive seven-year term
- 2006 - The Canadian House of Commons endorses Prime Minister Stephen Harper's motion to declare Québecois a nation within a unified Canada.
- 2011 - Roger Federer claims a record 6th ATP World Tour Finals tennis title with a 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 win over Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the final in London, England
- 2012 - 29 people are killed and 126 are wounded by 8 car bombings across Iraq
- 2013 - Greece becomes the first developed market to be demoted into an emerging market by the MSCI index
- 2014 - Cricketer Phillip Hughes dies two days after being struck on the head by a bouncer
- 2017 - Pope Francis begins a three-day trip to Myanmar, amid the Rohingya refugee crisis
- 2017 - Freight trains kills more than 100 reindeer over three days in Norway
- 2018 - US accuses Nicaragua's Vice-President Rosario Murillo, wife of President Daniel Ortega of human rights abuses and imposes sanctions
- 2018 - Explosion near chemical company in Hebei Province, Northern China kills at least 23, injuring 22

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**CORRIGENDUM (Cancellation of e-NIT)**  
Due to administrative reasons, the e-NIT under reference is hereby cancelled.

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### KO VIEW

## Jobs Under Threat

The latest Reserve Bank of India data has put the net household savings as a percentage of GDP at their lowest level in nearly 50 years. This has left families with less disposable income, and which, in turn, has impacted consumption patterns. A report by Marcellus Investment Managers, has traced the slowdown to three basic factors: technological disruptions, a cyclical economic downturn, and deteriorating household balance sheets. Among the three, the 'technological disruptions' are fundamentally altering the job economy. As underlined by the report, the jobs that once formed the backbone of middle-class employment are increasingly being replaced by automation and technology. Artificial Intelligence threatens most of the jobs, more so, the white collar ones. A report from Goldman Sachs has indicated that the AI could replace 300 million jobs globally, and impact two-thirds of jobs in the US and Europe. One-fourth of the jobs could be performed completely by AI. OpenAI and Mckinsey Global Institute estimate that AI would affect half of the job tasks for 20% of the workers. These are grim predictions for the job prospects for the educated youth just entering the job market.

Fallout of the AI is being compounded by the economic downturn and declining household incomes. This is despite the fact that the Indian economy is doing relatively well. Projected to grow at 7% this year, India's economy is the fastest-growing among the world's major economies. But the benefits aren't sufficiently trickling down to people. Despite this economic expansion, job opportunities remain limited, and the competition is intense, with only graduates from well-known colleges securing desirable positions. The unemployment rate in the country for those in the 15 years and above category remained unchanged at 3.2% in 2023-24. However, the youth unemployment rate for those in the 15-29 years age group rose to 10.2% in 2023-24 from 10% in 2022-23. The employment is more for females, rising from 10.6% in 2022-23 to 11% in 2023-24.

Job security is another area of growing apprehension, with more Indians expressing concerns about potential layoffs. These worries are not unique to India, as global issues like recession, economic slowdown, and multinational conflicts weigh on the minds of individuals worldwide. Kashmir mirrors this tough job situation. In fact, the situation is more difficult in the UT as there are fewer opportunities outside government jobs: In the July-September quarter of 2024, Jammu and Kashmir recorded the highest unemployment rate at 11.8 percent, followed by Odisha with 10.6 percent. This calls for not just a job plan for also an education plan for the youth, so that the new generation has required skills and know-how to be relevant to the new job market.



### Did You Know?

## Understanding Nifty: A Simple Guide for Everyone

Irshad Mushtaq

The stock market can be confusing, with ups and downs that seem daunting. Let's break down what's been happening with the Nifty, a popular stock index.

#### Recent Trends

- Highs and Lows**  
26th September 2014: Nifty hit an all-time high of 26,216 points.  
21st November 2024: It dropped to 23,349 points, a fall of about 2,967 points or 11.37% from the high.  
25th November 2024: It rose again to 24,221 points, recovering 872 points from its recent low.
- Current Status:** Nifty is now 1,995 points below its all-time high, which is about 7.60% down.

#### Portfolio Strategy

**Benchmarking:** When the Nifty drops, ideally, your investment portfolio should follow a similar trend, within reason. If your portfolio falls less than the Nifty, your strategy is strong. If it falls more, you might need to reassess.

**Quality Investments:** Focus on maintaining a high-quality portfolio with proper asset allocation across various sectors.

#### Market Philosophy

**Volatility as Opportunity:** Market fluctuations are normal. When prices drop, it's a good time to invest more in quality stocks or assets like ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds), quality shares and Mutual Funds.

**Target Returns:** Aim for a double-digit gain of 12% to 20% - 22% annually. (CAGR) Over time, compound interest can significantly benefit your investments.

#### Key Qualities and Support

**Patience & Knowledge:** Successful investing requires patience and continuous learning.

**Expert Guidance:** Trusted advisory services can help you make informed decisions, ensuring you handle the market's ups and downs wisely. Here's a simplified estimation of a 10 lakh investment after 20 years at different interest rates, focusing on how many times it multiplies:

- 12% Annual Return: Grows approximately 10 times.  
Maturity = 1 crore.
- 15% Annual Return: Grows approximately 16 times. Maturity = 1.6 crore.
- 20% Annual Return: Grows approximately 38 times. Maturity = 3.8 crore.
- 22% Annual Return: Grows approximately 51 times. Maturity = 5.1 crore.

These are rough estimates to give you an idea of the growth. In summary, understand that the market will always fluctuate. Use trusted advice and invest in quality to navigate these changes successfully.

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# Dangerous Pan-Indian Portents of Waqf Amendment Bill (2024)

Haider Abbas

The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, buoyed by a thumping victory in Maharashtra after Haryana polls, is now to be more aggressive, as on the very onset of the winter-session of Parliament, PM Narendra Modi has stated that Waqf Law does not have a place in India's Constitution. The ends are now to justify the means, as the façade built over forming a Joint Parliament Committee (JPC), on the Waqf Amendment Bill (2024) is now all cleared to become an Act, which obviously will have reverberations all across the nation. JPC had 31 Opposition MPs from Lok Sabha as well as Rajya Sabha. The Opposition sought an extension of JPC, which does not seem to have any takers. JPC chairman, a BJP MP, Jagdambika Pal, has informed that the 500-pages report is ready to be tabled. Headly days are therefore ahead.

It is worth recalling that Waqf properties are protected by the Constitution of India through the Shariat Application Act, 1937. After independence, came the first Waqf Act of 1954, was amended in 1995, and later again amended in 2013. This Bill, slated to now become an Act, was brought in Parliament, on August 8, had 40 pages and covered 44 changes. It is therefore going to change everything of the past. Despite that being completely antithetical and inconsistent with the Constitution!

The Act, once made, is most likely going to fuel a full-blown storm. It is going to be a 'final end' to the last vestige where Muslims exercised some control. Muslims have called for protests; it happened in Jaipur, Kolkata and Gulbarga etc. The Bill was opposed by the largest Opposition party, Samajwadi Party (SP). The narrative to finally gulp, in the name of reforms, the Waqf properties, on an India level was led by the spread of a national canard, that the 32 Waqf Boards in India, hold properties only third to Indian Railways and Army. Railways and Army own these properties, but the Waqf Board is not the owner of these properties. It only looks after their maintenance, as per the Waqfnama (Endowment deeds).

Waqf in English means an endowment, through which Muslims donated their lands, moveable and immovable properties, for the welfare of widows, orphans, schools, hospitals, madrassas, etc. There are two types of Waqfs: one is Waqf Alal Aulad (meant for progeny's welfare) and the other is Waqf Alal Khair (for general public welfare), with an appointed Mutawalli (Manager). In no case can a Waqf be sold, even the owner cannot take it back once a property is designated as Waqf. Thereafter, the property is to be vested with God. In UP alone, there are 2,10,239 properties registered in Sunni Central Waqf Board and 15,386 properties in Shia Central Waqf Board.

The Act will authorize that if any Waqf by 'user', used as such, without any endowment-deed for decades/centuries, is not registered, then after the Act is passed, can be registered as Waqf within six-months. How easily said? What if one could not get a Qabristan, Kerbala, Dargah, Khanqah, Yateem Khana, Mosque and Sarai etc as 'registered Waqf' in six months? Government will obviously take over it! Both Nitish Kumar of JD (U) and CB Naidu of TDP, partners of the government, are supportive of the government on all this.

Will it not be better to recall that despite the guarantees of Waqf Act (previous) the demolition of a 100 years mosque in district Barabanki (UP) in 2021, by district authorities, under anti-encroachment drive, had taken place. This happened when it was registered as Waqf. A 16th century Shahi Masjid in Allahabad in 2023 was razed. In 2022, a 300 years old mosque in Muzaffarnagar was also demolished! All were Waqfs. The 150 old Sunehri Masjid in New Delhi, is facing a similar fate! Now what more is to happen?

The Act is patently violative of our Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution (Article 12 onwards to 35), which interestingly are subject to other Articles, but it is only the specific Article 26, which is absolutely free from any such embargo, and allows Muslims, and people of all other religious denominations, an unconditional freedom to manage their religious affairs, 'subject to public order, morality and health.'

Now, in the wake of Article 26, it warrants a threadbare analysis on the government initiative to bring about changes. For instance, to nominate non-Muslims on state boards; re-

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The Act will give a final blow to the Waqf Board, which is likely to open the floodgates for continued illegal occupancies. The law-of-limitation over adverse possession by the opposite party, from which the Waqf Board was earlier exempted, will now be in place. After the proposed amendments in Section 107 of the erstwhile Waqf Act, the Board will abdicate its right to stake its claim thereon

belonged to Muslims (donated by Muslims of course) even if there was no endowment deed. Article 26 gave Muslims a complete autonomy on them, through its Clause (D). The right of administration is not at all in any way hindered. But, now it is the District Collector (DC) who will decide. After the Act, the DC in each district is to be made the sole arbiter regarding any particular Waqf property, and not the Waqf Tribunal, as was the case before.

Therefore, now if the DC entertains any doubt, about the nature and user of that property, nobody can do otherwise except and unless the DC passes final orders. The DC may keep the matter pending for decades and till the DC makes a decision the property cannot be used! Earlier, if Waqf Board was to stake a claim, it was open to be contested in Waqf Tribunal within three years, and on its decision the property was either to remain in Waqf Board or otherwise given to the other party. Why should the DC be given such overwhelming powers, when Article 26 Clause (C) clearly states that the right of ownership of such properties, through documents or otherwise by user, under no circumstances, can be taken away. This is what the Act will nullify.

The Act also allows the nomination of two non-Muslims members in the State Boards. For this, the government will need to first circumvent the whole of Article 26, which in its Clause (B) allows Muslims to manage their own affairs in matters of religion. The reality is that inside Muslim themselves, there are two distinct Sunni and Shia sects, and there are a vast number of differences between Sunni themselves as well as within Shias. The presence of non-Muslims members in the management of Waqf Board will affect the whole system.

There is going to be only more chaos in future, as Clause (A) of Article 26, clearly specifies that establishing institutions for religious and charitable purposes, has to be seen in the spirit and thought of the person who has dedicated the property. Here an awkward situation will arise, as one thing may be religious and charitable for one but not for another, and as such, the person who has dedicated his or her property, will deprive him or her off-springs to use the property. This will result in absolute contravention of the right of the donor.

The Act will squeeze every bit of autonomy from the Waqf Board, by appointing a Non-Muslim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), who as under Section-26 of Waqf Act, has been accorded with unbridled powers, to the extent that CEO has the right to not to implement a resolution passed by the Board, and may send it to the 'State Government along with his objections to the order or resolution, and the decision of the State Government thereon shall be final.' In fact a Sunni and a Shia CEO deserves a place in each respective board. The CEO, therefore, is far more powerful than even the Chairman of the Board. Every resolution of the Board, after the Act, will hang in a limbo.

The Act will give a final blow to the Waqf Board, which is likely to open the floodgates for continued illegal occupancies. The law-of-limitation over adverse possession by the opposite party, from which the Waqf Board was earlier exempted, will now be in place. After the proposed amendments in Section 107 of the erstwhile Waqf Act, the Board will abdicate its right to stake its claim thereon. What deserves to be mentioned is that after 1947, a peculiar situation had arisen, particularly in Punjab, where a large number of mosques etc were abandoned by migrating Muslims to Pakistan, and such buildings were possessed by Sikhs, but after the 2013 amendments, many of such buildings have been returned back to Muslims. This Act will block this passage.

Waqf is an exclusive Muslim domain as it stems from donations of Muslims since ages but this Act will make them lose all control over it and the government will take over. No wonder, Muslims are now up to their last-wake-up-call.

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placing the Waqf Tribunal authority with District Collector as arbiter on whether a property is Waqf property or government land; redefining how a property is deemed to be in the possession of Waqf. This will change the very essence of Waqf Act of 2013. These changes will be absolutely inconsistent with our Article 26, which very clearly allow Muslims, to (A) to establish and maintain institutions for religious and charitable purposes, (B) to manage its own affairs in matters of religion, (C) to own and acquire moveable and immovable property and (D) to administer property in accordance with law.'

The 'Waqf by user' since centuries, will now be of a bygone era, and thence onwards, will be invalidated, as previously they had all

# Migratory Delights

Mohammad Hanief

With the onset of winter in the Kashmir Valley, migratory birds have started flocking to wetlands, seeking refuge from the harsher climates of Siberia, China and Eastern Europe while as hundreds of birds, including species like mallards and gadwalls, have already started arriving at Hokersar and other wetlands.

Migratory birds arrive every year to stay in lakes, marshes, and at least five wetland spots in Jammu and Kashmir, typically for about five months. The annual migration brings not only birds but also wildlife photographers, hobbyists, and bird watchers who flock to these wetlands for a glimpse of the rare visitors and this winter season a good number of migratory birds are expecting as the temperature dips in the coming months, the number of migratory birds will increase. Over one million migratory birds arrived in Kashmir during last winter season.

This year, Kashmir experienced a prolonged dry spell, although recent snowfall in mountainous and hilly areas is signalling a return to colder conditions. With colder months ahead, the wetlands of Kashmir will continue to serve as a vital sanctuary for migratory birds, adding to the valley's natural beauty and ecological diversity.

An impressive number of migratory birds have flocked to the region, upholding the centuries-old tradition of wintering in the wetlands. Hundreds of migratory birds, including mallards, gadwalls and various other species, have arrived at Hokersar wetland. Notably, more than 90 species of birds trek to breed and feed in the valley's wetlands, travelling from Siberia, China, and Eastern Europe. These include mallards, common teal, bitterns, graylag geese, pintails, shovellers, tufted ducks, and cormorants.

For bird watchers, it's an exciting time, especially as sightings can vary each year, however, despite the beauty and biodiversity, poaching remains a challenge for the wildlife department. The



Jammu and Kashmir Wildlife department have already identified areas vulnerable to poaching and plan to intensify monitoring to prevent illegal activities in and around the boundaries of the wetland areas as they are committed to safeguarding these migratory species, and efforts to prevent poaching incidents are being prioritized with extra vigilance around the wetlands.

In a remarkable development for bird enthusiasts and conservationists alike, the elusive Great Bittern (*Botaurus stellaris*) has been sighted for the first time in the Kashmir Valley at the renowned Wular Lake. This significant event not only highlights the ecological importance of the region but also strengthens the ongoing efforts to preserve its rich biodiversity. As migratory birds return to their seasonal habitats, Wular Lake has once again proven to be a vital refuge for avian species.

The arrival of the Great Bittern, known for its distinctive booming call and cryptic plumage, marks an extraordinary occasion for ornithologists and nature lovers. Its presence in the valley underscores the significance of

wetland conservation in sustaining diverse bird populations.

The Wular Lake, one of the largest freshwater lakes in Asia, serves as a crucial habitat for numerous migratory birds each year. The arrival of the Great Bittern adds to the lake's already impressive roster of avifauna, including various species of ducks, herons, and other migratory birds that grace the region during the winter months.

Bird watchers and researchers are encouraged to visit Wular Lake to witness this remarkable event and participate in ongoing conservation initiatives. The sighting of the Great Bittern not only fosters excitement within the community but also serves as a reminder of the need for collective action to protect our natural heritage.

Wular lake is much cleaner and full of water. A dry spell has reduced the areas of the other water bodies across the Valley, especially in neighbouring areas like Hygam, Hokersar and Shal-bough. Poaching of migratory birds has also come down due to strong vigilance around the lake. Now birds find this big water body a safe heaven.

In past 12 months, the clean waters of the lake has even attracted some rare species, such as Falcated Duck, Horned Grebe, Western Reef Heron, Smew Duck, Long-tailed Duck, Pacific

Golden Plover and the Broad-billed Sandpiper.

Wular is a shallow lake with a maximum depth of 5.8 metres and covers 130 sq km, providing 60% of the Valley's fish produce. Known for water chestnuts and lotus stems, the lake is the lifeline of the 30 surrounding villages. For the past three years, more

than ₹300 crore has been spent on the lake's conservation, and experts say results are reflecting on ground. The last Annual Water bird Census (AWC) in the Kashmir had revealed that the wetlands here provide a pleasant stay for the birds from across Europe, Japan, China and Central Asia. According to official Census figures the arrival of migratory birds ranged between eight to 12 lakh in 2022-23 and 11 to 12 lakh in 2021-22.

Every year, the Wildlife Department Kashmir, in collaboration with several other agencies and stakeholders, conduct a census to determine the number of migratory birds that visit

there is also a lurking threat from the poachers and hunters. The wildlife department seized more than 30 guns, including a rifle worth more than Rs 5 lakh, in the past two years. Around the same time, the Forest Protection Force (FPF) in north Kashmir's Bandipora, where Wular Lake is one of the main sites for bird visits, claimed to have seized as many as 11 punt guns – about 9 feet long – from the poachers.

The wildlife department has implemented multiple measures to transform all wetlands into habitable spaces, resulting in a noticeable surge in bird activity. Last year, the Kashmir valley hosted more than 12 lakh migratory birds, some visiting for the first time. The department has taken several initiatives to maintain suitable habitats for these birds, ensuring an adequate water level in the wetlands. Apart from Hokersar, other locations such as Wular Lake, Haigam, Shalbugh, Dal Lake, and Murgund also attract migratory birds during the winter months.

Migratory period extends until March, when the birds return to their distant homelands, completing a cycle that has played out for centuries as the recent



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Kashmir during the winter. The season also attracts hobbyists, wildlife photographers and bird watchers, many of whom frequent these spots to catch glimpses of special guests as many of them look forward to this season to see a lot of them gathering near Dal Lake.

As the birds arrive, however,

influx of migratory birds, numbering in lakhs, has infused the wetland reserves of Kashmir with vibrant hues and melodious sounds.

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## GenZ and Nostalgia

### What's Fueling Their Love for the Past?

RIDA ALI



**EVERY GENERATION LOOKS BACK LONGINGLY ON WHAT FEELS LIKE A SIMPLER, FREER TIME, often as they transition into adulthood and face new responsibilities. Millennials felt a similar yearning for a world they hadn't lived through**

In an age of constant progress, I find myself retreating to the past. The world's demands feel lighter when I'm watching old shows from the 2000s. My film camera gives me the satisfaction of simpler moments in a way my iPhone can't. Photos of "how things used to be" fill me with a sense of calm. And I know I'm not the only one in Gen Z who feels this way. Our generation may be the most nostalgic yet; 40% of Gen Z longs for eras we never lived through, while 70% regularly consumes media from earlier decades. Why is nostalgia so pervasive for us?

We have more advanced technology, more global connectivity, and more options than any generation before. Yet we reach for things like film cameras and binge old episodes of *Gilmore Girls* or *Wizards of Waverly Place*. We wear Y2K fashion and embrace aesthetics that make the early 2000s feel "vintage." Brands cater to us with marketing filled with "vintage" and "nostalgic" imagery because they know it resonates. Why?

Nostalgia can act as a form of self-care, with familiar, pleasant activities activating the brain's reward centers. For Gen Z, turning to early 2000s media offers that familiarity in a time when the present feels increasingly uncertain. There's comfort in returning to shows like *Gilmore Girls*, *Harry Potter*, and *Friends*, where you know exactly what to expect—every character's quirks, every predictable conflict. While these shows may deal with drama, the problems feel contained, almost trivial, compared to the daunting global crises Gen Z faces today. Watching exaggerated portrayals of teenage struggle can feel reassuring, a reminder of when



issues were simpler and more manageable. However, with nostalgia often comes romanticization, leading to phrases like, "I was born in the wrong generation." While this sentiment is understandable, it's not unique to Gen Z. Every generation looks back longingly on what feels like a simpler, freer time, often as they transition into adulthood and face new responsibilities. Millennials felt a similar yearning for a world they hadn't lived through—cue songs

like Sandi Thom's "I Wish I Was a Punk Rocker" with its idealized view of earlier eras. It's human nature to crave those carefree years, even if each "simpler time" had its own set of challenges. The early 2000s were iconic, but like any other decade, they weren't free of global issues.

Part of nostalgia, maybe, is the sheer speed and exposure of modern life. We can experience the world with a scroll or a swipe, which brings endless opportunities but also re-

lentless comparisons. Social media shows us constant highlights, making it easy to feel that "yesterday" was brighter than today.

Documenting every moment is both a gift and a burden: we can cherish memories, yet we constantly measure them against the curated snapshots of others.

Unlike previous generations, Gen Z faces the additional pressure of presenting a polished, marketable version of ourselves on social media—whether we're making friends, dating, applying to schools, or seeking jobs. This need to "sell" ourselves can make even meaningful moments feel lacklustre if they don't measure up to the endless parade of life's "best" scenes. It's no surprise that Gen Z reports higher levels of stress, anxiety, and depression than previous generations.

It wasn't always this way. In the 70s, 80s, 90s, and early 2000s, people weren't flooded with images of past decades or perpetual comparisons. They simply lived each moment, free from the looming shadow of a virtual audience. They had more room to savour the uniqueness of their present without the fear of falling short.

But social media is only part of the equation. For much of Gen Z, crucial moments of adolescence were overshadowed or stolen by a global pandemic. In addition, we face a housing crisis, inflation, and global warfare playing out on our screens, amplifying the weight of these challenges. Our generation stands at the intersection of hyper-individualism and a deep commitment to social justice, which creates a unique tension: while we're encouraged to craft distinct personal identities online, we're also more aware than ever of the world's problems, from systemic

inequalities to environmental crises.

This awareness is intensified by the ways history and current events are documented and shared with us. Through our phones, we have access to images, testimonies, and news of injustices across the world in real-time. The past isn't a distant memory—it's alive in our feeds, in stories that spotlight both the struggles and victories of previous generations.

We inherit these documented memories and feel their weight, seeing not only how the world once was but also how much remains unchanged. With resources and platforms that allow us to organize and mobilize, we often feel both empowered and pressured to fix wrong things and to advocate for a better future.

Maybe nostalgia isn't just an escape; it's a response to what's missing. While we're surrounded by options and technology that connect us more than ever, this hyper-connected world can also feel fragmented and detached. With everything seemingly for sale, it's difficult to find meaning in what's organic and real. Capitalism's endless drive for progress and consumption can make our lives feel driven by metrics, achievements, and aesthetics, rather than genuine connection or fulfillment. In revisiting the past, we find a grounding sense of authenticity—a bridge between eras that gives us a safe space to recharge and a glimpse of life outside the pressures of the modern world. For Gen Z, nostalgia offers a way to cope with today's complex pressures and to hold onto a vision of simpler times. It's no surprise, then, that even in an age of endless innovation, the past still feels like home.

The article was originally published by Amaliah

# Existing PAN Holders Do Not Need To Apply Afresh Under PAN 2.0: Tax Dept

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- Existing Permanent Account Number (PAN) card holders are not required to apply for a new one under the upgraded PAN 2.0 system that is primarily aimed at introducing a 'common identifier' for all business-related activities, the Income Tax Department said on Tuesday.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had approved the Rs 1,435-crore PAN 2.0 Project to streamline and modernise the process of issuing and managing PAN and TAN, making it more user-friendly and efficient.

PAN is a unique 10-digit alphanumeric number issued by the Income Tax Department to Indian taxpayers.



"With existing PAN database of 78 crore PANs and 73.28 lakh TANs, the project addresses the requirements of taxpayers, focusing on consolidation of multiple platforms/portals and efficient services to PAN/TAN holders," Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a release

on Tuesday. PAN 2.0 is an e-governance project of the Income Tax Department (ITD) for re-engineering the business processes of taxpayer registration services, it said, adding that the objective of the project is to enhance the quality of PAN services through adoption of

latest technology.

The Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number (TAN)-related services are also merged with this project.

In an FAQ, the CBDT further said, "The existing PAN card holders are not required to apply for new PAN under the upgraded system (PAN 2.0)."

The PAN card will not be changed unless the PAN holders want any update/correction, it added.

"The existing valid PAN cards will continue to be valid under PAN 2.0," FAQ said.

CBDT also clarified that the "QR code is not a new feature, and it has been incorporated in PAN cards since 2017-18" and the same will be continued under PAN 2.0 project with enhancements (dynamic QR code which will display latest data present in PAN database).

# Govt To Soon Provide Long-Term Finance Via PACS To Empower Farmers: Amit Shah

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi- Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday said the government will soon provide long-term finance through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) to further empower the farming community.

Speaking at the National Federation of State Co-operative Banks Ltd (NAFSCOB)'s Diamond Jubilee Celebration, Shah also directed the National Federation of State Co-operative Banks to prioritise making PACS more viable, transparent, and modern.

The minister stressed the strengthening of the spirit of cooperation while expressing concern over the "dilution" of this spirit in state and district-level cooperative banks in many places.

"We will provide long-term finance through PACS... We will start this soon. This will further empower farmers," Shah said, addressing NAFSCOB's Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

Currently, PACS provide short-term finance to the farmers. Urging the NAFSCOB to play a bigger role in strengthening the cooperative banking sector, Shah said its work is "not just about holding meetings and resolving problems with the RBI and government; its job is to make PACS viable, transparent and modern".

Highlighting the critical aspects of cooperative banking reforms, he pitched for strengthening Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), totalling 105,000 with only 65,000 functional.

He asked NAFSCOB to focus on implementing technological upgrades, creating opportunities for youth engagement, and focus on increasing low-cost deposits.

On expansion plans, Shah said the government aims to increase the number of district cooperative banks by 50 per cent from the current 300 in the coming years.

The minister urged NAFSCOB to conduct workshops to help PACS adapt to new technologies and recommended studying successful models like Ahmedabad District Co-operative Bank and Gujarat State Co-operative Bank.

The minister asked both state and cooperative banks to keep higher targets for deposits and annual profit from the current level by focusing on raising low-cost deposits in the local area.

## The Jammu And Kashmir Board Of School Education New Campus, Bemina, Srinagar. PUBLIC NOTICE

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class 10th) under Roll No. 139064053 Session: Annual Regular Year 2023 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent/Board, against my caste as Yasir Hussain Hakim Instead of. Yasir Hussain Hajam Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education, New Campus, Bemina, Srinagar. If any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-Kashmir Division within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period, no objection will be entertained. This is published for the information of the general public. The correction particulars be recorded as under:-



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## NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I have lost the Registration Certificate (RC) of my vehicle bearing registration number **JK01W-4534**. I am in the process of applying for a duplicate RC. If any person or entity has any objection to the issuance of the duplicate RC, they are requested to file their objection in writing at the RTO Office, Srinagar, within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice. After this period, no objections shall be entertained, and the process for issuing a duplicate RC will proceed.

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## UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS (R&B) DIVISION AWANTIPORA

NO: T-1/EEA/6951-55

dated: 25-11-2024

### Extension Corrigendum

Subject:-

S.No.	Name of Work
1	Construction of drain from main chowk Kadlbal to Dhobi Masjid via Abdul Rehman Nadroo and others at MC Pampore Phase-1.
2	Construction of lane/ drain from main road upto House of Ali Mohd Bhat at Old Frestabal.
3	Repairment of drain opposite house of Fayaz Ahmad Bhat at Drangbal Pampore.
4	Construction of lane /drain from H/O M Sultan Illahi to Ab Rashid at Muqdam Mohallah Ward No 7 at MC Awantipora.

Reference: **E-NIT No: 83/EEA/RNB/Of 2024-25/6016-6026** Dated: 02/11/2024

It is notified for the information of all concerned that single bidder has participated for above said NIT for S.No. (4) and zero bidders for S.No.(1,2 and 3). Hence the above mentioned works/Tenders are hereby extended/modified and fixed as under:

1	Bid Submission End Date	02-12-2024 up to 4.00 P.M
2	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	03-12-2024 at 11.00 AM

All other terms & Conditions shall remain same as per above mentioned NITs

SD/-

Tech. Officer  
DIPK-8640/24 dated: 26-11-2024

Sd/- Executive Engineer  
R&B Division Awantipora

## Office of the Executive Engineer, Transmission Line Maintenance Division-III, Amargarh, Sopore

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### EXTENSION NOTICE-I

E-NIT No-EE/TLMDA/ 05 of 2024  
DATED: 02-11-2024

Due to no response the dates for E-bidding for above referred E-NIT are extended as under, all the terms and conditions will remain the same.

The Standard Bidding Document is available on website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

The information regarding schedule of downloading of the tender document and submission of dates thereof is as per the table given below:

#### CRITICAL DATES

1	Downloading of bidding documents (End)	09.12.2024 (4:00 pm)
2	Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid opening date And time.	11.12.2024 (02:30 Pm)
3	Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, TLMD-III Amargarh

- Only the bidders possessing the qualifying criteria as mentioned in the SBD should participate in the bidding process.
- Clarifications can also be sought from the office of the under signed on E-mail [tlmd3rdamargarh@gmail.com](mailto:tlmd3rdamargarh@gmail.com) or fax 01954-225010.
- Before participating in the bids, the bidder shall acquaint himself with the site of work and local conditions.
- The corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

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Executive Engineer  
JKPTCL, TLMD-III,  
Amargarh Sopore

No: EE/TLMDA/1816-17  
DIPK-NB-2540/24 Dated: 26-11-2024

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir KASHMIR POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ELECTRIC DIVISION (O&M) BIJEHARA

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
NIT:-EDB/e-tender/74 of 2024-25  
Dated: -26-11-2024

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT, e-tenders(singlecover) are hereby invited from Registered Class-A Electrical Contractors for following works under District Capex 2024-25 with Grants shown against each.

No	Name of Work	Grant	Adv. Cost. (Rs Lacs)	Cost of e-Bid/ tender document (Rs)	EMD (Rs)
1	C/O Concrete Beds for installation of 7 Transformers at Wulerhama	PRI	1.78	200	3560
2	Publishing Date & Time		26-11-2024 (1700 Hrs)		
3	Document Download / Sale Start Date & Time		26-11-2024 (1700 Hrs)		
4	Seek Clarification Start Date & Time		26-11-2024 (1700 Hrs)		
5	Seek Clarification End Date & Time		02-12-2024 (1300 Hrs)		
6	Bid Submission Start Date & Time		26-11-2024 (1700 Hrs)		
7	Bid Submission End Date & Time		03-12-2024 (1300 Hrs)		
8	Bid opening date & Time		04-12-2024 (1300 Hrs)		
9	Venue of opening Bids		Electric Division Bijbehara		

Position of Funds: Authorized  
Please Read Document Carefully

The tender document is available on website. 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 above. The Quoted rates shall be Firm, inclusive of all taxes and duties, WCT, freight, transportation up to working sites. The rates shall include costs, if any attracted towards mandatory inspections / testing by the designated agencies and the department will not be required to pay / reimburse anything over and above the price quoted. All the bids must be supported by the Instrument of EMD of the exact amount as mentioned in the above table and shall have been issued post tender publication date. Moreover, any deviation in the EMD amount is liable for rejection.

MSME: Only those MSME's shall be considered responsive who shall have the domain of Installation of Electrical Infrastructure (DTs, Poles, Conductor, LTAB Cable, HTAB Cable, Solar Lights, High Mast Lights, Metering) at LT & HT Level in their certificate of incorporation/registration (UDYAM).

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz Quoted percentage of NIT	Additional performance security
01	Upto and including 15% below	Nil
02	>15% upto and including 20% below	5% of Advertised Cost
03	>20% upto and including 25% below	10% of Advertised Cost
04	>25% upto and including 30% below	15% of Advertised Cost
05	>30% below	20% of Advertised Cost

No:-EDB/TS/7091-98  
DIPK-NB-2545/24 Dated: -26-11-2024

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Electric Division Bijbehara

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TRANSMISSION LINE MAINTENANCE DIVISION III AMARGARH SOPORE

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### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No: - EE/TLMDA/ 10 of 2024  
DATED: 23-11-2024

Executive Engineer TLMD-III, Amargarh Sopore on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory invites e-tenders (In Two Cover System) valid for 180 days from reputed, experienced and financially sound Electrical Contractors and Executors fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in the standard bidding documents for the work detailed below. E-Tenders need to be accompanied by earnest money deposit (EMD) in the shape of DD/CDR/BG from any Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank equivalent to 2% of the advertised cost pledged to Executive Engineer, Transmission Line Maintenance Division III, Amargarh Sopore. The complete bidding process is online. However, hard copies consisting of Tender Fee & EMD (original instruments) in cover-I are to be submitted before two days of e-bid submission end date by the bidders in the office of the undersigned and Techno-Commercial bid (as per SBD) in cover II has to be submitted only by the Lowest Bidder in the office of the undersigned on the day which will be communicated to lowest bidder. Financial bids must be submitted online only as per prescribed format.

The Standard Bidding Document is available on website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

Scope of Work	Qty	Estimated Cost	Tender Fee	EMD	Time of Completion
DISMANTLING OF DEFECTIVE/DAMAGED TOWER PORTION OF TOWER NO 20 (DB+0) AND REPLACEMENT OF SAME BY WAY OF ERECTION OF HT/MS GRADE GI TOWER MATERIAL OF 132 KV PATTAN-MAGAM TRANSMISSION LINE AND RESTORATION OF POWER SUPPLY TO GSS MAGAM VIA ERECTION OF ERS SUPERSTRUCTURE.	As per BOQ	Rs.4.92 Lacs	Rs. 500/-	Rs.9840	15 Days

The information regarding schedule of downloading of the tender document and submission dates thereof is as per the table below:

#### CRITICAL DATES

1.	Issue of NIT	23-11-2024 (06:00PM)
2.	Downloading of bidding documents (Start)	23-11-2024 (06:00 PM)
3.	Downloading of bidding documents (End)	14-12-2024 (4:00 PM)
4.	e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting - Documents in PDF formats)	29-11-2024 (6:00 PM)
5.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats)	14-12-2024 (4:00PM)
6.	Start date of clarifications	23-11-2024 (06:00 PM)
7.	End date of clarifications	29-11-2024 (04:00 PM)
9.	Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid opening date and time.	16-12-2024 (2:30 PM)
10.	Venue of opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids	Office of the Executive Engineer, TLMD-III Amargarh Sopore
11.	Cost of e-Bid document (to be submitted in the form of Demand Draft Pledged to Executive Engineer JKPTCL, TLMD-III Amargarh)	Rs 500/-
12.	Online financial e-tender opening date & time (Only of the technically qualified Tenderers)	Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Tenderers
13.	Amount of earnest Money Deposit (2% of Advt cost)	Rs 9840.00

- Only the bidders possessing the qualifying criteria as mentioned in the SBD should participate in the bidding process.
- Clarifications can also be sought from the office of the Executive Engineer JKPTCL, TLMD-III Amargarh Sopore on E-mail [tlmd3rdamargarh@gmail.com](mailto:tlmd3rdamargarh@gmail.com) or fax 01954-225010.
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Executive Engineer  
TLMD-III, JKPTCL  
Amargarh, Sopore

No: EE/TLMDA/1779-82  
DIPK-NB-2521/24 Dated: 26-11-2024



## Woman Apologies For Bullying Kashmiri Shawl Sellers



Press Trust Of India

**SHIMLA:** A woman caught on camera bullying two shawl sellers from Kashmir for trading their wares in Himachal Pradesh apologised on Tuesday. The apology came a day after a 2.46 minute video that surfaced on social media showed her telling two Kashmiris not to come to the village and asking them to say "Jai Shri Ram" to prove they are "Hindustani." On Tuesday, the woman, in a 49-second clip, said, "I accept my mistake and apologise if I intentionally or unintentionally said something wrong. I told them not to come to my home

as some women live alone here and are scared of strangers." The video was shared by national convener of the Jammu and Kashmir Students Association, Nasir Khuehami, who raised his voice against the incident when the first video turned up on X. Khuehami had claimed that the video was from a village in Himachal's Hamirpur or Kangra districts. It is yet to be known where the incident took place. "No one will purchase their products, buy from our Hindu people," the woman was seen telling others in the earlier video. "Don't come in my area," she said.

## "Jeshni Kala Sanskriti" Festival Held

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**SRINAGAR:** The event Dastaan Theatre organized under the aegis of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, under the scheme of Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of Himalayas received critical support from the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKACL) as well as supported by Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. The festival showcased an array of vibrant cultural performances, theatrical productions, folk art displays, and traditional music sessions, capturing

Islamic University of Science and Technology Awantipora Kashmir through Ministry of Culture over 500 artists, actors, and musicians participating, the event served as a platform for emerging and established talent to share their craft. From engaging theatre productions that explored social and cultural narratives to enthralling folk dance performances that celebrated the unique traditions of Kashmir, the festival fostered a deeper appreciation for the performing arts. The festival also included a series of workshops, panel discussions, and interactive ses-



the rich heritage and diverse talent of artists from across the region. Shahkaar Cultural Society, Kashmir Valley Theatre, Mehboob Cultural Society groups from Valley of Kashmir performed in a festival "JASHN-I-KALA SANSKRITI" organized by Young Dramatists Society and

sions led by industry experts, offering insights into various aspects of theatre production, scriptwriting, and acting. These sessions attracted a significant number of young enthusiasts, furthering the festival's mission to inspire and nurture the next generation of dramatists and cultural advocates.

## Antimicrobial Resistance Continues To Be A Growing Global Health Threat: Experts

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) continues to pose one of the greatest threats to global health, jeopardising the effectiveness of treatments for infectious diseases and undermining decades of medical progress, experts warn.

A senior doctor at the Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar said that the world's most powerful antibiotics, once capable of saving millions of lives, are now becoming increasingly ineffective. "AMR occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites evolve resistance to the drugs that previously killed or inhibited them," the doctor said. "As a result, standard treatments become ineffective, leading to prolonged infections, the spread of diseases, and an increased risk of severe health complications."

Experts said there are several factors leading to AMR, including the overuse and misuse of antibiotics, incomplete courses of treatment, poor infection control measures, agricultural practices, and the lack of new antibiotics. The doctor highlighted the importance of

cautious antibiotic use. "Think twice and seek medical advice before using antibiotics. Misuse of these drugs puts everyone at risk," he urged. "Overuse of antibiotics is promoting the emergence and spread of resistant bacteria, making even common infections harder to treat."

The doctor said it is urgent to address this growing concern. "The rising levels of AMR require immediate action to explore and implement strategies to curb its spread," he said. A 2022 report in The Lancet highlighted the devastating global impact of AMR, revealing that bacterial resistance was responsible for an estimated 4.95 million deaths worldwide by 2019. Without substantial interventions, the report predicts that AMR could lead to 10 million deaths annually by 2050.

Another expert said that AMR has far-reaching effects, including public health crises, economic burdens, and the exacerbation of global health inequities. "There is a need for responsible antibiotic use, proper disposal of unused or expired medications, and stricter regulations on pharmaceutical waste to reduce the environmental impact and

prevent further resistance development," he said.

To combat AMR, experts recommend the rational use of antibiotics, improved infection prevention measures, strengthened surveillance systems, public education campaigns and increased funding for research into new antibiotics and alternatives.

In the Kashmir Valley, inappropriate antibiotic use is a major contributor to rising AMR levels. One doctor revealed that more than two-thirds of antibiotics are unnecessarily prescribed for viral infections or conditions that do not involve bacterial pathogens at all. The widespread over-the-counter antibiotic use without proper prescription, especially in chemist shops, and the indiscriminate use of antibiotics in hospitals without appropriate testing are major concerns.

"There is an urgent need for an antibiotic policy that regulates and rationalises antibiotic use both in hospitals and in the community," the doctor said. "Such a policy would help standardize treatment protocols and ensure antibiotics are used appropriately, reducing the risk of resistance."—(KNO)

## Pulwama, Shopian Residents Concerned Over Poor Power Infra

Agencies

**PULWAMA:** Dangling electric wires tied with trees, worn out poles are posing grave threat to the lives of people as well as to their property in several villages of South Kashmir's Pulwama and Shopian districts.

The residents of Rakh, Zahid Bagh areas of Pulwama district and Darbagh village of Shopian district alleged that they are living under constant fear due to low lying electric wires tied with trees in their villages and the electric wires that have been tied with trees and decaying electric poles.

They said that the electric lines touch roofs of houses and trees on roads, posing risk to life and public property. "We have been requesting the concerned department to replace the dangling and damaged electric wires and poles but our pleas fell on deaf ears," Javid Ahmad, a resident of Rakh said. He said that in several back to village programmes every



have failed in augmenting the infrastructure.

The residents of these villages said that they are living under constant fear due to low lying wires in the area but the government isn't taking their pleas seriously.

They said that LT wires often fall down in the area and anytime it can lead to a big incident for which PDD will be responsible.

Locals claimed that they have taken up their issues with administration several times but on ground nothing has been done. They urged the higher ups to look into the matter and provide new electric wires and poles.

year they demanded electric poles and wires for the area but on the ground nothing has been done. "Almost all low tension wires in our village have been tied with trees in absence of poles," said Aadil Ahmad a resident of Zahid Bagh. Shabir Ahmad, a resident of Darbagh while echoing the same voice said that the government has been increasing power bills almost every month but

## Panchayat Polls Post Completion Of Formalities: Dy CM



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**SRINAGAR:** Asserting that the Jammu and Kashmir government is committed to holding panchayati raj elections in the Union Territory (UT), Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary on Tuesday said the polls will take place once various formalities are completed.

Choudhary emphasised the importance of teaching the Constitution in schools to educate the younger generation about the essence of the country's foundational guidelines. "The Jammu and Kashmir government wants to implement panchayati raj in this Union Territory. Voter lists are being prepared. There is also the issue of reservation.

"Additionally, there are issues related to the delimitation of panchayats. Once this process is completed, panchayat elections will be held," Choudhary told reporters in Udhampur.

The deputy chief minister, speaking at a function on Constitution Day, said, "If there had been no Constitution framed by Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, I would not be standing before you today

as deputy chief minister. It is due to this Constitution that I, coming from a very humble background, have risen to this position."

The Constitution serves as a guideline for the people of the country, he said, and added, "We should reflect on safeguarding and promoting its essence. We need to educate people about the Constitution, especially the younger generation."

Advocating strongly for educating youth and children about the Constitution, he said, "The youth need to read the Constitution and act in accordance with it. We believe an idea should be put forward to ensure it is taught in schools."

"We want the Constitution to be implemented in its entirety. It provides us with the direction to work for the people of this country," he said.

Choudhary emphasised the life, works and contributions of Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution and thanked the organisers and participants for their efforts in hosting the event and urged everyone to follow the principles of social equality advocated by him.

## YSS Budgam Commemorates National Constitution Day

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**BUDGAM:** The Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Budgam, observed National Constitution Day with great fervor across the district. The events were held at the District YSS Office Budgam, all 12 zones of the district, and in various schools under its jurisdiction.

Under the direction of Joint Director YSS Kashmir, who also holds the additional charge of DYSSO Budgam, Mr. Mohd Rashid Kohli, the day was marked by a pledge ceremony and awareness programs highlighting the significance of the Constitution of India.

The celebrations aimed to educate students and staff about the fundamental principles and values enshrined in the Indian Constitution. Interactive sessions and lectures emphasized the importance of justice, equality, liberty, and fraternity in shaping the nation's democratic fabric.

Mr. Kohli appreciated the collective efforts of the YSS staff, school administration, and students in organizing the event, stressing the role of such initiatives in nurturing responsible and informed citizens.

The observance concluded with a renewed commitment to upholding the ideals of the Constitution and fostering national unity.

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- Applicants must ensure to submit correct working e-mail address and mobile number.

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01	Beautification of Spring at Beehama near SSP Office Under FC Grants.	Rs.01.20 Lacs	Rs.200/=	Rs.2,400/=	15-Days	DEE
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04	Eastablishment of Kindergarten at MS Barakati Mohalla at Safapora (D).	Rs.0.50 Lacs	Rs.200/=	Rs.1000/=	15-Days	DEE
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Position of AA: Accorded  
Project Authority: District Administration, DSEK  
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1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	25-11-2024
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	25-11-2024
3.	Bid submission Start Date	25-11-2024 from 04:00 PM.
4.	Bid Submission End Date	30-11-2024 from 04:00 PM.
5.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids(Online)	02-12-2024 at 11:00 AM in the office of PW(R&B) Division Ganderbal

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document (as mentioned above) in shape of Treasury Receipt/e-Challan in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Ganderbal.

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# J&K Bank Signs MoU With CNH Industrial To Boost Agricultural Financing

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Srinagar: J&K Bank today entered into an agreement with CNH Industrial Pvt. Ltd., one of the world's leading agricultural machinery manufacturers with a presence in over 180 countries. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) positions the Bank as one of the preferred financiers for CNH Industrial's New Holland Tractors across the country, reinforcing the Bank's commitment towards the agricultural community.

The MoU was signed during a formal ceremony presided over by the Bank's General Manager (MSME/Agri/CB) Ashutosh Sareen. Deputy General Manager (MSME/Agri/GSS) Rakesh Magotra signed the document on behalf of the Bank, while Regional Manager Dharamvir Singh Guron inked the agreement representing CNH Industrial Pvt. Ltd. Others present at the function included DGM Nishikant



Sharma, AGMs Suhail Lone and Nuzhat Parveen, Srinagar-based Dealer of New Holland Tractors Showkat Qayoom Khan and officials from both the companies.

Speaking on the occasion, General Manager Ashutosh Sareen said, "This partnership underscores our firm focus on empowering the agricultural

sector. By combining advanced technological solutions of New Holland Tractors with our seamless and customer-centric financing options, we aim to contribute actively towards agricultural growth and productivity across the country."

"While the MoU demonstrates our commitment as a reliable partner for farmers, it is

heartening to see that the MoU necessitates dealers to provide free insurance cover for the first year to fresh buyers of New Holland Tractors", he added.

In his remarks, DGM Rakesh Magotra said, "We have always prioritized financing solutions for the agricultural sector, recognizing its vital role in the economy. The tie up is aimed

for greater good of the farming community and through it, we are offering our customers access to state-of-the-art tractors that are compatible with Indian soils and climatic conditions. The idea is to simplify the journey for farmers by empowering them financially to adopt modern farming practices and achieve greater yields."

Expressing enthusiasm about the partnership, CNH Industrial's Regional Manager Dharamvir Singh Guron said, "We are excited to join hands with a market leader like J&K Bank, known for its robust presence and strong performance in J&K and Ladakh. This collaboration will enhance access to our technologically advanced tractors and post-harvest solutions, enabling farmers to achieve greater productivity. We are confident that J&K Bank's hassle-free financing will accelerate tractor sales and uplift the agricultural community nationwide."

# Northern Railway Celebrates Constitution Day With Pledge Ceremony



Observer News Service

New Delhi: Ashok Kumar Verma, General Manager, Northern Railway, along with other senior officials, undertook a pledge ceremony today at Northern Railway Headquarters office to commemorate Constitution Day. The ceremony involved reading the preamble of the Constitution of India, reaffirming their commitment to upholding the values and principles enshrined in the Constitution. The General Manager and senior officials read out the Preamble of the Constitution at a ceremony

held at Baroda House, emphasizing the importance of the Constitution in governing the nation. The officials took a pledge to uphold the values and principles of the Constitution, demonstrating their commitment to the nation's founding document.

Constitution Day is celebrated every year on 26th November to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. This year's celebrations hold special significance as Northern Railway reaffirms its dedication to the principles of justice, equality, and liberty, standing performances.

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### Constitution Fully

force," PM Modi said addressing a gathering at Constitution Day celebrations in Supreme Court, New Delhi.

"Our Constitution makers knew that India's aspirations, India's dreams will reach new heights with time. They knew that the needs of independent India and its citizens will change, challenges will change. That is why they did not leave our Constitution as just a mere book of laws. Rather, they made it a living, continuously flowing stream," PM Modi said.

He said every citizen things about Vikshit Bharat. "Vikshit Bharat means dignity of life, quality of life, and social justice. That can be achieved by following the constitution," PM Modi said.

He said it was because of the country's great constitution; all challenges were met. "The constitution acted as our power and strength," he said.

PM Modi also paid homage to the victims of the Mumbai terror attack and reiterated the country's resolve that all terror groups challenging the security of India will be given a befitting reply.

"This sentiment of 'nation first' will keep alive the Constitution for centuries to come," he said.

Earlier, J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also extended greetings for Constitution Day to the people of the Union Territory. In a post on X, LG wrote, "Greetings on Constitution Day. Tributes to the makers of our Constitution. On this momentous occasion, I call upon all to uphold the sanctity of the constitution & further strengthen principles of social justice, equality and let's devote ourselves to peace & progress of the society." The Constitution Day was also observed in Udhampur and other parts of Jammu region.

### Connecting J&K Artisans

these crafts but also to boost their exports thereby enhancing their recognition on the global stage," he said.

Sinha also shared details of various government programs aimed at supporting artisans and weavers, including financial schemes designed to empower them and training initiatives that equip craftsmen with the skills necessary to compete in modern markets.

These efforts, he said, are part of a larger vision to ensure that J&K's crafts gain a competitive edge in the global marketplace.

The Lieutenant Governor proudly highlighted the significant progress made in the export sector, noting that Jammu and Kashmir's ranking in the Export Promotion Index has improved dramatically, from 25th place to 17th in the 2023-2024 period.

Sinha also praised the role of over 5,000 co-operative societies that have been established in the region, providing vital support to local artisans and creating a collaborative environment for them to thrive.

Furthermore, he acknowledged the importance of protecting the authenticity of Jammu and Kashmir's iconic crafts, pointing to the successful Geographical Indication (GI) tagging of many products, which ensures their distinctiveness and helps preserve their cultural heritage.

Sinha took pride in the global recognition of J&K's Pashmina wool and Kashmiri carpets, both of which he described as among the finest in the world. The Lieutenant Governor's words resonated with the audience, reflecting his deep commitment to not only preserving the region's crafts but also ensuring their continued growth and global prominence in the years to come.

### J&K To Roll Out

Appellate Authorities (FAAs).

To ensure the portal's successful implementation, departments have been instructed to onboard their CPIOs and FAAs by November 29, 2024, under the supervision of designated Nodal Officers. The Nodal Officers will use credentials provided by the General Administration Department to onboard all officials and provide them with login details.

The government has further directed Nodal Officers to submit detailed information about their respective CPIOs, including names, designations, email IDs, and phone numbers, by November 27, 2024. Departments with a large

number of CPIOs and FAAs are appointing additional Nodal Officers at the Directorate and District levels to ensure smooth implementation. District-level Nodal Officers will be supervised by Deputy Commissioners, with their information to be shared with the General Administration Department by this evening.

The government has emphasized the importance of adhering to these timelines, ensuring that all departments are ready for the platform's operational launch on December 10. Once live, the RTI Online Portal is expected to revolutionize how citizens interact with government departments, setting a new standard for transparency and efficiency in the Union Territory.

### WCC Planning

"in Jammu and Kashmir.

"This initiative aims to address the pressing need for globally recognised certification for handmade crafts - a significant step towards encouraging quality and ownership. This is predominantly for start in the textile industry. It is a vision born from discussions during my last visit to Srinagar with Jammu and Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha," he said.

The WCC president said he was thrilled with immense pride and joy to witness Srinagar being officially recognised as a world craft city - a title that reflects its deep-rooted cultural heritage and world-renowned craftsmanship.

"We are also looking forward to catalyse many more initiatives as we go forward. This recognition opens a new door for Srinagar. We are now at the historic moment embarking on a journey marked by the signing of an MoU with the government of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The agreement reflects our collective vision of positioning Srinagar as a global hub for crafts though the initiatives outlined in the MoU including the establishment of a craft museum and incubation centre," he said.

Al-Qaddumi said the WCC and the Jammu and Kashmir government are setting the stage for transformative growth and innovation in the Union territory's crafts sector.

"We are also looking at the possibility of initiating a series of WCC's craft next forums in premier institutes, responding to chief minister Omar Abdullah's concern which he expressed at Delhi to build on the generation next for taking craft innovation and craftsmanship forward," he added.

The WCC official said Srinagar is a city that breeds artistry and craftsmanship.

"From the intricately woven Pashmina shawls to the stunning paper mache creations, from the skilled artisans who craft floating walnut wood masterpieces to the vibrant carpets that adorn homes around the globe, every craft here tells the story of tradition, passion, and unparalleled creativity," he said.

"Our diamond jubilee is a celebration of such craftsmanship. For six decades, the WCC has strived to bring the beauty and significance of crafts to the forefront of the global stage," he added.

Srinagar serves as a shining example of how crafts are not merely objects of utility, but an expression of identity, culture and a source of livelihood for countless artisans and inspiration for generations to come, he said.

Asserting that the artisans were the heartbeat of the city and an inspiration to the world, Al-Qaddumi said he wants to reaffirm the WCC-AISBL commitment to empower the artisans preserving the traditions and crafts and fostering international collaboration to ensure these treasures are passed on to the future generations.

An artisan, Suresh from Nepal, said such events help promote the arts and crafts world over.

"This will definitely help in promoting our art. This event is for artisans," Suresh, a wood-carving artisan, said.

Mushtaq Ahmad, a local artisan, said recognition of Srinagar as the world craft city would help in promotion of the arts and crafts of the valley.

"The artisans are effected due to cheating in the market. To counter that, the Union Territory government as well as the Centre have come up with GI tagging and it has helped in reviving the arts and crafts of Kashmir to a large extent. The recognition of Srinagar by the WCC will also help in promotion of the arts and crafts of the valley. Such events help raise the

awareness of our products," Ahmad said.

Earlier, delegates from 15 countries which are members of the WCC assembled at SKICC here to take part in the celebrations.

The members from diverse regions, including Kuwait, Australia, France, the UK, Ireland, Central Asia and beyond have come together alongside artisans from various parts of the world to showcase their exceptional craftsmanship.

Organised by the Jammu and Kashmir government, the programme from November 25 to November 27 aims to spotlight the Union Territory's rich craftsmanship and cultural heritage on a global platform.

### LG Leads Constitution

He said the celebration began with Lieutenant Governor Sinha leading the senior officers to read the Preamble to the Constitution of India. "Greetings on Constitution Day. Tributes to the makers of our Constitution.

"On this momentous occasion, I call upon all to uphold the sanctity of Constitution and further strengthen principles of social justice, equality and let's devote ourselves to peace & progress of the society," Sinha said in a post on X.

The Constitution Day was also observed in Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) here with a special event held at its headquarters in Karanagar.

The special day, observed annually to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution, serves as a reminder of the core values and principles that uphold the country's democracy.

The event saw active participation from SMC officials and highlighted the Constitution's pivotal role in safeguarding citizens' rights while promoting civic duties.

SMA Commissioner Owais Ahmed addressed the gathering, underscoring the need for continued education about the Constitution's significance.

"Our Constitution is not merely a legal document. It is the foundation of our nation, empowering us to advocate for justice, equality and freedom," the commissioner said.

The event concluded with a pledge taken by the commissioner and SMC officials to uphold and promote the values enshrined in the Constitution, reaffirming their commitment to serving the community and fostering civic responsibility.

### US Team Visit To

altitudes, requiring advancements in training, equipment, infrastructure, and logistical support to sustain operations in these challenging environments.

The US Army is also shifting its attention to Arctic operations, following more than two decades of engagements in the Middle East and Afghanistan. The growing importance of the Arctic region, driven by climate change and heightened competition from Russia and China, has led the US to reassess its cold-weather combat strategies.

At HAWS, the US delegation engaged in discussions on training, tactical operations, and potential future collaborations with the Indian Army, emphasizing field activities. HAWS, established in 1948, is renowned for its specialized training in snowcraft and winter warfare, offering courses like the Mountain Warfare and Winter Warfare Courses. These courses are essential for troops stationed in regions such as the Siachen Glacier. Personnel from several countries, including the US, UK, and Germany, also receive training at HAWS.

Similarly, the US Army's Army Mountain Warfare School (AMWS) in Vermont focuses on training for mountain and cold-weather operations, while the 11th Airborne Division, based in Alaska, specializes in Arctic operations. This division, reactivated in 2022, plays a key role in preparing the US Army for cold-weather combat in the rapidly changing Arctic environment.

### SC Says No

and P B Varale.

Apart from ballot paper voting, the plea sought several directions including a directive to the Election Commission to disqualify candidates for a minimum of five years if found guilty of distributing money, liquor or other material inducement to the voters during polls. When petitioner-in-person K A Paul said he

filed the PIL, the bench said, "You have interesting PILs. How do you get these brilliant ideas?"

The petitioner said he is the president of an organisation which has rescued over three lakh orphans and 40 lakh widows.

"Why are you getting into this political arena? Your area of work is very different," the bench retorted.

After Paul revealed he had been to over 150 countries, the bench asked him whether each of the nations had ballot paper voting or used electronic voting.

The petitioner said foreign countries had adopted ballot paper voting and India should follow suit.

"Why you don't want to be different from the rest of the world?" asked the bench.

There was corruption and in June 2024, the Election Commission announced they had seized Rs 9,000 crore, Paul responded.

"But how does that make your relief which you are claiming here relevant?" asked the bench, adding "if you shift back to physical ballot, will there be no corruption?"

Paul claimed CEO and co-founder of Tesla, Elon Musk, stated that EVMs could be tampered with and added TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, the current chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, and former state chief minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy had claimed EVMs could be tampered with.

"When Chandrababu Naidu lost, he said EVMs can be tampered with. Now this time, Jagan Mohan Reddy lost, he said EVMs can be tampered with," noted the bench.

When the petitioner said everybody knew money was distributed in elections, the bench remarked, "We never received any money for any elections."

The petitioner said another prayer in his plea was the formulation of a comprehensive framework to regulate the use of money and liquor during election campaigns and ensuring such practices were prohibited and punishable under the law.

The plea further sought a direction to mandate an extensive voter education campaign to raise awareness and importance of informed decision making.

"Today, 32 per cent educated people are not casting their votes. What a tragedy. If democracy will be dying like this and we will not be able to do anything then what will happen in the years to come in future," the petitioner said.

In April, the top court dismissed a batch of petitions seeking a return to the paper ballot system.

Termining the suspicion of manipulation of the EVMs "unfounded", the apex court then rejected the demand for reverting to the old system, saying the polling devices were "secured" and eliminated booth capturing and bogus voting.

However, the top court opened a window for aggrieved unsuccessful candidates securing second and third places in poll results and allowed them to seek verification of microcontroller chips embedded in five per cent EVMs per assembly constituency on a written request upon payment of a fee to the poll panel.

It directed that from May 1, the symbol loading units should be sealed and secured in a container and stored in a strongroom along with the EVMs for a minimum period of 45 days post-declaration of results.

### Expert Panel To

reviewing ongoing traffic operations and identifying critical areas requiring immediate attention.

Speaking to the media, RTO Kashmir said that he along with other officials from allied departments have taken these incidents as a reminder to intensify its efforts.

He also said that during the inspection, issues such as unauthorized bus unions operating at Jahangir Chowk were discussed. The RTO pointed out that these agents were functioning outside their designated areas, and were contributing to traffic congestion.

He said that he has requested an immediate action to close such unauthorized offices and enforce strict guidelines for public transport vehicles, limiting their halts to designated pick-up points only.

In response to a question over stop of JKRTC buses within the city, the RTO clarified that the decision was influenced by J&K High Court directions.

"These measures are taken based on the

traffic scenario, especially during peak seasons or events. It's not about favoring or opposing anyone but ensuring smooth traffic flow," he stated.

Speaking about the ongoing valley-wide traffic enforcement drive, he said, "Last year, 1.2 million challans were issued, but indiscipline persists. The Tangpora incident should serve as a reminder to both citizens and enforcement authorities to bring about behavioral change and strict compliance," Shah Nawaz Bukhari added.

The RTO also lauded the efforts of the traffic police in cracking down on chronic violators, with numerous vehicles seized over the last week.

"Seizures are a compulsion, not an ideal solution. However, data shows that chronic violators, even after repeated challans, fail to follow rules. Strict enforcement will continue to ensure public safety," he said. (KNO)

### 'No Compromise

committed to ensuring road safety across the Valley, with particular focus on making highways accident-proof.

Bukhari attributed the recent improvement in traffic management in Srinagar—characterized by reduced jams and smoother flow—to the aggressive measures adopted by the traffic police.

He explained that earlier methods of issuing challans and counseling violators had little impact. However, the introduction of vehicle seizures has significantly improved compliance.

"We have observed a remarkable change since we began seizing vehicles for violations," Bukhari said. "The rush at our office for learner's licenses has also surged."

As part of the government's road safety initiative, Bukhari, along with engineers from the Road Safety Audit Cell on Tuesday, conducted a spot survey of the Pantha Chowk-Narbal highway stretch. The inspection revealed several accident-prone spots and infrastructural weaknesses, including poorly placed U-turns, unauthorized entry points, and misplaced road grills.

"There are issues caused by local pressures, such as U-turns in unusual spots and wrong entry points from colonies. These need to be rectified. We must prioritize collective safety over individual convenience," Bukhari stated, adding that corrective measures would be implemented promptly.

The inspection follows a tragic accident on November 21, when two people died, and one was critically injured in a collision between a Mahindra Thar and a parked tipper in the Tengpora area of Srinagar. The incident has served as a wake-up call for stricter enforcement of traffic laws.

"That unfortunate accident reminds us of the urgency to take corrective measures. In the coming days, we will intensify action against traffic violators. There will be no compromise on road safety," Bukhari said.

### Drug Traffickers

question the order of detention passed by Divisional Commissioner Kashmir on 31 July 2023 by virtue of which he was placed under detention with a view to prevent him from committing any of the acts within the meaning of PITNDPS Act.

"Considering the ..... the arguments presented, and the analysis of the facts ...., including the petitioner's past conduct and history of involvement in unlawful activities, it becomes clear that the actions of the petitioner (Bhat) pose a continued threat to public safety, national security, and the rule of law," the court said, adding, "Therefore, in light of these factors, and also considering the continued observation and monitoring of the detenu (Bhat) after being released on bail have revealed his ongoing involvement in criminal activities. This persistent participation in unlawful actions justifies the preventive detention order, as it poses an imminent threat to public safety, health, societal welfare, and national security."

Given that regular law has proven insufficient to prevent the "drug trafficker" from engaging in such activities, the court upheld the detention order passed by the detaining authority.

"....I do not find any merit in this petition. The same is, accordingly, dismissed," the court added.

## 2nd Test: Will Rohit Agree To Bat In Middle-Order & Let Rahul Open?

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** Returning skipper Rohit Sharma will walk into the Indian playing XI for the second Test in Adelaide in place of young Devdutt Padikkal but in-form KL Rahul's batting slot in the pink ball warm-up game in Canberra will certainly keep everyone interested.

It will all depend on whether the injured Shubman Gill gets fit in time for the match, failing which Rahul might be slotted at number three in place of Padikkal. But there is a school of thought that believes the team might be served better if Rohit bats in the middle order, preferably at number five or six.

Rahul was seen more as a makeshift opener due to Rohit's absence going into the opening Test in Perth.

But he has been technically the most compact among all Indian batters across both innings at Optus Stadium, with scores of 26 and 77.

Having already played an India A game at the MCG and now a Test match, Rahul has settled



nicely at the top of the order.

The Indian captain, who is also searching for runs, has been opening in Test matches for the past five years.

Rohit's numbers with the willow has been a bit under-

whelming during the five home Tests but those were played on difficult tracks. On Australian pitches, with true carry and bounce, he could get back to form with liberal usage of the horizontal bat shots.

Gill, who has suffered a hairline fracture during the intra-squad game at the WACA, missed the first Test, and is yet to start batting in the nets.

Unless Gill gets adequate net practice, the team manage-

ment might not risk him, with only a couple of training sessions available with pink ball in Adelaide. If he is fit, then Dhruv Jurel will automatically get dropped.

The only possible tactical change in playing XI at the Adelaide Oval could be in spin bowling.

The two senior spinners -- Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja -- were benched in Perth at the expense of Washington Sundar.

If one goes back to the 2021 Pink Ball Test in Adelaide, Ashwin with figures of 4 for 45, including a beauty to dismiss Steven Smith, gave India the first innings lead before the 36-all out happened.

But, going by current form in the nets, there is not much to choose between Ashwin, Jadeja and Washington at the moment. There is also the fact that in Pink Ball Tests, the spinners don't come into equation a lot, and batting becomes key.

At the Adelaide Oval, expect some rejigging in batting order if not in the playing XI.

### Short TAKES

#### India Coach Gambhir Flies Back Home For 'Personal Emergency'

India head coach Gautam Gambhir has flown back home with his family due to a "personal emergency" and is unlikely to rejoin the squad before the second Test against Australia beginning December 6 in Adelaide.

The Delhi-based Gambhir will skip India's two-day pink ball warm-up game against Prime Minister's in Canberra starting November 30.

"He left with his family on early Tuesday morning for India. It is an unavoidable personal emergency. He will be back in Adelaide before the start of the second Test match," a BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

The Indian team will leave for Canberra on Wednesday, where it is expected to attend an official reception by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

The two-day match will be crucial preparation for the side as the second Test is going to be a day-night game. The pink Kookaburra ball will be used during the clash.

Prime Minister's XI will be led by all-rounder Jack Edwards and it is a squad full of youngsters, along with a few Test-capped internationals like Scott Bolland and Matthew Renshaw.

The rules of the game will be decided by the two teams and it is expected that everyone will bat and bowl as it does not have an official status.

#### Australia To Retain Squad For Adelaide Test: Coach McDonald



Australia will not make any change to the squad that took a 295-run hammering from India in the opening Border-Gavaskar Trophy Test here but there are some fitness concerns over all-rounder Mitchell Marsh's ability to bowl, coach and selector Andrew McDonald has said.

Following the crushing loss, McDonald revealed that the team would land in Adelaide for the day-night second Test beginning December 6 earlier than planned to allow an additional net session.

"The people in that change-room (for Perth Test) are the same people that will be in Adelaide," McDonald was quoted as saying by 'cricket.com.au'.

"It (making changes) is always a consideration, wherever you go in the world in terms of the personnel you pick for conditions."

Marsh, who bowled just 17 overs in the first Test for a match haul of three wickets, has been dealing with "niggles" since the white-ball tour of England in September.

Skipper Pat Cummins has already revealed that Marsh finished the first Test "a little bit sore."

#### 1st ODI: Pakistan Romp To 10-Wicket Win over Zimbabwe

Saim Ayub smashed a maiden ODI hundred off 53 balls as Pakistan romped to a 10-wicket win over Zimbabwe in the second one-day international on Tuesday.

Ayub, the left-handed opening batter, hit 17 fours and three sixes in his unbeaten 113 off 62 balls and sped Pakistan to 148-0 in 18.2 overs. It was the third-fastest century for Pakistan in ODIs.

Pakistan leveled the three-match series and made amends for its stunning 80-run loss on the DLS method in the rain-affected first match on Sunday.

Leg-spinner Abrar Ahmed had earlier snared 4-33 in his debut ODI and off-spinner Salman Ali Agha chipped in with 3-26 to dismiss Zimbabwe for 145 in 32.3 overs after the home team won the toss and elected to bat.

"The way the guys started with the ball, they performed very well and gave us the foundation," Pakistan captain Mohammad Rizwan said. "After that, Saim Ayub's innings was exceptional."

## J&K To Face Bengal In Santosh Trophy Final Rounds

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** After going unbeaten during the Group Stage round of the 78th Men's Senior National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy 2024-25, J&K senior men's team is all set to compete in the prestigious competition's Final Rounds.

In the draw released on Tuesday, J&K is placed in Group A alongside West Bengal, Services, Manipur, Telangana and Rajasthan. The matches will be played at the Deccan Are-



na, Hyderabad, Telangana.

J&K will play their first game on December 14 against West Bengal. They take on Services on December 16, Manipur on December 18, Telangana on December 21 and Ra-

jasthan on December 23.

The team, coached by Meharjuddin Waddoo and captained by striker Aakif Reshi, beat Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh during their group stage matches.

## Sri Lanka A To Leave Pakistan Tour Midway Due To Political Protests



Press Trust of India

**KARACHI:** Sri Lanka's A team will return home midway from their ongoing series against Pakistan Shaheens due to intense political protests in Islamabad.

The PCB confirmed on Tuesday that following consultation with the Sri Lankan board, it has postponed the last two 50-over matches between Pakistan Shaheens and Sri Lanka A.

The postponed matches were scheduled to be played in Rawalpindi on Wednesday and Friday after Pakistan Shaheens beat the visitors by 108 runs in the first game in Islamabad on Monday. The PCB said the two boards will work together to finalise new dates to complete the series.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party of the former Pakistan captain and prime minister Imran Khan started a protest march towards main Islamabad since Sunday. There have been incidents of clashes and violence reported between protestors and forces of law enforcement and security.

The federal interior minister Mohsin Naqvi, also the chairman of the PCB, had announced that the army had been called in to quell the unrest.

**ICC Board To Meet On Nov 29 To Finalise Champions Trophy Schedule**

The all-powerful board of the Interna-

tional Cricket Council will meet virtually on November 29 to finalise the much-delayed schedule of the Champions Trophy to be held in Pakistan in February-March next year.

The cause of the delay has been India's refusal to play in Pakistan considering the tense relations between the two countries. India has not toured Pakistan since the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks.

The BCCI wants the tournament to be played in a hybrid model with India games scheduled in a third country, preferably UAE, something that its Pakistani counterpart has not agreed to thus far.

The crucial virtual meeting takes place two days before BCCI secretary Jay Shah takes over as ICC chairman on December 1.

He and other board members would be keen to resolve the matter before the new regime takes over.

With the deadlock over the schedule and venue yet to be broken, questions have been raised against the current dispensation of the ICC including chair Greg Barclay and CEO Geoff Allardice over why it did not resolve the issue earlier and left it for the 11th hour.

With the Indian government firmly sticking to the status quo, Champions Trophy in a hybrid model with India games outside Pakistan is the most likely option.

## J&K Players Shine At Indian Open International Gateball C'ship

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The J&K Gateball Union players made an impressive mark at the 10th Indian Open International Gateball Championship 2024, organised by the Indian Gateball Union, which took place at Pataudi, Haryana, from November 23 to 24.

The Union sent two teams -- one men's and one women's -- to participate in the event. Both teams delivered extraordinary performances, defeating strong opponents like Delhi and Pride Blues,



Tripura and Junior Academy teams.

The Indian Gateball Union recognised the exceptional efforts of both J&K teams and, in appreciation of their performance, has announced that the next edition of

the championship will be hosted in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, next year.

"We are eagerly looking forward to hosting such a prestigious international event in Kashmir," said Sahil Ali Beigh, General Secretary of the J&K Gateball Union.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION SRINAGAR (ERSTWHILE MECHANICAL HOSPITAL & CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR)

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GIST of e-tender (Short-term)

NIT No: M&HDS/TS/2024-25/122/e-tendering, Dated: 23-11-2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited in two cover system from eligible registered/reputed/experienced firms with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work:

Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (In Lakhs)	Cost of Tender Doc. (In Rs)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Contract Period	Accord of Administrative Approval	Technical Sanction
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Repair of central Heating pipeline along with replacement of damaged convectors with new radiators and other allied works at different locations of Govt. CD Hospital, Srinagar	1.76	200	3520	07 Days	06 MCS of 2024 Dt:03.07.2024	M&HDS/TS/96 of 11/24
Operation of Central Heating plant at Directorate of School Education, Kashmir	1.05	200	2100	3.5 Months	6938 DSEK of 2024 Dt:23.11.2024	M&HDS/TS/97 of 11/24

- Position of funds: Available with the intending department
- Downloading of Bids: The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 23-11-2024 18.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 23-11-2024 (18.00 hrs).
- Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site 24-11-2024 (18.00 hrs) to 30.11.2024 (12:00hrs) in two (02) covers.
- Opening of Bids: The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 30.11.2024 at 14.00 (hrs)

No: M&HDS/TS/6185-91  
Date: 23.11.2024

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DT: 26/11/2024

Sd/  
Executive Engineer,  
M&H, Srinagar

(GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR)

### OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, (DISTRICT COLLECTOR) BARAMULLA

**Subject:** Acquisition of land required by (R&B) Department for construction of Sheeri Malpora Larridora Sultanpora road including Taripora Path an Mohalla for land measuring 12MIs in estate Taripora Wansara Tehsil & District Baramulla.

**Declaration under Section-19 of RFCTLARR Act 2013.**

Whereas, Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) Kashmir, vide No. CE/R&B/Pig/K/61-A/34467-69 Dated 20-02-2023 has furnished the Indent/requisition for land measuring 12MIs in estate Taripora Wansaran Tehsil & District Baramulla for construction of Sheeri Malpora Larridora Sultanpora road including Taripora Pathan Mohalla before Appropriate Govt. (Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla).

Whereas, on the basis of Indent/requisition for acquisition of aforesaid land, the Collector Land Acquisition (ACR) Baramulla issued a preliminary Notification under section-11 of RFCTLARR Act 2013 vide No:-DCB/LA/R&B/521/135 Dated 27-06-2024 for land measuring 12 MIs in estate Taripora Wansaran Tehsil & District Baramulla, calling upon the land owners/interested persons to file their objections if any

Whereas, the appropriate Govt, is satisfied with the report furnished by the Collector Land Acquisition (ACR) Baramulla received vide NO.DCB/LA/R&B/521/135 Dated 18-10-2024 and in pursuance to the provisions of Section-19 of Right to Fair Compensation & Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and resettlement Act, 2013 (RFCTLARR) & relevant rules, it is hereby declared that the below detailed land is required for public purpose i.e construction of Sheeri Malpora Larridora Sultanpora road including Taripora Pathan. The Collector Land Acquisition (ACR) Baramulla is hereby ordered to proceed ahead under the relevant provisions of law and take the acquisition of land to its logical end within stipulated period of time.

S. No	Name of Tehsil	Name of Village	Survey No	Nature of land as per revenue record	Type of land	Area Under Acquisition		
						KIs	Mis	Srs
01	Baramulla	Taripora Wansaran	130	Abi Wari	Private	-	08	08
			129	Abi Wari	Private	-	03	01
Total						-	12	00

This declaration shall not come in the way of early settlement of compensation between parties & the Collector while settling as per private negotiator.

No.: DCB/LA/2024/R&B/135  
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